

Notes

Administrative Boundaries FIT Planning Workgroup



Meeting Date: December 11, 2012
Time: 2-4pm
Location: DLCD, Salem

Attendees: Paul Couey, Metro
Bill Clingman, LCOG*
Doug Terra, Eugene*
Katherine Daniels, DLCD
Gail Ewart, DLCD

Robert Mansolillo, DLCD
Alex Bettinardi, ODOT
Zac Christensen, Metro
Chad Crockett, ODOT
Eric Main, Oregon Health Authority*

*via phone

Gail convened the meeting, and we all introduced ourselves. The goal of the meeting is to settle on a set of common zoning classes so that the pilot can proceed in January. We need to complete at least the pilot area prior to June 30. Gail thinks we will have time to go beyond the pilot area by then.

Status reports for zoning and comprehensive plan map development followed. A few people scheduled to bring back reports were not present, so Gail filled in the gaps.

- Angela Lazarean and Gail drafted a letter to the local governments outlining the purpose and proposed process for data development and support for participation. A strategy for data sharing and a list of benefits is also included. The letter is in final stages of internal DLCD review and will be shared to the group for additional input and comment thereafter.
- DLCD's regional representatives are already contacting local governments and asking them to participate without waiting for the letter. The representatives will support participation in a number of ways, including assisting with translating the local zoning classes to the statewide classes. Robert can help with the process, too, as he will eventually become the Framework steward for these elements and the UGB Framework. Metro requested that the regional reps include Metro in outreach to jurisdictions within Metro. This will ensure optimal coordination.
- With GEO's help, DLCD has stood up a Web service to track the result of local government contacts and capture relevant information. Some of the regional representatives are using it already, and the map is beginning to fill in. With one exception thus far, all the jurisdictions are willing to participate and share data. After the letter is ready, the rest of the representatives will be more likely to dive in.
- The scope of work for building ETL routines according to the crosswalk and integrating the local data is nearly ready. ODOT is drawing from its existing list of GIS consultants by task order. That method saves a lot of time. The pilot area will be the Willamette Valley, where the vast majority of population and intense urban areas exist. ODOT's modeling task will be mostly satisfied if they have zoning in the pilot area.
- Neither Angela nor Rob were present to report on their experiment creating a crosswalk from the data already collected.
- Milt has sent out a request to state agencies to ask why they need or would use zoning data. He'll report on that at our next meeting.

We next turned our attention to the zoning classification table. Katherine modified the original list according to our discussion in October and with additional input from DLCD planning experts. However,

there are still open questions she is working on. So far there are 11 Rural Resource zones, 7 unincorporated zones, 14 other zones and about 11 overlap zones. No one thinks that's too many. Oddball zoning classes exist that are difficult to translate. We need to encounter them to see what they are and what they mean. For now, Gail asked Katherine to add to the list of classes using Metro's list as a template. Then we can all look at it and see how it might be tweaked or experimented with during the pilot. Including a rural county in the pilot might pop up some of these cases. We also discussed whether it was useful to signify whether a zoning class occurred exclusively inside or outside a UGB. If not, we don't need to add anything to the zoning classes themselves but could use GIS to readily determine by visual inspection or by spatial operation whether a zone occurred inside or beyond any UGB.

We discussed whether and, if so, how much we might collapse the detailed zoning classes in the Metro model. There's no harm in leaving them as is. Some jurisdictions will emphasize the rural zones and some the urban. We could leave it up to the user to lump them together as needed. This might make the Framework more flexible and multi-purpose. We need to avoid tuning the effort to a single, albeit important, business need. Framework needs to be broad based and useful for a variety of purposes.

Alex described ODOT's earlier effort and agreed to provide the files and documentation if he could find them. Metro is interested in potentially modifying their classes. Others thought we might gain some lessons learned. Paul encouraged Alex to talk to Dennis Yee, who assembled the regional zones for Metro.

We don't need to address what is permitted to be built in a zone. That's too complex and situational. Perhaps this could be addressed in a later phase. ODOT model would need to know where you can't build in rural areas. This is a difficult question for many reasons.

ODOT suggested a review team be assembled to inspect the deliverable since the product is Framework and not what ODOT will ultimately use for their model. Dennis Y, DLCD, ODOT would be included at a minimum. Gail suggested a deeper review would be helpful for QC and to capture lessons learned before we do the entire state.

Gail provided an overview of the standards-making process. All we need do is write an extension to the existing umbrella standard: <http://www.oregon.gov/DAS/CIO/GEO/pages/standards/standards.aspx> and follow the process adopted by OGIC.

The UGB stewardship plan is in a mature draft stage and ready for GEO input. The plan will be available for review and comment soon.

Actions

Gail will post draft letter to jurisdictions

Katherine will add proposed rural and resource zone classes, extending and modifying Metro's table by the end of the year (hopefully sooner) and post the draft to the listserv requesting review.

Gail will post the draft UGB Stewardship Plan.

Gail will make sure the Portland regional reps understand to include Metro in their outreach efforts.

Actions from October meeting

Bill will try out applying that 2nd draft cross-walk to Lane County zoning.

Rob will look at the DOGAMI data structure as possible analog for compilation and generalization.

Angela and Rob will try applying a cross-walk to the city zoning collected so far.

Rob will try to complete the list of overlay zones.