

Parcels and Land Records Committee

FY2024/25 Term Report & FY2026/27 Work Plan

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FY2024/25 GAC Term Report

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/25: July 2023 - June 2025

GAC Priorities Owned by the Committee

GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee was responsible for during the term.

- Remonumentation of all original federal Section Corners
- Updated & Aligned Boundary Data

Accomplishments

- The Cadastral Point Data Standard has been submitted to the Standards Committee and is currently under review.
- PLSS Remonumentation Legislation was submitted to the MN House and Senate. Both bills sought funding to continue the PLSS Monument Grant Program established under Mn Statutes 381.125.
- Numerous outreach efforts and events with legislators, AMC, MSPS, MNGIS/LIS and members of the public.

Recommendations

Recommendations for the Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MnGeo) to support the Committee's goals.

Continued support from the GAC. One aspect of our work is public outreach. If any members of the GAC have sectors that they represent that would be willing to hear about our work, we are more than happy to come and discuss it with them.

Additional Comments

FY2026/27 GAC Term Work Plan

FY2026/27: July 2025 - June 2027

GAC Priorities Owned by the Committee

GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee is to be responsible for during the upcoming term – these may be subject to change based on results of the term's priorities survey.

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Planned Activities and Deliverables

- Finalize Cadastral Point Data Standard (CPDS) and present it to the GAC for adoption
- Outreach to help stakeholders adopt the CPDS
- Submit legislation to continue PLSS Grant Monument Program.
- Outreach to gain support for PLSS Grant Monument Program.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Boundary Alignment Subcommittee
 - Build a Public Land Survey System (PLSS) inventory map and increase awareness on why alignment is necessary. Facilitate geospatial boundary alignment between jurisdictional boundaries.
 - Chair: Preston Dowell, St. Louis County, dowellp@stlouiscountymn.gov
- PLSS Remonumentation Legislation Subcommittee
 - Goal is to build a legislative proposal for PLSS remonumentation.
 - Chair: Pat Veraguth, Douglas County, patv@co.douglas.mn.us

Existing Resources

- PLRC sharepoint (MnGEO supplied)
- Virtual meeting software (volunteer supplied)
- Office software (volunteer supplied).

Committee and Subgroup Needs

- Continued support from GAC, MnGEO and employers of volunteer organizations.

Dependencies and Interrelationships

- Continued collaboration with GAC, the PLSS Preservation Committee, Standards Committee, other GAC committees and professional organizations.

Risks

- The PLSS Remonumentation effort has been a long standing goal of numerous organizations. In the past 6 years we have made great headway and instituted the PLSS Monument Grant program with the support of the GAC and other organizations. This program is a costly endeavor which will take decades to complete. The continued and steady support of the GAC is crucial to the success of the program.

Additional Comments

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