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**State Plane Coordinate System of 2022**

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**Topics of Discussion**

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- New Datums
- Low Distortion Projection System
- State Plane Coordinate System Layers
- LDP Coordinate System Design
- Statewide Zone Layer
- Retirement of the U.S. Survey foot
- Timeline for the new system

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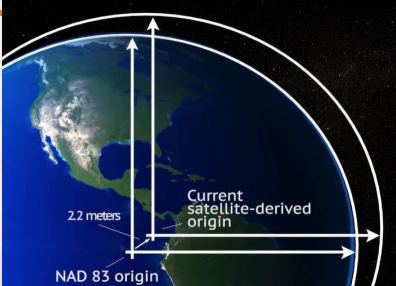
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**North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)**  
*NAD 83 is non-geocentric by about 2.2 meters*



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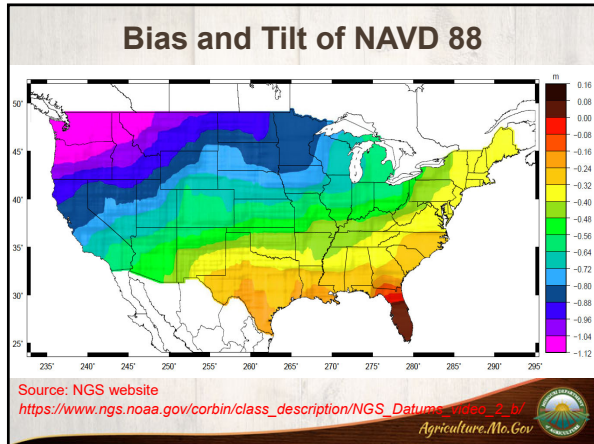
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### Changes in the Future

- NAVD 88 replaced with North American-Pacific Geopotential Datum of 2022 (NAPGD2022)
- NAD 83(2011) replaced with North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022(NATRF2022)
- State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 (SPCS2022)
- Geoid2022

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### What is a LDP?

- LDP = Low Distortion Projection
  - Conformal map projections designed to cover the largest area with the least linear distortion

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## Conformal

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- At a point, angles are preserved and scale error is the same in all directions

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## Map Projections

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- Used to convert a position from geographic (lat., long.) to rectangular (X,Y) coordinate values
- Represent a portion of the round ellipsoidal shaped earth to a “Developable” map projection that can be made into a flat surface
- Flat surface = Cartesian Coordinates (X,Y) = easier to calculate

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## Map Projections

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- Earth’s Spherical surface cannot be transformed to a flat map without creating significant distortions

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## Map Projections

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- **Two Types of Distortion**
  - Angular: Convergence angle for conformal projections
  - Linear: Difference between grid inverses (map distance) and corresponding ground/horizontal distances




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## Linear Distortion

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- Can be positive or negative
- **Positive distortion** - the grid length is **LONGER** than the “true” horizontal length
- **Negative distortion** - the grid length is **SHORTER** than the “true” horizontal length




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## Linear Distortion

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| PPM        | Ratio           | feet/mile     |
|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 5          | 1:200,000       | 0.0264        |
| <b>20</b>  | <b>1:50,000</b> | <b>0.1056</b> |
| 50         | 1:20,000        | 0.264         |
| 100        | 1:10,000        | 0.528         |
| 200        | 1:5,000         | 1.056         |
| <b>300</b> | <b>1:3,333</b>  | <b>1.584</b>  |
| 500        | 1:2,000         | 2.64          |
| 1000       | 1:1,000         | 5.28          |




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## Linear Distortion

- **Varies according to:**
  1. Earth curvature (distance from projection axis)
  2. Height above or below the projection surface




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### Horizontal Linear Distortion of Projected Coordinates due to Earth Curvature (From Michael Dennis)

| Maximum zone width for secant projections (km and miles) | Maximum linear horizontal distortion, $\delta$ |                |                        |
|--|--|----------------|------------------------|
|  | Parts per million (mm/km)                      | Feet per mile  | Ratio (absolute value) |
| 25 km (16 miles)   | ±1 ppm   | ±0.005 ft/mile | 1 : 1,000,000          |
| 57 km (35 miles)   | ±5 ppm   | ±0.026 ft/mile | 1 : 200,000            |
| 81 km (50 miles)   | ±10 ppm  | ±0.05 ft/mile  | 1 : 100,000            |
| 114 km (71 miles)  | ±20 ppm  | ±0.1 ft/mile   | 1 : 50,000             |
| 180 km (112 miles)                                       | ±50 ppm  | ±0.3 ft/mile   | 1 : 20,000             |
| 255 km (158 miles) e.g., SPCS*                           | ±100 ppm                                       | ±0.5 ft/mile   | 1 : 10,000             |
| 510 km (317 miles) e.g., UTM†                            | ±400 ppm                                       | ±2.1 ft/mile   | 1 : 2,500              |

