



Information Session: 2026 Data Practices Act Changes for Judicial Officials – *GIS Impacts* –

February 9, 2026

Before we get started...

Megan Sisko

- Questions:
 - Post a question to the Q & A panel at any time
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 - We'll answer questions during the Q & A portion of the meeting
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 - Chat
 - Reactions
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Welcome!

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Tanya Mayer

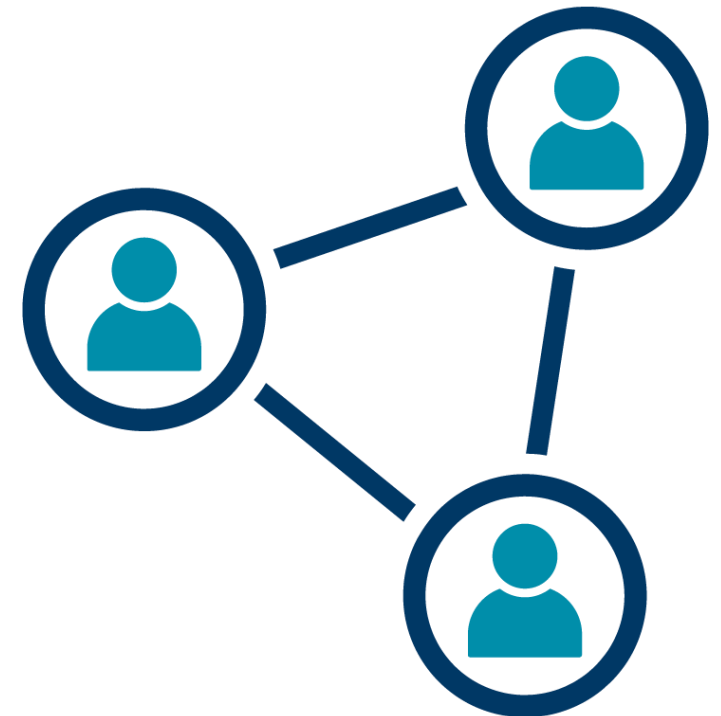
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Director, Minnesota Geospatial Information Office



Agenda

Time	Topic	Time	Topic
12:30	Welcome and introductions	1:05	Example implementations: • Dakota County • Metropolitan Council • MnGeo
12:35	Statute background	1:20	Q & A with Minnesota Department of Administration Data Practices Office
12:40	Chapter 13 Data Practices Act statutes	1:55	Next steps
12:50	Chapter 480 Judiciary statutes	2:00	Adjourn
1:00	Judicial Request form and process		



Statute Background

Minn. Stat. §§ 13.991, 480.40, and 480.50

Senior Judge John H. Guthmann



Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and Judicial Safety Provisions

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Data Practices Office

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Government Data Practices

Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 13

Minnesota Government Data Practices Act

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13

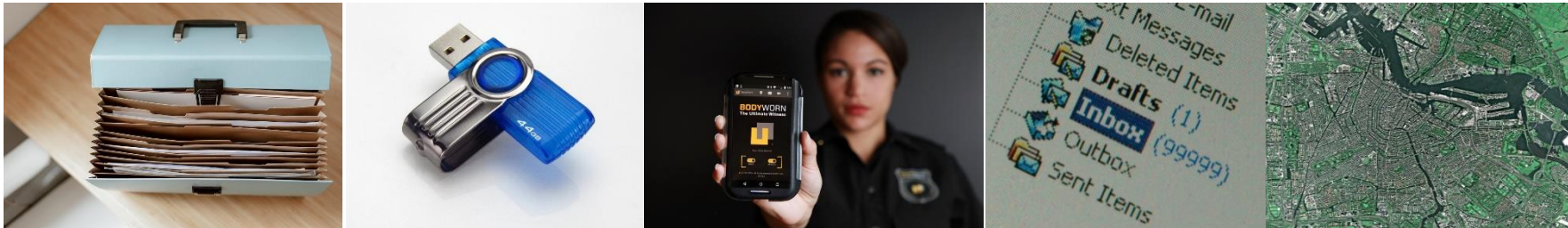
The DPA regulates how government information is managed by:

- Presuming government data are public
- Establishing the classification structure for all data
- Classifying data as not public
- Providing rights for the public and data subjects
- Requiring that data on individuals are accurate, complete, current, and secure

What are government data?

