

ABSENTEE LANDOWNER ENGAGEMENT ROUTT COUNTY AND WESTERN SLOPE

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

- Why?**
- Land ownership is rapidly changing in Western Colorado
 - Property ownership is transitioning from working landscapes to residential/recreational
 - Lack of information about property owners - time spent on site, values, priorities, and activities
 - Lack of tools to effectively engage absentee landowners about land management
- Who?**
- Parcels with agricultural tax status with the county assessor's office
 - Owners were identified by their primary place of residency - NW Colorado, adjacent counties in surrounding states, Front Range, and out-of-state

INTERNSHIP GOALS

- Create a comprehensive database of land parcel data for Western Slope
- Identify number of owners for each county
- Create maps that illustrate absentee landownership
- Create an interview script for absentee landowners

HOW DOES THIS APPLY TO YOUR EDUCATION

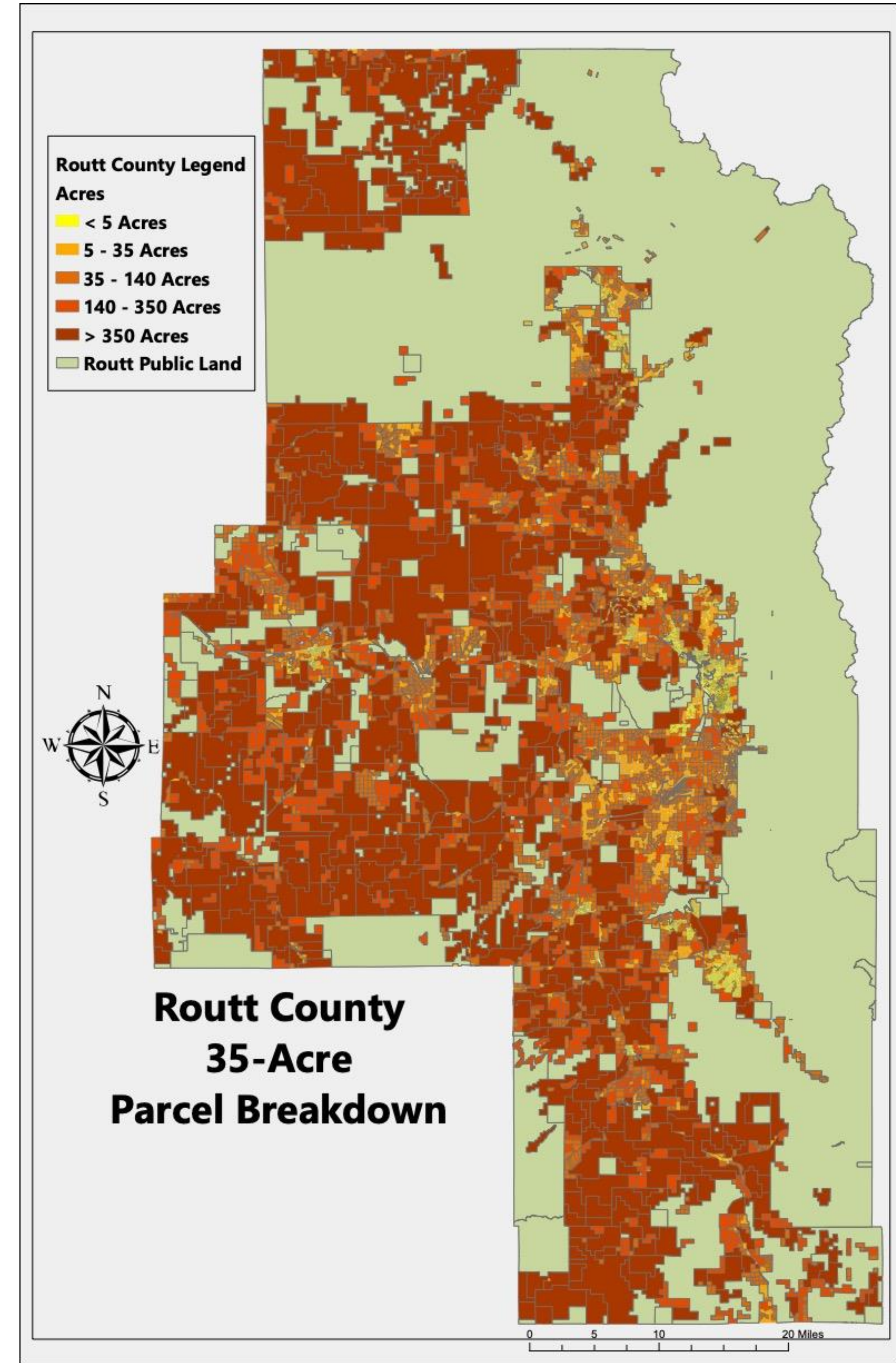
- Gain experience creating and managing a GIS database
- Applying cartographic principles to my maps to best illustrate my information
- Gain incite and experience interviewing landowners
- Learning how to find data and contacting people and conduct presentations

