

Generating Useful Data with Computer Vision Tools: 2 Use Cases (PDFs & Imagery)



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Overview



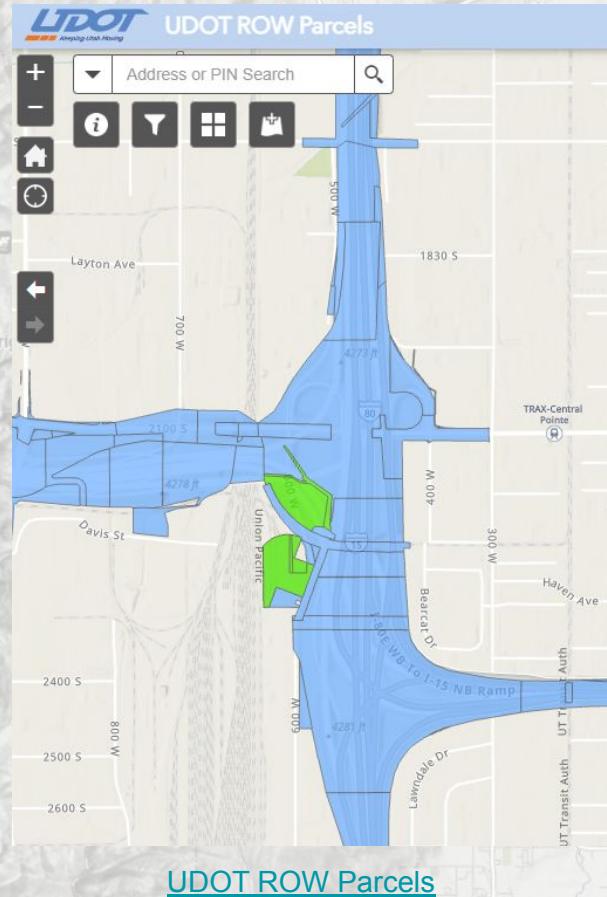
- Two Computer Vision (CV) Projects
 - UDOT Parcel Detection Project
 - DHHS Cooling Towers Project
- Motivation
- Process
- Details/Tools
- Results



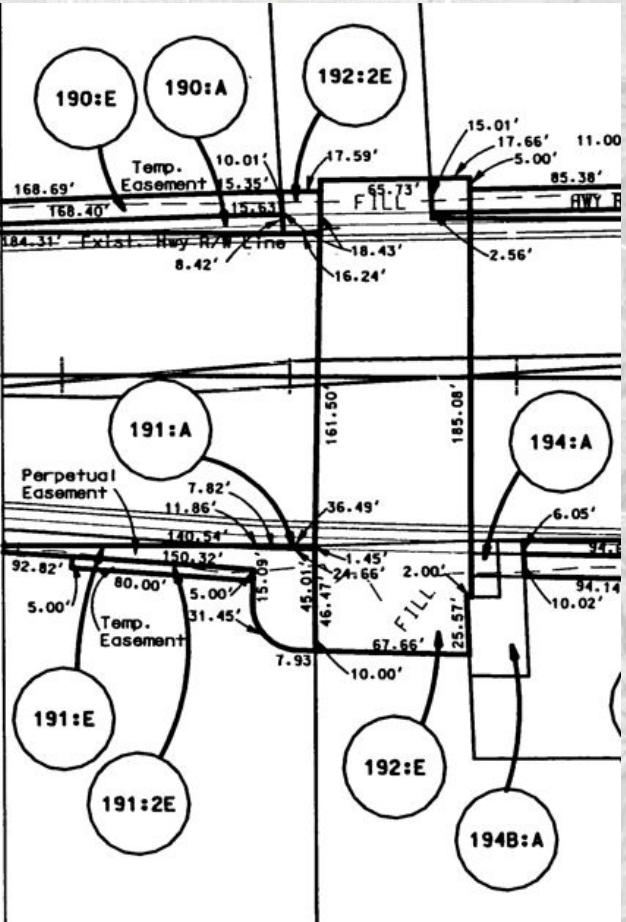
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Motivation - UDOT Parcel Detection

- UDOT has acquired a LOT of property over 100+ years
 - ...but they didn't keep track of where that property was located
- UDOT has a tons (90K) of project plan documents
 - ...but it's difficult to find a specific parcel within those documents
- How can they untangle where everything is?
 - Manually sift through 90,000 documents?
 - NO!
 - Let the machines do the work!



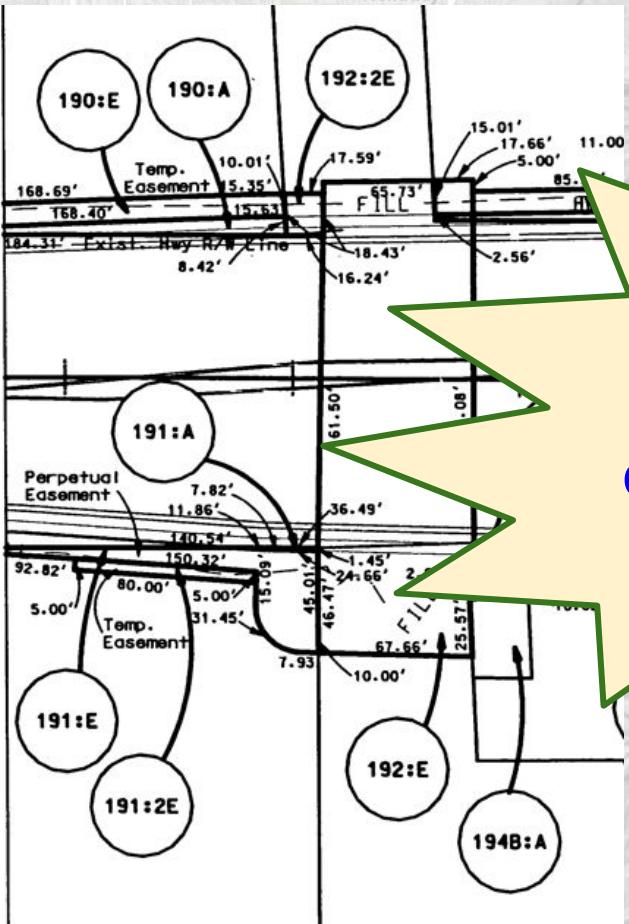
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- Parcel information is annotated in a very specific way - circles around the text
- Plan documents fairly consistent in format
- Circles take up roughly the same size in any given document
- Parcel text follows patterns, w/ defined rules
 - numbers/letters, colon, numbers/letters
 - 193B:2A
 - 191:E
 - 41BNT:2E