All data collected, created, received, maintained or disseminated by any government entity regardless of its physical form, storage media or conditions of use.

(Minn. Stat. § 13.02, subd. 7)



Data on individuals	Data not on individuals
Data that identify someone • Employee's telephone number • Name and address of adult arrestee • Athlete of the week photograph	Data that do not identify someone • Makes and models of fleet trucks • Names of companies that are preferred vendors • List of government websites • De-identified data on individuals

Classification of government data

Classification	Meaning of classification	Examples
Public	Available to anyone for any reason	Adult arrestee name and address
Private/ Nonpublic	Available to: • Data subject • Those in the entity whose work assignment requires access • Entities authorized by law • Those authorized by data subject	Government employee home address & home phone number
Confidential/ Protected nonpublic	Available to: • Those in the entity whose work assignment requires access • Entities authorized by law Not available to the data subject	Data collected as part of an active civil legal action

Staff with data practices duties

- Responsible authority (RA)
- Data practices compliance official (DPCO)
- Designee
- All employees, as needed to fulfill data requests
- Legal counsel

Responsible authority

Minn. Stat. § 13.02, subd. 16 & Minn. R. 1205.0200

- **State agency**
 - Commissioner, Constitutional Officer, Chief Executive Officer, or an official appointed by the agency's governing body
- **County**
 - Elected officials (county attorney, sheriff, etc.)
 - Employee appointed for data outside elected officials' offices (administrator, usually)
 - County social services agency director (§ 13.46, subd. 10)
 - County veterans service officer (§ 197.603, subd. 2)
- **City**
 - Person appointed by city council or the city clerk
- **School District**
 - Person appointed by school board or the superintendent



Judicial Safety Provisions

- Personal information, not in property records, of judicial officials is private.
- Judicial officials must submit **form created by the judicial branch** to government entities for the remedies to apply.
- Adult children of a judicial official must submit “a written notice.”
- Notices must be provided to the responsible authority that maintains the data
- Notices are private data
- This section does not apply to personal info in property records

§ 480.40 – Who is a judicial official?

For data other than property records

- Every Minnesota district court judge, senior judge, retired judge, and every judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals and every active, senior, recalled, or retired federal judge who resides in Minnesota;
- A current or retired justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court
- Employees of the Minnesota judicial branch
- Judicial referees and magistrate judges
- Current and retired judges and current employees of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Department of Human Services Appeals Division, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, and Tax Court.

§ 480.40 – What is personal information?

- A residential address of a judicial official;
- A residential address of the spouse, domestic partner, or children of a judicial official;
- A nonjudicial branch issued telephone number or email address of a judicial official;
- The name of any child of a judicial official; and
- The name of any child care facility or school that is attended by a child of a judicial official if combined with an assertion that the named facility or school is attended by the child of a judicial official.

480.40 – Personal information does not include

Information that is **lawfully made available through federal, state, or local government records** or information that a business has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public through widely distributed media, by a judicial official, or by a person to whom the judicial official has disclosed the information, unless the judicial official has restricted the information to a specific audience

§ 480.40, subd. 2 – Web posting/publishing prohibited

Government entities (and others) shall not:

- Knowingly publicly post, display, publish, sell, or otherwise make available on the Internet the personal information of any judicial official.
- Personal information shall be kept in a secure manner to prevent unauthorized access.
- Personal information may be disseminated pursuant to a specific authorization in law, rule, or with the written consent of the judicial official.

§ 480.40, subd. 3 – exceptions

§ 480.40, subd. 2 & section § 480.50 (property records) do NOT apply to:

The display of a property address on a real estate or mapping platform when the address is not displayed or disclosed in connection with any ownership or occupancy information or other personal identifying information of a judicial official

*§480.50 does not apply to posting this type of real estate or mapping platform

§ 480.45 - Take down provision

- If personal information is publicly posted
- Judicial official may submit a **sworn affidavit** to request that the personal information be removed.
- For data classified as private – data should not be posted anyway
- This sworn affidavit is separate from the notice in § 13.991 and the notice in § 480.50.