\*State Plane Coordinate System; zone width shown is valid between ~0° and 45° latitude  
†Universal Transverse Mercator; zone width shown is valid between ~30° and 60° latitude




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### Horizontal Linear Distortion of Projected Coordinates at Various Heights with Respect to Projection Surface (From Michael Dennis)

| Height below (-) and above (+) projection surface | Maximum linear horizontal distortion, $\delta$ |                |                        |
|---|--|----------------|------------------------|
|   | Parts per million (mm/km)                      | Feet per mile  | Ratio (absolute value) |
| ±30 m (±100 ft)                                   | ±4.8 ppm                                       | ±0.025 ft/mile | ~1 : 209,000           |
| ±120 m (±400 ft)                                  | ±19 ppm  | ±0.10 ft/mile  | ~1 : 52,000            |
| ±300 m (±1000 ft)                                 | ±48 ppm  | ±0.25 ft/mile  | ~1 : 21,000            |
| +600 m (+2000 ft)*                                | -96 ppm  | -0.50 ft/mile  | ~1 : 10,500            |
| +1000 m (+3300 ft)**                              | -158 ppm                                       | -0.83 ft/mile  | ~1 : 6,300             |
| +4400 m (+14,400 ft)†                             | -688 ppm                                       | -3.6 ft/mile   | ~1 : 1,500             |

\*Approximate mean topographic height of North America (US, Canada, and Central America)  
\*\* Approximate mean topographic height of western coterminous US (west of 100°W longitude)  
† Approximate maximum topographic height in coterminous US




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## Projected Coordinate Systems Include:

1. Projection Type
2. Geodetic Datum
3. Linear Unit



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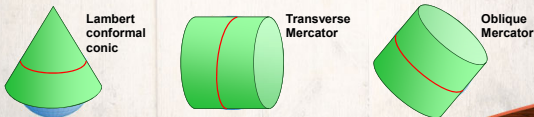
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## 1. Common Projection Types for LDPs and State Plane Projections

- Below are three projection types typically used in LDPs

Ref: Building a State Plane Coordinate System for the future by Michael Dennis, NGS



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## 2. Geodetic Datum

- When the ellipsoid model is oriented and positioned in space, it forms a "horizontal geodetic datum"
- Examples
  - North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27)
  - North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83)
  - North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (NATRF2022)



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### 3. Linear Unit

- **Examples**
  - U.S. survey foot
  - International foot
  - Meter



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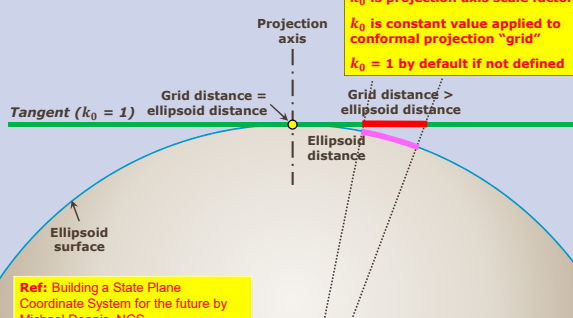
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#### A Map Projection is a Mathematical Function

$(northing, easting) = f(latitude, longitude) \times k_0$



**$k_0$  is projection axis scale factor**  
 **$k_0$  is constant value applied to conformal projection "grid"**  
 **$k_0 = 1$  by default if not defined**

Grid distance = ellipsoid distance  
Grid distance > ellipsoid distance

Tangent ( $k_0 = 1$ )

Projection axis

Ellipsoid surface

Ellipsoid distance

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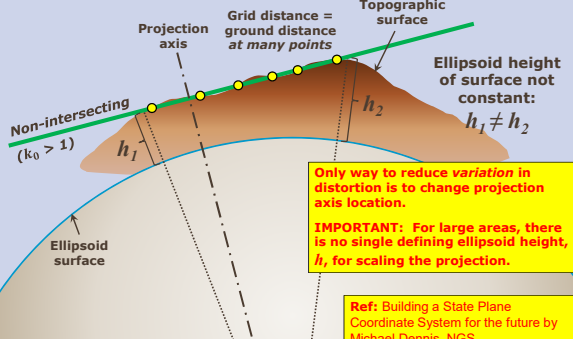
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#### Changing Projection Axis to Reduce Distortion Variation



Grid distance = ground distance at many points

Topographic surface

Ellipsoid height of surface not constant:  $h_1 \neq h_2$

Non-intersecting ( $k_0 > 1$ )

