NCAAO Data Sharing Committee

September 21, 2017

NCDOR Advanced Seminar

Purpose:

To provide the structure to increase tax appraisal accuracy and fairness through a statewide initiative where counties actively participate in data sharing regarding real estate sales, appraisal values and other county data

The Past

2004 – The beginning of the ICMAC Committee

- Industrial Commercial Mass Appraisal Committee
- Idea began with Karen Carter, Rockingham County
- Early Participants:
- Karen Carter, Mark McClintock, Joe Hunt, Chris Ferris, Chuck Erwin, Brent Weisner, Ken Joyner, Rick Wall, Ron McCarthy, Bill McGinn, Neal Morris, Roger Bedsaul, Neal Morris, Garrett Alexander, Michael Sutton, Larry Bolick, Mark Wilkes, Robert May, Marlon Long

Past vs. Present Difference Makers

- The Wake-Up Call
 - Lowes Hardware state-wide appeals
 - Other state-wide appeals

Technology advancements

We agree...

- There is a need to know about significant property sales across North Carolina
- There is a need to know property and sale <u>details</u> for analysis
- It is helpful to know how other counties are valuing hot topic properties
- We will produce more fair and accurate values if we commit to working together and helping others
- To commit to success for the whole state, every county

Plan

- Provide structure for sharing commercial/industrial sales, hot-topic assessment values (big box, drugstores, cell tower sites, etc.), and basic county data such as standard residential square foot building rates.
- Be willing to walk before we run... start with basic form and spreadsheets
- Designate 1 data editor per county. Follow up with multiple county viewers
- Learn from you (regarding the spreadsheets), then build web "system" for the long run

Current Activity

- Form to collect basic county data was sent out on September
 1st to all on the Assessor's List Serve, reminder email sent
- Created spreadsheet "Data Sharing Committee –
 Commercial/ Industrial Sales Data"
- Created spreadsheet "County Appraisal Data Data Sharing Committee" to collect county appraisal data for topics of big box, drugstores, Dollar General/Family Dollar, cell tower sites, solar farms, grocery stores, bill board sites and golf courses

Current Topics of discussion

- Will the data entered on the spreadsheets be included in the new system? (Yes)
- Can I enter data in mass? (Yes. Individual entry is good too.)
- What if I don't have all the data you ask for or in the way you ask for it? (Conformity is always right. Do the very best you can. No data is the worst option.)
- Why use Google spreadsheets to begin with? (Google allows multiple simultaneous editors)
- Only enter data at the bottom of each spreadsheet. Make your own copy to sort, filter, etc.

The Future

- Gaston County has offered to build a web-based solution,
 that will be more stable, private and long term
- Data Sharing activities will continue to progress, over time.
 We are walking not leaping...
- Please contact members of the Data Sharing Committee with your feedback, thoughts and questions... Alex Hamilton (Wilkes), Jimmy Tanner (Gaston), Chris Nelson (Lincoln), Gary Briggs (Moore), Hosea Wilson (Dare), Jeff Niebauer (Brunswick), Chip Main (Pitt), Deborah Wilson (Yancey) and John Burgiss (Forsyth)

So, let's move forward... Challenge

Let's commit to success

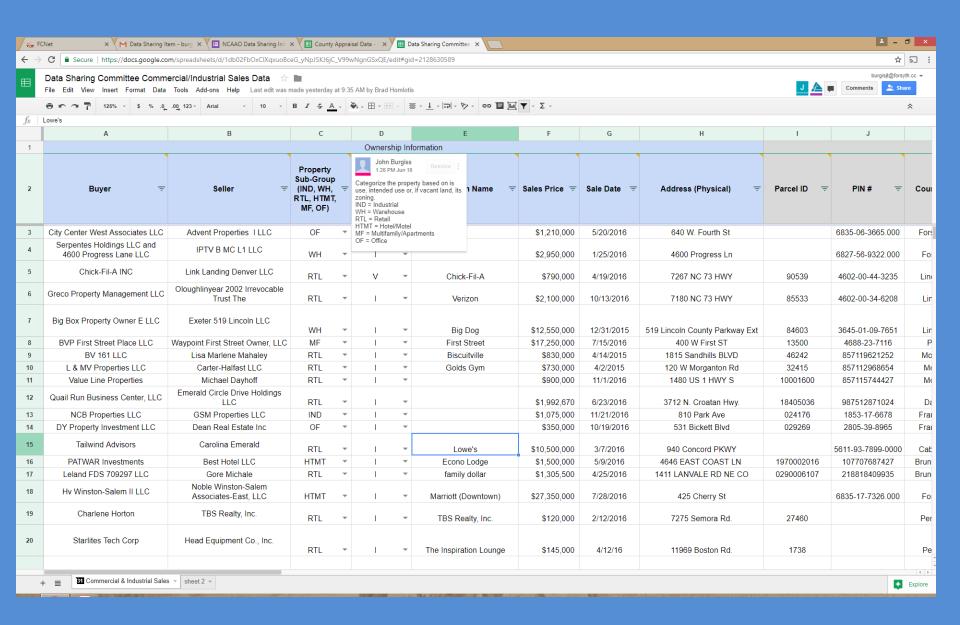
 Challenge #1 – Have all 100 counties fill out the Assessor Form (50 of 100 completed)

Got Dollar General?