§ 480.50 – Judicial official definition for property records

Narrower set of covered individuals than § 13.991 and § 480.40:

- Minnesota district court judge, senior judge, retired judge, and every judge of the Minnesota Court of Appeals and every active, senior, recalled, or retired federal judge who resides in Minnesota
- Current or retired justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court
- Judicial referees and magistrate judges
- Current and retired judges of the Court of Administrative Hearings, Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, and Tax Court.
- Excluded: employees of the both executive and judicial branch courts and judges of the DHS Appeals division

* Spouse, domestic partner, or adult child of a judicial official who does not reside with the judicial official may also submit a notice

§ 480.50 – Judicial official property records

- Property records are:
 - Any record of data that is maintained as part of the county real estate document recording system for use by the public, data on assessments, data on real or personal property taxation, **and other data on real property**. [Definition from § 13.045 – Safe at Home]
 - Uniform Commercial Code filings and tax liens maintained by the Secretary of State; and
 - Any other records maintained by a county recorder or other government entity evidencing title to, or any lien, judgment, or other encumbrance on, real or personal property.

§ 480.50 – Judicial official property records classification

- Personal information in property records is private IF judicial official or family files a **written notice on a form provided by the judicial branch**
- Notice goes to:
 - Counties: Recorder and Secretary of State
 - All other government entities: Responsible Authority
- This means that the Recorder is the point of contact for all County property records
- The notice is private data

Practical considerations

- Three+ formal “notices”
 - § 13.991 – use judicial form, makes entity subject to remedies for non-property record personal information (+written notice from child)
 - § 480.45 – sworn affidavit to remove information from a website or publication
 - § 480.50 – use judicial form, notice triggers private classification for property records
- Regardless of these notices, once an entity reasonably knows that they have the personal information of a judicial official, the data classified by 13.991 (i.e., not property records) are private and cannot be shared without consent, statutory authority, or a court order

Data Practices Office (DPO)

- Statewide resource on Minnesota's data practices and open meeting laws
 - Informal advice/technical assistance to government, public, media and Legislature
 - Advisory opinions
 - Data challenge appeals
 - Legislative assistance
 - Training
 - Website, newsletters - <https://mn.gov/admin/data-practices/>

