2019 Fall Forum

State Assessed Property



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- Welcome and Updates
- Website
- Overview of Tax Types
 - Updated filing for Railroad Property Tax
- Property Record Panel
- GIS Presentation Kansas Department of Revenue
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Rural Electric Cooperatives

Property data reported for state assessment:

- Aggregated to Unique Taxing Jurisdiction (UTA)
- Exclude rural distribution lines

Effective assessment year 2020 and thereafter

Certification to Counties

- Recommended values certified to county auditor by July 15
- Corrections due by October 1

Effective assessment year 2019 and thereafter

Abatement of State General Levy

- Qualifying natural gas pipeline systems
- Application to commissioner of revenue due by March 1
- If eligible, department will notify County

Effective payable year 2021 and thereafter

Energy Production Taxes

- Penalties, interest, and costs
- Distributed to jurisdictions as underlying tax amounts
 - 80% to counties
 - 20% to cities and townships

Effective payable year 2020 and thereafter

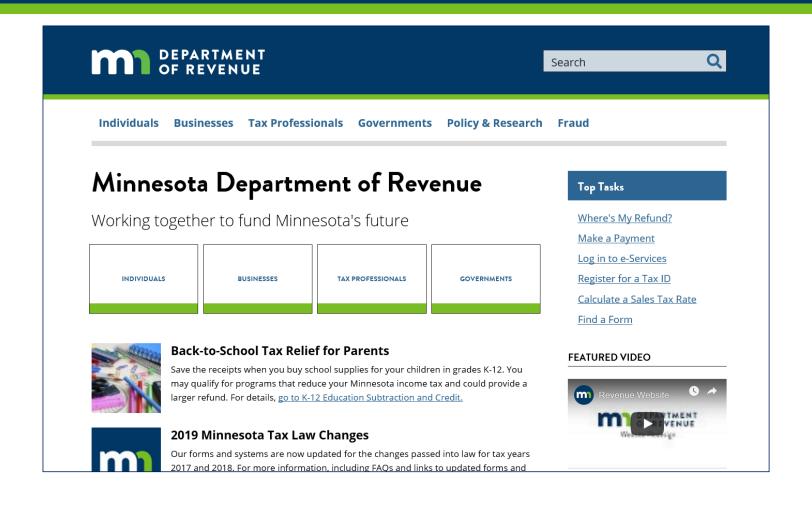


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Website Redesign







Steps in the valuation process

- 1. Estimate system value
- 2. Allocate to Minnesota
- 3. Remove locally assessed and non-taxable property
- 4. Apportion remaining value to parcels with operating property
- 5. Apply equalization, if necessary

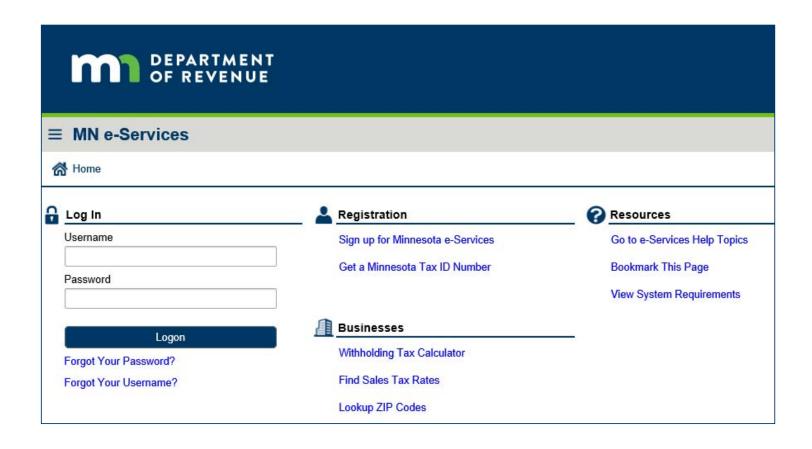


2019 Assessment

- 19 Railroad companies
- 81 Counties
- Over \$2 Billion apportioned
- 2,208 Parcels

MN Department of Transportation

Date	Railroad	Department
December 1, 2019	Files changes in their operating property	
December 15, 2019		Notifies counties of changes in railroad operating property
March 31, 2020 (ext. to April 15)	Annual Report of Railroad Companies due	
June 30, 2020		Send certified railroad values to the counties
August 31, 2020		Send corrected, certified railroad values to the counties
December 31, 2020		Deadline for issuing corrected values related to clerical errors



What will counties notice with the new filing system?

- Copies of certifications available in e-Services
- Formatted closer to utility and pipeline certifications
- No longer listing school district or special taxing district
- New column for county notes, similar to utility and pipeline records



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Estimate of company's market value:

- Determine Total System-Wide Estimated Market Value
- Calculate Total Minnesota Apportioned Estimated Market Value
- Calculate Total Minnesota Tax Capacity

Department Timeline

January 2: Assessment date

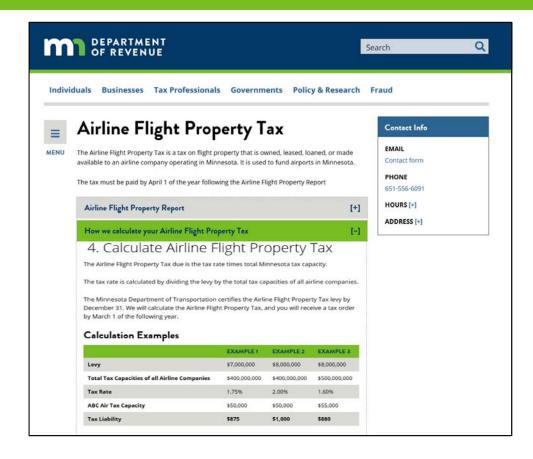
July 1: Airline Flight Property Tax Report (AF109) & Supporting

Documentation uploaded into the virtual rooms

July - November: Complete valuations & calculate apportionment

December: Receive levy from Department of Transportation

Send apportioned orders to airlines





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Introduction to Energy Production Taxes

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Energy Production Taxes

Important Dates

- January 15: Company filing deadline for both wind and solar reports
- February 28: State Assessed Property sends notices to companies of the tax due and sends tax orders to companies, county auditors, and assessors for both wind and solar
- April 1: Solar and wind deadline for corrections on current year assessments
- May 15: Solar and wind tax is due to the county treasurer





- The Solar Energy Production Tax rate is \$1.20 per megawatt hour produced
- The Solar Energy Production Tax applies to Solar Energy Generating Systems (SEGS) with an alternating current (AC) nameplate capacity exceeding 1 megawatt
- SEGS with an AC nameplate capacity less than 1 megawatt are exempt



