

# Minutes

## 2012 WI Presidents Council Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Kalahari Convention Center, 1305 Kalahari Drive, Wisconsin Dells, WI

### Attendance

WI Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials (John Dejung)  
WI Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (Mark Handlin)  
WI County Surveyors Association (Emily Pierce, Bryan Meyer)  
WI Department of Transportation (Glen Schaefer)  
WI Geographic Information Coordination Council (Jon Schwichtenberg)  
WI Geographic Information Officer (Curtis Pulford)  
WI Land Information Association (AJ Wortley)  
WI Land Information Officer Network (Jeff DuMez, Fred Iausly, Ian Grasshoff)  
WI Real Property Listers (Matt Dahlen, Michelle Schultz)  
WI Register of Deeds (Mike Mazemke, Cheryl McBride)  
WI Society of Land Surveyors (Frank Thousand, John Baudhuin)  
WI State Cartographer's office (Howard Veregin, Jim Lacy)

### Unable to attend

State Agency GIS Coordination (SAGIC) Team  
Land Title Association

### Call to order

Meeting called to order by Jim Lacy at 1:00 p.m.

### Brief follow-up on 2011 meeting

Jim gave a quick rundown on major outcomes from last year, most notably a lengthy discussion of social security number redaction fee. At the request of the group, a listserv and simple Web page were setup last spring.

<http://www.sco.wisc.edu/community/presidents-council.html>

### Overview of APCO - John Dejung

APCO is one of two international associations that support 9-1-1 operations. The organization has been around for almost 80 years. It began with radio communications, evolved to computer aided dispatch and telephony. APCO and NENA are sister organizations.

- They are a members association with 14,000 members internationally, mostly in the U.S
- John is the liaison between WI and the national association
- They have strong interests in GIS. John is working on a new dispatch system in Dane County; it relies heavily on geographic information.

- Dispatch will be even more reliant on GIS in the future. He hopes there will be more standardization in GIS. Dane County frequently needs to work beyond their own borders... issues don't stop at county line.
- Question: how standardized are CADD installations in Wisconsin? It is very much a moving target, different companies have different features. But the commonality is an ability to deal with x,y coordinates. Most of the big vendors offer "compatibility" with Esri.

### Legislative study group on 9-1-1 best practices - John Dejung

NENA and APCO got together about a year ago, and decided they needed to take action on some issues. Need to look at states around WI to see what best practices should be considered for 9-1-1. They lobbied the legislature, along with the American Heart Association, to create a legislative study group.

- There are sometimes 75-100 nominations per year for study groups. They are comprised of elected officials and subject-matter experts.
- Typically a dozen are picked during the legislative "off season."
- The 9-1-1 group has met three times to discuss PBX issues, funding available, and the need for better statewide coordination. Discussions have included GIS standards.
- Most states have a state-led coordination entity for 9-1-1 operations, and most states have 911 surcharge identified on phone bill. Until three years ago there was a \$0.75 911 surcharge in WI, which was then turned into a "police and fire fund." The funding going to offset shared revenue costs is affecting the ability of 911 centers to stay modernized.

Question: how can the geospatial community step up to assist with their efforts? Things need to be consistent across jurisdictions. Aerial photography, parcels, streets, addresses are of particular importance to dispatch centers.

NENA (national) released a standard for GIS location integration in Next Generation 911 systems. In the past GIS was somewhat "dumbed down" to interoperate with 911 systems. That appears to be changing. Reference:

<http://www.nena.org/news/102933/NENA-Standard-Document-available-for-Public-Review-and-Comment.htm>

Question: How can GIS community help the study group? The study group will likely recommend statewide coordination through the Public Service Commission. John thought GIS groups could get involved at that point to help.

**Action:** WIGICC should see if they can provide assistance to the legislative study group. Jon S. will invite APCO/NENA to a future WIGICC Meeting.

### Overview of WI-NENA - Mark Handlin

NENA differs from APCO in that they focus more directly on 9-1-1 issues. Their national organization has been around 31 years. The Wisconsin Chapter of NENA was setup in 1995

- Mark noted that 95% of Wisconsin's population has "phase 2" coverage (location provided along with 911 call). All but two counties in Wisconsin have phase 2 capabilities

### Potential impact on land information activities from "Deer Trustee" report - Howard Veregin

Dr. James Kroll, a Texas-based wildlife biologist, was commissioned by the Governor last October to analyze how DNR deer management practices could be improved.