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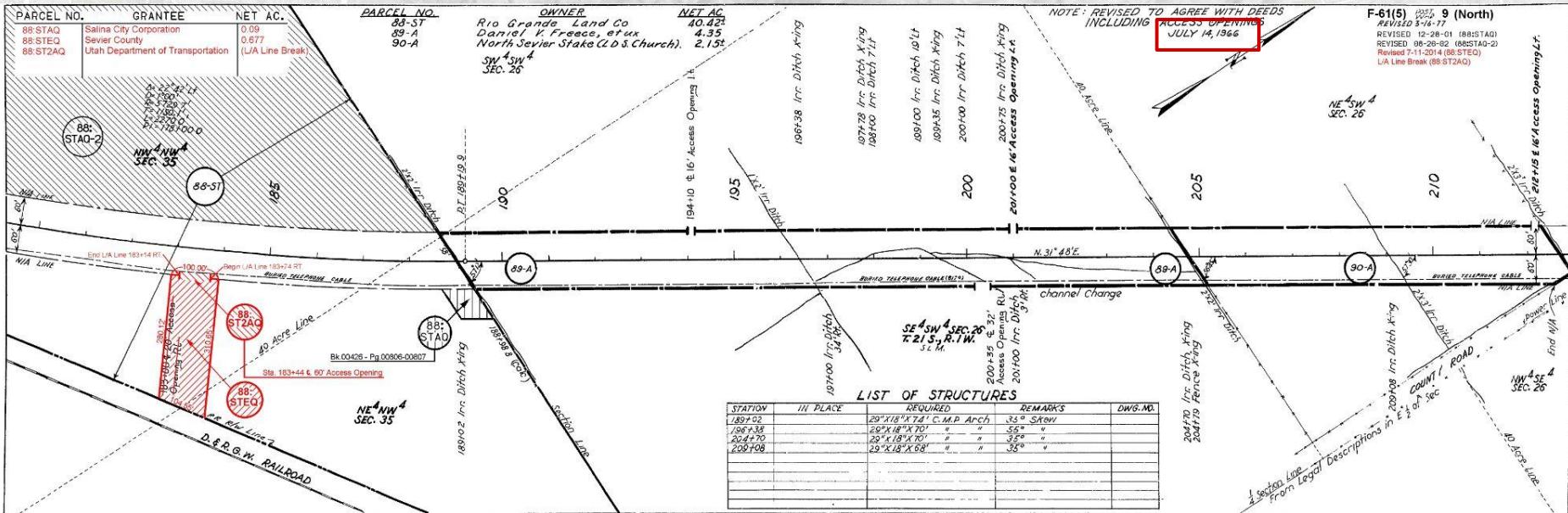
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This problem is
solvable with
computer vision!

191:E
41BNT:2E



Examples



SARATOGA SPRINGS CITY
(INCORPORATED)

MAP SHEET
5/17/2012

Z:\\B01\\92012 MVC Redwood Road Sl. County\\Utah\\Napa\\7703.MP-08261.RW-24-Aerial Folio



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REGION 2 - SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

APPROVED

RIGHT OF WAY PLAN SHEET

SF-0182(10)

TEMPORARY SHEET NO. RW-34

BAK Project No. 801202

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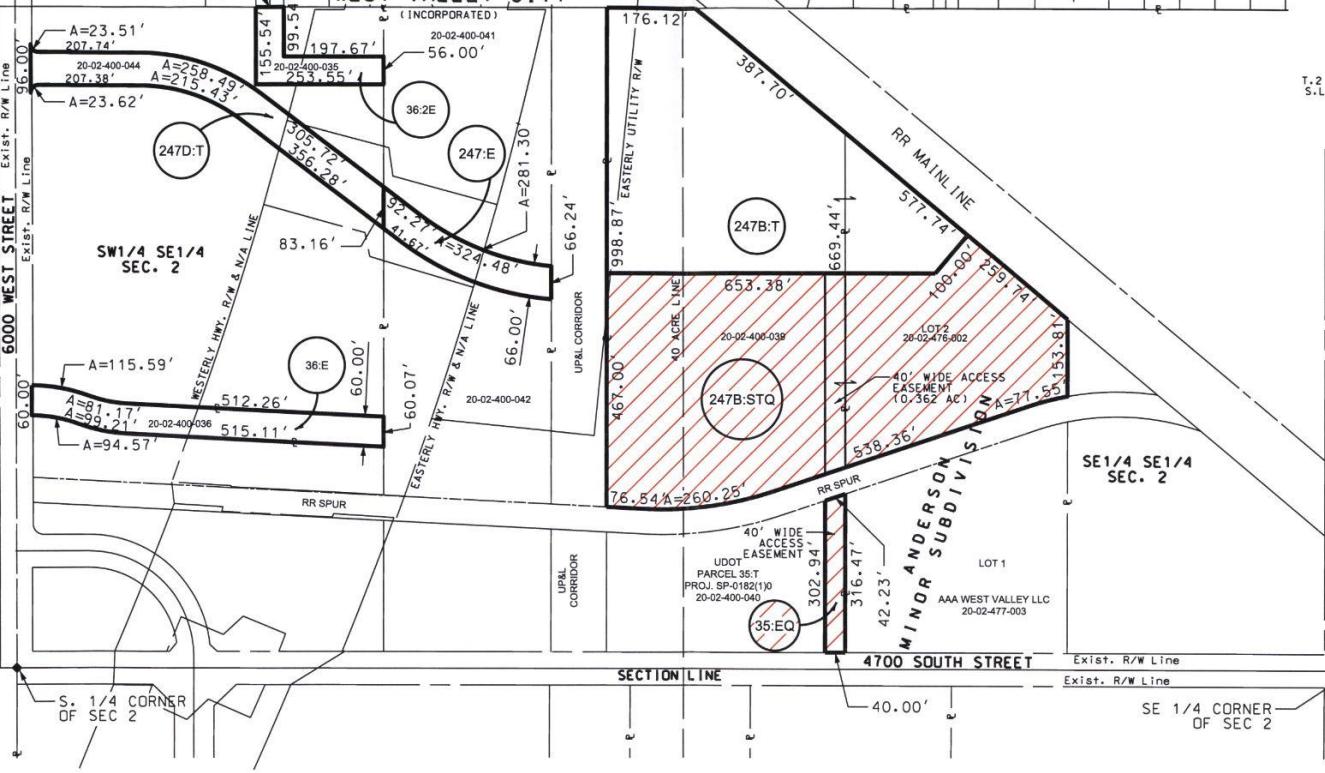
REVISIONS