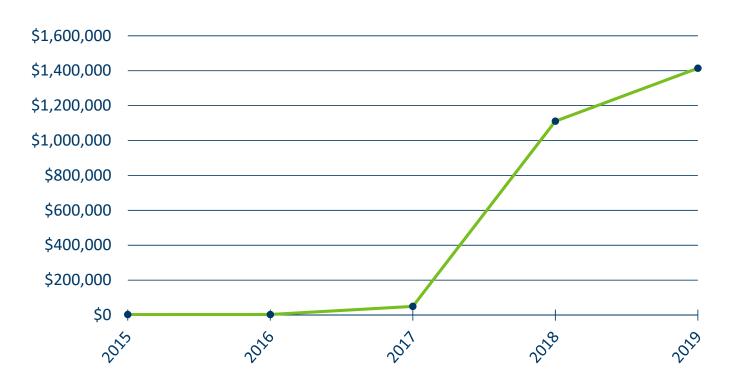
- For solar energy production taxes, the nameplate capacity of multiple systems are combined if they:
 - Were constructed within the same 12-month period
 - Exhibit characteristics of being a single development
- In the case of a dispute, the Department of Commerce will determine the size of the system



- Late filer/non-filer consequences:
 - Owners are taxed at 30% of the nameplate capacity of the system

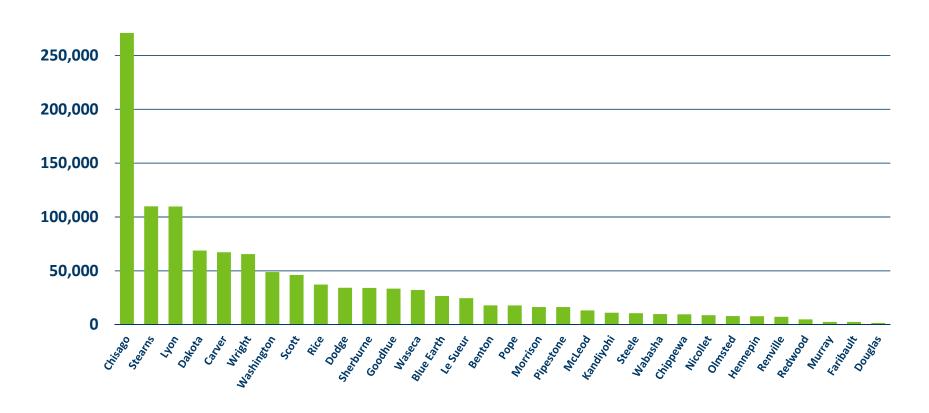


Total Solar Energy Production Tax in Minnesota, per payable Year





2018 Solar Energy Production, by County







The nameplate capacity of the Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) determines the Wind Energy Production tax rate.

Type of WECS	Nameplate Capacity (MW)	Tax per Megawatt Hour
Large Scale	Over 12	\$1.20
Medium Scale	Between 2 and 12	\$0.36
Small Scale	2 and under	\$0.12



- The Wind Energy Production Tax applies to WECS installed after January 1, 1991, unless the system is exempt from tax
- The following WECS are exempt from the energy production tax:
 - WECS with a nameplate capacity of 0.25 megawatts or less
 - WECS owned by a municipality and with a nameplate capacity of 2 megawatts or less



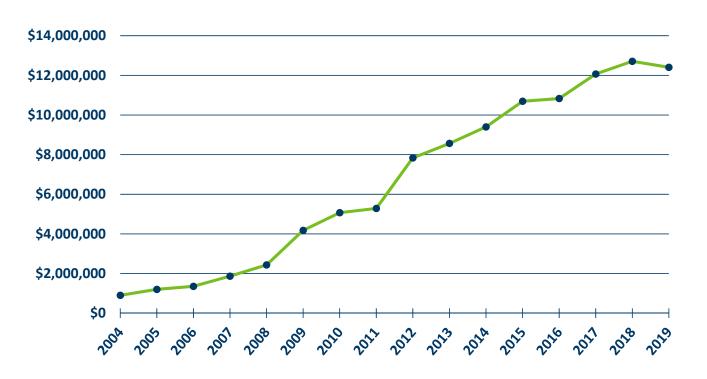
- For Wind Energy Production Taxes, multiple WECS's nameplate capacities are combined if they:
 - Are located within five miles of each other
 - Constructed within the same 12-month period
 - Are under common ownership
- In the case of a dispute, the Department of Commerce will determine the size of the system



- Late filer/non-filer consequences:
 - Owners are taxed at 60% of the nameplate capacity of the system

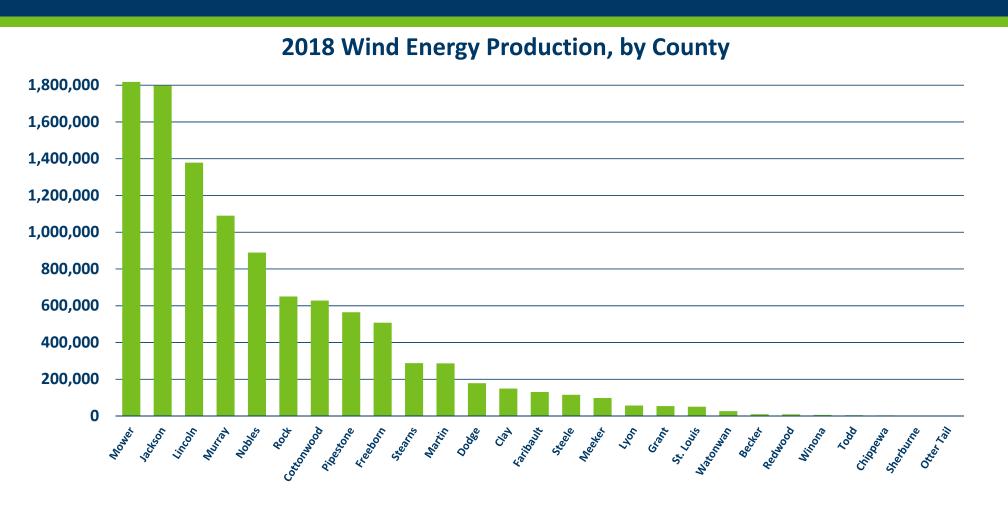


Total Wind Energy Production Tax in Minnesota, per taxes payable Year

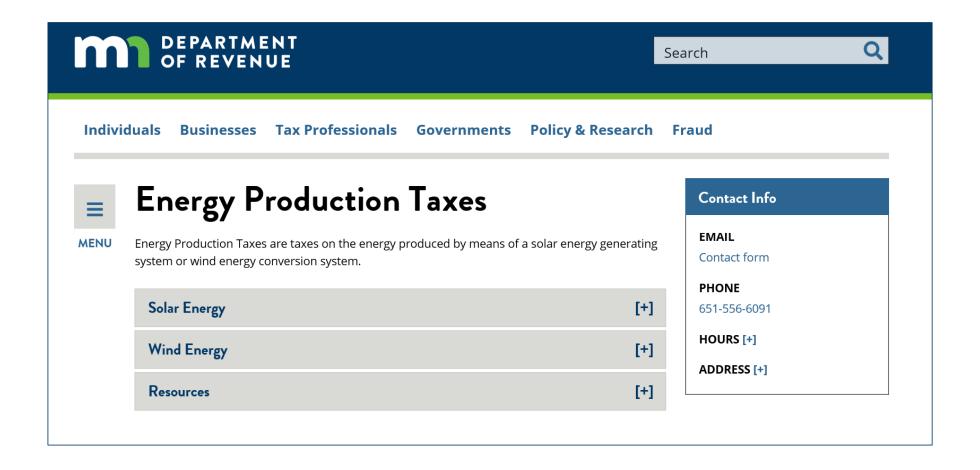




Wind Energy Production Tax



Energy Production Tax





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What is Utility and Pipeline Property Tax?

