Designing Institutions to Track Institutional Controls Building The "Institution" for ICs

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An IC Institution?

The only problem with Institutional Controls is that there's no institution and no controls.

- •Does an Institution Exist for Institutional Controls?
- •Why Do We Need an IC Institution?
- •What Should an IC Institution Do?
- •Where Are we Now?



Overview

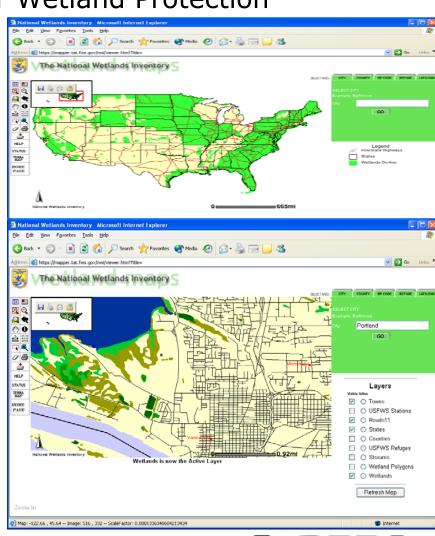
- Other "Institutions" that Serve a Public Purpose – Their Common Elements.
- Unique Challenges for Building an IC Institution.
- Which "Pre-IC" IC-Related Information Managements Systems Already Exist – How Do They Measure Up to the Unique Challenges.
- The Vision for the Direction of the Building IC Institution



Other Institutions

The "Institution" for Wetland Protection

- •Purpose: Protect Dredge & Fill of Wetlands
- Definition: Statutes, Courts, Wetland Delineation Manual.
- •Info Management: GIS-Based Inventory
- Enforceable Rules: CWA 404Permitting Scheme
- Compliance Assurance: Permit Enforcement
- Inter-Governmental Cooperation

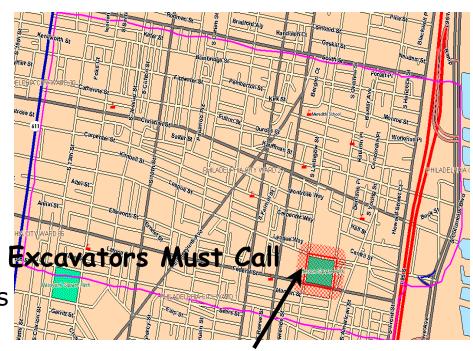




Other "Institutions"

One Call Before You Dig

- Purpose: Provide Damage Prevention Service for Underground Utilities.
- Definition: Underground Lines are Statute-Defined
- Enforceable Rules: State
 Statutes Require
 Underground Facility Owners
 to Join & Excavators to Call.
- Compliance Assurance: One Call Prevention Process, Threat of Liability
- Outreach: Advertising & Promotion



State One Call Systems Maintain A Library of "No Dig" Areas

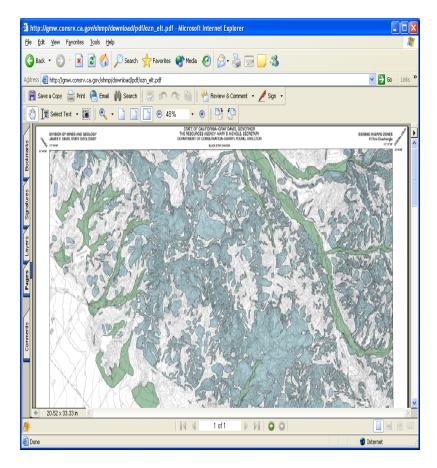
Underground Line Owners Mark Lines Within 2-3 Days



Other "Institutions"

Seismic Zone Protection

- **Purpose:** Protect Public From Earthquake-Related Hazards. Discourage/Regulate Development in Seismic Zones.
- Definition: Seismic Mapping Guidelines
- •Enforceable Rules: Mapping Required by the Seismic Hazards Mapping Act. Duty to Disclose Seismic Zone to Buyers.
- Inter-Government Cooperation: Cities and Counties Must Consult the Map Prior to Project Approval.





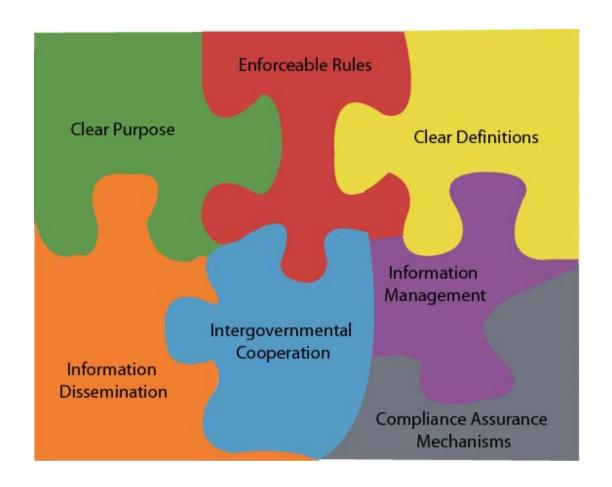
Other Institutions

Examples of Other Public "Institutions"

- SDWA Source Water Assessment Program (SWAP) & Sole Source Aquifer Program
- National Historic Preservation
 - National Register of Historic Resources
 - State Historic Preservation Officer Consultation
- Floodplain Management
- See Jay Pendergrass, ELR News & Analysis (Mar. 1996).



