

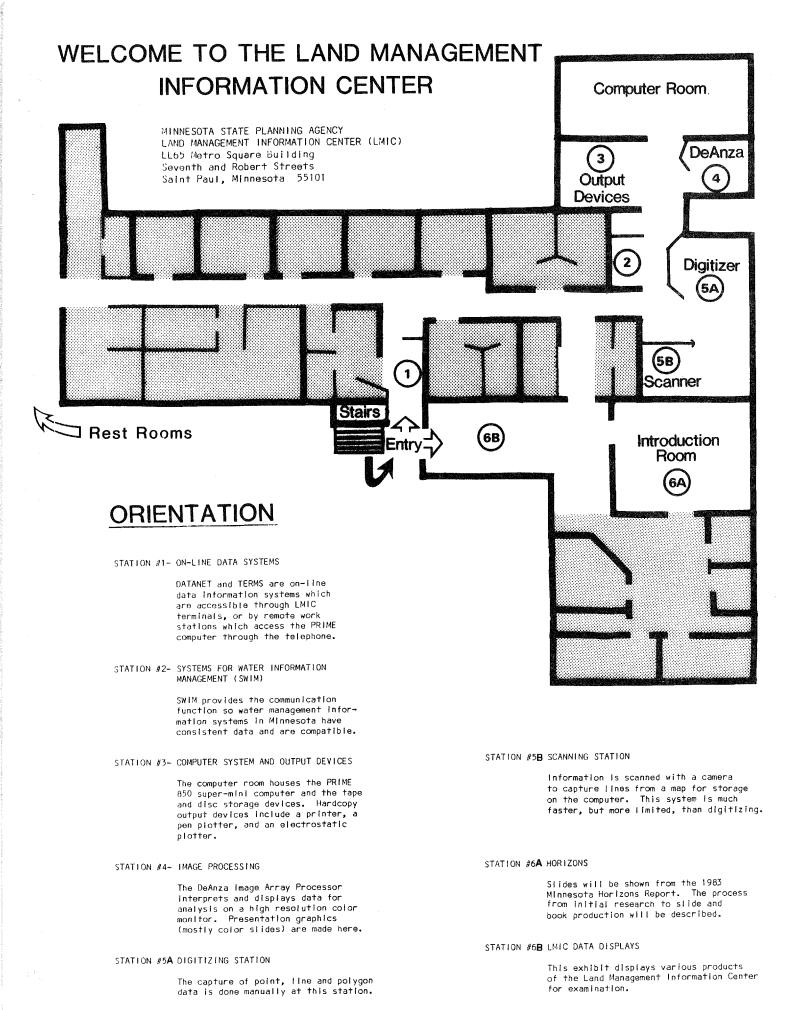
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INTRODUCTION TO THE LAND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CENTER (LMIC)

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INTRODUCTION

The Land Management Information Center (LMIC) is a service bureau that provides land managers throughout the state with computer-based data analysis and display of natural resource, cultural, and political boundary information.

LMIC maintains the Minnesota Land Management Information System (MLMIS), a geographically-based resource information system that is used to map and analyze environmental data (soils, geology, hydrologic features, forest cover, for example) as well as cultural data (land use, highways, census data, political jurisdictions, for example). The majority of statewide information is stored by 40-acre parcel, with more detailed information available for special study areas. In addition, point, line, and polygon data such as rivers, lake boundaries, and census tracts are also stored in the MLMIS.

Minnesota is 84,000 square miles in area. There is a diversity of natural resources - forests, croplands, and minerals. Although Minnesota does not have a high degree of urban and industrial pressures, Minnesota's information system is used to properly manage resource production as well as protect environmental quality.

DEVELOPMENT HISTORY

The system was developed at the University of Minnesota. During this period from 1967 to 1977 the initial pilot study was conducted, the data base was developed, and case study projects were completed. This was a period of early computer hardware development and the system grew as technology advanced.

In 1977 the system was transferred to the state government to function as a service bureau. The data base and computer programs were at an operational level for natural resource planning projects. The office is the Land Management Information Center in the State Planning Agency.

The development of the system has been slow and deliberate with early funding at a small level. This can be considered an "evolutionary" as compared to "grand design" approach to system development.

The pattern of funding has been steadily increasing:

General appropriations from the Minnesota Legislature which currently supports permanent staff of eleven has increased slightly and has leveled off.

Research funding, from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, including computer equipment acquisition and a current system development staff of seven has increased substantially after the initial success of the system had been demonstrated.

Fees from clients who request products and services have increased substantially following the general acceptance of the system and establishment of a computer center.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

The Service Bureau role is that of a clearinghouse between data sources and data users. This is the same approach used for individual planning projects - but expanded into a comprehensive system, including:

Geographic coverage of the entire state.

General application of the system for many natural resource planning projects.

A "common pool" of data provided by sources on a continuous basis.

A broad range of information services and products.

The data is provided and maintained by source agencies at the state, federal, and local levels. Efforts are made to coordinate their collection procedures. The users are the research, planning, and management units within government agencies. Users can access this data bank or purchase information that provides objective data and technical services.

The Service Bureau offers comprehensive information services to potential users. It is, in effect, a "marketplace" where users can obtain information products as they need to conduct their planning studies:

The data bank continues to expand as new needs are identified by users.

Users can contribute data to the system and use digitizing equipment at the Center or access the computer by telephone from their own terminals.

The analysis packages include polygon and grid modeling, data base managers, statistical packages, and a bibliographic retrieval system.

Graphics facilities include polygon and grid display programs, business graphics, and text display; products are generated on either hardcopy printers or video displays, in black/white or color.

The computer maintenance fees are distributed among the users each month on a usage basis.

In addition to the technical facilities the Center has a staff to assist users;

The consultation staff assists users in the design of their projects. This involves matching the needs of the client with the available data, analysis, and graphic capability. These professionals have a "hybrid" resources and systems background to serve as translators between the users and the system.

The computer programming staff continues to maintain and augment the system and also provides systems design advise to users.

Users can request products by paying the cost of production, staff and computer expenses to conduct data entry, analysis, and/or graphics.

The Service Bureau is a resource for other government agencies. It provides unique technical capabilities that are otherwise beyond the staffing and budget limitations of the user agency. The office and the system are operated as a "service enterprise".

Quality of decision-making has been improved through the use of information provided by the Land Management Information Center (LNIC). There has been a greater degree of participation by scientists, elected officials and citizens. Through the use of computer technology it is possible to ask more enlightened questions and develop more responsive answers. In all of this the Service Bureau serves as a clearinghouse and facilitator to translate the needs of clients and the knowledge of specialists. The system is being used by advocates of both development and conservation toward the goal of making more rational and informed decisions. We are continuing to expand the capabilities of the system to meet the future needs of natural resource planning in Minnesota.