We base the utility and pipeline property tax on the market value of a utility or pipeline company's operating property.









Two methods to estimate company's market value:

- Cost Less Depreciation
- Unit Value

Revenue's Timeline

January 2: Assessment date

March 31: Market Value Report and Property Record Report due

March – July: Complete and issue valuations and apportionment

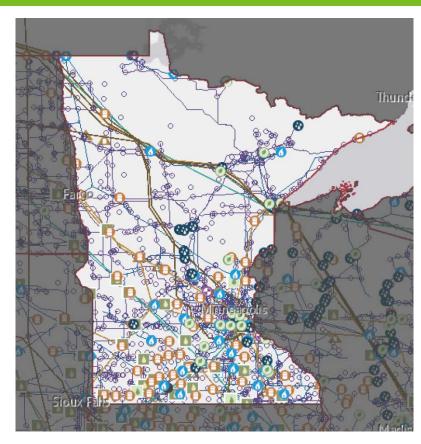
July 15: Send equalized apportioned orders to counties

October 1: Send corrected equalized apportioned orders to counties

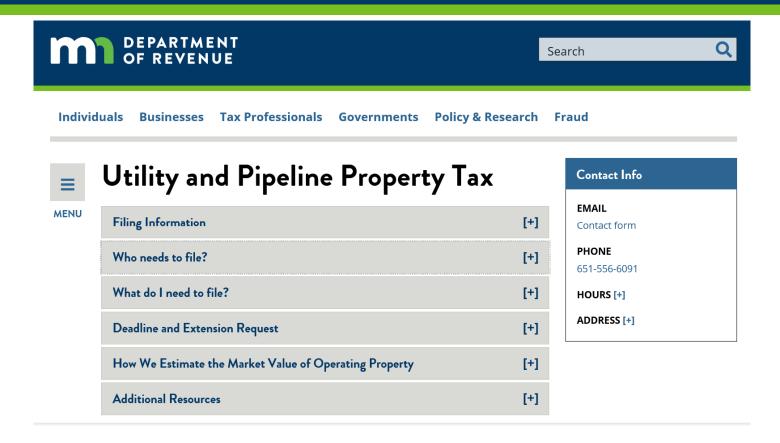
December 31: Send corrections due to clerical errors

How many companies file?

Electric Cooperative	49
Electric IOU's	15
Fluid Pipeline	12
Gas Distribution	16
Gas Transmission	10
Water	2
Total	104



Map retrieved from Energy Information Administration





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Utility and Pipeline Property Tax Dates		
November – December	We send updated property record reports to companies to complete for the assessment	
January 2	Assessment date	
January – May	We complete the Capitalization Rate Study	
March 31	Deadline for companies to submit: Utility and Pipeline Market Value Report Utility and Pipeline Property Record Report	
March – July	We complete and send property valuations and apportionment information to companies	
July 15	We send Utility and Pipeline Equalized Orders to county auditors and assessors	
October 1	We send corrected utility and pipeline values to counties	
December 31	We issue corrections to utility and pipeline values for clerical errors	

Railroad Property Tax Dates		
October – November	We sent property record reports to companies to report changes of operating and non-operating railroad property for assessment	
December 1	We send updates of operating and non-operating railroad property to counties	
January 2	Assessment date	
January – May	We complete the Capitalization Rate Study	
March 31	Deadline for companies to submit the Annual Report of Railroad Companies	
June 30	We send Railroad Equalized Order to country auditors and assessors	
August 31	We send railroad value corrections to counties	
December 31	We issue clerical corrections of railroad property values	

What does the department assess?

Utility and pipeline operating property

- If property is on the same or contiguous parcels as operating, it's all operating
- Improvements to the land (such as fencing and concrete at substation locations)
- Pipelines, pumping stations, compressor stations, transmission lines, distribution lines, etc.

Land is **not** operating property.



Changes in Operating Property

How do I know if there are changes in operating property?

-Get railroads updates by Dec. 15

-Get utility/pipeline changes on our website; search for Property Tax Data and Statistics



Utility and Pipeline

- DOR ID (soon to be updated to SA Property ID)
- County Name
- City/Township
- Parcel ID

- Property Name
- New or Retired Property
- Property Type Description
- County Notes
- Cost Information

Railroad

- DOR ID (soon to be updated to SA Property ID)
- County Name
- City/Township
- Parcel ID
- Property name

- Line Name
- County Notes
- Number of operating acres
- Mainline miles of track
- Other miles of track
- Original cost of structures

Panel



Property Record Panel

Panelists:

- Alan Annis, Director of Taxes BNSF Railway Company
- Damaris Ledesma, Revenue Tax Specialist State Assessed Property
- Debra Davis, Chief Deputy Auditor/Treasurer Itasca County
- Gertrude Paschke, Faribault County Assessor Faribault County
- Ryan Everett, Indirect Tax Lead ITC Midwest, LLC



GIS Presentation - Kansas



Kansas Statewide Tax Units Initiative



Data Access & Support Center

• Established by the Kansas GIS Policy Board in 1991

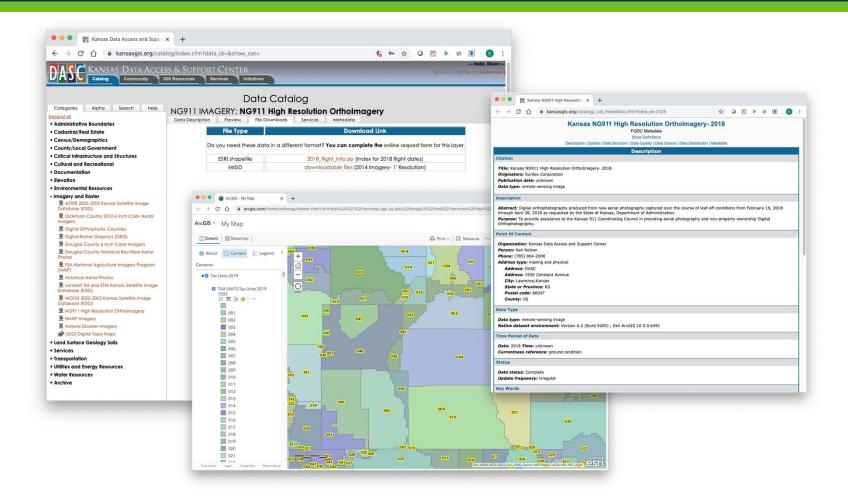
• Central archive and distribution center for Kansas GIS databases

