

EGC Parcel Workgroup Meeting

2/4/14

VTrans Board Room

Present: Johnathan Croft, VTrans; Gary Smith, VTrans; Ryan Cloutier, VTrans; Leslie Pelch, VCGI; Ivan Brown, VCGI; Jeff Briggs, FPR; Dan Currier, CVRPC; Jonathan Williams, VLCT.

We started our discussion where we left off at the last meeting:

7. Who owns the program?
8. Who are the constituents?

7. Gary expressed concern that a program model that includes the RPCs being the primary coordinators will waste RPC resources on administration rather than analysis activities.

Dan said that the RPCs would prefer to focus on technical support to the towns as well as compiling data for their regions. Some towns might simply not want to deal with coordinating the creation of parcel data so RPC's can take on that task for certain towns if needed.

Jonathan emphasized that it will be important to allow towns to choose whether they want to control the parcel mapping process or hand it over to another entity. He believes that with enough support, options, and incentives every town will be willing to either participate actively or hand over parcel data control to another entity. He also offered that VLCT has several means of communication they can use to help get the word out to the municipalities as well as to collect information/opinions from them.

Dan asks: Does whoever distributes the money "Own the program?"

Maybe/Maybe Not! Depends what we mean by "own" and it is likely to be a complicated enough program that this may not have a simple answer.

Jeff expressed that whoever actually manages the program needs to be an entity with staying power, not just a contractor.

Ryan shared an idea with us: he plans to ask permission to spend some money to have a contractor do their parcel data ROI document as well as a report on the potential for a statewide parcel data maintenance program. This would be instead of Ryan and Johnathan doing the ROI and it would inform the program proposal that our group intends to put together. Everyone present thought this would be great. Having a professional ROI and program report would help our efforts to convince the legislature that our program ideas have merit and are doable.

Johnathan described our timing for proposing a statewide program: we have from now until the end of December to come up with legislation. In reality we have from now until this spring/summer to put

together a draft proposal, and then we have a few months to identify champions and sponsors. Then the legislation would be drafted next fall.

8. We started listing all of the constituents and then realized it would be easier to list groups that are NOT constituents. So then we decided to limit our list to **Priority Stakeholders**:

- VTrans (planning, mapping, plans and titles)
- Forests, Parks, and Recreation (County Foresters, UVA)
- Tax Dept. (PVR, UVA)
- Municipalities
- ANR
- ACCD
- Public Safety
- Economic Development

What will the initial products be (for each town):

- Up-to-date GIS parcel data containing SPAN for all parcel properties whether taxed or not!
- Link to grand list will be 99%

Technical Specifications beyond VT GIS Parcel Data Standard:

- Parcel boundaries go to the edge of the Road ROW
- Mapped Acreage is equivalent to the Area field in the parcel data attribute field (automatically calculated)
- Taxed Acreage is what is in the grand list
- Multipart features – yes, and land hooks
- Requirement to contact VTrans or go to a particular web page to access all ROW resources for that town (some will be data posted online, some will be PDFs or scanned maps)
- Requirement to contact ANR for resources relevant to their land data
- Validate link between SPAN in parcel data and grand list