LMIC SERVICES

STATE OF MINNESOTA

INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE AND SERVICE CENTER

CONTACT LMIC AT (612) 296-1211



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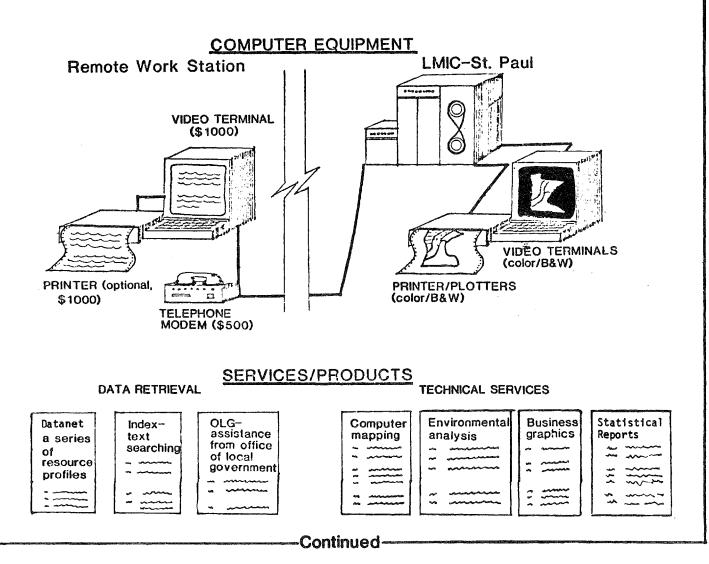
ACCESS TO COMPUTER SERVICES AND PRODUCTS

The Land Management Information Center's (LMIC) primary computing and data storage facility, a PRIME 850 computer, is located in downtown St. Paul. Available services include computer-assisted data analysis and mapping and business graphics production.

Users are able to access a wide range of data services by dialing into the LMIC computer from a remote work station. The computing costs for services are minimal and several data retrieval systems can be used by the public at no cost (see DATANET).

A work station consists of a terminal (CRT), a modem (telephone hookup), a printer (optional) and and a telephone. The typical work station involves a minimal investment in equipment (\$1000-\$2500).

New users can contact LMIC staff for support services in developing remote work stations. The Office of Local Government will also act as a service broker to clients interested in pursuing development of local information systems.



REMOTE WORK STATIONS

- Can be developed with a minimal investment in equipment.
- Access to LMIC Prime 850 computer (24 hours/day) at two speeds: 300 BAUD (Half Duplex) (612)297-2617 1200 BAUD (Full Duplex) (612)297-3848
- Dial up access to an expanding number of statistical data bases and services.
- Operational costs are very low, consisting of minimal computer costs plus your telephone charge.
- * Remote work station HELP line Les Maki (612) 296-1211

DATANET ON-LINE INFORMATION

- A series of automated data bases. Available through LMIC computer
- "User Friendly", menu-driven system.
- Provides key statistical data and technical assistance.
- * Includes several data sponsors
- » See Monitoring Land Use Change brochure

INFORMATION AND DATA EXCHANGE (INDEX)

- * An information network and referral service for environmental and related cultural, social, and economic resources.
- * Free-text searching computer services, including file design and management, report-writing and printing, and mapping capabilities.
- * Computerized catalog of information on data collections, research projects, and resource people.

For more information see INDEX brochure or call (612) 296-2073.

- OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT
- The Office of Local Government is concerned with promoting a healthy system of local government.
- The mission of the Office is to provide technical assistance, conduct research and special studies dealing with local government issues and opportunities, and administer financial assistance programs.
- * These functions are performed by providing information, data, and service.

RESOURCE PROFILES

- * A statistical data base summarizing the use and development of the state's physical resources.
- Profiles consist of data trend lines, rankings, comparisons, and economic production factors.
- * Data is provided by state, federal, and private records and is available at several levels of geographic resolution.
- * Computerized "user friendly" access allow the public to easily obtain the information they want.

ACCESS TO UMIC PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

UMIC serves land managers and planners as:

- A <u>data center</u> providing geographic information about Minnesota's natural resources and demographic characteristics.
- * A computer center that offers rapid and flexible analysis of this information for use in planning and mapping studies.
- A graphics center that produces high quality maps as well as statistical summary reports and displays.

LMIC offers a wide range of technical assistance:

- * Training in the use of LMIC's computer mapping and data analysis capabilities.
- Consultation regarding the purchase or use of computer equipment related to geographic analysis and display and large text data bases.
- * Assistance in using LMIC's DATANET line for remote data retrieval.
- * Consultation with project managers regarding the application of LMIC information and computer software to your planning managing activities.

LMIC is a service bureau offering a wide range of contract data analysis services such as:

- * Land use and environmental planning analysis
- * Statistical analysis
- * Data base development
- * Environmental assessment studies

COMPUTER MAPPING AND ANALYSIS

- * LMIC maintains the Land Management Information System (MLMIS), a statewide computerized data base of natural resource information (e.g. geology, soils, landform, land cover) and cultural information (e.g. land use, population, imfrastructure, political units).
- * MLMIS data can be mapped and tabulated for site, community, regional, and state-scale studies. Completed and ongoing LMIC studies include:

-Land use planning studies for several metropolitan communities.

-Parcel mapping for the City of Blaine, Anoka Co. -Mapping and tabulation of 1980 Census data for the Metropolitan Council and other interested state and local agencies.

-Erosion and sedimentation analyses for several important watersheds.

-Sanitary landfill siting study for Itasca Co. -Master planning for the Minnesota River Valley Wildlife and Fish Refuge.

OTHER TYPES OF GRAPHICS

 LMIC offers an extensive variety of additional display tools, including:

-Pie charts

-Bar graphs

-Line graphs

-3-dimensional perspectives -Color slides of maps and business graphics

-Cross-sectional diagrams

For additional information about LMIC services,

contact:

Room LL65, Metro Square Building 7th and Robert Streets St. Paul, Minnesota 55101 (612) 296-1211

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ON-LINE DATA SYSTEMS:

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DATANET (WORK)

The Resource Profiles can be ac cessed from any location by means of a remote work station. A station consists of a video terminal and modem-(telephone hook-up) or an optional typewriter like terminal for printed copy. Most micro-computers can be used as remote work stations if they have a communications backage.