 Located at the Kansas Geological Survey at the University of Kansas

Web site – http://www.kansasgis.org



Kansas GIS Data The DASC Data Catalog



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Over 200,000 files distributed annually

Approximately 30TB* delivered annually

DASC stores over 11TB of geospatial data

Host over 250 map services that receive around 60 million hits annually

* compressed

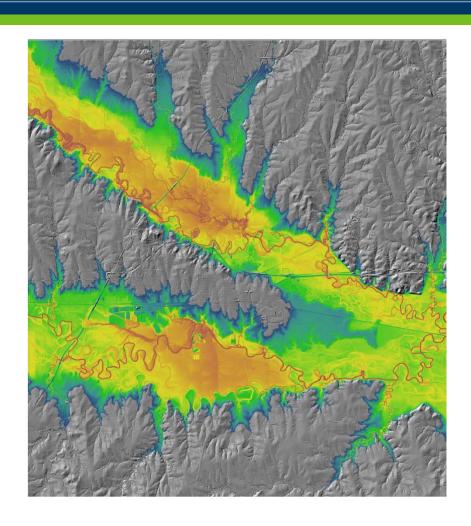
Imagery

Statewide, 1 foot resolution, leaf off, natural color imagery - acquired ~2015 & 2018

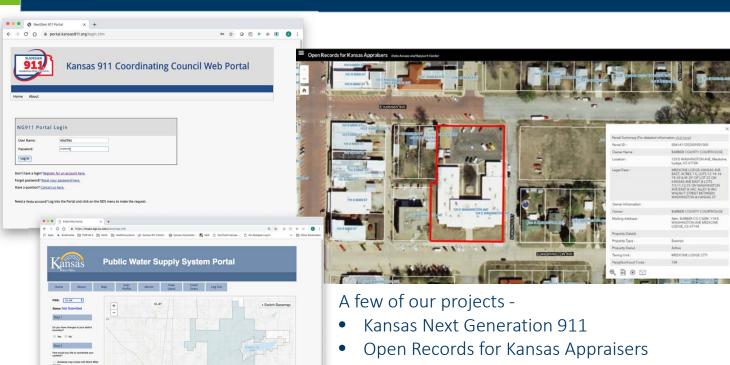


Elevation data

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DASC Initiatives



- Dept of AG Base Flood Elevation
- Kansas Water Office Rural Water District boundaries
- KDOT Crash Reports
- Statewide Tax Unit Boundaries

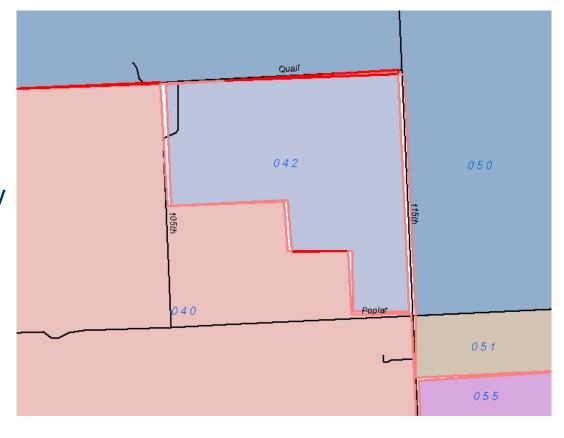
Background

- 2009 Proof of concept
 - Work with PVD to develop workflow
 - Clerks training
 - Gather available data
 - Data clean up correct data gap errors, standardize attribute information (State codes, as well as tax unit codes)
- 2010 Establish statewide baseline GIS file
 - DASC & PVD worked to together gathering tax unit information from Clerks separate from Certification
 - Data collected via GIS files or paper maps and verified for accuracy by Clerks
 - Clerks also submit database summary of tax units to KDOR/PVD Tax Unit database

Topology Errors

- Gaps
- Overlaps

Errors internally and along county boundaries



Data Attributions issues:

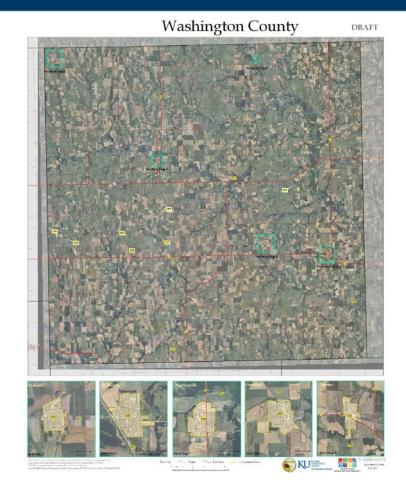
Inconsistent – not all units had the required 3 digit state tax unit code

Standardization – maintaining FIPS Codes (state & county)

Before standardization

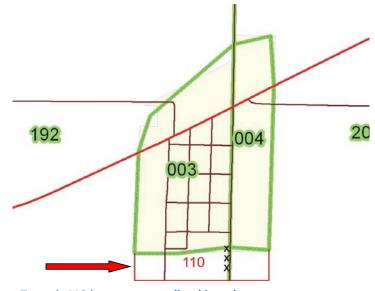
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161	
20	
7	
32	
4A	
9999	

Paper Maps



Paper Maps Edit Instructions:

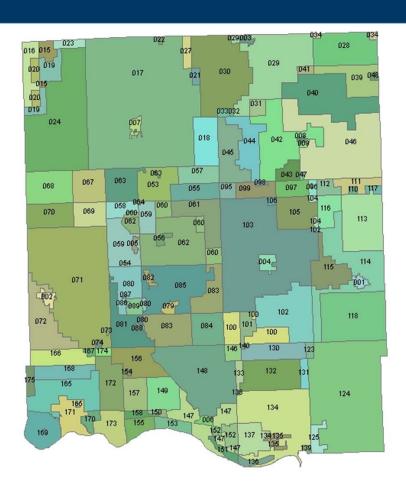
- Mark up the map with markers/colored pencils
- Cross out incorrect boundaries and draw new boundaries in
- Double check each tax unit number, correct if needed
- Feel free to include additional print outs or documentation!



Tax unit 110 is new area outlined in red.

