

From February to April 2001, each of the seven metro area counties submitted a letter or a resolution containing the waiver language in the following sample letter:

EXAMPLE
YOUR LETTER HEAD

(Date)

Randall Johnson, GIS Liaison
Metropolitan Council
Mears Park Centre
230 East Fifth Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1633

**Regional Planned Future Land Use Datasets --
Declaration of no Intellectual Property Claim**

Dear Randall:

This letter is a follow-up to the agreement by county representatives at the November 29, 2000 Policy Advisory Team meeting and endorsed by the Coordinating Committee on December 14, 2000:

It is my understanding that:

1. The Metropolitan Council, in accordance with a pilot project it is conducting on behalf of MetroGIS and for its internal business purposes, has nearly completed aggregation of digital future land use data provided by Metro Area communities, or has created such data for those communities that do not produce it, to create two regional planned future land use datasets.
2. One of these digital planned future land use datasets is referred to as "base mosaic regional planned future land use dataset" and is comprised of the individual planned future land use maps as adopted by each community in the seven county metro area, each with its distinctive coding scheme.
3. The other of these digital planned future land use datasets is referred to as "generalized regional planned future land use" and is comprised of a generalization of the individually planned future land use maps into a regional dataset on the basis of a common coding scheme for the entire metro area.
4. The boundaries of the future land use polygons for both of the referenced datasets were aligned with parcel boundary data provided by each of the seven counties where the planned future land use and parcel boundaries are intended to be coterminous.
5. The parcel data to which the future land use polygon boundaries are aligned can not be obtained from access to the base mosaic or generalized regional planned future land use datasets; and

(Your organization's name) hereby declares that it does not have an intellectual property claim with respect to either of Regional Planned Future Land Use Datasets on the basis of the Council aligning the Planned Future land Use datasets with the county's parcel data, on behalf of MetroGIS.

Respectfully,
(person authorized to sign)