Connect with DPO

Phone: 651-296-6733

Email: info.dpo@state.mn.us

Website: mn.gov/admin/data-practices

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/INFOIPAD>



Judicial Request Form and Process

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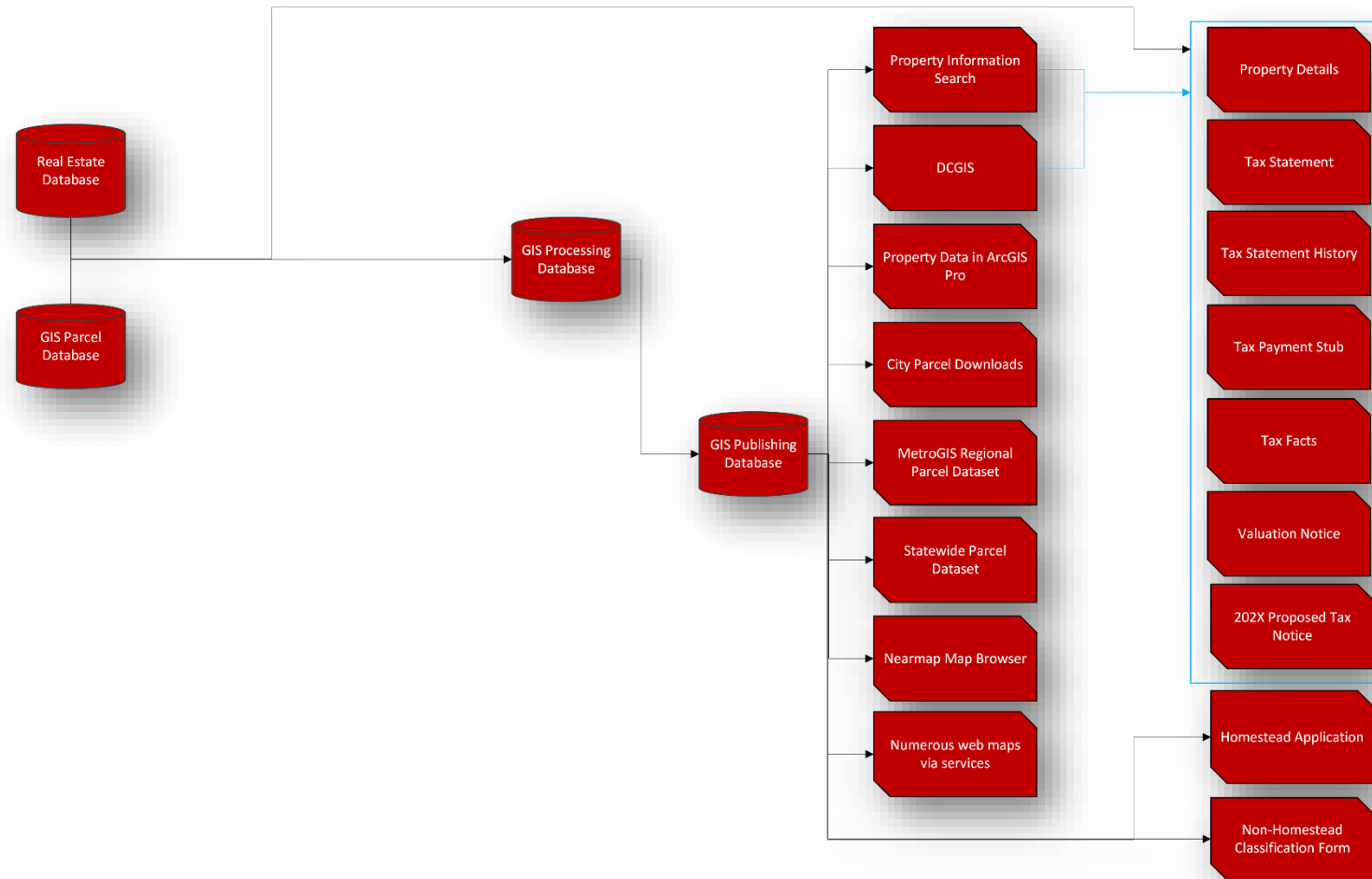
Example Implementations

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Joe Sapletal, GISP
Dakota County GIS Manager
MCGISA Region X Representative

Property Data Uses



Redacting Tool Before

Document Processing | Dakota, MN - TEST 2024.1.74/Refresh 01.17.2025

Search Select Transaction New Window Tax Year 2026 Jur 019 DC - PROD History Deactivated Show XML 0 of 0

Parcel ID: PECK|TEMPLETON 235TH ST W FARMINGTON MN 550242026

Tree View Data

- Ownership
 - Owner #0:
 - Legal Data
 - Legal Desc
 - 11 113 2
 - W 1/2 0
 - NE 1/4 S
 - CO R/W
 - Alternate Owner
 - Foreclosure
 - Notes 1
 - Parcel Description
 - Parcel:
 - Sales
 - Sale Date: 30-J
 - Sale Date: 30-J
 - Sale Date: 15-C
 - Sale Date: 01-A
 - Sale Date: 16-C
 - Sale Date: 26-J

ADD RECORD Simple Copy ADV. COPY Deactivate Alerts Reassign Abandon Save Validate Commit Quick View Print Run Reports Create Workflow Docs & Photos Quick Links

FUTURE YEAR - 2026

Owners Alt. Owner Tax Stmt Name Sales Legal Legal Desc Foreclosure AUD ASR Notes Parcel

Own#	Owner	%Own	Who	When	Whocalc	Whencalc	Sale Key	Record	Status
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Owner Code: [] Mail record exists? [] Alt. record exists? Multiple Owners: []

Name: PECK|TEMPLETON Assessor Check [] Tax Year: []

Owner Type Codes: FEE: FEE OWNER

Co-Op Name: []

Non-Conservation: []

COPY ADDRESS

Address Format: S: US Standard

Owner Address: [] 235TH ST: STREET W: WEST

Unit Description: [] Building/Unit No: []

Address 1: []

Address 2: []

Address 3: []

City: FARMINGTON State: MN Zip: 55024 - 9636

Country: [] Postal Code: []

In Care Of: []

Notes: []