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Users will be shown a menu of subjects and prompted by a series of questions to display data of their choice. As an option to the visual display terminal, printed copies of the profile information may be obtained by using a hardcopy printer. Resource Profiles is one of a growing number of automated data bases available from LMIC's DATANET service.

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DATANET was created to improve accessibility of information for researchers, planners, and decision-makers and use of the system requires no previous computer experience. An interactive question answer format of subject listings and prompts make the system easy, to use

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FORESTRY Quantity of forest products • Volume of forest products • Pulpwood production by species and county • Projected forest land base through 2030 • Producer Price Index for forest products

MINERALS Quantity of mineral production * Value of mineral production * Production and shipment of iron ore * Sand/gravel and limestone production * Mining employment * Mining sites and prospects * MN/DOT gravel pit inventory URBAN DEVELOPMENT Municipal land area * Municipal annexations and detachments * Township boundary detachments * Registered rural subdivisions * Sales of registered rural lots * Residential, commercial, industrial building activity * Building permit valuation * EPA sever and water needs survey

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YOUR TEXT ON OUR TERMS

TERMS is the acronym for Text Entry, Retrieval, Manipulation, and Searching. This new software package was created for the Land Management Information Center's (LMIC) Prime 850 computer system by LMIC programmers to handle large files composed principally of text. Databases using this software can be created and accessed through the Service Bureau of LMIC by both state and local units of government and private agencies.

TERMS is a good choice for text files that contain a large number of keywords which cannot be easily coded. TERMS works by cross-referencing entries through a concordance. The concordance is an alphabetical index of words and their locations within the database. This feature enables extremely fast searching. Instead of actually reading the database line by line to find the word being searched for, TERMS consults the concordance and retrieves only the appropriate entries.

TERMS software lets you define an electronic input form for each database which will automatically prompt you for data entry. TERMS uses logical sequences of commands in simple English to perform complex searches.

TERMS databases are:

- * easy to use
- * rapidly searchable
- * accessible 24 hours a day
- * accessible with a modem through most terminals and popular micros
- * adaptable to diverse data
- * linked to the powerful capabilities of the Minnesota Land Management Information System
- * backed by a user friendly staff
- * very inexpensive to build and maintain
- * designed to handle free text searching
- * applicable to any kind of textual information

TERMS software can be used to format and search any text information that follows a consistent format. Examples include:

- * calendars-of-events
- * biographies
- * species inventories
- * bibliographies and publication abstracts
- * item descriptions collections of illustrations, lists of historic structures, museum collections
- * genealogical information
- * resort and restaurant guides
- * facilities descriptions
- * directories
- * inventories

Station #2

SYSTEMS FOR WATER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT (SWIM):

Lakes data base

Ground water information summary

SYSTEMS FOR WATER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Gathering and using timely and reliable data on the state's water and land resources is a key to efficient and effective water resource management.

The objective of the state of Minnesota has been to develop water management information systems based on the concept of separate but coordinated systems, housed in individual agencies and linked through consistent standards and identifiers to serve as a central clearing house for interagency communication. The purpose of SYSTEMS FOR WATER INFORMATION MANAGEMENT is to provide that communication function so data consistency and compatibility can be maintained.

The Systems for Water Information Management concept was an outgrowth of a major statewide planning effort which resulted in the preparation of a "Framework Water and Related Land Resources Plan" in 1979. An advisory group, made up of such agencies as the Department of Natural Resources, Pollution Control Agency, Environmental Quality Board, Minnesota Department of Health, Water Planning Board, Minnesota Geological Survey, and the U.S. Geological Survey, has guided SWIM directions since its inception.

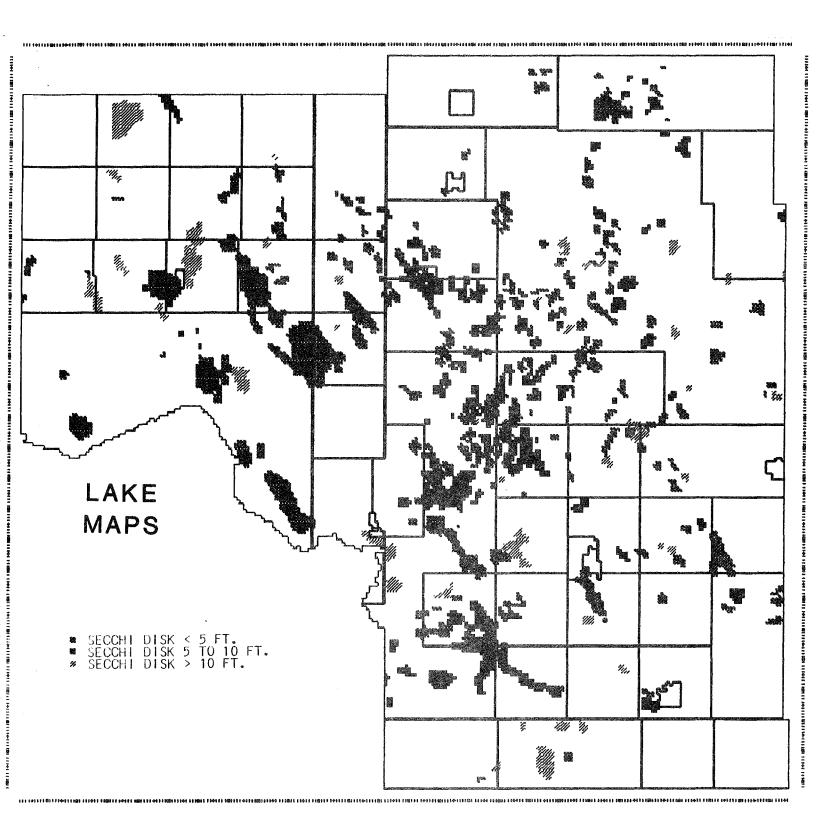
In 1982, a SWIM Coordinator position was created by the Legislative Commission on Minnesota's Resources (LCMR). SWIM was housed at the Land Management Information Center because of LMIC's extensive computer mapping, analysis, and data base management capabilities. Under the direction of agency-staffed SWIM advisory committees, the SWIM position has been used to coordinate water resources projects at LMIC and to address a number of water resources information needs.

The Systems for Water Information Management group to date has developed three major overview systems. The first SWIM interagency product was a Catalog of Water Data Collections (SWIM Catalog). The SWIM Catalog is accessible in its short form through LMIC's public access lines. A more detailed version can be accessed at LMIC by an INDEX data search.