Projection axis

Ellipsoid surface

**Only way to reduce variation in distortion is to change projection axis location.**

**IMPORTANT:** For large areas, there is no single defining ellipsoid height,  $h$ , for scaling the projection.

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### State LDP Statistics

| State     | Number of Zones | Max (ppm)  | Min (ppm) | Percentage of State less than 10 (ppm) | Percentage of State less than 20 (ppm) |
|-----------|-----------------|--|-----------|--|--|
| Kansas    | 20              | 26.0   | -26.9     | 68.33%                                 | 98.80%                                 |
| Iowa      | 14              | 25.9   | -25.9     | 73.63%                                 | 99.61%                                 |
| Oregon    | 39              | Some areas greater than +/- 50 ppm                                       |           |  |  |
| Indiana   | 92 (57)         | Extreme Value = About 24 ppm, 95% less than 13 ppm, 99% less than 18 ppm |           |  |  |
| Nebraska  | 95              | 7 Zones Extreme Value > +/- 25 ppm                                       |           |  |  |
| Wisconsin | 58              | Extreme is about +/- 50 ppm  |           |  |  |
| Minnesota | 86              | Not Published  |           |  |  |

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### State Plane Coordinate System of 2022

- Similar to existing State Plane Coordinate System
  - Based on same reference ellipsoid as SPCS 83 (GRS 80)
  - Same 3 conformal projection types as SPCS 83
- Differences
  - Referenced to 2022 Terrestrial Reference Frames (TRFs)
  - Zones designed "at ground"
  - Zone "layers"
- Stakeholder input

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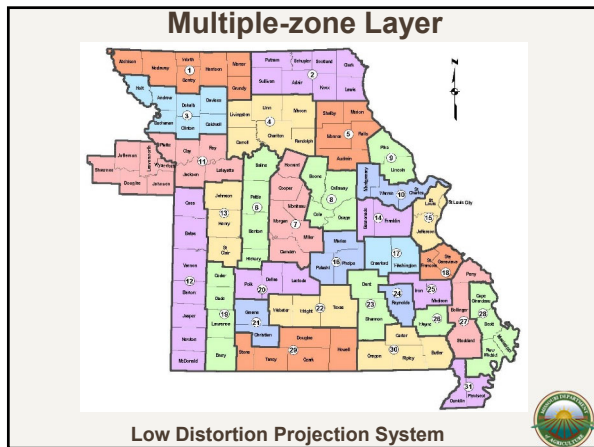
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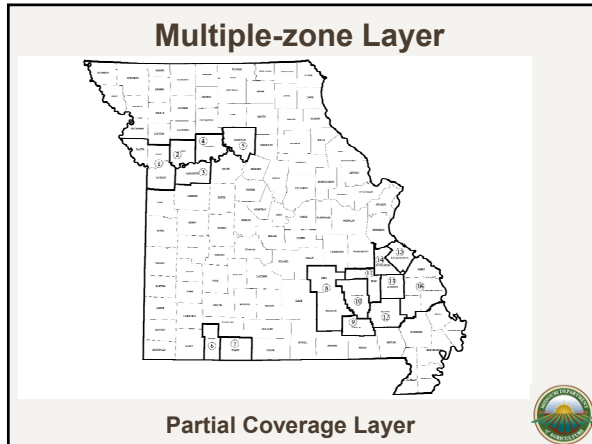
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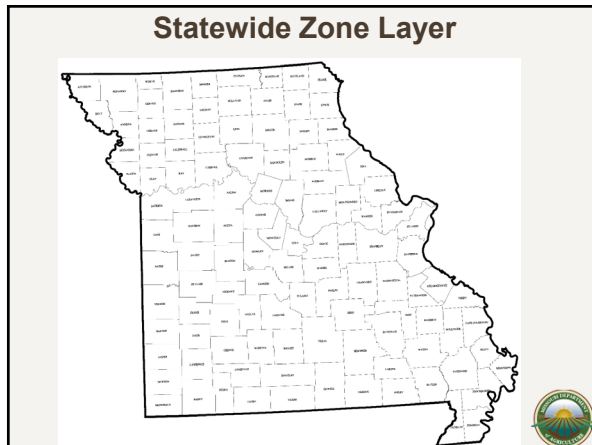
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**State Plane Coordinates**

- **Currently only two layers**
  - Statewide Zone (Designed by NGS)
  - Multiple-zone Layer (Low Distortion Projection)

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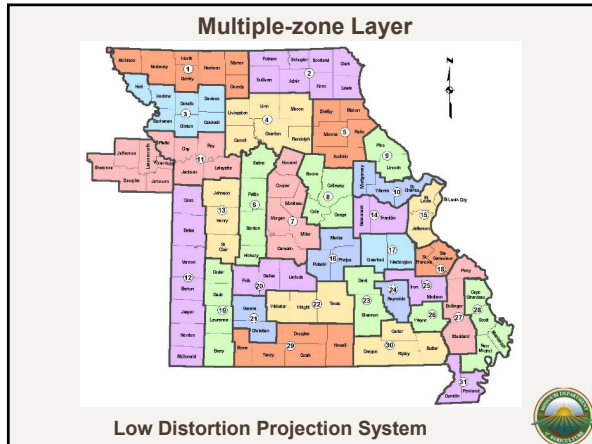
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### Preliminary LDP Design

- Created a point coverage of 26.8 million points over the entire state on 3 arc second grid (roughly 303 ft. N-S and 238 ft. E-W)
- Elevated points from the National Elevation Data set
- Reduced points to ellipsoid heights
- Computed distortion statistics moving the central meridian or standard parallel, using different scales and projection types

