

A Municipal Property Mapping Guideline Exists in Vermont

In 2000, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the VT Center for Geographic Information (VCGI) **revised existing property mapping guidelines** (1991) that were based on guidelines developed by the VT Mapping Program in 1983.

The members of the TAC include Geographic Information System (GIS) professionals in several different sectors of the state including state government, private sector, academia, and regional planning.

VCGI is charged by the state with ensuring that geographic data developed in VT are compatible with existing data and data that will be developed in the future. The main reason for this goal is that **sharing data can often save time and money**. Consistent data are also more useful to their developers as they explore the variety of ways it can be used and combined with other data.

Why is the Municipal Property Mapping Guideline Important?

The Guideline will help to:

- Ensure that all property is accounted for
- Ensure that all property is accurately identified on the grand list
- Ensure that relevant data is translatable into a format that is compatible with other digital geographic data

Digital property maps and grand lists are powerful tools for listers and assessors. They are also vital assets for planners and community managers, resource specialists, utilities, and many other users.

To facilitate sharing of this information between various municipal constituents, **it is critical that property map data be compatible with standard database formats.**

What does the Municipal Property Mapping Guideline Contain?

- How to contract for mapping services
- Map specifications
- Parcel numbering
- Maintenance issues
- GIS data specifications
- Examples and template documents

The full, 34 page, document **contains all of the detailed information that you need to deal with digital parcel mapping in your community**, from how to link data to the NEMRC “Grand List” software system to GIS formats for parcel data.

VCGI also makes available less detailed documents developed to help town officials integrate GIS into their Grand List and Parcel Mapping activities. Please ask about them if you would like to learn more.

Why Go It Alone?

If Your Town has:

- Contracted with a mapping firm for parcel maps
- Plans to contract with a mapping firm
- Has already developed its own digital parcel layer
- Plans to develop its own digital parcel layer
- Just wants to know how to do parcel mapping right...

*You should learn more about the
Municipal Property Mapping
Guideline*



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Vermont's Municipal Property Mapping Guideline

*A guide to the process of developing
property maps, whether it is done in-
house or with a mapping contractor.*



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the Guideline:

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