In 1981 a Lakes Summary Data Base was created, which summarizes computer-based information on Minnesota Takes included in the DNR Bulletin 25 Lakes Survey. Information available includes Take Tocation, development, physical character-Istics, and fisheries. The system provides state managers, decision-makers, agency personnel and the general public with easy access to information about Minnesota's Takes. The Lakes Summary Data Base is housed on the PRIME 850 minicomputer at LMIC, and is accessible through LMIC's public access system.

SWIM has also been involved in the design and development of two other summary systems: a Ground Water Information Summary System and a Stream Information System. The Ground Water Information Summary (GWIS) assembles well location, aquifer, description, and usage information from several agencies' data systems. The Stream Information System is in a preliminary design stage, but will likewise merge computerized data files from different agencies for improved river and watershed management.

The SWIM Coordinator position was also created to assist with the coordination and integration of water resources projects. As a result of this objective a number of state projects have received technical assistance or information from SWIM. These projects have included acid precipitation studies (PCA), water use data base development (DNR-USGS), hazardous waste siting studies (PCA), lakeshore suitability analysis (DNR), erosion/sediment yield modeling (PCA-USDA), and studies of ground water contamination potential (EQB).



Secchi disk readings (indicating water clarity) for lakes in Itasca County (source: Lakes Summary Data Base and Lakes 40-acre data)

SWIM-LAKE SUMMARY DATA FILE

Lake name: WILMARDNR Division of Waters lake number 34- 180Primary county: KANDIYOHISecondary county: KANDIYOHILake WILMARis in 1 countiesLocation: Township 119Range 35Watershed MINNESOTA RIVER-HAWK CREEKStatus: (meandered lake)

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS Ecological type MARGINAL LAKE Size of lake: 761 Acres Shorelength: 3.9 miles. Maximum depth: 8.0 Median depth: 0.0 Lake contour map is not available

DEVELOPMENT CHARACTERISTICS Seasonal residences in 1967: 60 Permanent residences in 1967: 34 Resorts in 1967: 0 Public accesses in 1980: 0 Shoreland zoning classification: GENERAL DEVELOPMENT

WATER CHEMISTRY FOR LAKE WILMAR Secchi disk reading (water clarity): 3.0 feet.

FISH STOCKING DATA FOR LAKE WILMAR YEAR TYPE OF FISH AGE AMOUNT

----NONE AVAILABLE-----

SUMMARY OF DNR PERMIT APPLICATIONS ISSUED OR DENIED AS OF JUNE 1981 FOR LAKE: WILMAR

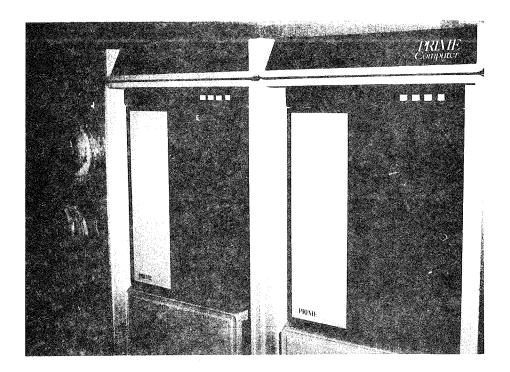
PERMIT TYPES:	NUMBER ISSUED	NUMBER DEN I ED
PUBLIC (PROTECTED) WATERS PERMITS Culvert/Bridge Excavation	1 4	0 0
GENERAL APPROPRIATION PERMITS Temporary projects Irrigation	2 2	0 0

Station #3

COMPUTER SYSTEM AND OUTPUT DEVICES

COMPUTER SYSTEM

Our computer system is a Prime '850' Super-Mini computer, with two central processors (brains). The central memory capacity is 4 megabytes of data, plus the 900 megabyte capacity of the three disk drives. For longterm storage and interchange of data, two tape drives are available. Over 800 2400 ft. of magnetic tapes are now in LMIC's tape library, some in off-site storage. Located in our computer room are modems that allow up to 16 users to connect to our system by telephone.



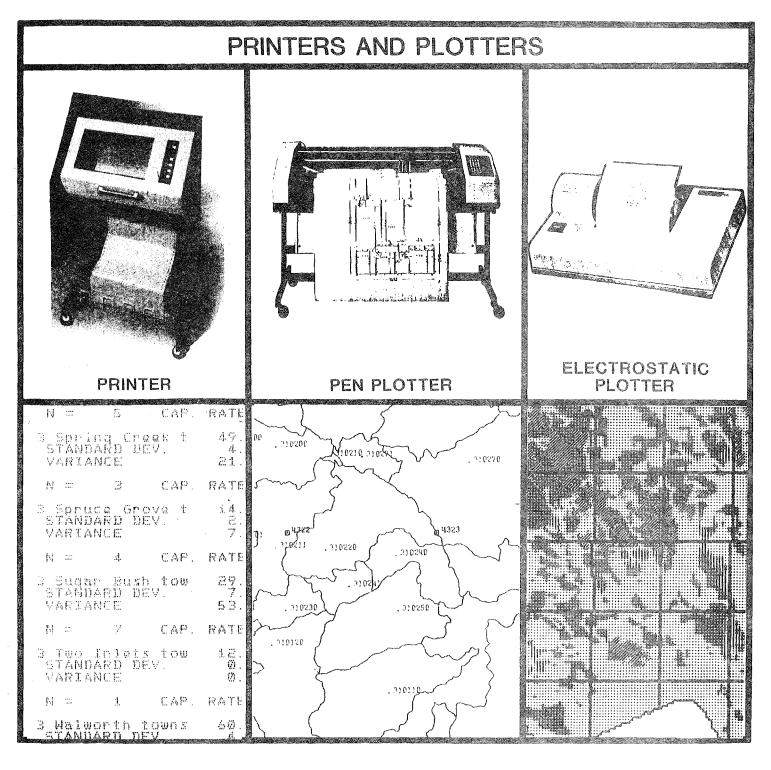
OUTPUT DEVICES

CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT) TERMINAL

After data is entered and analyzed the resulting information can be displayed in map and/or tabular form using a number of devices. Some of these display tools can function in color and black & white mode. Both polygon and grid cell data can be displayed on each of the plotters. The need for a variety of display equipment is due to the various capabilities in terms of speed, precision, hard copy vs. video, and work map vs. printing original.