PROJECT	MOUNTAIN VIEW CORRIDOR	DRAWN BY	DBA
PROJECT NUMBER	REDWOOD RD - 9000 SOUTH	CHECKED BY	APPROVED BY

REMARKS

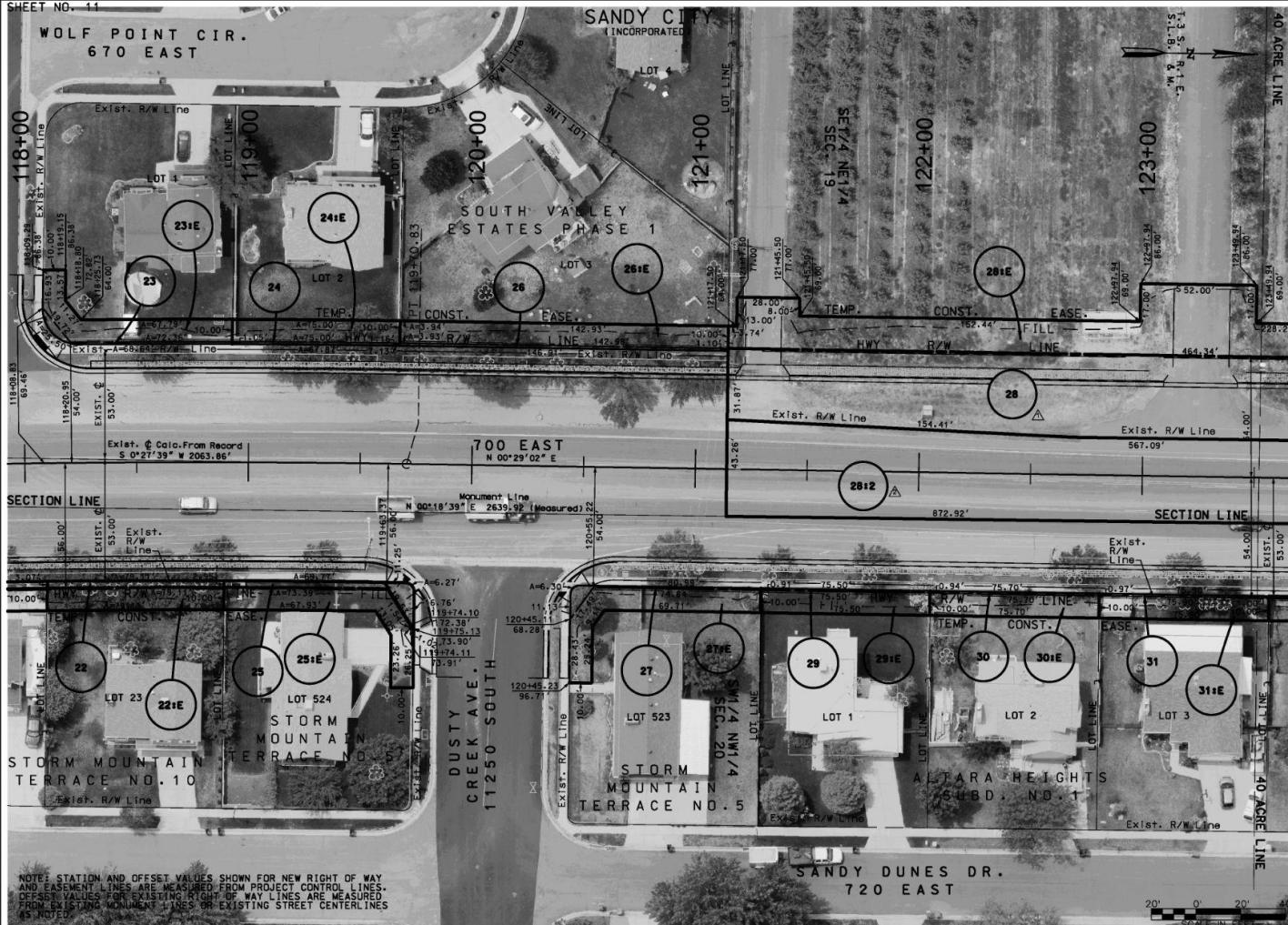


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WEST VALLEY CITY
(INCORPORATED)

SHEET NO. 11

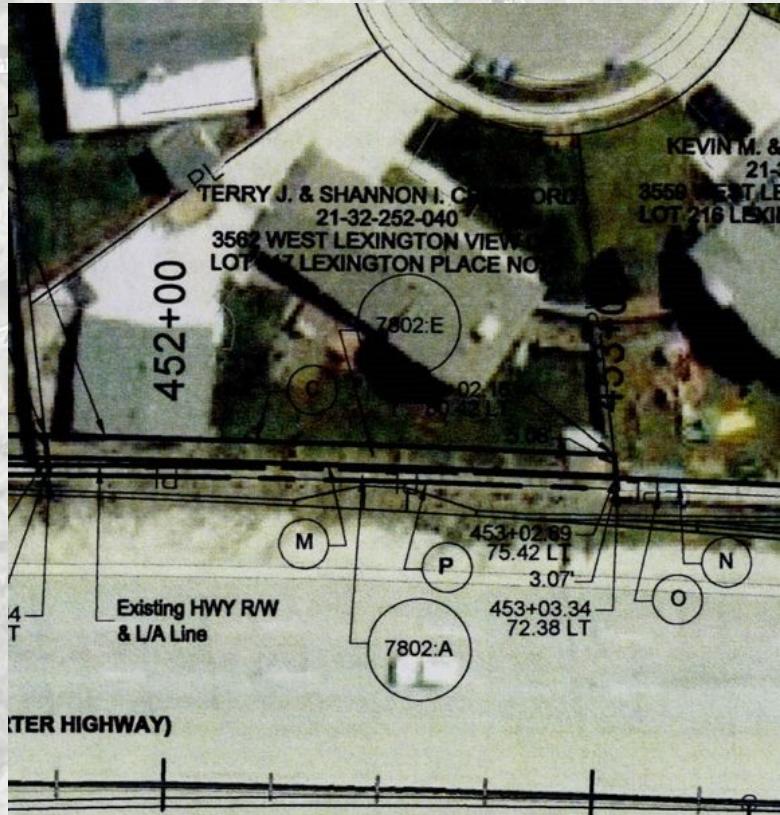
WOLF POINT CIR.
670 EAST



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Examples



MILESTONE DESIGN TRANSMITTAL Legacy Parkway Design Build Project

PLAN PACKAGE (if applicable)

Segment: 1-15 Type: Sequence:

Original DocC Number: 23DCN87

Title: Design Change Notice

SUBJECTS (Check box for each category that defines transmittal contents) X

Roadway	Drainage	Geotechnical	Pavement	Structures
MOT	Signals	Lighting X	Striping	Signs
ATMS	Utility	Landscape	Aesthetics	
Other:				

REVIEW ITEMS

Use additional sheet to list items

- 1 Revision 1 to Phase 1 Lighting Plans
- 2 Check prints
- 3 DCN Form
- 4
- 5
- 6

