

Historic Vegetation--Spring '98 Update

Results of the 1996-97 Pilot Project were reported in January 1998 as:

1. The "Batek" database of 28 townships in the Current River Region was reworked to move from a numeric coding system to a natural language based database design. Subsequent work uses this design.
2. Four pilot regions were chosen to represent four major geographic regions of Missouri. Detailed time accounting was maintained on these pilot areas to establish estimates for completing the state. The total amount projected to complete the historic vegetation mapping of Missouri is approximately \$320,000 which when spread over a five-year period is \$64,000 per year.
3. More townships were added to the original "Batek" database so that a total of 87 townships were finished by the end of 1997.
4. We prepared a list of standard products (maps and databases) reasonably expected for any use of historic vegetation data.

Continued funding - The Missouri National Guard, Missouri Department of Conservation and Missouri Department of Natural Resources all have indicated some level of interest in continuing to fund the project.

In 1998 73 more townships have been entered into the database, bringing the total of entered townships to 160. These are divided as follows:

- 29 North-central Missouri (Chariton, Carroll, Linn, Sullivan, Putnam counties)
- 9 West-central Missouri (Johnson, Pettis counties)
- 14 East-central Missouri (St. Charles, Franklin, St. Louis counties)
- 10 Southeastern Missouri (Mississippi, New Madrid counties)
- 98 Ozarks (Shannon, Texas, Reynolds, Carter, Howell, Oregon, Ripley, Wayne counties)