for visual display



PRINTER

27 HENNEPIN 79 WABASHA 75 STEVENS 87 YELLOW MEDICINE 8 BROWN 49 MORRISON 67 ROCK 13 CHISAGO 13 CHISAGO 85 WINONA 24 FREEBORN 14 CLAY 20 DODGE 20 DODGE 87 YELLOW MEDICINE 55 RENVILLE 54 NORMAN 56 OTTERTAIL 58 PINE 26 GRANT 69 SAINT LOUIS 32 JACKSON 77 TODD 69 SAINT LOUIS 1 AITEIN 49 MORRISON 47 ROCE 69 SAINT LOU 1 AITEIN 49 MORRISON 67 ROCK 2 ANOKA 58 PINE 14 CLAY 26 GRANT 73 STEARNS 59 PIPESTONE 24 FREEBORN 76 SWIFT 2846394615786 SWIFT DOUGLAS MARSHALL HENNEPIN HOUSTON COOR WRIGHT SAINT LOUIS WASHINGTON FIRTISAULT MCLEOD PIPESTONE HENNEPIN ITASCA DAROTA CROW WING 19 DAROTA 18 CROW WING 38 LAKE 30 ISANTI 41 LINCOLN 32 JACKSON 1 AITKIN 17 COTTONWOOD 18 CROW WINS 70 SCOTT 34 KANDIYOHI 35 KITTSON 40 LE SUEUR 20 DODGE 40 LE SOEO 20 DODGE 31 ITASCA 79 WABASHA 35 EITISON 22567 DOUGLAS GOODHDE SWIFT CARLTON FARIBAULT STEARNS AITKIN MEEKER SAINT LOU NICOLLET 291792 LOUIS AFE

98 68 49 85 HAMEL HAMMOND HANCOCK HANLEY FALLS HANSKA HARDING HARDWICK HARRIS HAMFI 87 69 34 82 HARTLAND HARTLAND HAWLEY HAYFIELD HAZEL RUN HECTOR HENNING HENNIETE HERMAN HERMAN HERMAN HERMAN HERMAN LAEE HEBING HILL CITY HILLS 79831 1 29 34172113693 266732 991319183 HILLMAN HILLS HILLTOP HINCKLEY HITTERDAL HOFFMAN HOLDINGFORD HOLLAND HOLLANDALE HOLLOWAY HOLMES CITY HOLT HOPKINS HOUSTON HOWARD LAKE HOYT LAKES HUGO HUMBOLDT HUNTLEY HUTCHINSON IHLEN INDEPENDENCE 49 98 INGER INVER GROVE HGHTS 12 IFONTON ISABELLA 106841218 ISABELLA ISANTI IVANHOE JACKSON JEFFERS JENKINS JORDAN KANDIYOHI KARLSTAD KASSON KESON KESON KELJOG 9317716127327525161 KELLOGG KENNEDY KENSINGTON KENYON KENYON KERKHOVEN KETTLE RIVER KIESTER KIMBALL KIMBERLY KINGSTON KINNEY KLOSSNER DPP P KINNEI KLOSSNER FNTEE DTUED

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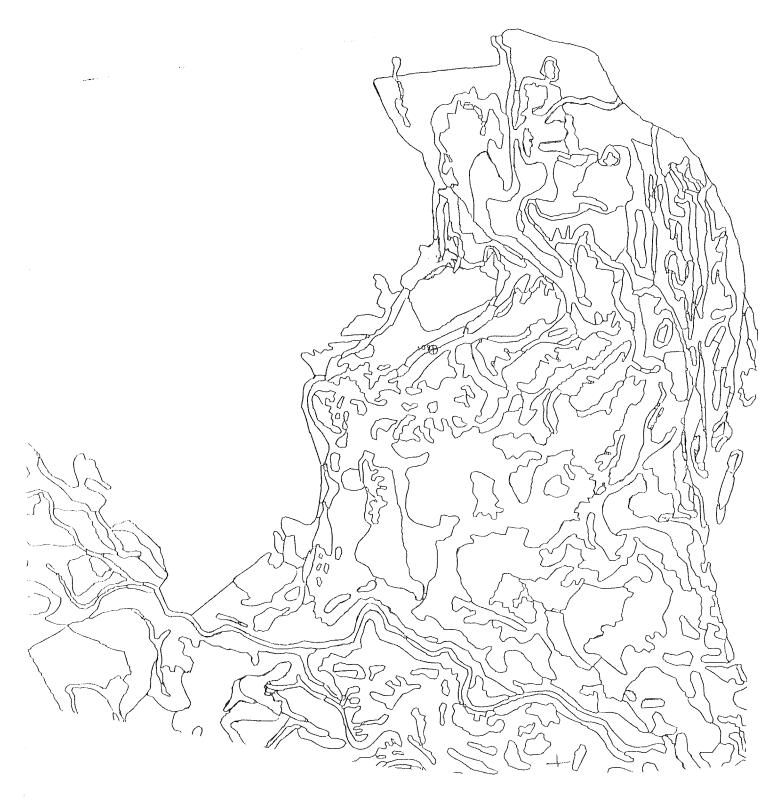
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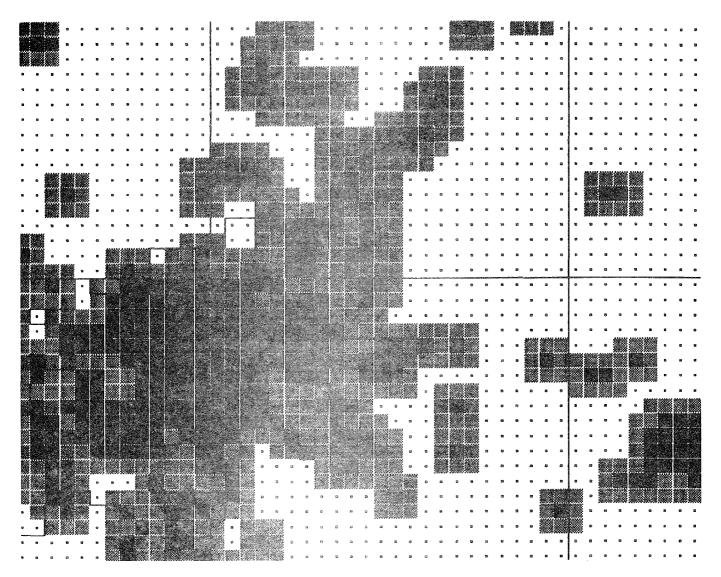
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PEN PLOTTER



ELECTROSTATIC PLOTTER



LAND USE / LAND COVER

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	9	465	4.4	18500.0	WATER,	MARSK,	URBAN	OR	TRANSPORTATION	

Station #4

IMAGE PROCESSING:

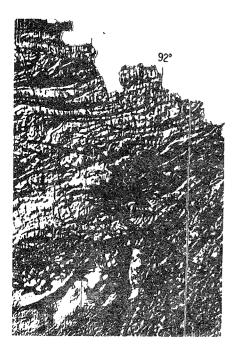
DeAnza

Data analysis

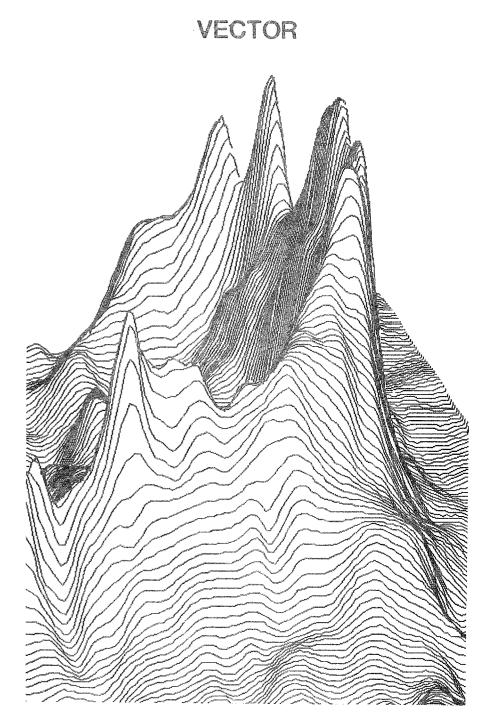
Data display

IMAGE PROCESSING

The DeAnza 1P5524 Image Array Processor consists of a high resolution color monitor with seperate red, green, blue channels of 256 bits each, duel cursor, joystick, and color look-up tables. While this device is being used for the analysis of LANDSAT data, it can also be used to display grid cell data from the MLMIS data base as well as update the grid data. Also, it is possible to display vector files after being processed by ARCPLOT. Because the DeAnza has tremendous coloring capabilities, nearly 16 million choices, as well as text writing capabilities, it has also become an important device for preparing presentation graphics usually in the form of 35 millimeter slides.



GRID CELL



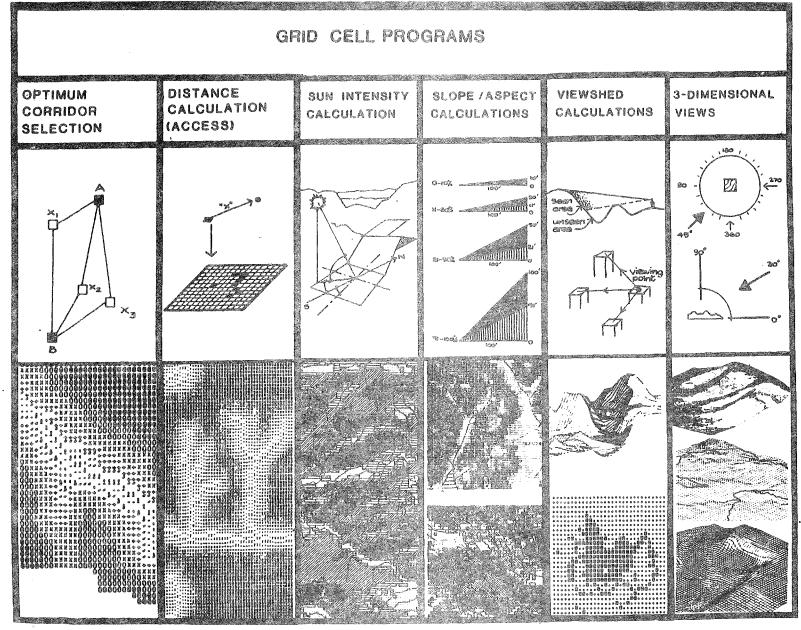
(ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE)

AN INNOVATIVE GRID GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM LANGUAGE

Grid or raster processing techniques are used by many environmental analysis systems for their cost effective capabilities. Minnesota has developed the Environmental Planning and Programming Language (EPPL) for use with its Land Management Information System. EPPL includes spatial analysis commands and multi-variable modeling techniques and contains several innovations that significantly enhance grid cell processing. The language is a translator, or "pre-compiler", which compiles user defined commands into a FORTRAN IV program optimized to only process the desired commands. EPPL data files combine run length and raster storage techniques which optimize storage, affording a 60% reduction in the disk space needed to maintain the Minnesota data base. EPPL also has the capability to mix FORTRAN code or subroutines with the standard commands for maximum flexibility. EPPL is fully interfaced to all major GIS related software capabilities: polygon processing, image processing, and digital elevation modeling. The power of this language allows the Minnesota Land Management Information Center to respond to a variety of requests for environmental data in an efficient manner.

GRID CELL PROCESSING

Grid cell analysis can be done in a very cost effective manner. Data resolution can range from small 50 meter cells to large 5 kilometer cells. The same programs are applied to do single variable and multivariable analysis. The examples listed below are selected applications for routines that use spatial analysis models on environmental topics. Models are developed as required for a planning project using modules of these basic analysis routines.



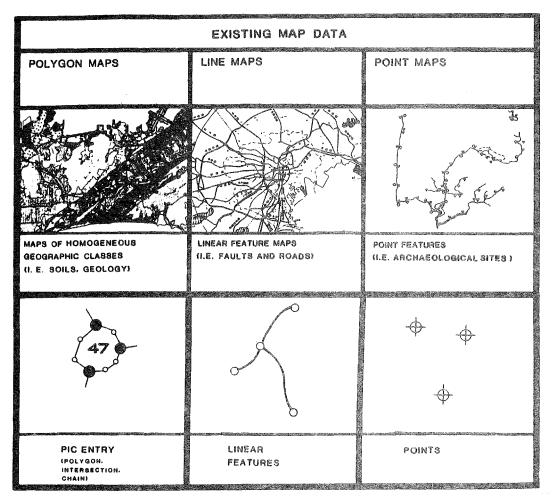
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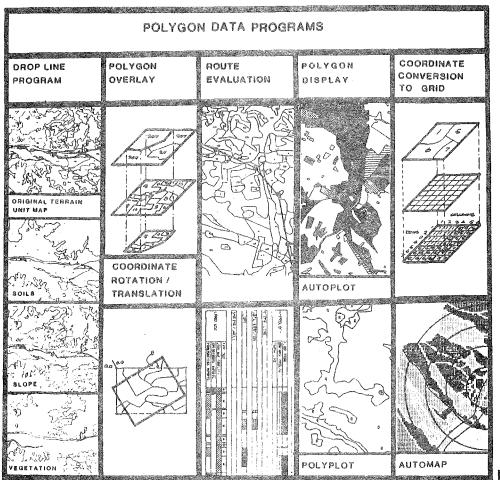
Station #5