County GIS data
Submitted to DASC

DASC incorporates
GIS data into
statewide GIS file
and makes any
corrections needed
along county
boundaries



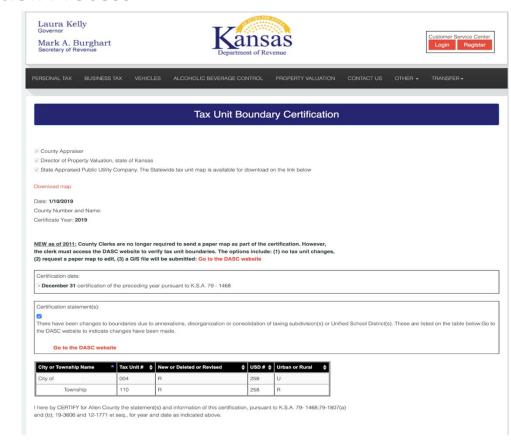
2011 – First public data release

- Updates integrated into Clerk's annual tax unit Certification process
- Eliminate need for Clerks to submit paper map to KDOR/PVD
- KDOR/PVD Certification document contains a link to DASC website with on-line map viewer
- Clerks certify with KDOR/PVD & with DASC via on-line map viewer
- Total of 6 statewide GIS data files were released to the public on the DASC website between March - November

Annual Certification Process

Step 1 County Clerks
submit
Certification
on KDOR
website

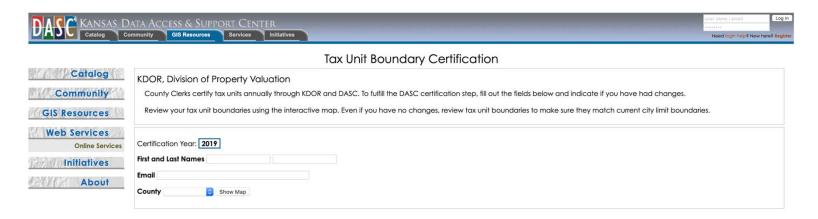
Certification starts on Dec 1 annually



Annual Certification Process

Step 2 -

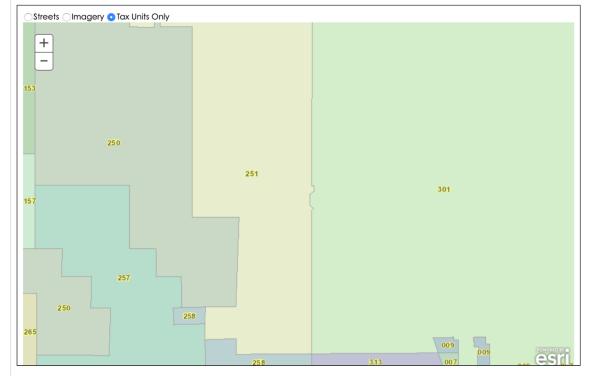
County Clerks submit Certification on DASC website



Annual Certification Process

County
Clerks use
DASC's web
based
application
to review tax
unit
boundaries

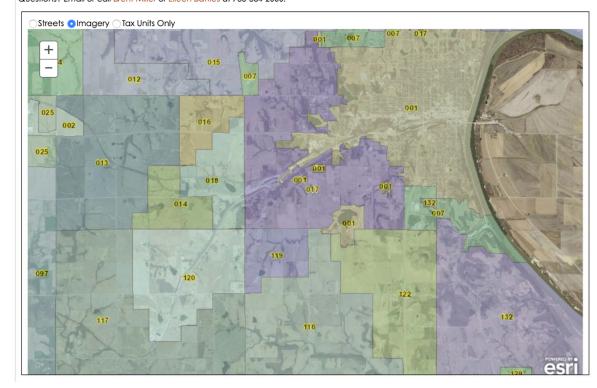
Help:
Use the +/- on the left side of the map to zoom in or out.
Zoom in to view more detail.
Click, grab, and release map to pan.
Questions? Email or call Brent Miller or Eileen Battles at 785-864-2000.



Annual Certification Process

Application includes interactive map to review tax unit boundaries

Different base map options for reference, including imagery Help:
Use the +/- on the left side of the map to zoom in or out.
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After review is complete, County Clerks select Changes or No Changes

Verified on 01/31/2019

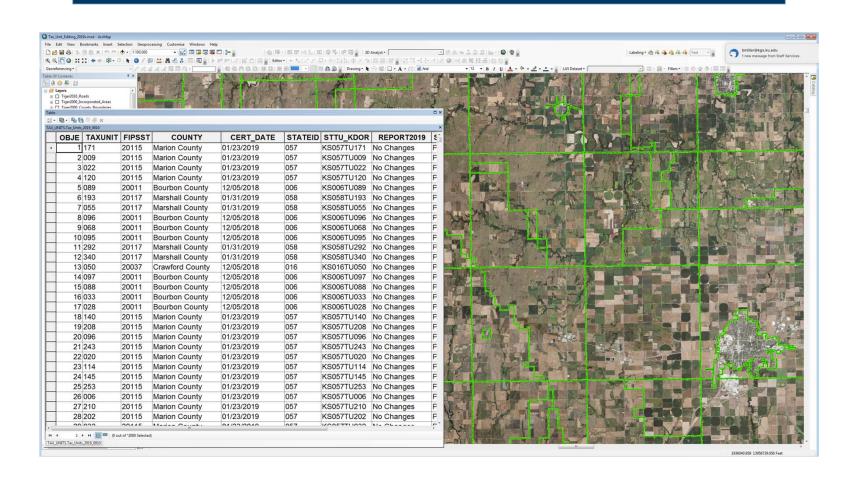
Last Certified on 10/17/2019.
Please choose one of the following:
 We have no changes (the online map as displayed is correct and current). Our tax units have changed.
 Please have DASC send us a paper map for editing. We have our own paper maps and will send a map with our edits to DASC. Mail maps to Eileen Battles, 1930 Constant Ave, West Campus, Lawrence, KS 66047 as soon as possible. We have changes and will submit our tax units through a GIS file. I understand that the GIS files need to be emailed to battles@kgs.ku.edu as soon as possible.
Certify
Not Verified
Verify

After updates have been integrated into the statewide data, DASC contacts County Clerks that submitted changes to review their boundaries again to verify everything is correct.

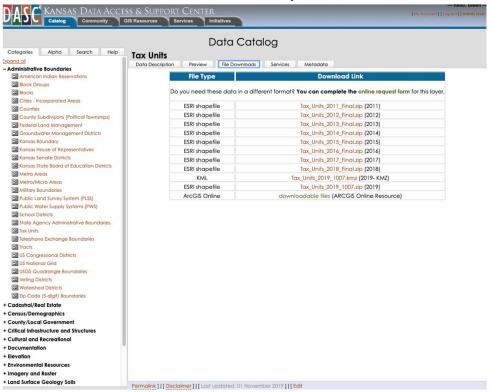
DASC editing procedure

- 1 Tax Unit GIS file submission
 - County removed and replaced with new data
- 2 Parcel GIS file submission
 - Heads up digitizing, boundary comparison
- 3 Paper map submission
 - Heads up digitizing, PDF review

Final step, clean up topology errors and confirm no null values.