Telephone: [] Fax: [] Email: []

eNotice: []

Resolution #: []

GA Hold: []

Redacting Tool After

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Parcel ID: TAXPAYER TAXPAYER 235TH ST W FARMINGTON MN 550242026

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 - Sale Date: 26-J
 - Ownership
 - Owner #0:PEDERSON
 - Sales
 - Sale Date: 30-JUL-20
 - Sale Date: 30-JUL-20

Future Year - 2026

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Owner Code: :
Name: TAXPAYER
Assessor Check : Tax Year:
Owner Type Codes: FEE: FEE OWNER
Co-Op Name:
Non-Conservation:
Mail record exists?
Alt. record exists? Multiple Owners:
% Owned:
COPY ADDRESS
Address Format: S: US Standard
Owner Address: 235TH ST: STREET W: WEST
Unit Description: Building/Unit No:
Address 1:
Address 2:
Address 3:
City: FARMINGTON State: MN Zip: 55024 - 9636
Country: Postal Code:
In Care Of:
Notes:
Telephone: Fax: Email:
eNotice:
Resolution #:
GA Hold:

More Questions to Answer

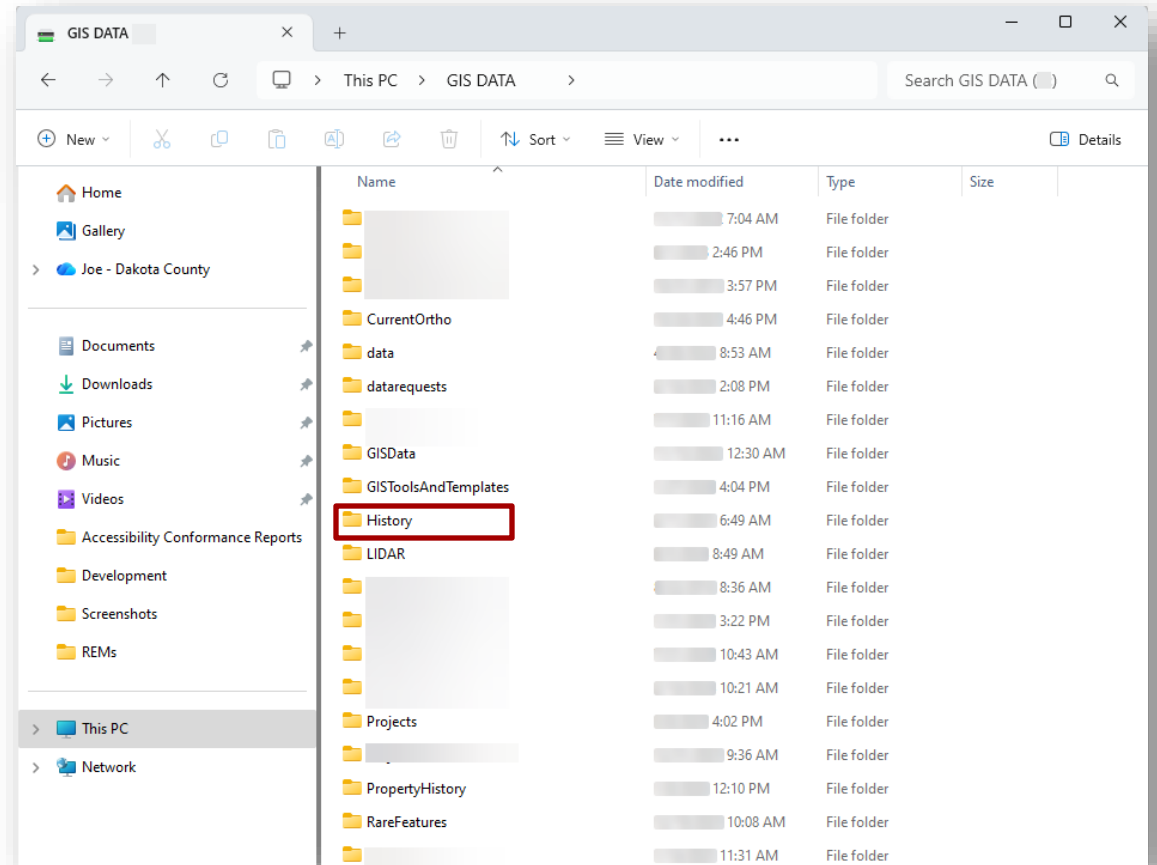
1. Are there copies of property data on the network?
2. Who can/should have access to them?
3. Are there other datasets that have names that could be subject to redaction?