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### Preliminary LDP Design

- Cities contained within the zone
- Counties' boundaries used as zone boundaries
- Counties with similar elevations were grouped together
- Zones were generally narrow as possible yet meeting the width requirements set by NGS
- Zones were configured to include as many counties as possible, while trying to keep as much of the zone as possible under 20 PPM linear distortion

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## Preliminary LDP Design

- Zones were named using most populated city
- Total of 31 Zones
  - 17 Zones using a Lambert map projection
  - 14 Zones using a Transverse Mercator map projection
- False Northing and Eastings differ from previous systems




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## Preliminary LDP Design

- The Easting coordinates were designed to help identify the zone.
- The coordinate system is designed where the zone number x 1,000,000 equals the Easting coordinates in international feet
  - Example: all Eastings in Zone 15 (St. Louis zone) will be in the fifteen millions of international feet




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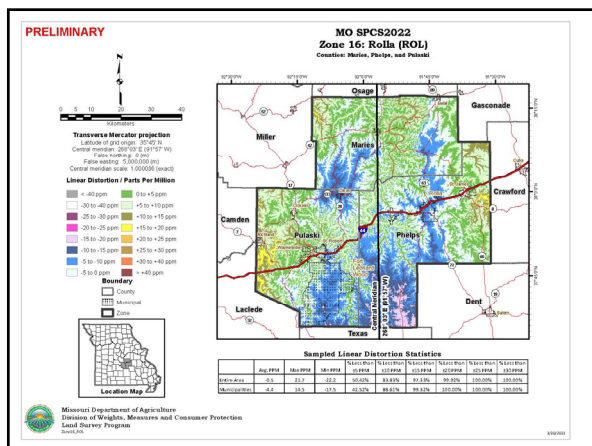
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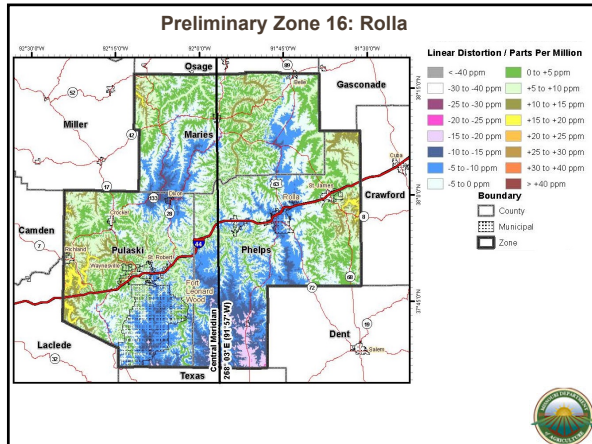
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**Preliminary Zone 16: Rolla Parameters**

**Transverse Mercator projection**

Latitude of grid origin: 35°45' N  
 Central meridian: 268°03' E (91°57' W)  
 False northing: 0 (m)  
 False easting: 5,000,000 (m)  
 Central meridian scale: 1.000036 (exact)

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**Preliminary Zone 16: Rolla Statistics**

**Sampled Linear Distortion Statistics**

|                | Avg. PPM | Max PPM | Min PPM | % Less than ±5 PPM | % Less than ±10 PPM | % Less than ±15 PPM | % Less than ±20 PPM | % Less than ±25 PPM | % Less than ±30 PPM |
|----------------|----------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Entire Area    | -0.5     | 21.7    | -22.2   | 50.42%             | 83.83%              | 97.33%              | 99.92%              | 100.00%             | 100.00%             |
| Municipalities | -4.4     | 14.5    | -17.5   | 42.52%             | 88.61%              | 99.32%              | 100.00%             | 100.00%             | 100.00%             |

