



# GEORGIA

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Project Description: Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping Solution

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The town is currently using NEMRC to create the Georgia Parcel Map. The parcel map displays all parcels in the town, landowner information, parcel information, links to any recorded surveys, and a link to the property cards.

This parcel map is used by the assessor and the clerk's office and is an integral part of the Planning and Zoning department. The issue we have in Planning & Zoning is that the map is updated only once per year, contains errors, and does not integrate with any of the software we use for permitting and land use.

The proposal presented during budgeting aimed to tie everything into a single mapping system and create a more useful map that met the needs of all departments. That could still be accomplished, but after continued conversations with the company, they changed the pricing to a level well above the approved budget, due to additional issues with the current map. Based on an investigation of the town's needs and updated maps, I am recommending changing course from the initial proposal used for budgeting.

The current map we use with NEMRC is a tax parcel map. This map is tied directly to the Grand List and is typically updated once per year, once the Grand List is finalized. This links the data and the map, and it is not recommended to change it often.

Planning & Zoning currently uses this map when dealing with applicants to verify ownership, parcel data, abutters, and zoning districts. With development, there is constant change in parcel layouts, ownership, and the addition of roads. The need for Planning & Zoning to have maps updated more than once per year is critical.

This difference in what the town needs for mapping between zoning and taxes is the issue. I was trying to combine the two needs into one system, and it has become evident from my discussion with vendors that this is not going to work, or at least work well.

Moving forward, I recommend continuing with NEMRC for our tax mapping. We will continue to work with them to fix errors and maintain the once-per-year updates. The NEMRC Parcel Map, even though not as robust as the proposed map, will work for what is required in the assessor and clerk's office.

For Planning & Zoning needs, I would recommend adding the Property Database Management system from CloudPermit. Their module will allow the zoning department to have an interactive parcel map that works with online permitting, enabling us to update parcel map data as new projects occur quickly and ensure we are working with accurate data.

I have included the proposal from CloudPermit, which will cost much less than our 2026 budget of \$7,000. Going forward, the cost will align with the budget discussion, with a total of around \$3,500 per year for both NEMRC and CloudPermit.

Sincerely,

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