

Interim Report - Maine Category 4 CAP Grant

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Project Title: Piloting the Municipal-State-Federal Partnership for Cadastral Data in Maine

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Project Narrative:

The GeoLibrary Board will implement the concepts defined in its 2008 Integrated Land Records Information System (ILRIS) Business Plan. The plan outlined a conceptual framework and functional specifications for a Maine ILRIS. The proposed project would develop a pilot application based upon the ILRIS framework and specifications. Maine's long history of interagency and interjurisdictional GIS planning and implementation will be helpful in developing a successful pilot application.

This effort will use the existing parcels developed as a result of Maine GeoLibrary parcel grants and will focus on developing a composite parcel dataset for a county with an online viewer and links to county deed registry documents. For nearly two decades Maine counties, municipalities and MEGIS have worked to standardize and assemble this essential resource. This initiative is the next logical step in realizing the goals of a statewide ILRIS.

To date our partners have collated all existing parcel data for Hancock County and registered it to the state's township boundary layer. Non-digital tax maps are in the process of being digitized. There are two towns which have no tax maps at all, we are investigating the possibility of mapping these by property records/deeds. A separate group is meeting to outline an update process. The online viewer has already been deployed for unorganized territories and can be seen at:

http://mapserver.maine.gov/conservation/lurc_master.php

As this is a pilot project we are focusing on a single county and thus not aiming for statewide coordination. That said, we have included all of the relevant stakeholders in the process via the County planning commission and the universities.

Next steps for the project include the additional development of the web viewer to access parcel data in organized towns/cities and to link to deed records, to develop the update process, and to finalize the two unmapped towns in the county, if possible.

We are pleased to report that other funding has been secured, in part as a result of this CAP pilot project, to expand this project to other counties. We have received about \$200,000 and will first add the adjacent Washington County, then decide on where else to expand. We may be able to complete the whole state for the \$200K, at least for towns that have maps.

This project is on schedule and we see no need at this time for an extension.