

Imagery Committee – Work Plan

GAC Term FY2026/27: July 2025 - June 2027

Committee Chair(s) and Vice Chair(s):

- **Co-Chair:** Tanya Mayer, GAC member
- **Co-Chair:** Heather Albrecht, GAC member

GAC Priorities Owned by Committee

GAC priority projects and initiatives that the committee is to be responsible for during the upcoming term – these may be subject to change based on results of the term’s priorities survey.

- Statewide Imagery Program
 - A long-term effort dedicated to optimizing the acquisition inspection documentation distribution and archiving of statewide imagery.
- Priority Owners: Christy Christensen, Jennifer Murphy
- Executive Sponsor: Alison Slaats, MnGeo

Purpose

The Imagery Committee will recommend and guide the development and stewardship of a coordinated statewide imagery program for Minnesota by assessing current imagery practices, identifying statewide needs, and recommending strategies for sustainable imagery acquisition and access.

Year 1 Planned Activities and Deliverables

1. Develop Statewide Imagery Needs Assessment RFP

Assist MnGeo in preparing a Request for Proposals (RFP) to conduct a statewide imagery needs assessment.

Tasks may include:

- Identify key stakeholder groups to be included in the assessment.
- Develop questions and evaluation criteria for the assessment.
- Review of the Geospatial Maturity Assessment from NSGIC, other NSGIC resources, and other State imagery programs.
- Recommend scope elements including:
 - Business use cases
 - Preferred acquisition cycles, including single year vs. multi-year structure

- Resolution and other specification requirements
- Licensing vs. Ownership analysis
- Seasonal considerations
- Buy-up and enhancement considerations
- Delivery formats and hosting needs
- Governance and funding models. (e.g. NG911 funding)

Deliverable:

- Recommendations and supporting materials for a Statewide Imagery Needs Assessment RFP.

2. Support Needs Assessment Process

Following release of the RFP and completion of the needs assessment, the committee will:

- Review findings from the assessment.
- Evaluate statewide imagery priorities and business needs.
- Identify opportunities for coordinated acquisition and shared infrastructure.

Deliverable:

- Committee recommendations based on assessment results.

Year 2 Planned Activities and Deliverables

3. Develop Statewide Imagery Program Recommendations

Using the results of the needs assessment, develop recommendations for a coordinated statewide imagery program.

Recommendations may include:

- Imagery acquisition strategies
- Suggested imagery cycles (leaf-off and leaf-on), including single year vs. multi-year structure
- Technical standards and specifications
- Data access and hosting approaches
- Governance structure
- Funding and cost-sharing models

4. Imagery Stewardship

Review and add the Image Service Sustainability Committee work in to the Imagery Committee work plan.

Deliverable:

- Statewide Imagery Strategy and Program Recommendations

Roles and Responsibilities

Chair(s) and Vice-chair(s): call meetings, prepare agenda with input from the committee, submit reports to the GAC, and maintain content on the GAC Imagery Committee web site and Committee SharePoint site.

Committee Members: participation expectations as outlined in the Committee Charter

Existing Resources

- Existing resources include committee member and subject matter expert time and talent and MnGeo staff time.
- Geospatial Maturity Assessment from NSGIC
- Imagery Service Sustainability Committee documentation

Committee and Subgroup Needs

- The committee has no outstanding needs at this time.

Dependencies and Interrelationships

- Image Sustainability workgroup of the GAC Archiving Committee

Risks

- Many partner needs that may not be met by a minimum viable product.
- Timeline
- Funding models may be complex

Additional Comments

None.

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