

EGC Parcel Workgroup Meeting

1/20/15

National Life Building, Montpelier

Present: Leslie Pelch, VCGI; Nina Safavi, VTrans; Ryan Cloutier, VTrans; Johnathan Croft, VTrans; Ginger Anderson, FPR; Chris Cochran, ACCD; Erik Engstrom, ANR; Dan Currier, CVRPC; John Roache, AppGeo; Kate Hickey, AppGeo; Melissa Prindeville, ACCD.

1. Leslie Reported on the following:
 - a. NBRC Parcel Mapping Project Status
 - i. Towns that are done: 7 (as of these notes: 9! And I have data for 10)
 - ii. Towns from first round that will complete in 2015: 5
 - iii. Towns that will receive funding in second round, complete in 2015: 4
2. Kate asked for a bit of feedback on the list of potential in-depth interviewees they had come up with based on survey respondents. They all looked good, though we clarified some people's actual roles/interests in parcel data. We also suggested some other people to contact.
3. We discussed the Legislative Outreach Plan
 - a. Room 11 Open house on January 29, 8-10 AM
 - i. Map Atlas of districts/parcel status
 - ii. Powerpoint – I got some feedback/edit suggestions which I did implement
 - iii. Laptops for hands-on
 - iv. One-pager handout and list of state agency uses of parcel data – John Roache suggested changing the title of the one pager to something like “Striving Towards Statewide Parcel Data”
 - b. Presentations/meetings/legislators
 - i. Chris Cochran contributed quite a lot to this discussion and he suggested the following: rather than simply trying to schedule presentations for certain legislative committees, we should try to find intermediaries (someone who know us and our issue, at least a bit and who has connections to the committee or the chair of the committee) to contact the committee chair, suggest lunch to discuss the topic and see if they are willing to put us on their schedule based on that. Everyone agreed that this sounded like a good strategy.
 - ii. We talked about ways to find those intermediaries (we came up with some in this discussion) that included seeing if I can get on the agenda for a joint agency leadership committee meeting – the joint agencies are VTrans and ANR and I could try contacting Mike Snyder of FPR as I know him, he understands this topic, and he might be willing to talk about both getting us on the schedule for this joint meeting and about talking to a leg. committee chair.
 - iii. Chris questioned the value of Outreach to the Legislature when we don't actually have legislation before them....but we decided to go ahead with this in an effort to inform and find champions. He said we really only need a couple of senators to support our eventual legislation so we shouldn't worry about approaching senators yet.
 - iv. Chris also said that handing this issue to a leg. Summer committee was not a good idea because then we lose control of the process of developing a program.
4. House Committees identified as relevant (with potential contact for committee chair in parentheses):
 - a. Agriculture and Forest Products (Chuck Ross or his designee)
 - b. Commerce and Economic Development (Fred Kenney?)
 - c. Fish, Wildlife, and Water Resources (ask Ginger for ideas)
 - d. Government Ops (ask Chris for ideas)
 - e. Natural Resources and Energy (Mike Snyder)
 - f. Transportation (Michelle Boomhower?)
 - g. Ways and Means (Jim Knapp/Elizabeth Hunt)