Statewide GIS file released annually on DASC website by March 1



There have been 6 updates released in 2019

2019 Statistics

- All 105 counties submitted a Certification through PVD & DASC
- Submitted Certifications:
 - o 29 GIS
 - o 5 Paper
 - o 71 No Changes
- Clerks familiar with DASC web interface
- Saving county and KDOR/PVD staff time and resources
- GIS data publicly available for download 24/7

Annual KDOR/PVD County Clerk Training Classes

- September
 - Classes offered in six different locations across the state

Annual KDOR/PVD and DASC Quality Assurance (QA)

- November
 - KDOR/PVD tax unit database
 - Statewide GIS data
 - Identify any inconsistencies
 - Communicate with County Clerks if corrections needed

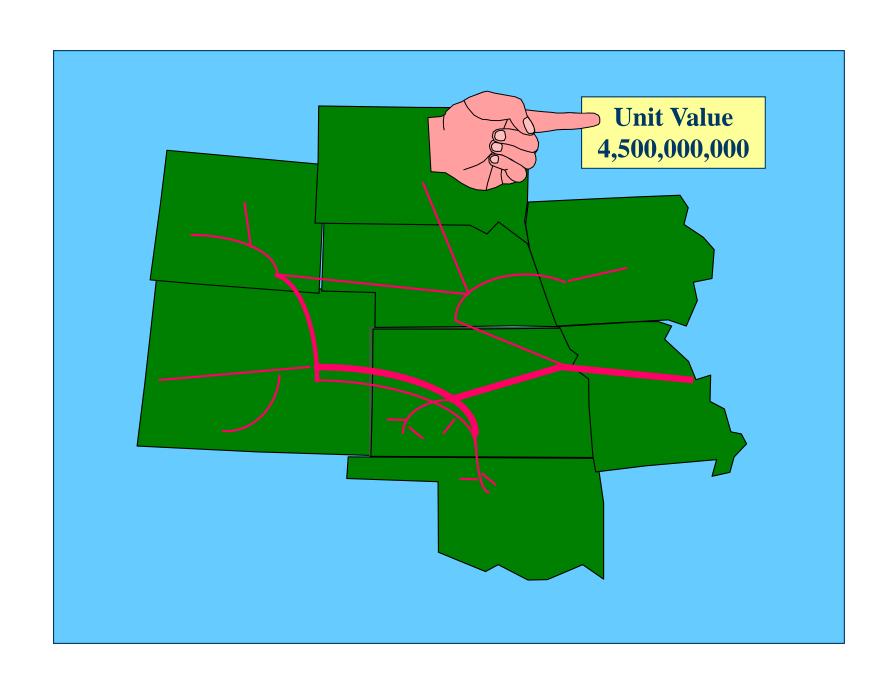
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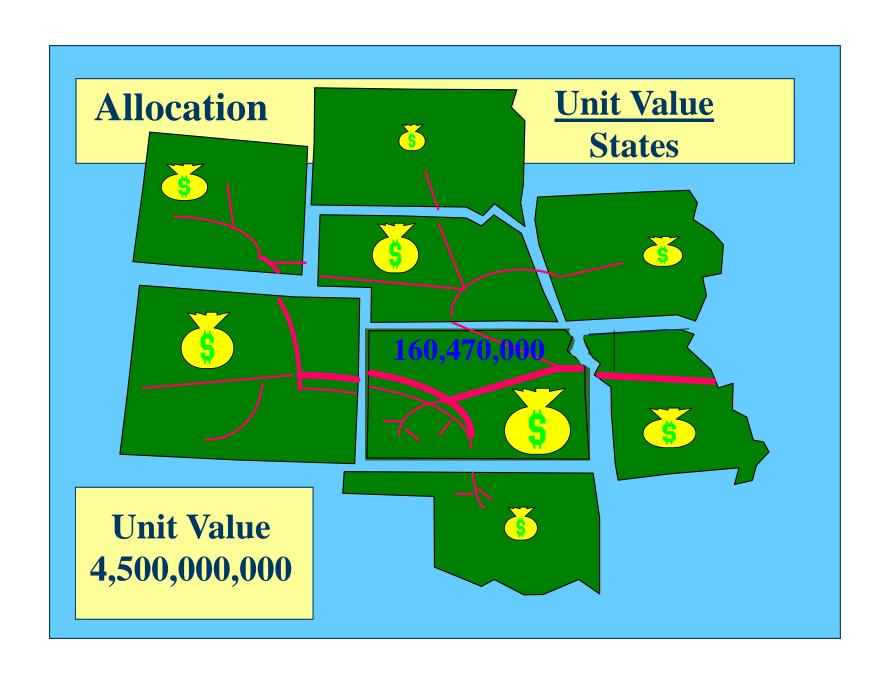
- Partnership GIS submissions process integrated into KDOR/PVD existing certification workflow
- Communication training, presentations, webinars, handouts, etc
- Quality Control verify tax units are valid and certified with Revenue
- Heavy lift at beginning of project compiling data and introducing new step to Clerks
- Maintenance Educating new Clerks

REMAINING STEPS IN THE UNIT VALUE PROCESS

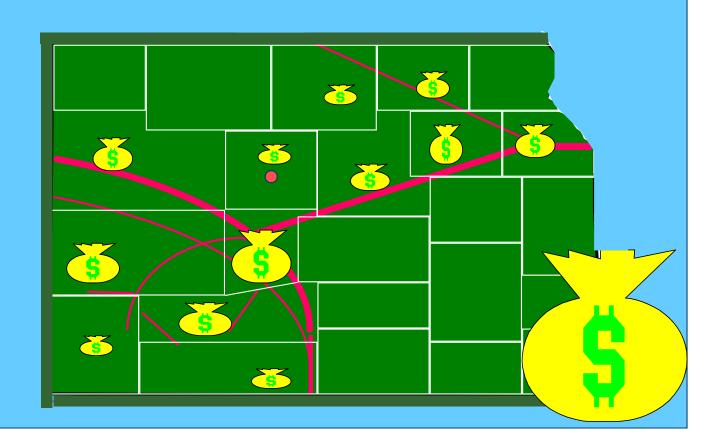
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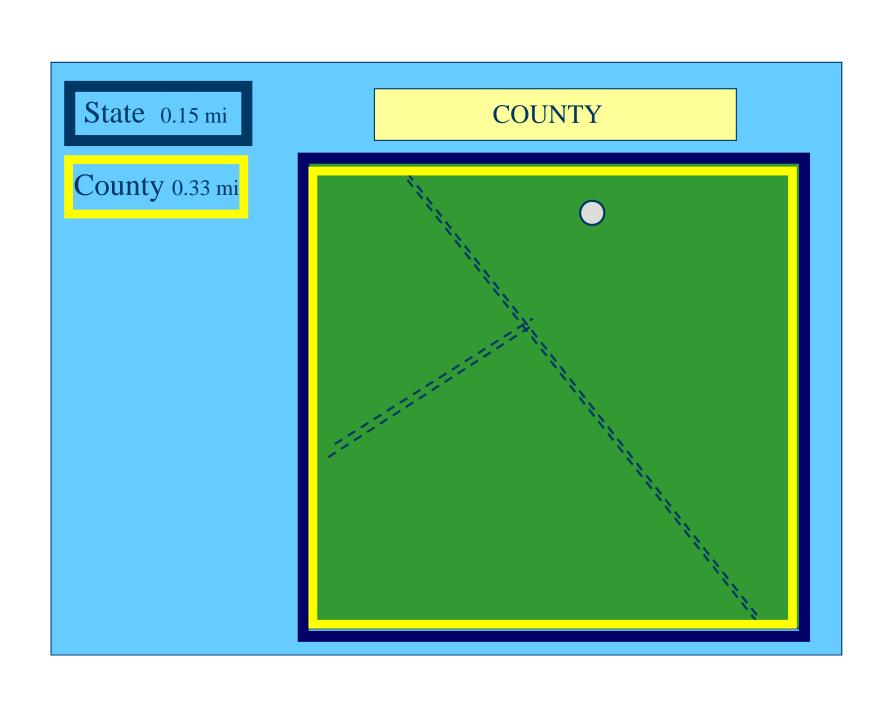
Distribution: The goal of distribution is to assign a reasonable portion of the Allocated unit value to each Taxing Unit





