

Striving Towards Statewide Parcel Mapping Data in Vermont

How Can Statewide Parcel Data Support Efficient and Effective Government?

- The Town of Waterford found land that was not being taxed when they worked with a parcel mapping contractor to update their parcel data and create new tax maps.
- The Agency of Human Services wants to identify state owned land that would be appropriate for development of affordable housing.
- The Agency of Agriculture would be able to quickly identify land owners of property where a citizen has reported an environmental infraction.
- The Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation plans to provide an online mapping application that allows Use Value Appraisal applicants to create and submit their map and other information digitally.
- The Agency of Transportation will be able to consult the digital statewide parcel database to identify land owners adjacent to construction projects, from whom they need to secure rights of way...**when statewide parcel data is available.**

How is Parcel Data Insufficient Right Now?

- Vermont parcel data varies in terms of **age, content, and availability** (see map on opposite side of this flyer).
- This inconsistency makes it impossible to create statewide maps and to perform statewide analyses

What Would New Statewide Parcel Data Look Like?

- **Consistent Data:** Each town's parcel data would follow the state parcel data content **standard**, allowing it to be easily combined and viewed with other towns' data, and linked to grand list and ownership data.
- **Current Data:** Each town's data would be **updated** annually or every few years so that it reflects the current situation.
- **Statewide Data: Every town** would have consistent, current, digital parcel data available to the town, citizens, state entities, and the private sector.

How Are We Moving Towards Statewide Parcel Data?

- A Return on Investment Study performed in 2015 concluded that the value of statewide parcel data over a 5 year period would be between \$6 Million and \$12 Million.
- An associated Parcel Lifecycle Report estimates that the cost to develop and maintain that data over that same 5 year period would be approximately \$2.7 Million.
- Agency Secretaries from at least 4 Agencies agree that this issue is worth pursuing in order to secure funding and set up a state program: Transportation, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Commerce and Community Development.
- Meetings are being scheduled with more agencies and departments: Taxes, Education, Human Services, and Public Safety.
- A multi-agency leadership meeting is being scheduled in September of 2015, with the goal of sketching out funding and program options which will be brought to the Agency of Administration.

Questions?

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VT Digital Parcel Data Status and Age

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