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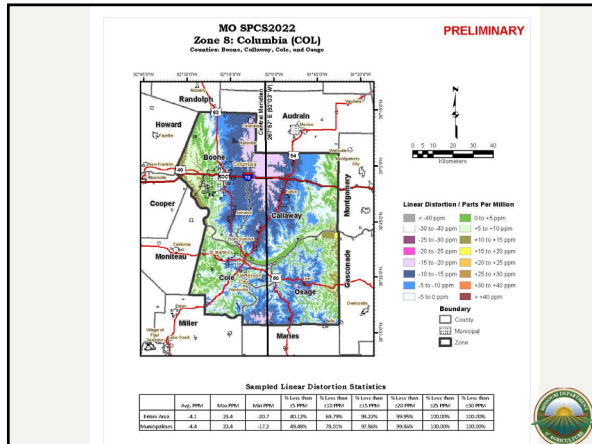
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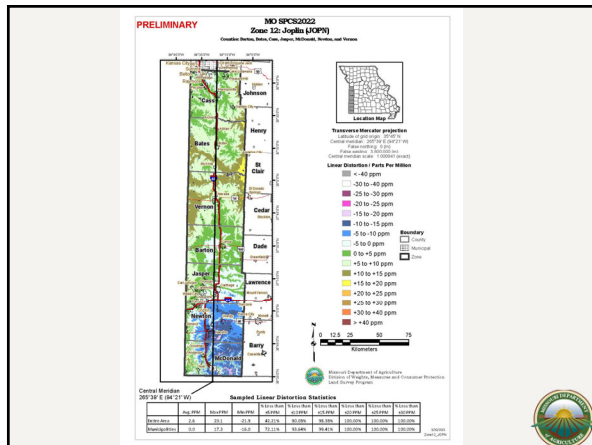
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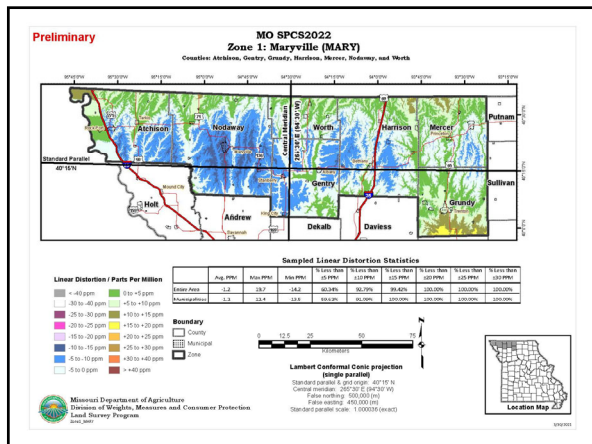
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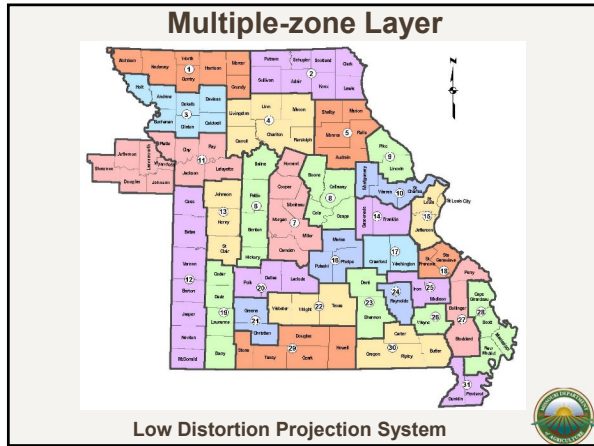
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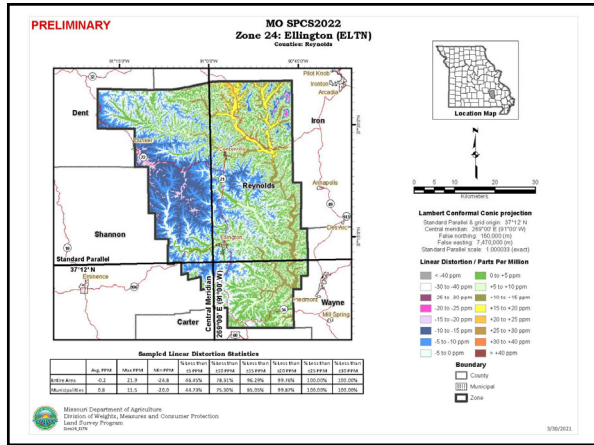
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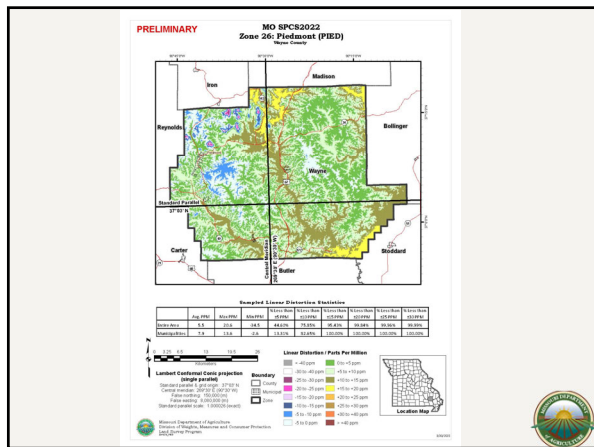
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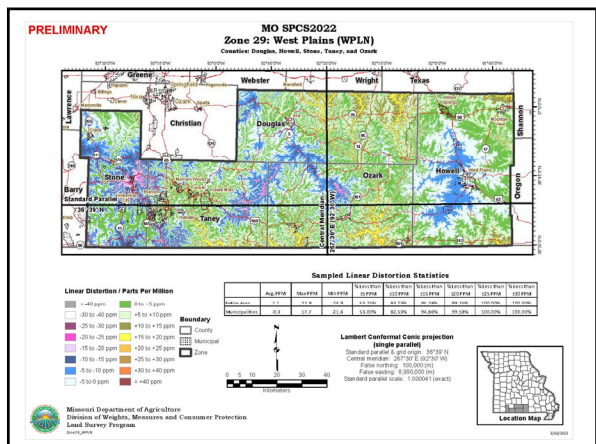
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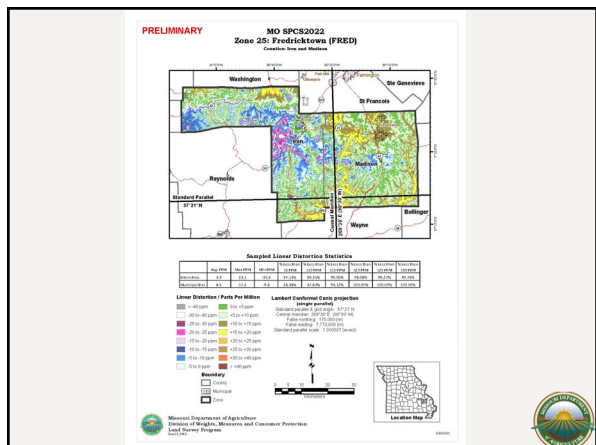
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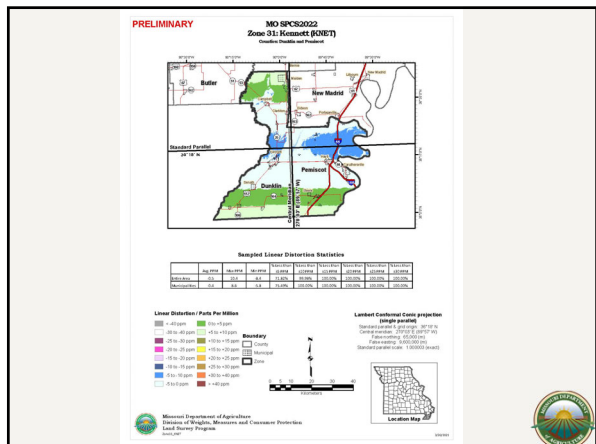
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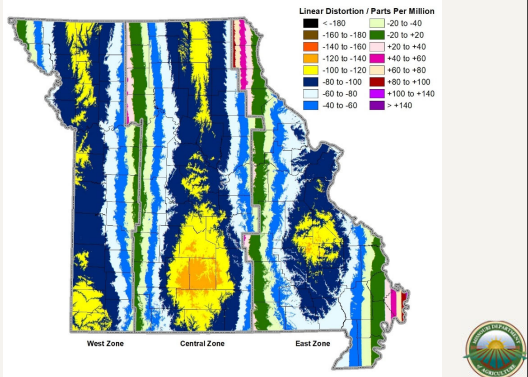
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**Linear Distortion On the Existing Three Zone NAD 83 State Plane Coordinate System**




