

Rural Parcel Mapping

Why do Tax Parcel Mapping?

Fair & Accurate Assessments

- Listers can assess large parcels with additional data, e.g., tax parcels not in CU- use soils data to assess on-site septic suitability
- Tax parcel data can offer a starting point for acreage conflicts with overlapping deeds
- Assessment data more accessible through map numbers
- Grievance- can analyze surrounding parcels much easier

Improving Assessments

- Allow listers to focus on improving continually improving assessments by automating time consuming daily tasks
 - Abutters' queries with mail-merge in seconds
 - Public information requests much easier
- Consistent updates can slowly improve tax parcel base/resolve deed issues

Reassessment Value

- Lowers cost of reassessments 5-10%
- Speeds up reassessments

Town Infrastructure Management

- Municipal Utility ROWs
- Town ROWs
- Town Highway ROWs
- Bridge/ Road Repair
- Permitting/Notification for Town Projects

Information Management

- Deeds' book & page history can be tied to tax parcels
- Other town information can be linked to parcels, e.g., permitting

Economic Development

- Tax parcel data helps developers make more informed decisions
- Easier to approach the permitting process
- Forestry applications need it

Planning

- Good parcel data helps planners make more informed decisions
- Helps homeowners plan for changes
- Helps everyone know where stuff are, e.g., septic tanks, wells

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Widespread Use- Everyone expects it

Remember:

Digital data doesn't have to go online

Acreage disputes will always exist with old New England land records

Digital data isn't any more corruptible than paper records or oral history

- Length, perimeters, acreages can be verified to the x decimal place for comparison
- Versions can be checked

Surveys plats, assessment records, & deeds already public record & accessible, tax parcel data adds a new seamless reference system for these records