- There were many public meetings as part of the process, and GIS came up several times. Final report issued in early July 2012.
- Geospatial referred to a few times in the report. In Dr. Kroll's view, Wisconsin has fallen behind as an innovator in the field. In his judgment this is due to a lack of a coordinated "program," and a lack of funding. The situation, according to Kroll, has led to an inability to support critical business functions not just for deer management, but a range of other issues as well.
- The need to produce an updated landcover dataset is implicated in the report. A statewide geospatial information system is also suggested that could be similar to the Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS).
- In Howard's view, the jury is still out on what this really means for geospatial activities in WI. Some could view the report as a negative reflection on GIS in WI, but there really aren't any surprising conclusions reached in the report. Howard feels this will be positive, and highlight the need for action. The landcover and "system" are both large issues that extend beyond a single agency (e.g., DNR).

Question: Is there any indication if the Governor's office has responded in any way to geospatial components of the report? Cathy Stepp (DNR Secretary) has suggested that the Governor "understands the value of GIS," and that he was using maps and GIS data to understand drought this summer. What will happen next with the report is currently unknown.

### Recent advocacy efforts

#### WIGICC Permanency - Jon Schwichtenberg

- WIGICC is designed to coordinate geospatial issues statewide, but has no funding, no specific authority.
- They put together a proposal to governor's office to establish WIGICC by executive order. They recently met with Governor's staff to discuss the proposal.
- Question: is there anything organizations at the meeting today can do to help? WIGICC may seek letters of support in the future.

#### WLIA Update - Jon S.

- WLIA is working on a couple of big initiatives
- A sub-team is pulling together statewide parcels to demonstrate feasibility.

- Hope is to use this as a model to portray to legislators that it can be done.
- They are also developing a report on statewide foundational “elements” (parcels, landcover, aerial photography, hydrography, etc.)
- Designed to be a status report, what’s being done, what’s missing, what it will take to complete
- Hope to have it finalized in a couple of weeks.

#### Proposed Changes to Wisconsin Land Information Program - Jeff DuMez

- Statewide policies on data sharing need to be re-evaluated
- Many reasons why counties don’t want to give up their parcel data; most counties provided data for pilot project noted by Jon, but in some cases it was on the condition that the data would not be used beyond the pilot.
- Jeff asks that this group (Presidents Council) help advocate for data sharing
- Question: What about standardized data sharing agreements? Difficult, because every county has a different corporate counsel with different opinions.
- Education and base budget grants: Looking to increase the training grant amount to \$1,000. Amount has not changed with times.
- Looking to change base budgets to \$100k. Up from \$50k. They believe the dollars are there to support the increase, if lapses are eliminated.
- Base budgets are currently defined in an administrative rule. LION wants it put in legislation to make further lapses more difficult.
- They are also proposing changes to the timing of grants. Traditionally DOA waited until revenues are collected, and then distributed late in state fiscal year. LION wants the schedule to matching county budgeting process. Most counties start in January. Specifically, they would like to know the status of grants in mid-fall to help with their budgeting process.
- LION has been working with DOA on these issues. Two weeks ago DOA released their budget proposal, but it was completely silent on the WLIP. Fred suggested this doesn’t mean the process is dead; there is still room for more discussion with DOA.
- Question: wouldn’t the proposal essentially zero out any potential money for statewide initiatives? Strategic initiatives haven’t happened for years. Obligor funds is the key to prevent future lapses

#### **Social Security Redaction fee - Jeff DuMez, Fred lausly**

Changes were made a couple of years ago to implement a flat fee of \$25 for deed recordings. Many groups involved in that effort. At the same time, there was a big privacy push by Sen. Jon Erpenbach. In the past, it was common to put SSN’s on deeds, which in many cases are now going online. Erpenbach introduced legislation to redact SSN’s from deeds. This resulted in an additional \$5 added to the deed recording fee to cover the costs. A sunset of Dec 31, 2014 was included in the law.

- Some counties have finished the redaction process. Three counties have finished up their work, and have stopped collecting the extra \$5. It was noted that Sauk County stopped, but is going to start collecting the fee again.
- LION is looking at the \$5 as an opportunity to make progress in other areas that have been discussed for many years.

