



September 24, 2020

Department of Administration

Peter Herreid

Dear Mr. Herreid,

As you are aware, the LION Board sent out a survey to all County Land Information Officers to gauge their opinions on various aspects of the Statewide Parcel Map Initiative. A summary of the survey results will be attached as well as the raw survey responses. In response to this survey LION would like to make the following requests and recommendations:

1. LION requests that the release of the data request instructions for the Statewide Parcel Map be moved to October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The additional time will allow for any schema adjustments before the end of the year and put the process more in line with the assessment cycle. LION request that the data submittal date be unchanged.
2. LION requests the inclusion of a recommended, but non-mandatory, data cut date of December 31<sup>st</sup> be added into the data request instructions. Having a recommended cut date should improve the overall quality of the Statewide Parcel Map.
3. LION requests that a representative from LION be included in the group that reviews and approves any schema changes. We would also suggest including a representative from the Real Property Lister Association if they so choose to appoint one. This would allow the counties to have input into a process that heavily affects them, while also bringing in people intimately familiar with the county side of the process.
4. LION recommends that all tax data to be included in the Statewide Parcel Map be sourced from the DOR. Having a single data source for the entire State would do more for data standardization and product quality than anything the counties would be able to provide. The DOR is also the definitive repository of all assessment and taxation data.

LION thanks you for your time and consideration on these requests and looks forward to continuing to improve the Statewide Parcel Map.

Respectfully,

Zachery Newton, Chair

Land Information Officers Network

CC: Adam Derringer, WLIC

Attached: LION Survey Summary and Raw Results