

## Why is Data Sharing Among Public Bodies Important?

Collaboration and data sharing among public agencies are key to building a more connected and efficient Oregon. When agencies work together to standardize geospatial data, it leads to a clearer understanding of statewide needs—resulting in better services, smarter policies, and more informed decisions.

OGIC supports this effort through its ongoing data-sharing initiative which aims to:

- Identify challenges in maintaining Oregon's Framework data
- Strengthen agency partnerships.
- Improve public access to geospatial data.



## Quarterly OGIC Meeting Recap

In October, OGIC held its final quarterly council meeting of 2025. October's council meeting was held in person at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife building in Salem, Oregon. The [meeting packet](#) and [recording](#) are available online.

### Meeting Actions

OGIC voted and approved one (1) item during the quarterly council meeting:

#### Public Body Data Sharing

OGIC's Data Sharing and Governance committee continues to consult with agencies regarding Framework data elements. The final three (3) agencies identified in OGIC's first phase of data sharing have successfully completed consultation as outlined in [OGIC's Administrative Process and Procedures to Implement ORS 276A.509](#).

The Oregon Department of Agriculture, Department of Environmental Quality, and Department of State Lands have completed the consultation. These agencies steward 10 Framework data elements that OGIC designated for Public Body Data Sharing with a unanimous vote.

Oregon's Framework Program data inventory consists of 168 datasets. Currently OGIC has completed consultation with 59 datasets; further coordination is required for 74 datasets; and 35 datasets are exempt from OGIC's process.

For general questions regarding OGIC or the newsletter, reach out to Melissa Foltz at [melissa.foltz@das.oregon.gov](mailto:melissa.foltz@das.oregon.gov).

## Interested in becoming an OGIC Member?

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- Oregon State Association of County Assessors
- Public Universities
- Non-Profit
- State Agency

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## Next Meeting

OGIC's next council meeting will be held virtually on January 28, 2026.