- LION initially talked about designating specific amounts to specified projects (e.g., \$1 per recording for remonumentation), but in further discussions they decided that would be too limiting for most counties.
- Fred recently met with one of Sen. Erpenbach's staffers as a courtesy call due to his sponsorship of the previous bill. The Senator is big on privacy, doesn't sound like he's very supportive of anything "statewide."
- During the discussion, Frank T. noted that WSLs supports keeping the extra fee intact. County surveyors support as well.
- In related news, in August LION proposed to the Dept. of Administration that they commit \$700k to some strategic initiative grants. Goal is to prevent further lapses of funds. Ideas proposed included: LiDAR, finishing parcels, remonumentation.
- Lapses put in place last year may continue in the future according to an assistant secretary at DOA. Unknown what may happen.
- Registers of Deeds: their legislative group has agreed to work with LION on the redaction issue. However, opinions all over the board in the ROD Association. Many feel the sunset should remain as-is, and the fees should expire. Getting any sort of consensus may not be likely from the Register's.

**Action:** LION is looking for feedback on their legislative proposal. Please get in touch with Fred if you have ideas.

#### **Status and future of land surveying modernization efforts**

Frank indicated WSLs will once again be promoting legislation to modernize the statutes related to the profession of land surveying. This time they are taking out changes to Chapter 236, and proposing those as a separate bill. In the past, the changes to Chapter 236 were generally less controversial than other elements of their proposal

- They are waiting until after November election to determine how they want to approach the lobbying. (democrat or republican control) WSLs recently lost their lobbyist, and are evaluating their options.
- Question: What issues did photogrammetry firms have with past bills? They didn't want to be licensed. In Franks view, the photogrammetry firms have voiced the loudest opposition.

#### **Wisconsin Aerial Imagery Business Plan**

Jim provided a brief background on the State Cartographer's Office project to develop a business plan for a statewide aerial imagery program. They have conducted a survey and several regional meeting to gather needs from the community. Several Webinars are scheduled for the week of October 15<sup>th</sup>. Jim indicated that all of the organizations present should at least be aware of the effort, and consider putting their support behind any proposals that are develop as a result of the plan.

#### **Open Forum**

Glen Schaefer provided some handouts on the status of their geodetic height modernization effort. He also noted that seven counties now record Transportation Project Plats electronically: Brown, Columbia, Dane, Outagamie, Portage, Sheboygan, and Washington.

Howard thanked Glen for his participation in the Presidents Council; Glen is retiring from DOT in December.

#### **Summary of Action Items**

1. WIGICC (or some combination of groups) should see if they can provide assistance to 9-1-1 legislative study group. Jon S. will invite APCO/NENA to a future WIGICC Meeting.
2. LION is looking for feedback on their legislative proposal. Please get in touch with Fred if you have ideas.

#### **Next Meeting**

- Everyone liked the new format of the meeting, which is focused on specific agenda items vs. a "round-robin" of updates. We will use the new format next year.
- Group agreed to reach out and invite the Wisconsin Counties Association and Realtors Associated to the 2013 meeting. Jim noted that beyond the specific invites, any organization is welcome to attend in the future.
- Suggested agenda item for next time is an overview of how 9-1-1 systems work.
- Next meeting will be in October 2013, specific date and place to be determined.

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



# Wisconsin Land Information Association

Working to develop and apply a network of statewide land information systems.