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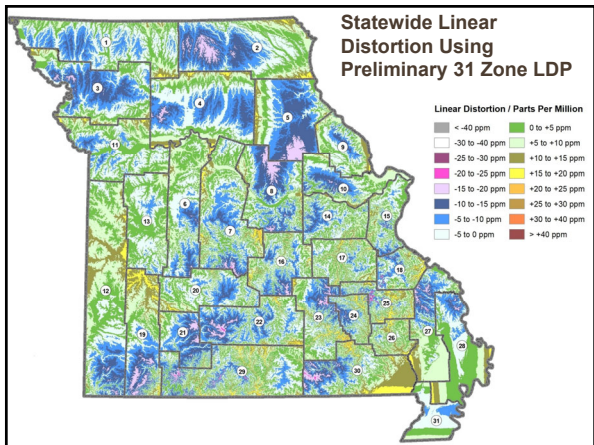
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**Comparison Statistics**

Out of 114 Counties and St. Louis City

| Coor. System      | Max (ppm) | Min (ppm) |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| NAD 83 SPCS       | 115.4     | -143.5    |
| Prel. 31 zone LDP | 29.3      | -35.6     |

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### Comparison Statistics Cont.

| Out of 114 Counties and St. Louis City Percentage of Sampled Points Under |           |            |            |            |            |               |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| Coord. System   | +/- 5 ppm | +/- 10 ppm | +/- 15 ppm | +/- 20 ppm | +/- 25 ppm | +/- 30 ppm    |
| NAD 83 SPCS   | 2.22%     | 4.61%      | 7.19%      | 9.80%      | 12.21%     | 14.80%        |
| Prel. 31 zone LDP   | 48.35%    | 80.22%     | 96.16%     | 99.82%     | 99.98%     | Appr. 100.00% |

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### What type of surveying practices result in about 5 PPM linear distortion?

- **Scaling points with one factor on a GPS project and measuring with GPS to a point with an elevation 100 feet above or below the point at which the factor was derived**
- **Not having a geoid model**
- **In a total station:**
  - Having the temperature off by 7 or 8 degrees F
  - Or having the pressure off by about a 1/2 inch of Mercury

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### LDP Advantages

- **Grid distances closely match the ground distances**
- **Larger areas covered with less distortion**
- **Reduced convergence angle**
- **Clean zone parameter definitions, compatible with common surveying, engineering, and GIS software**

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### LDP Advantages Cont.