GIS Data Drive

Yes, a 20-year archive of property, centerline and planimetric data.

- Options
 - Remove access from “History”*
 - Remove property data from “History”*
 - Redact all owner name information from each property dataset
- Chosen Option
 - Copy property data to a secured folder named “PropertyHistory”*
 - Redact all owner name information from each dataset in “History”*

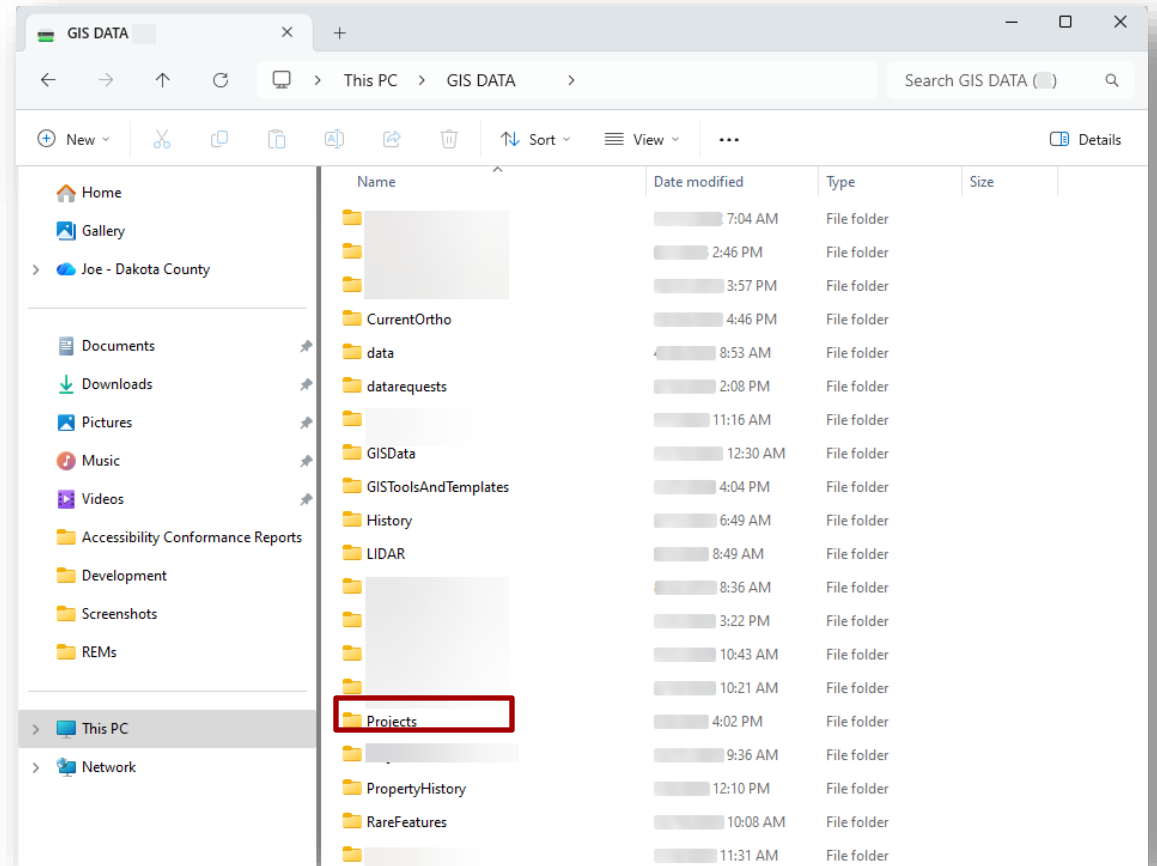


* These folder names may not actually exist and are illustrative.

GIS Data Drive

15-year archive of ArcMap and ArcGIS Pro projects.

- Options
 - Remove access from “Projects”*
 - Remove property data from “Projects”*
 - Redact all owner name information from each property dataset
- Chosen Option
 - Created “GISToolsAndTemplates”*
 - Removed access from “Projects”*



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Who is affected?