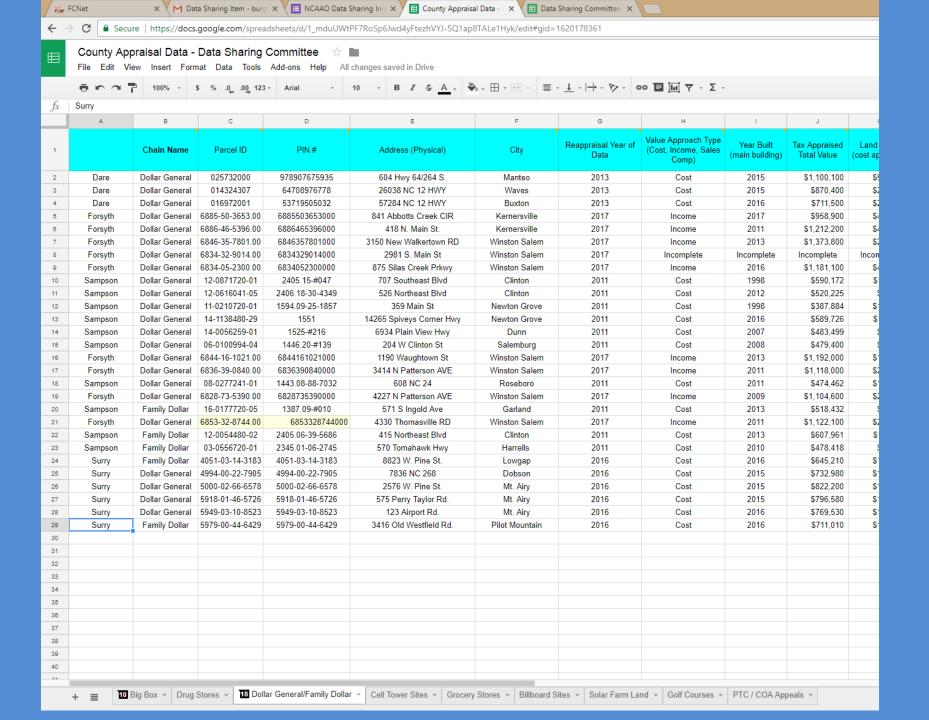
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 Challenge # 2 – Enter sales, within the past two years, for stand alone Dollar General / Family Dollar properties (vacant land and improved sales) on the "Data Sharing Committee Commercial / Industrial Sales Data" spreadsheet by November 1st, 2017



So, let's move forward... Challenge

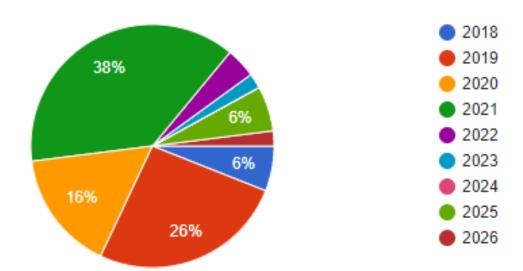
 Challenge # 3 – Enter how you have appraised Dollar General / Family Dollar stand alone properties on the "County Appraisal Data -Data Sharing Committee" spreadsheet by November 1st, 2017



What's in it for my county?

Next Planned County Reappraisal Date

50 responses





Success depends on....

You

- This is GIVE and TAKE
- If you don't give, no one can take
- If no one gave, there is nothing for you to take
- Participation by each and every county is the key to success

So.... Let's Get Started

The End

• Questions??

• Comments??

• Thanks!

System Design

- Committee responsibility for the program
 - Design and details
 - Users and access
- Each county would have a home page
 - Reappraisal year
 - Parcel County
 - Staffing Levels
 - Base Rates by Type
 - Land Rates by Range and Type
- Standardized, required fields for data entry
 - Required fields for consistency
- Index Format with Standardized Type and Use Codes for consistency

About this Data Sharing session...

- Designed to be a group discussion
- Identify points of purpose, agreement and unity
- Leave in agreement with purpose and direction

Recent Data Requests...

- October 25th: "Cap Rates" request regarding Section 42
- October 24th: "Dollar General Stores"
- October 19th: "Appeals of Sonic Drive In Restaurants"
- October 5th: "Big box retail sales"
- September 19th: "Solar land research for Reval"
- September 16th: "Parcels per County Statewide"
- August 25th: "Cell Tower Sites and Locations"
- August 8th: "Shopping Center Value Appeal"

Information Contained...

- Commercial/Industrial sales data
- Hot Topic Tax Appraisal data
- County Comparison Data
- Ability to attach PRC's and Photos to entries

General Discussion

From the Panel...

• From the Audience...

Current Offer and Option... Gaston

- Each county would have one user responsible for entering sales and market data
- All county tax office staff would have access to view all data
- Committee would be responsible for determining what other entities may be granted access