- Easy to transform between other coordinate systems
- Maintains a relationship to the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)
- Cover entire cities and counties making them useful for regional mapping and GIS
- Obtain distances near ground distances without site “calibration” or “localization” to control points

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### LDP Advantages Cont.

- Preloaded into machine control grading systems
- Available and coded into popular survey and mapping software
- Work with MODOT VRS and OPUS

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### LDP Disadvantages

- Will not perform well on very large projects
- Some linear distortion will be unavoidable
- Unfamiliar with new projection parameters
- Learning curve and associated cost for initial familiarization and transformation of existing mapping systems
- Most likely Grid North will be different from NAD83 and NAD27

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## Surveying in SPCS2022

- Start by checking distortion map of zone/area at project location
  - Determine if scale/elevation factors are needed
- Zone should be preloaded within software
- Select zone within data collector
- Date collector setup similar to our current process

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## Status of Zone Layout and Designs

- Designs by NGS
  - 159 zones (including 54 statewide zones)
- Designs by state stakeholders
  - 810 zones in 28 states
  - Range from 1 to 88 zones per layer (max in Ohio)
  - Essentially all are “low distortion projections”
- Total = 969 zones for 56 states and territories
  - Number may decrease, but will not increase

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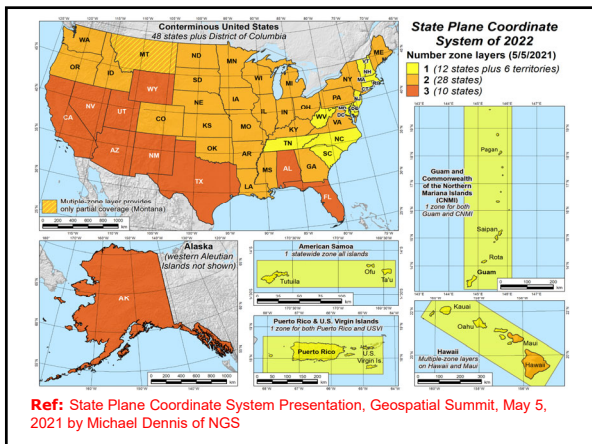
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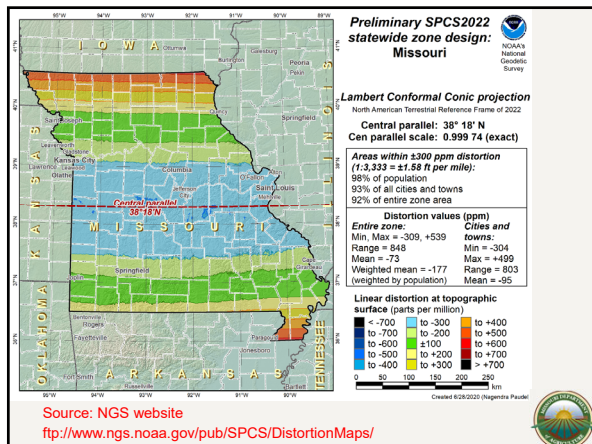
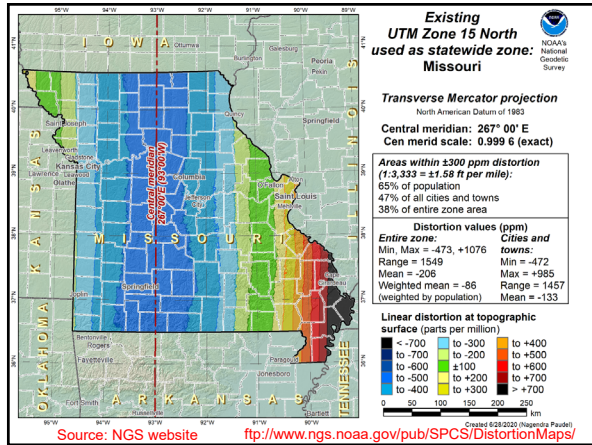
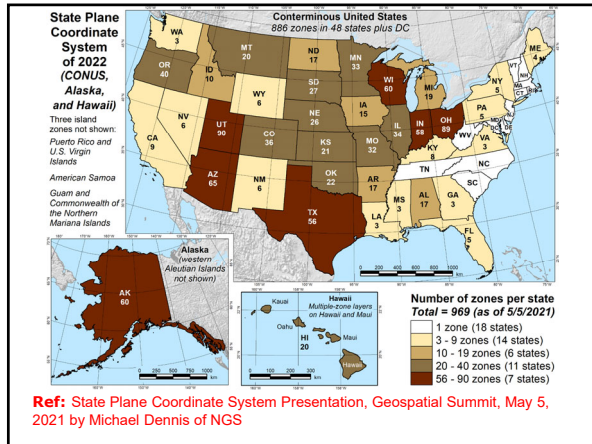
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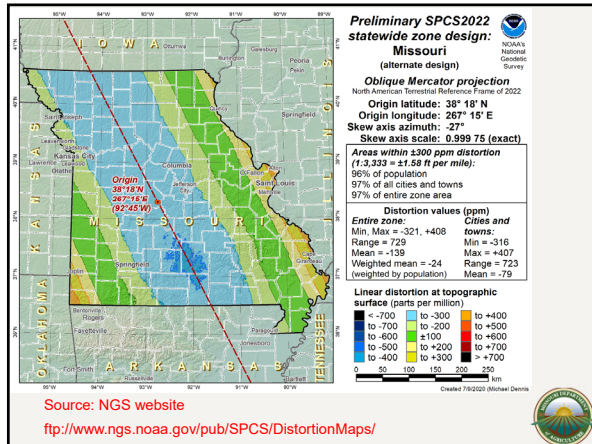
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### Statewide Zone Comparison