Table 1. Routt County 35-Acre Parcel Breakdown

Row Labels	Parcels	Owners	Total Acreage	Percent	Average acreage ownership
Out of State	807	385	262,064	38.00	681
NW Colorado	1539	842	337,002	49.00	400
Front Range	300	160	51,086	7.00	319
Adjacent Counties	44	8	39,495	6.00	4,937
TOTAL	2690	1395	689,647		

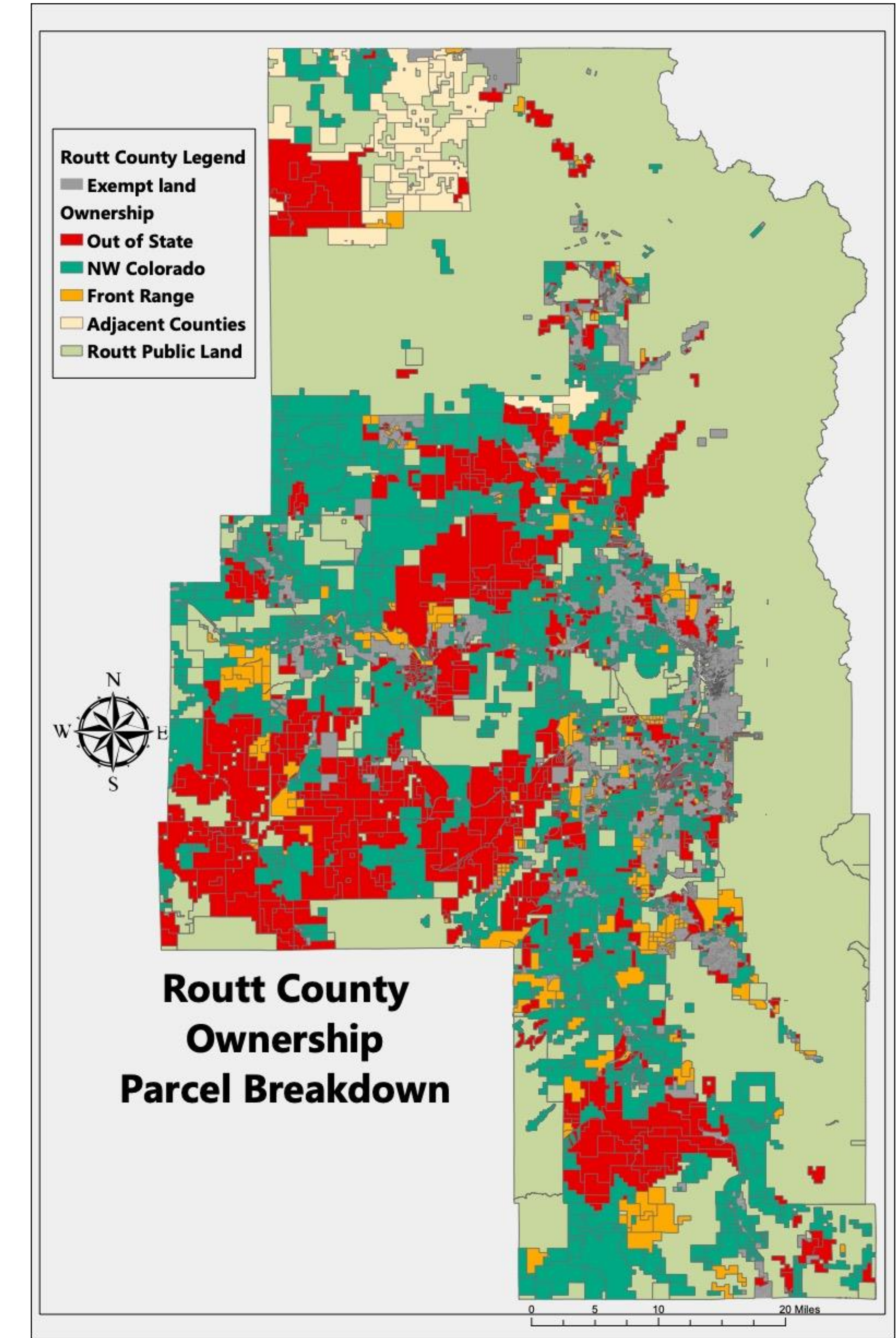
WHAT YOU DID

- Found parcel data for (name counties we used)
- Edited each layer to have new fields like ownership and where the owners are from
- From these new fields maps were created in order to illustrate out findings.
- Acreage, Owner number , and owner location were our priorities.



WHAT YOU LEARNED

- Compile parcel layers from multiple websites
- Transfer data from arc pro to excel
- Use a variety of tools in arc pro for spatial analysis
- Contact various industry professionals and explain common goals
- Gain a better understanding on how to find help on websites



NEXT STEPS

- Add more parcel layers into the database - Interview more landowners - Expand this project to other states