GRAPHIC INPUT TECHNIQUES:

Digitizing

Scanning





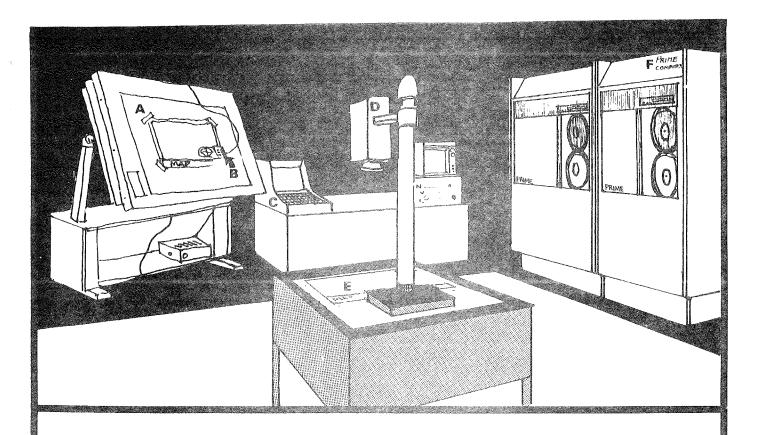
ERSI Graphics

DIGITIZING STATION

The capture of point, line and polygon data from a map takes place at this location. The manuscript data map is brought from the map preparation station and is taped securely to the digitizing table. A moveable cursor is then used to record locations on the map, using an electronic coordinate grid built into the table to reference each location with respect to the entire map area. As these features are entered, they are automatically displayed on the accompanying graphic display terminal. This is helpful in checking the accuracy of the data entry in the initial stage and allows for interactive entry and updating. If an item is entered incorrectly it can easily be deleted and reentered in its correct form. Once all of the information has been entered, it is stored in a series of files on the PRIME computer and is ready for processing to meet specific project needs. This data can be used for any number of projects and can be updated or modified at a digitizing station at any time.

SCANNNING STATION

The scanning station functions under the same principle of recording data by referencing a grid as does the digitizing station. In this technique of capturing data, a high contrast map (light background and dark line work) is placed on a back-lit table and a stationary camera scans the map a section at a time, recording the location of all the dark lines. As each section is scanned, it is diplayed on a black & white monitor. This information is the stored on the PRIME computer. The scanner is used solely for initial data entry and any editing of the lines must be done manually at a digitizing station. This scanning procedure is a very quick method of entering data and eliminates a substantial amount of digitizing time.



GRAPHIC INPUT STATION

- A. Digitizing Table
- B. Cursor
- C. Graphic Display Terminal
- D. Scanner-Stationary Camera
- E. Scanner-Back-Lit Table
- F. Prime 850 Super Mini-Computer

Station #6

LAND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION CENTER PRODUCTS:

LMIC Data displays Horizons

SUMMARY FROM

"MINNESOTA PUBLIC LANDS, 1983"

SECTION 1 - FEDERAL LAND

In the late 1700s and early 1800s, the federal government acquired control over virtually all of the land which was to become the State of Minnesota. In the 1800s the federal government granted away nearly all of this land to private individuals, corporations and some 16 million acres to the State.

At present slightly over 1 million acres of the orginal tederal land remains under the control of tederal agencies - nearly all of it administered by the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Corps of Engineers. In addition, tederal agencies have acquired over 2.2 million acres of land in Minnesota since the early 1900s. Thus federal agencies administer over 3.4 million acres, some 6.7% of the State's total land area.

SECTION 2 - STATE LAND

State Land ownership began with the creation of the Minnesota lerritory in 1849. Two sections of Land in each township were granted to the State by the federal government. This and later federal land grants resulted in over 16 million acres of Land being transferred into State ownership. Lands were granted to promote railroad construction, to reclaim swamplands, and to support public schools, internal improvements and the University. Initial policy for the State Lands was to sell them into private ownership for cash. By 1912, only approximately 2.6 million acres of these orginal Land grants remained in State ownership.

Starting at the end of the 1800s, the policy gradually changed to keeping land and mineral rights in State ownership. As early as the 1900s, the State began to acquire lands for conservation and other public purposes such as highways and state institutions. In the 1920s and 1930s, the State took title to several million acres (the so-called Conservation Area lands) when drainage bonds went fortelt for non-payment of taxes in 7 northwestern counties.

Ine State now administers approximately 5.6 million acres. This total represents just under 11.0% of the total land area of the State. Of the total, some 2.6 million acres (about 46% of the State Land) remain from the original tederal grants. Another 1.5 million acres (27% of the State Land) came to the State from drainage bond forfeitures in the 1930s. The remaining 1.5 million acres have been acquired by the State during this century for various public purposes.

SECTION 3 - TAX-FORFEITED LAND

Shortly after Minnesota's settlement began, some land started going tax- torteit for non-payment of taxes. Early State policy for these lands was to return them to the tax roles as soon as possible. During the agricultural recessions of the 1920s, the first major wave of tax forteiture began. Legislative measures were passed to make it easy for the original landowners to regain their land. With the depression of the 1930s, an even larger wave of tax forteiture was recorded. By 1944 8.1 million acres of land were tax-forteit. In 1950 records showed that 9.4 million acres had been on the tax-forteited list at one time or another.

Beginning in the mid-1920s, Legislative action was begun to transfer some this tax-forfeited land to other classifications. During the last 40 years, over half of the tax-forfeited lands have been disposed of, with a majority returning to the tax roles. In more recent times, tewer land sales have resulted in retention of administation and management of these lands by the counties. Thus, about 2.8 million acres of these lands remain in state ownership, but are administered by the counties. County Board action has placed nearly half of these tax-forfeited lands within "memorial county torests". This has occured in 14 counties. Most other tax-forfeited lands remain outside of county management units, but may be within State management units, such as State Forests.

SECTION 4 - METROPOLITAN COMMISSIONS LAND

Three Commissions in the 7-county lwin Cities metropolitan area administer over 9,000 acres of land. The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) administers the Minneapolis- St. Paul International Airport and 6 regional airports in 5 of the 7 metropolitan counties. The Metropolitan Waste Control Commission (HWCC) administers over 1,600 acres of land. The Commission operates 14 waste water treatment plants with at least one plant in each metropolitan county. Plant areas range in size from 1.07 acres to 459.42 acres. The Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) administers about 60 acres in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties. These sites are used for bus garages, a bus overnaul garage, park and ride sites and a bus turnaround site.