NO COMMENTS

IQF FOR AUDIT

1st DocC Extension #: 23DCN87-1

Transmitted By: Dr. K. N. Gunalan
FAK-LLC Design Manager
360 N. 700 W. Suite F
North Salt Lake, UT 84054

Transmitted To: Mr. John Bale
IQF Manager
360 N. 700 W. Suite F
North Salt Lake, UT 84054

K. N. Gunalan | Signature | 10/16/03
Print FAK Designer | Date
Non-Audit | *John Bale* | 10/22/03
Print IDQM | Signature | Date
IDQM sign and return (with comments) to FAK Design Manager

| 10/22/03 D-1-NIA | 10/17/03
Date

UDOT FOR REVIEW

2nd DocC Extension #: 23DCN87-2

Transmitted By: Dr. K. N. Gunalan
FAK-LLC Design Manager
360 N. 700 W. Suite F
North Salt Lake, UT 84054

Transmitted To: Mr. Todd Jensen
UDOT Design Manager
360 N. 700 W. Suite F
North Salt Lake, UT 84054

K. N. Gunalan | Signature | 10/22/03
Print FAK Designer | Date
Bernard Swanson | *Bernard Swanson* | 10/4/03
Print UDOT Oversight | Signature | Date

UDOT sign and return (with comments) to FAK Design Manager within five (5) days of receipt. UDOT signature demonstrates concurrence with the subject of this transmittal when applied to the specifically stated subject. Signature is not a Release for Construction.

F:\Admin\Forms\Milestone Transmittal.doc

Fluor Ames Kraemer, LLC

TRANSMITTAL
No. 01892

360 North 700 West, Ste F
North Salt Lake City, UT 84054

Phone: 801-951-1900
Fax: 801-951-1840

PROJECT: Legacy Parkway Design-Build

DATE: 5/13/2004

TO: Utah Department of Transportation
360 North 700 West, Ste F
North Salt Lake , UT 84054

REF: Plan Set, Park and Main,
final revision, from CRS
AFC

ATTN: *Rich Campagna*

WE ARE SENDING:	SUBMITTED FOR:	ACTION TAKEN:
<input type="checkbox"/> Shop Drawings	<input type="checkbox"/> Approval	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Submitted
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Your Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved as Noted
<input type="checkbox"/> Prints	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Returned After Loan
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Order	<input type="checkbox"/> Review and Comment	<input type="checkbox"/> Resubmit
<input type="checkbox"/> Plans		<input type="checkbox"/> Submit
<input type="checkbox"/> Samples		<input type="checkbox"/> Returned
<input type="checkbox"/> Specifications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Returned for Corrections
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		<input type="checkbox"/> Separate Cover Via: hand
		<input type="checkbox"/> Due Date:

ITEM NO.	COPIES	DATE	ITEM NUMBER	REV. NO.	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
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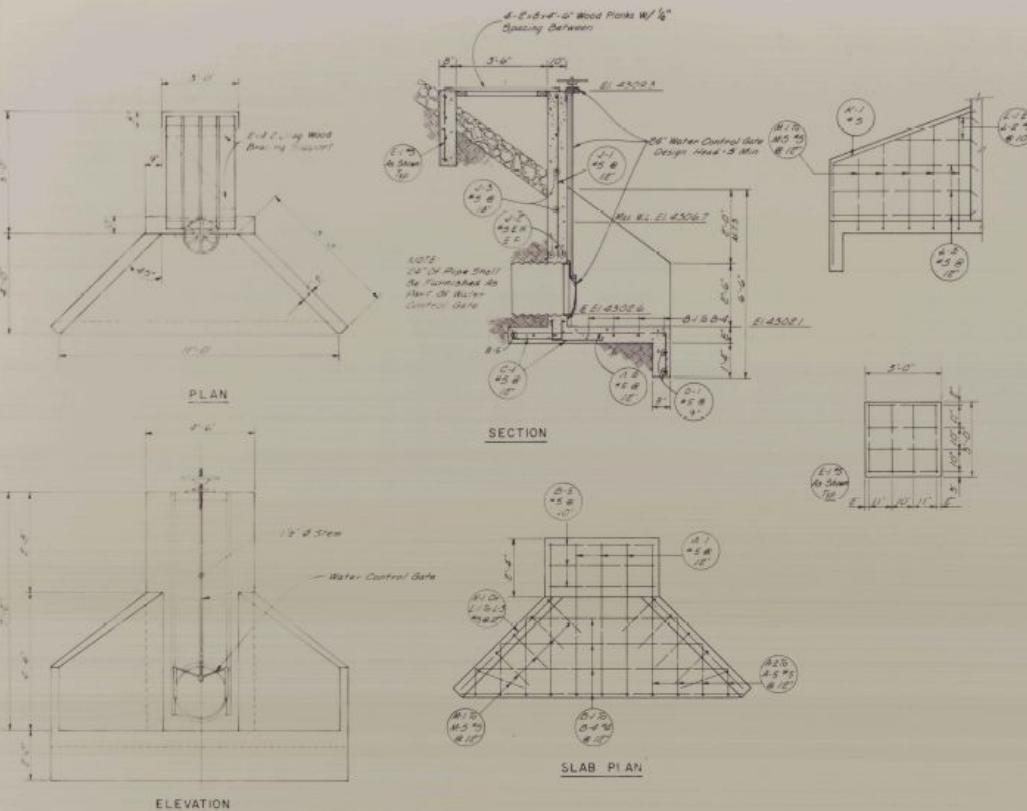
Remarks:

*58M.
16.*

CC:file 220, John Bale, Alan Beane, Doc Cntr North, Cliff Barber, Lewis Young, Jereme Frank, Bryan Keck, Dan Openshaw

Signed: *Deena Farmer*
Deena Farmer

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LOCATION	MARK	SIZE	400 BARNS	1/40000	TOPICAL 2/40000	EXPLANATION
SLAB	A-1	S	5	7-8°	$\pi \times 5 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	A-2	S	2	7-8°	$\pi \times 5 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	A-3	S	2	4-8°	$\pi \times 3 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	A-4	S	2	3-8°	$\pi \times 2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	A-5	S	2	2-8°	$\pi \times 1 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
CLAB	B-1	S	1	11-20°		
	B-2	S	1	8-10°		
	B-3	S	1	7-8°	$4\pi \times 8 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	B-4	S	3	5-8°		
	B-5	S	3	4-8°		
SLAB	C-1	S	8	2-4°	$20 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
CUT OFF WALL	D-1	S	2	11-2°	$22 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
Portion Roofing	E-1	S	8	2-4°	$21 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
WALLS	J-1	S	6	9-14°	$10 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	J-2	S	5	9-10°	$9 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
MATERIALS	J-3	S	5	4-2°	$9 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
WIND WALLS	K-1	S	2	11-5°	$22 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
WIND WALLS	L-1	S	2	3-10°	$\pi \times 2 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	L-2	S	2	5-8°	$\pi \times 4 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	L-3	S	6	6-2°	$\pi \times 5 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
WIND WALLS	M-1	S	2	4-11°	$\pi \times 3 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
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	M-4	S	2	6-3°	$\pi \times 4 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
	M-5	S	2	6-4°	$\pi \times 4 \cdot 10^{-1}$	
TOTAL				3901.876	1063.7	$\times 413^{\circ}$

INLET STRUCTURE, STATION 765 + 75 R.T.

