Abstract

City of Philadelphia: Strides Toward a Unified Land Records System
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Currently, the City of Philadelphia does not have a standard way of organizing, analyzing or tracking land records information. City departments that maintain information relating to revenue, tax assessment, property ownership, permits, inspections, etc., have, over the years, developed database "silos". The result is poor agreement among departmental databases and inconsistent addresses, making the process of obtaining property information very time consuming and frustrating. The City has been working to correct this through the creation of a Unified Land Records System that uses GIS as the "console" or "switchboard" for identifying and resolving discrepancies among the various land records databases.

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