Common "Institution" Elements







The Purpose - It Depends Which Users You Ask.

- Government
- Responsible Parties
- Property Developers
- Interested Public
- Local Planners & Permit Writers

- ResponsibleParty/EnvironmentalAgency Relationship(Who Pays?)
- •Impact on Property Redevelopment (e.g., BFPP Rules)
- •The Scope v. Reliance on Existing Institutions.





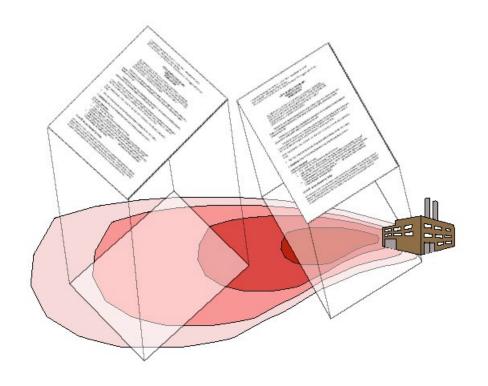
Clear Definitions

Current Definitions

•IC vs. LUC vs. AUL – not a big deal.

Legal/Administrative
 Mechanism Designed to
 Prevent Exposure or
 Destruction of Remedy
 Apparatus

•Implemented vs. Non-Implemented ICs.









Enforceable Rules

The Rules

- Proprietary Controls (Covenants/Easements)
- Government Controls (Zoning) Ordinances, Local Legislation)
- Enforceable Agreements (Consent Agreements, Orders, Permits)
- Informational Devices

- Proprietary Rules May Not Be Enforceable - but see the Model UECA.
- Enforcement Authority Lies With A Separate Entity



Compliance Assurance



Compliance Assurance Mechanisms

- Municipal Code Enforcement
- Title Searching Provides Notice
- Deed Restriction Enforcement
- Environmental Cleanup Liability
- Environmental Agency Monitoring
- 3rd Party Monitoring

- •Reliance on Pre-Existing Institutions Which Did Not Historically Contemplate Human Health Protection.
 - Deed Restrictions & Property Recording are Transaction Oriented (the "Cloud Title" issue)
 - Government Control Enforcement not Commensurate with the Demands of ICs
 - ■Code Enforcement Studies Suggest Problematic Enforcement
- •Getting the Right Information to the Right People at the Right Time.
- •Enforcement Resolve/Resources Exists Within Separate Agencies.





Intergovernmental Cooperation

The Issue

 At any Given Cleanup Varying Levels of Government & Government Agencies Play an IC-Related Role.

- Coordinating IC Sub-Institutions to Make a Single IC Institution.
- This Might Be the Biggest Challenge that Exists



IC Information Management

Information Management

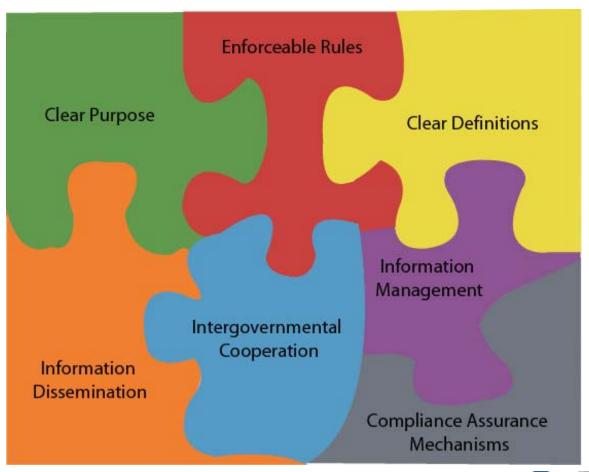
Existing IC Information Management

- Property Recording Offices
- •Municipal Codes
- Environmental AgencyCleanup-Related Documents
- IC-Specific InformationManagement Systems

- •Tailor the Existing Institutions More Directly Towards IC Issues, Without Duplicating Efforts.
- IC Information Management is Evolving Along With an Evolving IC Institution.