Areas within 300 PPM Distortion

| Coordinate System         | Population | Cities and Towns | Entire Zone Area | Min/Max    |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|------------|
| NAD 83 UTM 15             | 65%        | 47%              | 38%              | -473/+1076 |
| SPCS2022 – LCC Projection | 98%        | 93%              | 92%              | -309/+539  |
| SPCS2022 – OM Projection  | 96%        | 97%              | 97%              | -321/+408  |

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- ### Statewide Zone Advantages
- More geocentric
  - Projection surface near the topographic surface
  - Less distortion than NAD83 UTM Zone 15
  - Easily transformed between coordinate systems
  - Covers the entire state - useful for regional/statewide mapping and GIS
  - Used with MODOT VRS & OPUS
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## GPS on Bench Marks

- 2022 Transformation Tools



- "GPS on Bench Marks"
- The LSP, MODOT, MSPS chapters, Corps of Engineers and the private sector assisted in these efforts
- Land Survey Program plans to continue to assist with this project

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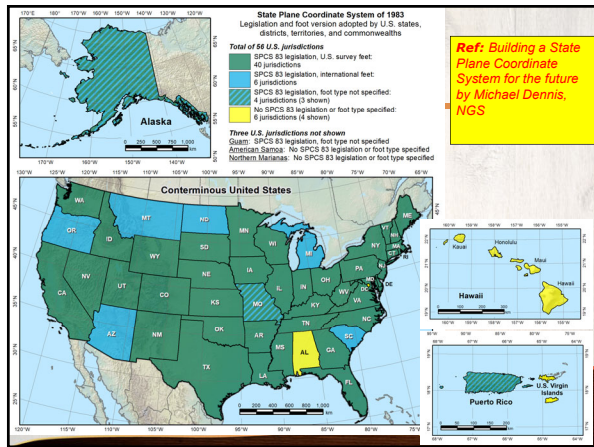
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## Foot Definition Comparison

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**U. S. Survey Foot (sft) = 1200/3937 Meters**  
(sft = 0.304800609601 Meters)

**International Foot (ift) = 0.3048 Meters**

**Distance comparison:**  
 1 Mile = 1609.344 Meters  
 1609.344 / 0.304800609601 = 5279.99 sft  
 1609.344 / 0.3048 = 5280.00 ift




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### Foot Definition Comparison Cont.

U.S. Survey Foot (sft) = 1200/3937 Meter  
(sft = 0.304800609601 meter)  
International Foot (ift) = 0.3048 Meter

Coordinate comparison:  
ET 18 JWO – Harrison County  
N: 482,396.207 meters  
E: 900,585.283 meters  
N: 1,582,661.56 sft vs. N: 1,582,664.72 ift  
E: 2,954,670.22 sft E: 2,954,676.13 ift  
Difference: 6.70'



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### Foot Definition

- Deprecation effective Dec 31, 2022
  - NSRS modernization will happen later
- For users of existing NSRS:
  - Deprecation will have no effect
  - U.S. survey foot will still be supported
  - Difference in dates will NOT create a problem
- Will give more time to make the transition

U.S survey foot will ALWAYS be supported by NGS for State Plane Coordinate Systems of 1983 and 1927

Ref: Retirement of the U.S. Survey Foot Presentation, Geospatial Summit, May 5, 2021 by Michael Dennis of NGS



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### SPCS2022 Stakeholders

- Missouri Department of Agriculture - Land Survey Program
- Missouri Department of Transportation
- Missouri Director - GIS
- Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors



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## State Plane Coordinate System of 2022

### Deadlines:

- **March 31, 2020** - Requests for zones designed by NGS or proposals for zones designed by stakeholders
- **March 31, 2021** - **Submittal of all final defining** parameters for NGS-approved designs by stakeholders
- **Finalize all designs in 2022 (maybe later...)**
- **Official release with rollout of modernized NSRS**  
Likely after 2025  
(Per NGS at Geospatial Summit in May 2021)



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## Land Survey Program

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**Thank You**  
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