Environmental Resources Department,
Groundwater Protection Unit

- Use historical parcel data to increase accuracy of well locations
- Can an exception be allowed?



Other Datasets?

Yes

- Being handled on a case-by-case basis

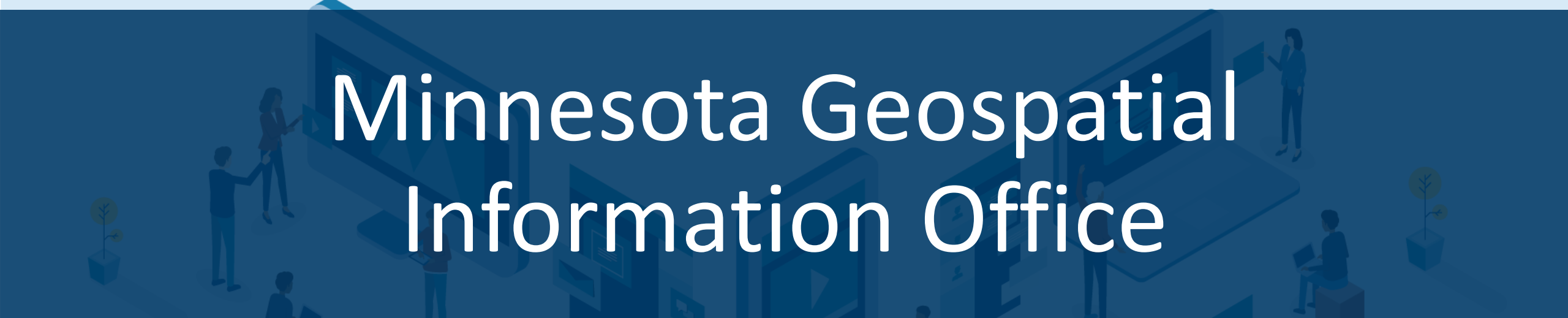


Metropolitan Council

Tanya Mayer, *Senior GIS Coordinator*

- **Guidance from the Metropolitan Council Office of General Counsel Department**
 - Data Practices
- **Coordinating with Metropolitan Council's Information Services - Data Management Department**
 - Enterprise Content Management
 - Database Engineering
- **Informing staff about the change and Identifying Metropolitan Council's Real Property Records**
 - Informational presentations
 - Organizational announcements
 - Survey to identify information that is Real Property Records
- **Setting up the process for handling incoming requests to Metropolitan Council**
 - Ensure judiciary knows how to contact and submit form to Met Council
 - Set up secure process to receive and store forms
 - Set up secure process to alert staff responsible for managing Met Council's real property records
 - Set up processes to redact information

- Discussing dataset impacts and implementing data management solutions
 - Current Aggregated Regional Parcel dataset – updated Quarterly from 7 Counties [Owner/Taxpayer, Address]
 - Redact owner/taxpayer names requested on forms received by Met Council
 - Ensure redaction from all judicial requests are applied to future parcel updates
 - Publish with Owner/Taxpayer name for all other records
 - Annual Aggregated Regional Parcel dataset – 20+ years of annual archives [Owner/Taxpayer, Address]
 - Maintain original copies in secured / restricted access database
 - Publish most recent 5 years internally and publicly *without* Owner/Taxpayer names
 - Derivative or copies of Parcel datasets within the organization
 - Web mapping applications
 - Met Council Land Interest Document Management System database [scanned documents and searchable database, names/addresses, locations shown on web map]
 - Available to all internal Council staff
 - Database has a new field to denote a “Secured” record
 - Secured record is accessible to a pre-approved internal viewers through an Active Directory group
 - The secured record Name fields are ‘null’ in the web map