SUMMARY

1983 PUBLIC LAND INVENIORY *

FEDERAL LANDS # AGENCY	ESI. ACRES	ኈ FEDERAL LAND	» TOTAL LANU AREA
FOREST SERVICE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES	2,824,044 382,735 135,455 44,067 24,043 5,831	82.72% 11.21% 5.91% 1.29% 0.70% 0.17%	5.52% 0.75% 0.26% 0.09% 0.05% 0.05%
TOTAL FEDERAL AGENCIES #	3,414,176	100.00%	6.67%
STATE LANDS AGENCY	EST. ACRES	% STATE LAND	> TOTAL LAND AREA
NATURAL RESOURCES TRANSPORTATION MILITARY AFFAIRS UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA ALL OTHER STATE AGENCIES	5,279,743 239,534 52,400 32,285 11,924	94.02% 4.27% 0.93% 0.57% 0.21%	10.31% 0.47% 0.10% 0.06% 0.02%
IOTAL STATE AGENCIES	5,615,714	100.00%	10.97%
TAX-FORFEITED LANDS TOTAL TAX-FORFTETED	2,797,237	-	5.40%
METROPOLITAN COMMISSION LAND: TOTAL METRO COMISSION	S 9,248	-	0.02%
IOTAL FEDERAL, STATE, AND METROPOLITAN LANDS	11,836,375	-	23.12%

TOTAL LAND AREA IN STATE 51,205,760 - 100.00%

* SOME COLUMNS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

FEDERAL TOTAL DOES NOT INCLUDE SOME 29,000 ACRES IN WHICH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS HAS INTEREST. THESE LANDS WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS STUDY.

FOR DETAILED INFORMATION, SEE THE APPROPRIATE SECTIONS IN THE TEXT.

PROJECT

MINNESOTA HORIZONS 1983

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STATE LEGISLATURE

PRODUCT

MINNESOTA IN THE EIGHTIES REPORT COLOR GRAPHIC AND TEXT PRESENTATION SLIDES

The Minnesota Horizons 1983 project was designed to take a fresh look at Minnesota's economy in order to sort out those factors most responsive to state initiatives. The three-day live telecast sessions featured guest experts lecturing on topics such as economics, history, population, energy, housing and natural resources. The presenters used color graphic slides to illustrate key issues to the legislators. Most of those slides were created by State Planning Agency personnel. In addition to providing presenter slides, agency personnel also created the special report, Minnesota in the Eighties.

The forty-four page Minnesota in the Eighties represented the first attempt by any state agency to create a four-color graphic report that accurately depicted aspects of Minnesota's economy. The total effort involved three sections within State Planning, two groups from the University of Minnesota, a private consultant, and the printer. (See attached schematic). Creation of the report occurred in the period from late October 1982, to early January 1983.

The presenter slides and color graphics report are the products of an exceptional effort that was accoplished in the face of often adverse conditions. Staff had to locate and learn to operate equipment and software. The weather was uncooperative, two of the season's more impressive blizzards impeded progress. A number of computer generated graphic image files did not survive a disk crash midway in the project and had to be re-created. Data collection entailed identifying, locating, summarizing, and graphically interpreting key information for inclusion in the report. The report went through numerous format revisions causing changes in focuses, keyling, and pagination. The original printer required replacement at the last minute, possibly due to an ongoing strike in the printing industry.

State Planning Agency personnel used the following hardware and software to create the graphic images used by the Horizon presenters and in the Hinnesota in the Eighties report:

Hardware: VAX 11/780 Super Minicomputer (UCC) DICOMED Image Recorder (A Laser scanning process) Tektronix 4025 Vector Graphic Terminal Peripheral Hardcopy Device to the Graphic Terminal 300/1200 Baud Modem Software: Tellagraf Business Graphic Package

VAX Operating System and File handling routines

The Horizons project represents the first attempt at providing color business graphic images to clients in a high demand situation with a "hi-tech" approach from beginning to end. LMIC recognizes that with the increase in data base file creation and usage, there also arises a need to succinctly and graphically depict information to users. Keeping in mind current and future needs to clients, LMIC is searching for a graphics software package that is both versatile and cost-effective.

MINNESOTA IN THE EIGHTIES

	PARTICIPANTS & PR	OCESSES	-	
	STATE PLANNING	AGENCY		
	F ENERGY PLANNING AND DEVELOPME itate Planning Agency - renamed			
Roles & Res	ponsibilities:	Personnel:	10	
Project Coordination & Report Architect Publication Data Research Formatted Publication Layout Produced Bulk of 35mm color graphic stides Administrative Assistance		Hardware: Products:	Tektronix 4025 graphic termnal with hard-copy peripheral davice 1200 baud modem Publication and slides Presenter slides	
LAND MANAGE	MENT INFORMATION CENTER (LMIC)*	* OFFICE OF	STATE DEMOGRAPHER	
Roles & Res	ponsibilitles:	Roles & R	esponsibilities:	
Technical Assistance Coordination with UCC* Remote interface with UCC*		Demographic data research Demographic publication slides Demographic presenter slides		
Personnel:	1	Personnel:	3	
Hardware:	Prime 850 super mini- computer Tektronix 4012 graphic terminal DaAnza image array processor Versatec 8122A plotter 300/1200 baud modem	Hardware:	IBH PC 300/1200 baud modem Tektronix 4025 graphic terminal	
Software:	ARC 2-D polygon thematic mapping software INFO dbms for data file manipulation	Software:	Tektronix 4012 graphic terminal emulator	
Products:	Created 2-D map images on Prime computer, re-formatted for processing by VAX computer to produce high resolution 35mm slides using DICOMED laser image processor. Presenter slides		Demographic slide images Prasanter slides	

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

PRIVATE MARKETING (Consultant)	UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA COMPUTER CENTER (UCC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES DIVISION GRAPHICS GROUP			
Rolas & Responsibilities:	Roles & Responsibilities:			
Llasion with printer, broadcast media	Provided technical assistance User training Produced portion of publication graphics			
Personnel: 1	Personnel: 3			
Products: Cover page design	Hardware: VAX 11/780 super mini-			
PRINTER	computer DICOMED Laser 35mm film			
Personnel: 2 4-Color laser printing process for	image recorder RANTEK color graphic terminal			
publication	Software: Tellagraf business graphic software package VAX operating system Editor and file handling routines			
	Products: High resolution color 35mm slide film business graphics			

**NOTE: Many of the roles & functions of these two sections have been consolidated into LMIC.

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