NOTES
All Structural Steel Shall Be Painted In Accordance
With The Utah Department Of Highway Standard
Specifications, Dateia 1970 And Revisions
Thereof

ESTIMATED QUANTITIES

Concrete "Class 204" (AE) 3.533 cu. yds.

Reinforcing Steel

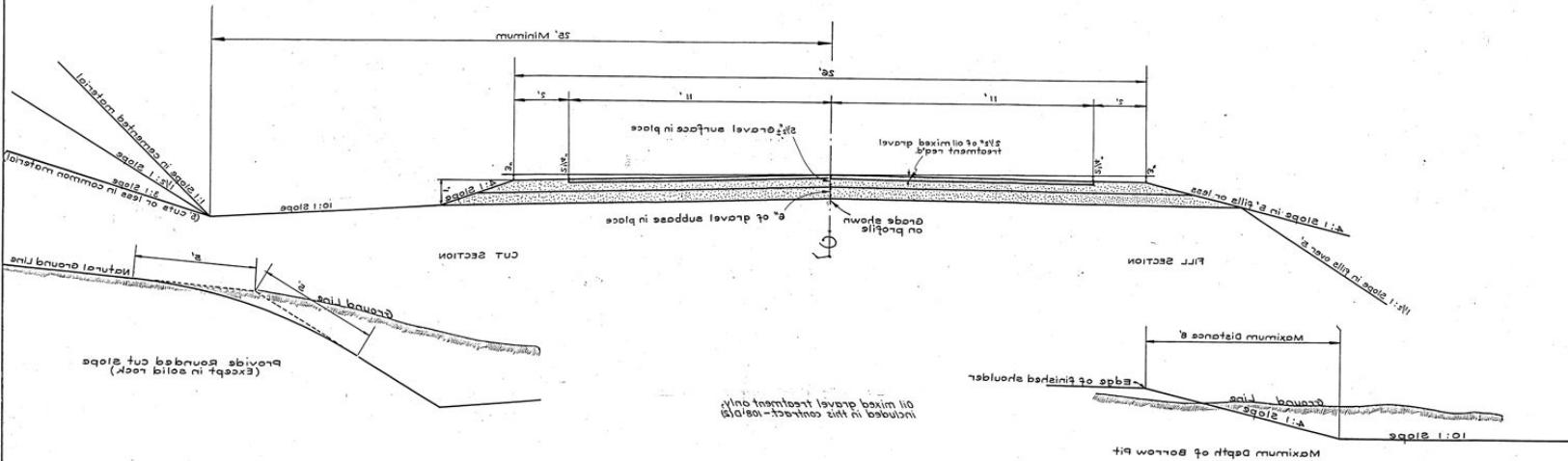
26" Water Control Gate, Type I. / Each

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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
ROADWAY DESIGN
LAUGOON TO LAYTON
ILLUSTRATION DETAIL C

NO	BY	DATE	TYPE	REMARKS	APPROVAL DATE 10/1/76 J.W. Romeo FOR USE IN THIS STATE AND IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	DAVIS COUNTY
REVISIONS					RECEIVED 1-15-77 210320	SHEET NO. 4C

JAKOT BESAR	TENGAH -GIRI	JADEK -BAKI	KELAH -DE-LOP	STATIS	GADU -GIRI -DE-TUD
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Typical Cross Section



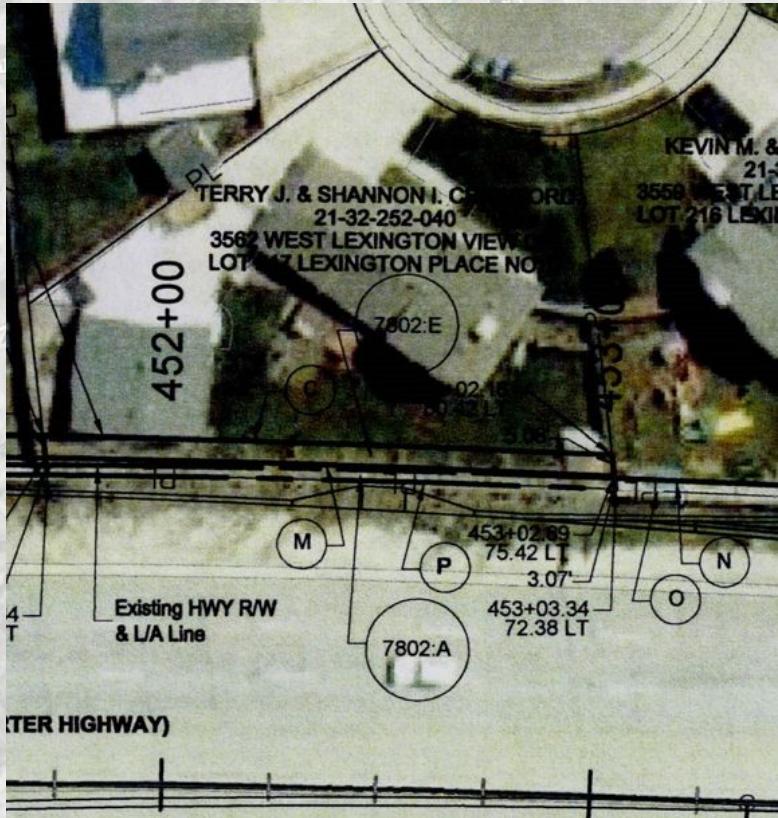
WORK SCHEDULED ON F.A.T. 101-0 (S) E-54-PE
COMPLETED - - - - - S-5-PE

Gevelor STATE ROAD COMMISSION
STATE ROAD 47A - HATUM
K.C. WILSON - Chair Commissioner
- TYPE -

Figure 1. The relationship between the number of subjects per group and the probability of correctly identifying the treatment effect.

