

## **EGC Parcel Workgroup Meeting**

**4/15/14**

### **VTrans Board Room**

**Present:** Johnathan Croft, VTrans; Gary Smith, VTrans; Leslie Pelch, VCGI; Ginger Anderson, FPR; Jim Knapp, VT Dept. of Taxes; John Adams, ACCD; Nina Safavi, VTrans.

Leslie gave an update on VCGI's NBRC project (Northern VT Parcel Mapping Program), feedback she has received at Town Officers Education Conferences and also on VCGI's status:

- 14 towns have been chosen to receive grants to support parcel mapping. 4 have posted RFPs so far. It is expected that at least 6 more will post RFPs. Remainder have existing contracts that need to be revised.
- Towns have been pretty open to the idea that the state might take over parcel data updating. As long as they still have a direct role in the process and have access to the data.
- VT Legislature (House Gov. Opps) has not moved forward VCGI's legislation that would move it into the Dept. of Innovation and Information. David has testified at various committees and one of the new possibilities is moving VCGI into ACCD. ACCD indicated a willingness to accept VCGI. Issue of creating 6 new state positions is still relevant (i.e. legislature doesn't want to do this).

Johnathan showed us the parcel/grand list data he had joined and what sorts of mapping/analysis one can do when this data is joined. Some ideas that came up related to this:

Should this group come up with a procedure for how to join? Johnathan's involved concatenating the town mapID with VTrans county and town codes (not used universally).

Should we come up with some very striking maps that illustrate the usefulness of parcel data and joining it to grand list data?

- Mitigation Land Map
- "Gorey" map to show disagreements between towns on town boundaries
- Emergency response ? (Ivan)
- Economic impact - economic resiliency project?
- Find examples of towns that have found untaxed land

John brought a map he made showing towns with Zoning and Subdivision Regulations, those with Zoning but no Subdivision Regulations, and those with neither. About 54% of towns have Z&S, 23% have only Zoning, and 23% have nothing. Based on actually looking at the zoning situation in some of those towns, he thinks a fair number that say they don't have subdivision regs actually do.

He also brought a copy of the legislation that specifies requirements related to the filing of land plats which are required if towns have subdivision regs.

He also brought a copy of the wastewater system and potable water supply rules requirements re: plot plans.

John said that he has talked with others in his dept. regarding what would be required in legislative language in order to require that all towns institute subdivision regulations.

We talked a bit about why the wastewater permit doesn't work well as a trigger for knowing about boundary changes or a source of data. One reason is that although a permit is required when subdivision occurs, the reality is that no one is policing this and if a sale doesn't occur, a permit may not be sought.

**Between Now and Next Meeting:**

Leslie will work on her task list:

- Draft new data standard and guideline
- Contact mapping consultants to invite them to a web meeting as well as to next parcel data meeting

**Next Meeting:**

- Leslie will bring draft standard and guideline
- Solicit consultants input