The Allocated \$ to the State Must then be Distributed or Apportioned within the State





State 0.15 mi County 0.33 mi

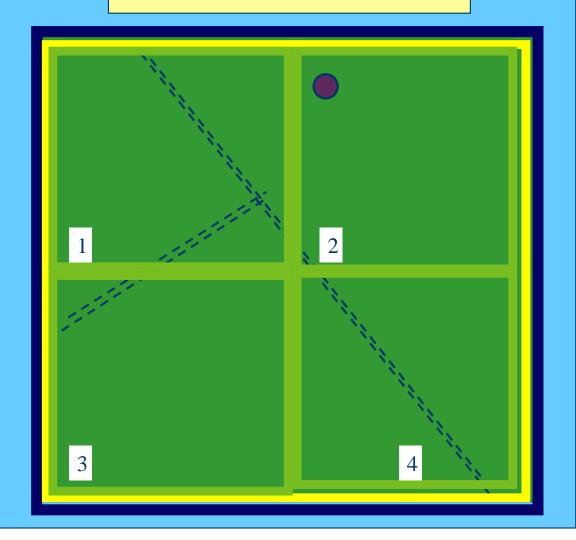
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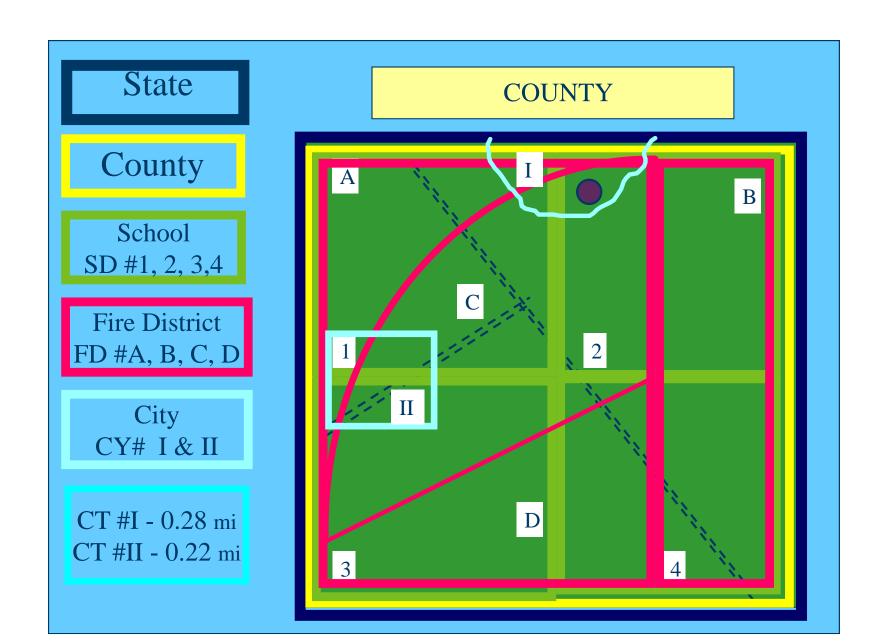
SD #1 - 0.66 mi SD #2 - 0.75 mi

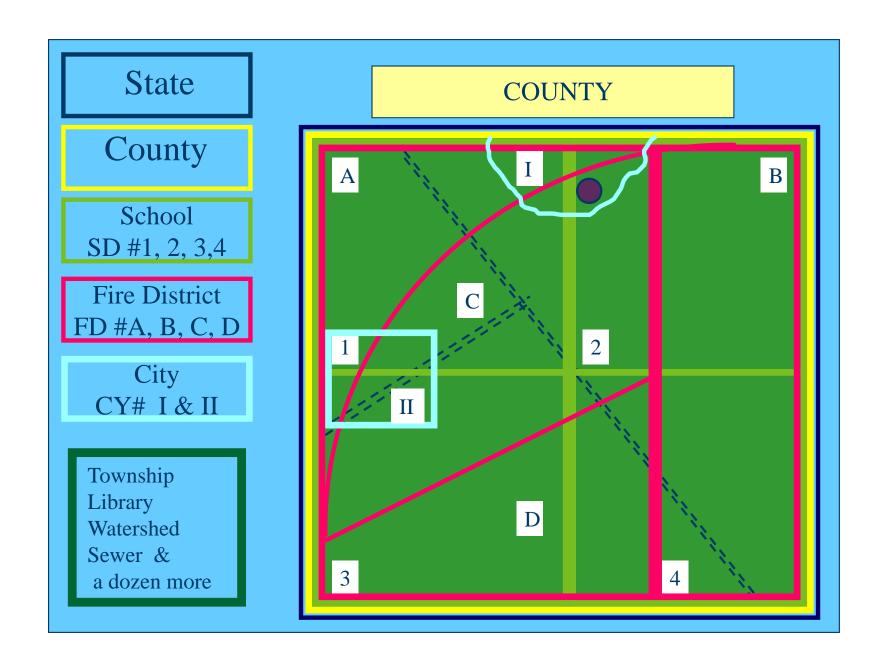
SD #3 - 0.48 mi

SD #4 - 0.62 mi

COUNTY







State

County

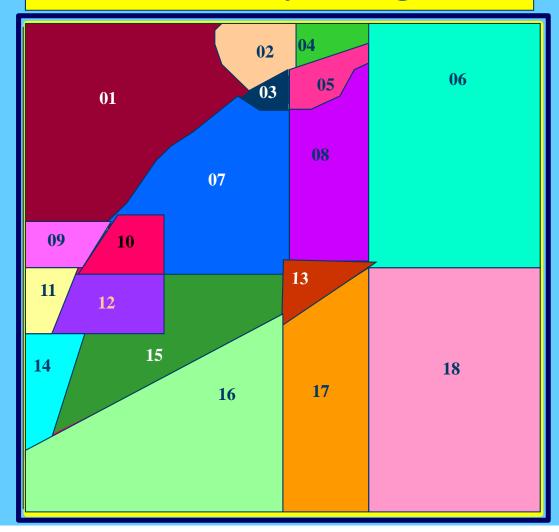
School SD #1, 2, 3,4

Fire District FD #A, B, C, D

City CY# I & II

Township
Library
Watershed
Sewer &
a dozen more

Distribution by Taxing Unit



REQUIREMENTS

- Equal 100%
- Data readily available
 - Some sort of Cost is most common
- Suitable for application to all taxing jurisdictions
- Lead to a plausible conclusion

ALLOCATION METHODS...