Minnesota Geospatial Information Office

Alison Slaats, *Director*

MnGeo Implementation

Request received by MnGeo –

- ***Refer requestor to MNIT Legal team (delete original request)***
- ***MNIT Legal team: store request in secure location***
- ***MNIT Legal team: submit a work ticket for MnGeo***
- ***MnGeo Parcel team: pick up ticket***
 - *Refer to secure location for request specifics*
 - *Locate and redact requested information from “live” data service*
 - *Republish “live” data service*
 - *Rewrite “static” data shared with state agencies (part of republishing process)*
 - *Store information in secure logfile to check against future aggregations*
- ***MnGeo close ticket***
- ***MNIT Legal team confirm completion with requestor***
- ***Internal data management***
 - *Delete all working files when quarterly aggregation is complete*
 - *Limit to one set of archived data stored in secure folder with limited access*



A sampling of Owner information use cases

State agencies and universities rely on owner/taxpayer Information to manage resources and deliver state services -

- **Forest inventory access on private lands and voluntary forest management guideline training, track Government-Owned parcels for land management/conservation, owner notification for deer culls to manage chronic wasting disease and chemical control for invasive species management - Dept. of Natural Resources**
- **Determine if location is owned by school district for school program maps – Dept. of Education**
- **Owner notification for well disclosures, permit issuance and billing, environmental construction notification, well enforcement actions, well sealing, water sampling results (and more) – Dept. of Health**
- **Compare ownership information between MnDOT records and the counties. – Dept. of Transportation**
- **Verify location of regulated entities, landowner access for groundwater and contamination site visits, verify responsible parties for Superfund sites, environmental covenants for remediation programs, well location confirmation (and more) – Pollution Control Agency**
- **Confirm ownership for MnGrown, AgBMP loan programs or AgChem spill notifications – Dept of Agriculture**
- **Confirm conservation easement locations and new easement proposals and compare with other records (historical air photo's etc) for research – Board of Water and Soil Resources**
- **Tracking corporate ownership for neighborhood health – Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, U of M**
- **Tracking ownership “type” to analyze potential loss in hazard events, notify owners of research activities – U-Spatial, U of M**
- **Recruit research subjects based on location – Gustavus Adolphus College**



Q & A

with MN Dept. of Administration Data Practices Office

Taya Moxley-Goldsmith

Q & A Session Logistics

- We'll start with a few questions from the hosts to kickoff the session
- To ask a question:
 - **Post a question** to the Q & A panel
 - *or* -
 - **Raise your hand** if you'd like to come off mute
- Upvote questions that you'd like to see answered

Is an organization only required to restrict judicial information if they directly receive a request from that official?

e.g., if organization A shares data with organization B and the judicial official only submits a request to organization B, then must organization A restrict the data too?

If an organization keeps a secured archive of data that may contain private information and receives a public records request for that data, must the dataset be shared?

Similarly, if all names are removed from a public-facing address dataset, but an internal secured dataset retains associated names, what is required of an organization responding to a public records request for names?

Are Tribal government real property records applicable for judicial redaction requests?

Can a judicial official submit a data redaction request to non-government organizations?

e.g., higher education institutions, private sector businesses, nonprofits, etc.

How can individuals provide feedback to help shape the statute?

1. Where should feedback regarding recommended modifications be sent?
2. Would consolidated feedback be preferred, or individual feedback?
(e.g., the Minnesota Geospatial Advisory Council compiling feedback to share on behalf of the GIS community vs. individuals sharing their own thoughts directly)
3. Which legislative session would feedback be addressed in – 2026 or 2027?
4. Is there a preferred timeline for feedback?

What is considered “Private”:

1. Name and address, when found together?
 - If so, would removing the owner/tax-payer name from an address comply with the law?
2. Name-only (with no associated address)?
3. Address-only (with no associated name)?
4. Both the name and address, even if not found together?
5. The request form?



Questions?





Closing

Tanya Mayer

Next Steps



Inquire with your legal counsel and/or data practices office



Identify your organization's Real Property Records



Speak with your team about potential impacts



Set up/learn your organization's process for handling incoming requests



Coordinate with your recorder's office

- **Chapter 13 Minnesota Government Data Practices Act**
 - [§ 13.991](#) Judicial Official Data; Personal Information
- **Chapter 480 Judiciary Statutes**
 - [§ 480.40](#) Personal Information; Dissemination
 - [§ 480.45](#) Removal of Personal Information
 - [§ 480.50](#) Personal Information in Real Property Records
- **[Data Practices Office](#)** (of the MN Dept. of Admin.)
 - [Data Practices resource page](#)

Thank You!