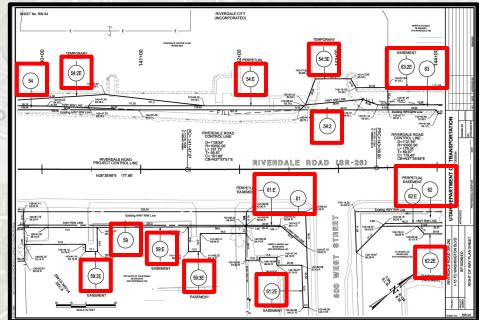
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UDOT Parcels - Process Overview

- 1) Initial file processing
- 2) Detect circles and build mosaic images
- 3) Detect text
- 4) Combine results
- 5) Post-process results



Original File

2

59:2E	62:2E	54	63:2E
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54:3E	61:E	54:2E	62:E
61:2E			

Mosaic

3

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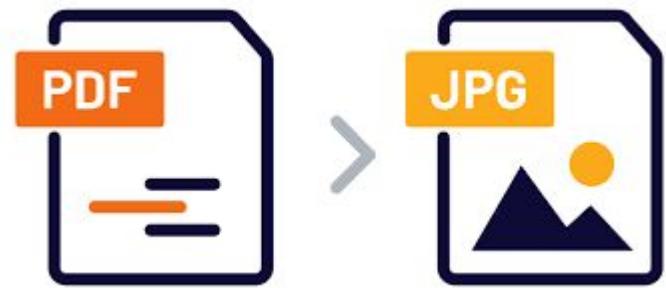
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Spread sheet

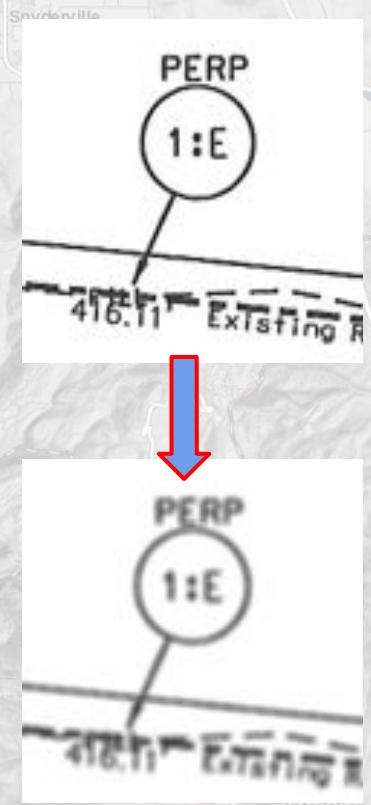
Step 1 - Initial File Processing

- About 90K objects in cloud storage bucket
- Several files were irrelevant and discarded (.xlsx, .doc, others)
- Many file types to deal with
 - ~46K PDF Documents (.pdf)
 - ~42K images (.tif, .jpg)
- Convert PDFs to images
 - Multipage PDFs to multiple images



Step 2 - Detect Circles

- Image preprocessing to improve circle detection
 - Convert to grayscale
 - Add slight blur
- Detect Circles
 - Assume circle radius ~2.5% of image width
 - Iterate through up to 6 values (smaller, bigger, smaller, etc.)
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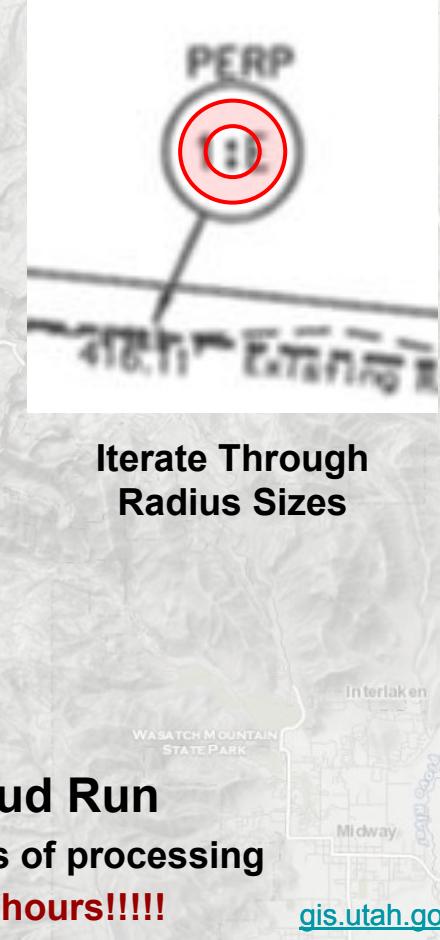


Grayscale & Blur

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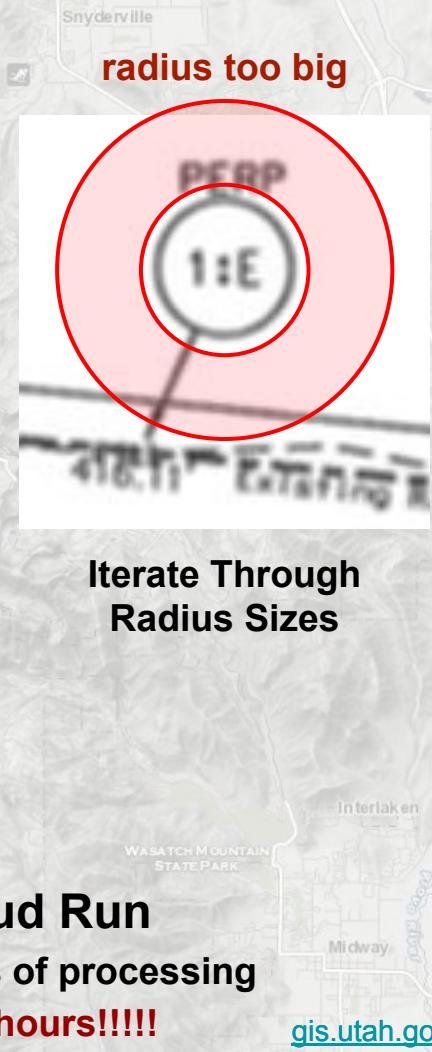
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- Build Mosaic