- Property Elements (cost, track miles) vs. Use Elements (revenue, NOI)
 - Preliminary, planning data collection and analysis
- Different allocations for different industries

ALLOCATION METHODS...

Dictated by State law or policy

80%	Gross Plant, Property and Equipment
10%	Total Miles of Pipe (in 2" equivalent units)
10%	Total Traffic Units (MCF)
60%	Gross plant in service
15%	Miles of pipe (inch equivalent 15%;
25%	Barrel Miles
75%	Original Cost
20%	Barrel Miles
5%	Terminal Activity
75%	Gross plant in service
25%	Barrel Miles

<u>Kansas Allocation – Original Cost</u>

shall be assigned an assessed value, in proportion to original cost thereof

	2016	2015
Unit Value	\$4,500,000,000	\$3,500,000,000
KS Investment	\$239,866,369	\$238,831,461
System Inv.	\$6,726,485,145	\$4,813,545,678
Allocation	0.035660	0.049617
KS Value \$160,4	70,000	\$173,660,000

<u>UNIT VALUE</u>	2016 YEAR	2015 YEAR
Director's Unit Value	1,600,000,000	1,500,000,000
ALLOCATION		
Kansas Investment	4,300,000,000	3,600,000,000
System Investment	4,500,000,000	3,800,000,000
KS Allocation Factor	0.96	0.95
TAXABLE PROPERTY ALLOCATION		
KS Exempt Property	925,000,000	450,000,000
KS Taxable Property	3,375,000,000	3,150,000,000
System Investment	4,500,000,000	3,800,000,000
KS Taxable Allocation Factor	0.750000	0.828947
KS Value	1,528,889,600	1,421,052,000
Taxable Property Value	1,200,000,000	1,243,420,500
Exempt Property Value	328,889,600	177,631,500
Assessment Rate	33%	33%
Kansas Taxable Assessed Value	396,000,000	410,328,765

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Most appraisal authorities agree that the unit value concept is the most appropriate way to value the property of a public utility company located in multiple taxing jurisdictions...
- Apportionment of unit values to taxing districts are assignments of value - not valuations themselves
- The market value of a fractional portion of the unit cannot be determined by allocation/distribution
- Sales of segments of the unit usually bear no relationship to the value of the whole unit

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Break



State Assessed Property and GIS

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Geospatial Information System

- Organize
- Communicate
- Understand
- Collaborate

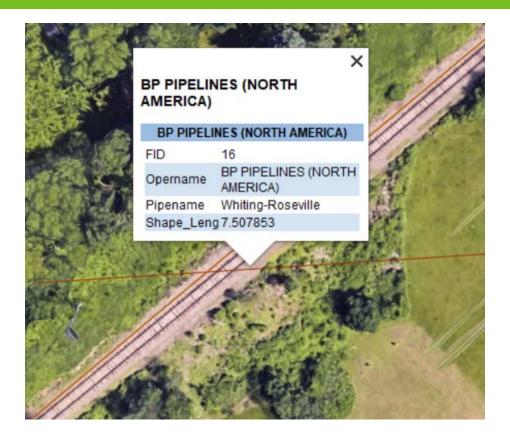
How can GIS help with reporting property?

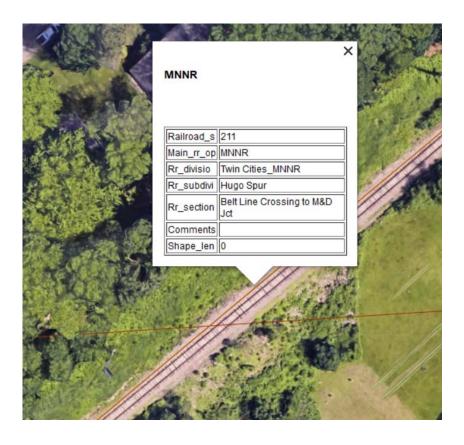
- Central location
- Consistent boundaries
- Sharing information



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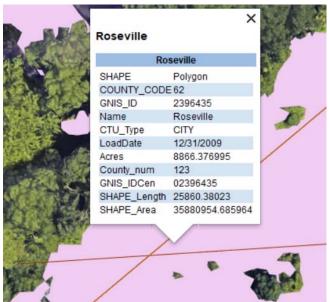






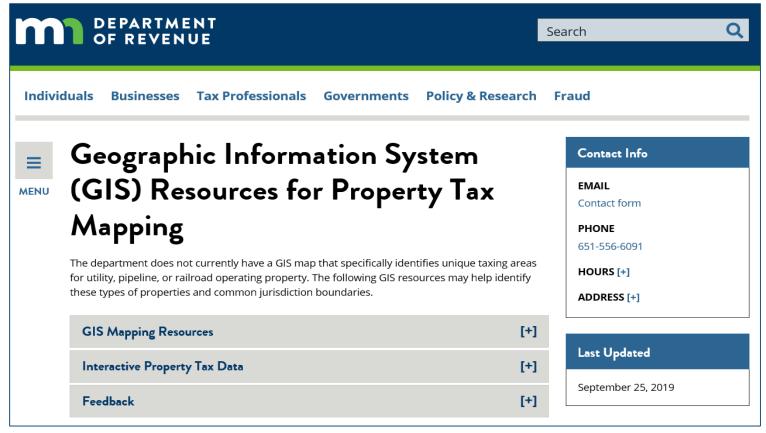
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Statewide GIS Resources



Panel



GIS Panel

Panelists:

- Anne Grunert, Brown County Assessor
- Becky Nordskog, ALLETE Tax Department
- Gale Zimmermann Property Tax Compliance Officer (Department)
- John Savicky Union Pacific Railroad Company, Manager-Property Tax
- Mike Zabinski, PRISM Research Analysis Specialist (Department)
- Rachel Koch, Tax Research Research Analysis Specialist (Department)



Break-out Sessions



Thank you!

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