A Closer Look at Existing IC-Related Institutions

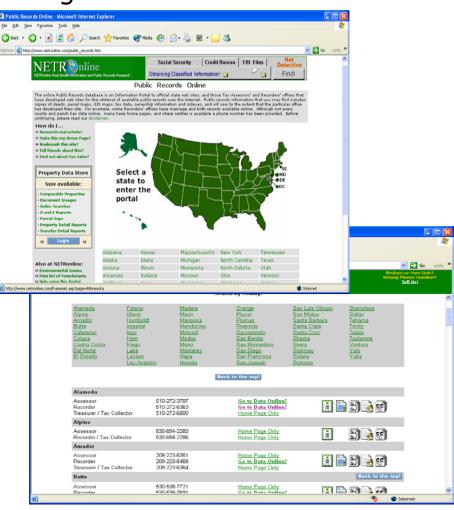




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Property Recording Offices

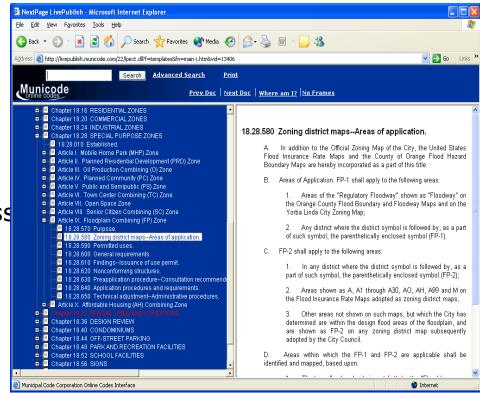
- Nationwide Mature System for Recording Property-Related Interests.
- Only Limitedly Available On-Line
- Detailed Property Restriction (Title Encumbrances)
 Information Exists
- Requires Sophisticated Expertise - Entire Title Search Industry Exists
 - Grantor-Grantee Index
 - Tract Index
 - Attorney & Non-Attorney States





Existing IC Information ManagementMunicipal Codes

- Online Access to Municipal Codes Exists
- •County Clerk, Land Use Planning Agency, County Library.
- Detailed/Burdensome Process

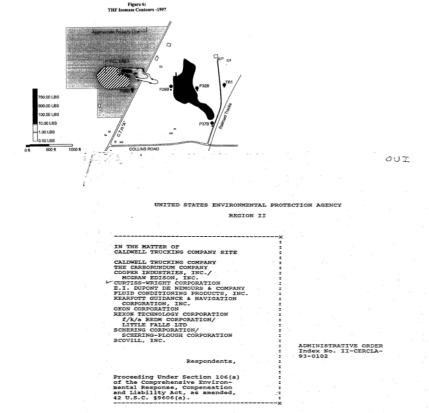




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Environmental Cleanup Documents

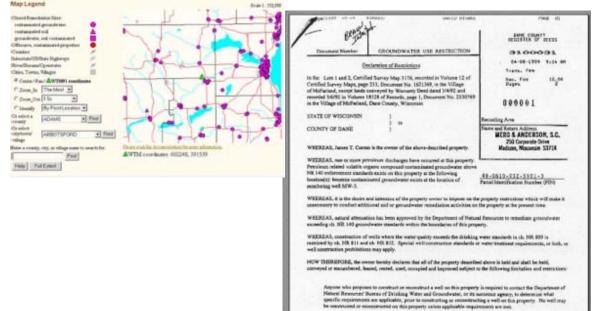
- Good Record of Exposure & Risk Assumptions.
- Often Do Not Provide a Good Discussion About the IC Required.
- •Generally, No Ready Access
- Voluminous, Highly Technical





Existing IC Information ManagementState IC Tracking Efforts

- About ½ of the States
 Expressly Track IC Use
 - Varied Breadth
- Not Typically Injected Into the Local Permitting Process.
- Tracking Protocol Not Standard Among States
- Not Yet.





The Future Vision

Purpose Protect Public from Environmental

Exposure While Facilitating

Redevelopment

Definitions
 Cover Both the IC Instrument and

the Actual Risk.

Enforceable Rules
 UECA Will Take Hold to Cover Single

or Few Parcel Contamination &

Government Ordinances Will Become

Increasingly Tailored.



The Future Vision

Intergovernmental Coordination The LUCIP Model Will Take Hold. Local Governments Will Come To Welcome ICs.

Compliance Assurance

Quantify the Cost of IC Stewardship. State's Will Develop IC Permit Program. Real Time Monitoring for IC Conflicts Required, 3rd Party-Provided Leveraging Existing Institutions Such As One Call and Property Recording Information. Government Agency Will Perform Routine Auditing.



IC Institution The Future Vision

IC Information Management

IC Data Sharing Standards Will Exist – Heavy GIS Emphasis. Portal Will Exist Where Government Agencies Share IC Information & Where Users Can One-Stop Shop.

Environmental Agencies will Keep Track of their Covenants, and Local Ordinances – focusig on the Exposure Control Issue, and Auditing Programs.

3rd Party Providers Will Inject "for Pay" Services Into the Information Management System On Behalf of Responsible Parties.

