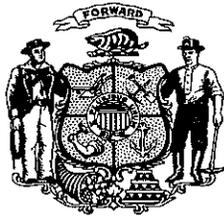


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MEMORANDUM

To: Members
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From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative John Nygren

Date: December 21, 2016

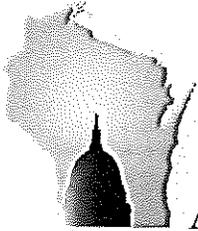
Re: DOA Report to JFC

Attached is a report on the progress in developing a statewide digital parcel map from the Department of Administration, pursuant to s. 16.967(6)(b), Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Dear Senator Darling and Representative Nygren:

This letter and the compendium of reports listed below constitute a report on the progress in developing a statewide digital parcel map to the Joint Committee on Finance, as required by s. 16.967(6)(b).

As part of the 2013-2015 biennial budget, Act 20, the legislature directed the Department of Administration to coordinate with counties in the creation of a statewide parcel map, develop a standard for parcel data called the "Searchable Format," and award further Wisconsin Land Information Program grants to counties, which are used to develop local parcel data.

In collaboration with the State Cartographer's Office and all 72 counties, DOA has been successful on these measures. We have developed a statewide parcel map that displays the parcel ownership boundaries of 3.47 million parcels connected to a database of information on assessment classification, ownership, valuation, address, and other relevant attributes. The statewide parcel map is important for improving the quality of Wisconsin's real estate information, economic development, emergency planning and response, and other necessary citizen services. Only 15 other states currently have a statewide parcel map as Wisconsin now does.

Before the statewide parcel map was created, parcel data users had to request parcel datasets from many counties (sometimes paying exorbitant fees), deal with differing formats from county to county, and in some cases wait months for their requests to be fulfilled. With the statewide parcel map, Wisconsin created a one-stop shop for parcel data. The 2016 version of the statewide parcel map database, released on August 31st, has already been downloaded over 1,000 times.

The statewide parcel map database has enabled Wisconsin state agencies and private sector businesses to operate more efficiently and effectively. They have reported savings in terms of staff time, hassle, and costs. Some examples of state agency uses include the Department of Natural Resource's wildfire risk analysis and the Department of Revenue's assessment of manufacturing properties. Private sector businesses that have reported benefits include Multiple Listing Services for real estate agents, utilities, forestry, and other companies.

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In planning for and developing the statewide parcel map, DOA has followed an iterative model that further develops the map with each new annual version, concurrent with the annual update of assessment and tax roll information. DOA recently completed Version 2 and is currently working on Version 3. Each version of the statewide parcel map has a project report that documents the process to create the map and how future versions could be improved to better meet stakeholder business needs. The reports are listed and hyperlinked in a compendium at the end of this letter.

While the current version of the statewide parcel map is a great asset to state agencies and private sector businesses, there is still much work to be done. First, Wisconsin needs to complete the map! There are still eight counties that need to fill in their gaps on the parcel map. Second, counties must meet the Searchable Format standard for display of their parcel data online by March of 2018. To that end, each county has been provided with an individualized report detailing the steps needed yet to meet the standard. Third, counties must reach a higher level of accuracy for their mapping of parcel boundary lines. This requires the labor intensive work of county land surveyors in the field. In order for counties to meet benchmarks laid out by DOA for county parcel dataset improvement, the continued support of Wisconsin Land Information Program grants is necessary.

DOA has engaged stakeholders in numerous ways throughout the development of the statewide parcel map. At every decision point, such as the creation of the Searchable Format standard and benchmarks for parcel data improvement, DOA has released draft documents for public comment. In other outreach efforts, the WLIP grant administrator has visited all 72 counties to discuss development of the statewide parcel map with each county's land information council.

In 2015, the Wisconsin Land Information Council was created to advise DOA on the Wisconsin Land Information Program, including development of the statewide parcel map. The Council is comprised of five private sector representatives, five county representatives, and two state agency representatives, all appointed by the DOA Secretary. With guidance from the Council, DOA staff created the *WLIP Program Plan: 2016-2021*. This plan charts a course for innovation of the statewide parcel map into the future.

The plan, as well as the reports listed below, are available in full online at doa.state.wi.us/wlip.

Compendium

- [V2 Final Report](#)
- [V2 Submission Documentation](#)
- [V1 Final Report](#)
- [V1 Interim Report](#)
- [LinkWISCONSIN Address Point and Parcel Mapping Project Final Report](#)
- [WLIP Program Plan: 2016-2021](#)

Sincerely,


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Secretary

cc: Members, Joint Committee on Finance