

**EGC Parcel Workgroup Meeting**  
**10/21/14**  
**National Life Building, Montpelier**

**Present:** Leslie Pelch, VCGI; Nina Safavi, VTrans; Ryan Cloutier, VTrans; Jim Knapp, Tax Dept.; Karen Horn, VLCT; Johnathan Croft, VTrans; Ginger Anderson, FPR.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, Nov. 18, 1:30 PM, National Life, 5th Floor VTrans Board Room.  
I will suggest that we skip the Dec. Meeting!

I didn't take much in the way of notes at the last meeting because our discussion was quite focused. We covered two topics:

1. Sensitivity of parcel mapping contractors to the fact that we keep including a wholly state program in our list of options. I had heard from a contractor that although he very much wants to actively support this effort he hesitates a bit every time I mention the "state taking over" option as an option. Understandable given that such an option would take business away from him. Given how important mapping contractor participation and support was in Massachusetts, I took this input seriously. Given the low likelihood that we will be able to choose this option, I suggested that perhaps we drop it from our list.

The group decided we should rather indicate that is an option, though not very likely.

What do you think? We also agreed we should poll this group to ask:

How likely to you think each scenario is? Here they are as a reminder:

1. Provide funding and require adherence to standards, but allow towns to manage their own mapping if they choose to. offer additional support/project management to towns who choose it.
2. State takes over the editing of a state database of parcel boundaries.
3. A single outside contractor is responsible for editing of a state database of parcel boundaries.

Johnathan Croft suggested assigning a percentage of likelihood that each scenario could happen.

2. We also talked about outreach to legislators given that we would not have the VTrans reports (ROI and Parcel Lifecycle) before or early in the session (but see good news below!). Here is what we came up with and it is reflected in the updated Outreach document that I have posted at the Parcel Workgroup page:

<https://outside.vermont.gov/sites/egcgeo/parcelwg/>

· Legislators

- o Make maps of legislative districts with parcel data on them and indicating age of data.
- o Maps for each Committee showing district for members of the committee.

- o Schedule an info meeting in room 10 or 11 early in the session, use maps of districts showing parcel status and do demo/presentation to make main points about data
- o Schedule short demos for committees, use joined parcel data (maybe data from NBRC project)
- o Card Room Display – all parcel data examples and issues – March 24
- o Schedule info meetings with JFO and Leg. Counsel.
- o Schedule meeting before the session for new legislators

I have started looking into scheduling these activities and creating the maps identified above.

Finally, I am happy to report that the VTrans ROW project with AppGEO to do an ROI about parcel data for the state as well as a Parcel Lifecycle report have officially started! We'll have an update about that project at our Nov. meeting.