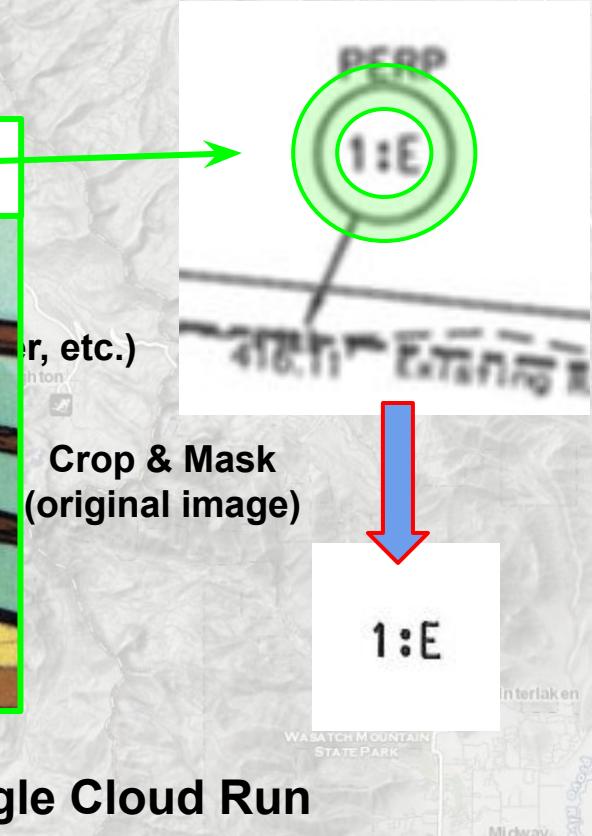
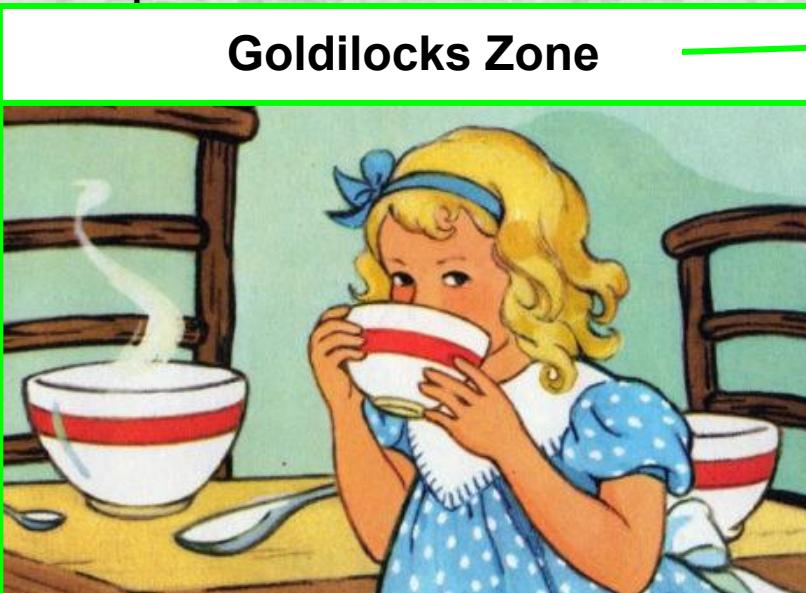
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 - Inset the masked areas
 - Stitch together

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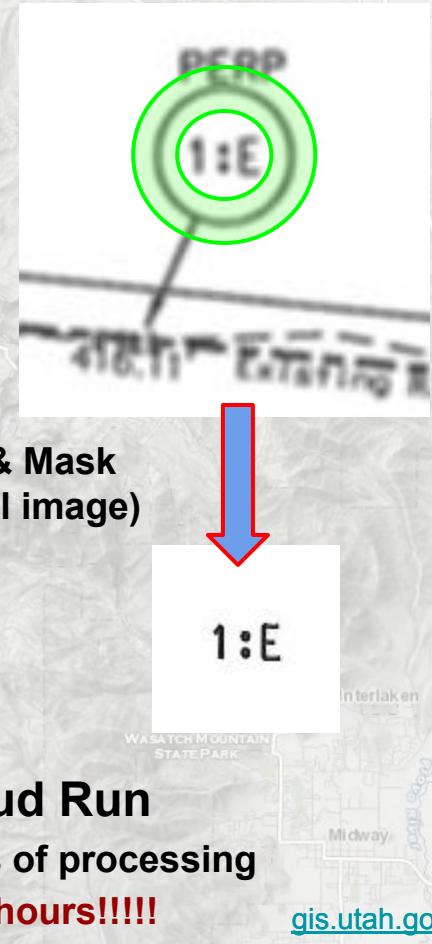
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radius just right

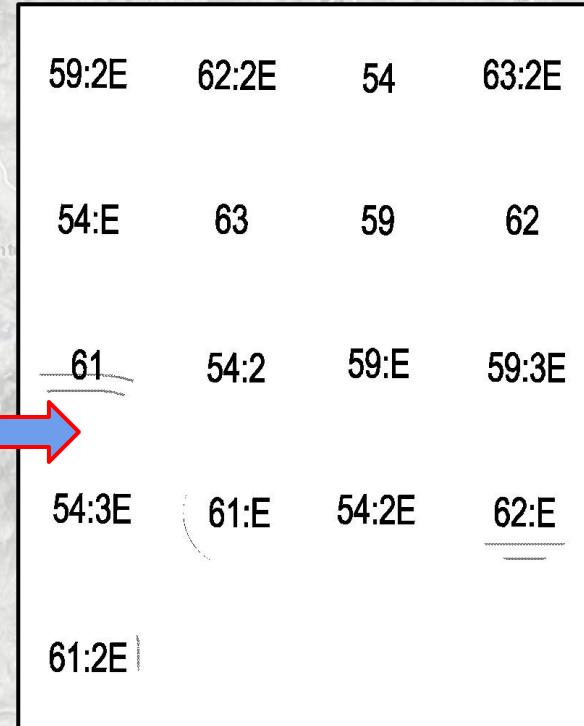
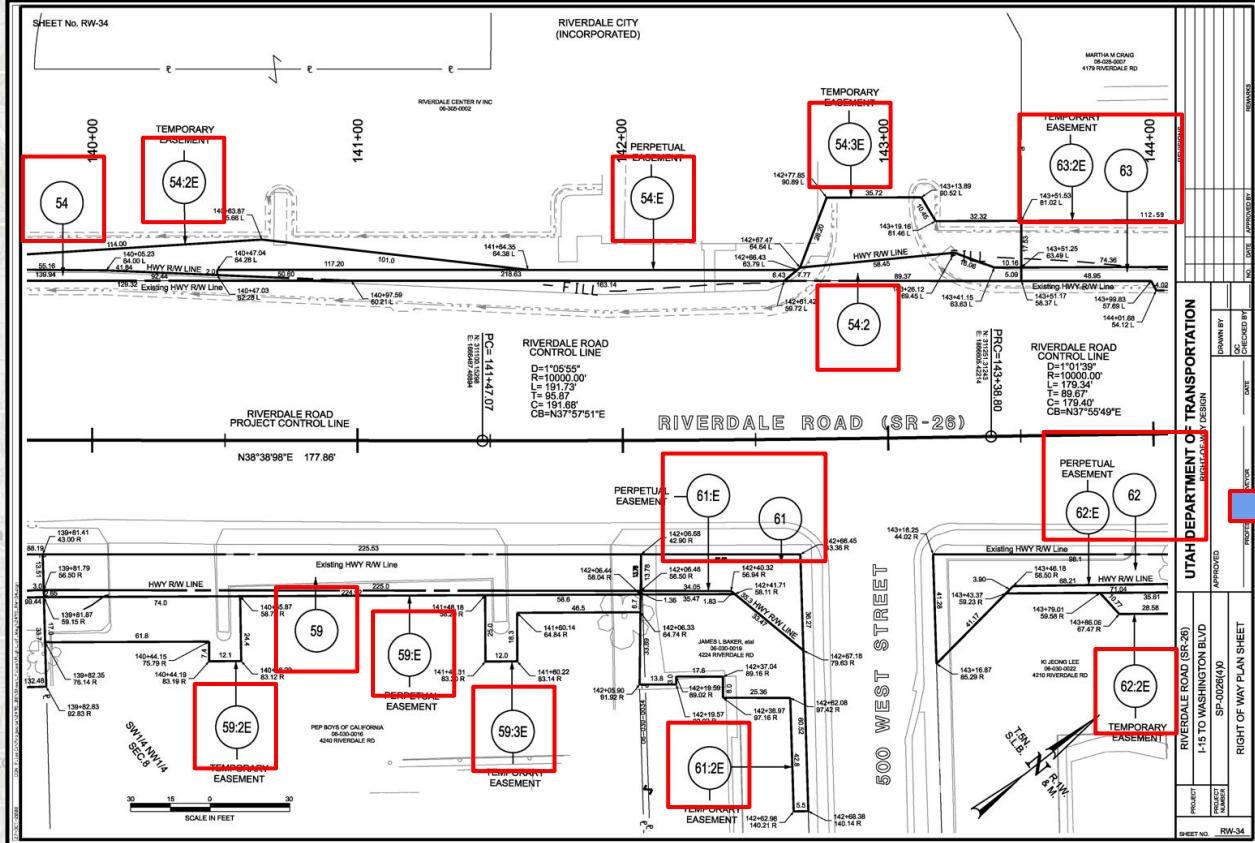