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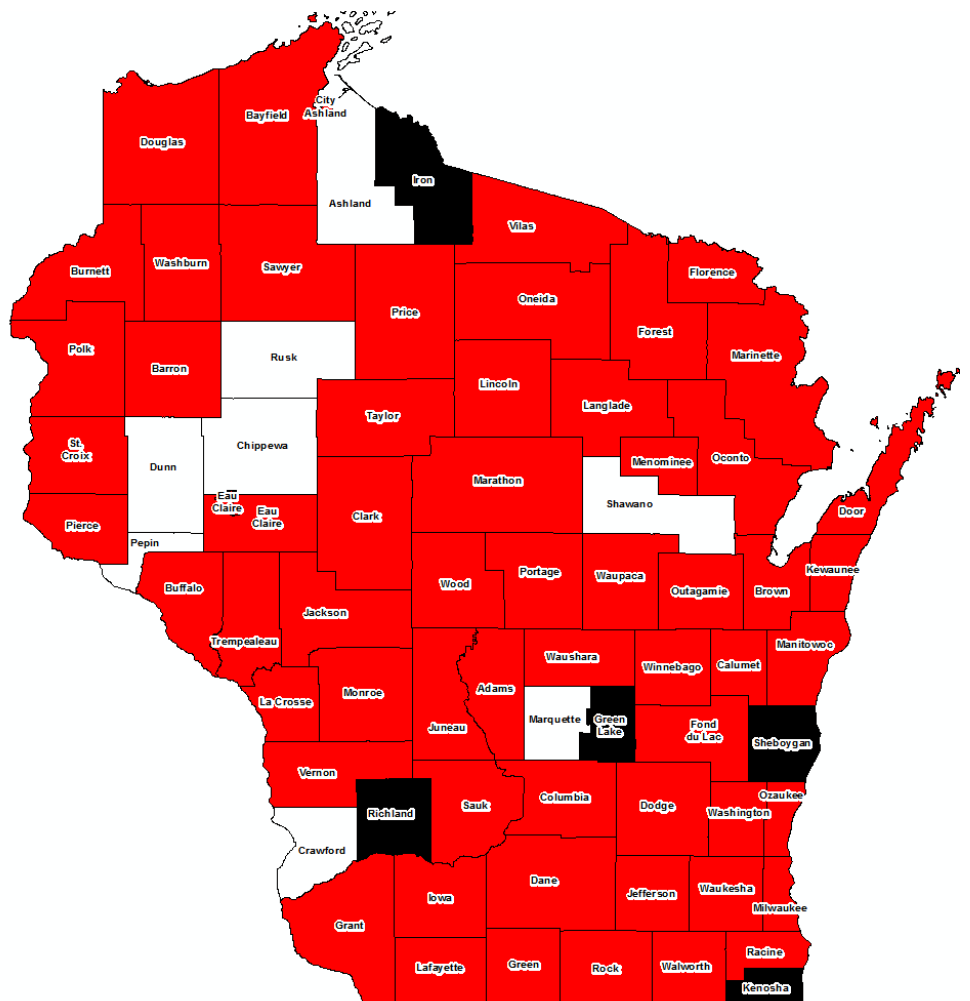
In late April, a pilot project dubbed “Just Do It (JDI)” began with the goal of collecting as much parcel data as possible and assembling the data into a seamless parcel dataset. The purpose of this project is to demonstrate to other organizations, policy-makers and legislators the value of statewide data layers.

As of today, we have collected data from 59 counties and 2 cities. There have been 5 counties, shown as black in the map, that stated they would not contribute data to our project. That leaves us with 8 counties that haven’t responded to our request.

The JDI team will be presenting preliminary findings at the WLIA Fall Regional in Appleton October 23<sup>rd</sup> with the final report being presented at the WLIA Annual Conference in Lake Geneva February 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

To view the parcel map you can follow this link: <http://gis.co.wood.wi.us/StateParcels/index.html>

Or visit [wlia.org](http://wlia.org)





# LION

The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

## LION Legislative Proposal Outline - 2012

LION continues to work to secure the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP) funds for the advancement of the program. This proposal advocates for a more comprehensive reform to the statutes related to the WLIP. The following are the objectives that this legislative proposal is looking to accomplish.

### Objectives:

- Provide needed resources to all counties.
- Increase the base budget for eligible counties to levels to support their program
- Provide needed financial resource for WLIP to support the grant program.
- Set Recording fee to \$30
- Remove redaction fee sunset to make the money available to support the WLIP and accomplish the goals and objectives of the program.
- Establish funding to develop, maintain and enhance a PLSS framework that basis for many of the foundational dataset. Improving in the PLSS framework is key to any efforts to build statewide datasets and reduce the effort of data integration.
- Provide needed resource to Register of Deeds for further land records modernization efforts.
- Provide funding to LIOs to support statewide data integration efforts.
- Provide a simple state reporting mechanism.

### Legislative Outline:

#### I. Education Grant

- A. Change 16.967(7)(b) to increase education and training grant from \$300 to \$1,000 per county.

#### II. Base Budget Grant

- A. Increase based budget funding to \$100,000 per eligible county.
- B. Establish funding in statues, like education grants are currently sited.

