

Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council

2017 Work Plan

Planned activities and deliverables:

The GAC meets on a quarterly basis. The Leadership Team meets between GAC meetings. The bulk of the work is done by the committees and work groups of the GAC. Key goals of the GAC itself for 2017 include:

- Sunset the inactive Digital Elevation and Hydrography Committees and the Metadata Workgroup.
- Launch a new committee focused on elevation and hydrography data.
- Launch a new subgroup under the Emergency Preparedness Committee to focus on developing an emergency management damage assessment data standard for Minnesota.
- Promote and facilitate progress on the statewide geospatial projects and initiatives identified by the GAC in the following table. Some of this work will be done by MnGeo and some by GAC committees.

GAC Rank	Project or Initiative Description
1	All public geospatial data in MN is free and open to everyone
2	Assurance that the current MnGeo imagery service will be maintained and improved via a sustainable funding model, including policies on what layers are added and removed over time
3	Development of an active LiDAR Committee and additional support to move us forward toward updated LiDAR data and related standards
4	Improvements to MnGeo imagery service capabilities, such as HTTPS, tiling, downloading options, and increased refresh frequency
5	Statewide publicly available parcel data (including a data standard)
6	Statewide publicly available address points data (including a data standard)
7	Statewide publicly available street centerline data (including a data standard)
8	An emergency management damage assessment data standard for rapid, post-event damage assessment GPS field collection
9	Minnesota-focused basemap services
10	Statewide publicly available Geocoding service
11	Parks and Trails Data Standard

- Continue to increase outreach to the geospatial and related communities. This will be done both through the formal efforts of the Outreach Committee and less formally by GAC members further reaching out to and coordinating with their sectors.

Roles and responsibilities:

Chair: Mark Kotz

Vice Chair: David Brandt

MnGeo Ex-Officio member/CGIO: Dan Ross

Leadership Team: (acts as an executive group to develop agendas, identify strategic items, etc.)

Members: Mark Kotz, David Brandt, Dan Ross, Victoria Reinhardt, Michelle Trager, Blaine Hackett

Resources:

No significant resource commitments for the GAC beyond the time/talent of members.

Council needs:

The GAC relies on MnGeo staff for scheduling and hosting meetings, creating minutes and other administrative functions.

Dependencies and interrelationships:

Committees and Workgroups: The GAC is completely dependent upon the committees and workgroups that do most of the actual work of the GAC. The GAC must also stay in touch with a wide group of stakeholders in the geospatial community to be able to represent their interests. Most GAC members represent a specific sector, though a few are at-large members.

Risks:

A change in legislature or lack of MnGeo support could negatively affect the ability for the GAC to accomplish goals.

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