#### III. Maintain Recording Fee at \$30

- A. Remove redaction fee sunset in 59.43 and place \$5 to County Land Information Office.
- B. Update current statutory language so that upon completion or redaction efforts, the county would report to DOA the \$15 fee recording.

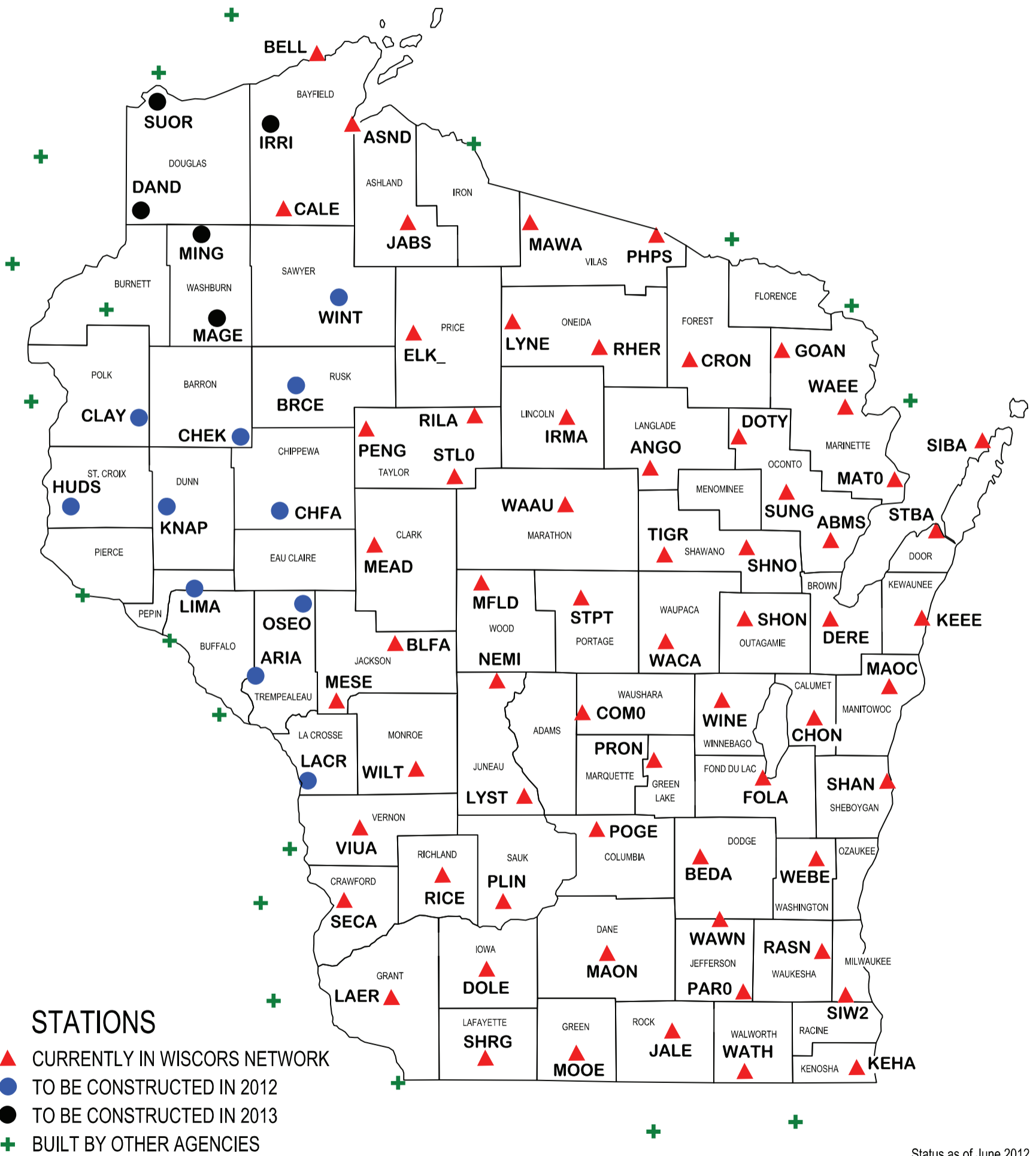


C. \$3 of the \$15 – to the WLIP fund to support Base Budget Grants, Education & Training Grants, and other grant initiatives.

D. The County Land Information Office shall retain \$12 of the \$15, governed by the Land Information Councils. The increase in funding is intended for the following:

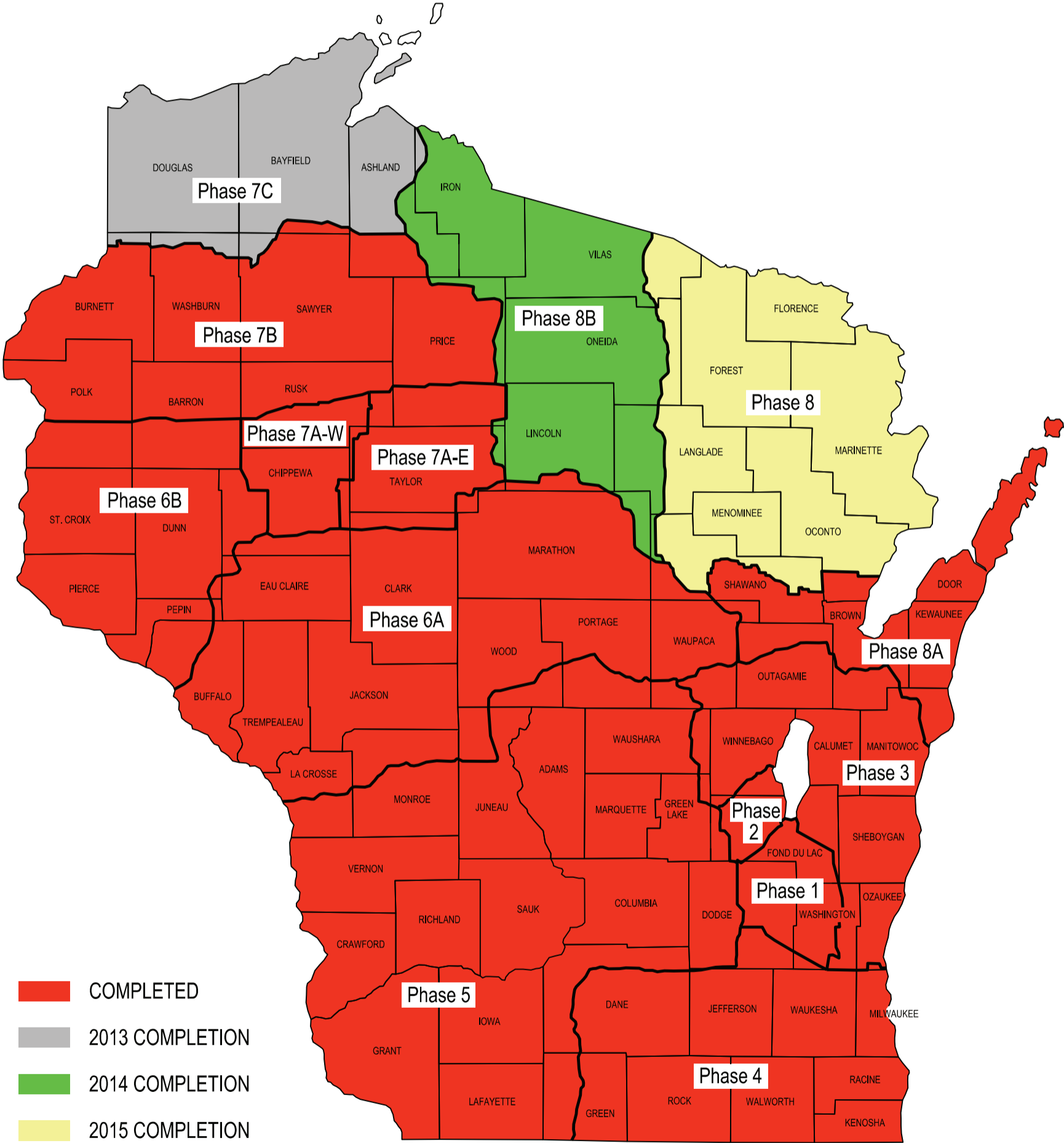
1. The development, maintenance and enhancement of PLSS monumentation and data.
2. For Register of Deeds system enhancement.
3. For integration efforts to support statewide data development.

# HEIGHT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM WISCORS NETWORK STATUS



Status as of June 2012

# HEIGHT MODERNIZATION PROGRAM PASSIVE NETWORK STATUS



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