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Build Mosaic

South Salt Lake

Millcreek

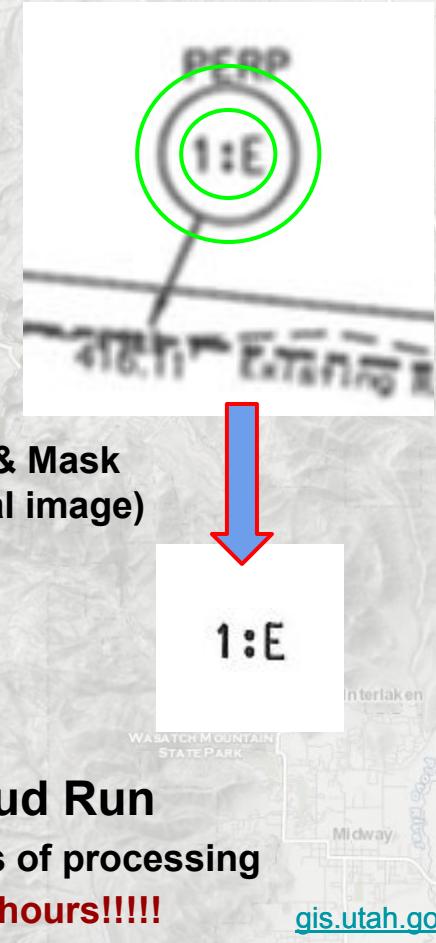
Build Mosaic - Extreme Example



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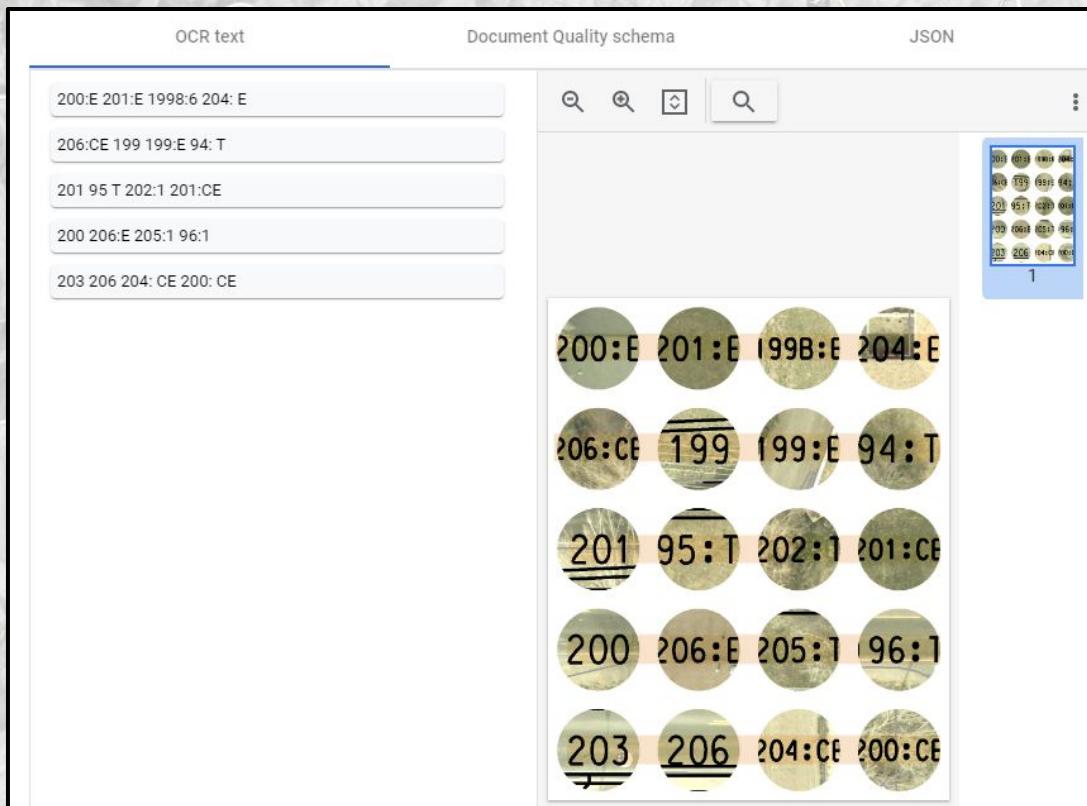
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Step 3 - Detect Text

- [Google Document AI](#) tool used to perform Optical Character Recognition (OCR) on each mosaic file
 - API extracts text and other metrics, returns a JSON file with results
- Basic cleanup on JSON text string
 - Remove newlines, whitespace, empty text results
- Insert results into a dataframe, with filename
- Save dataframe as a CSV



The screenshot shows the Google Document AI interface with three tabs: 'OCR text', 'Document Quality schema', and 'JSON'. The 'OCR text' tab displays a list of detected text elements:

- 200:E 201:E 1998:6 204: E
- 206:CE 199 199:E 94: T
- 201 95 T 202:1 201:CE
- 200 206:E 205:1 96:1
- 203 206 204: CE 200: CE

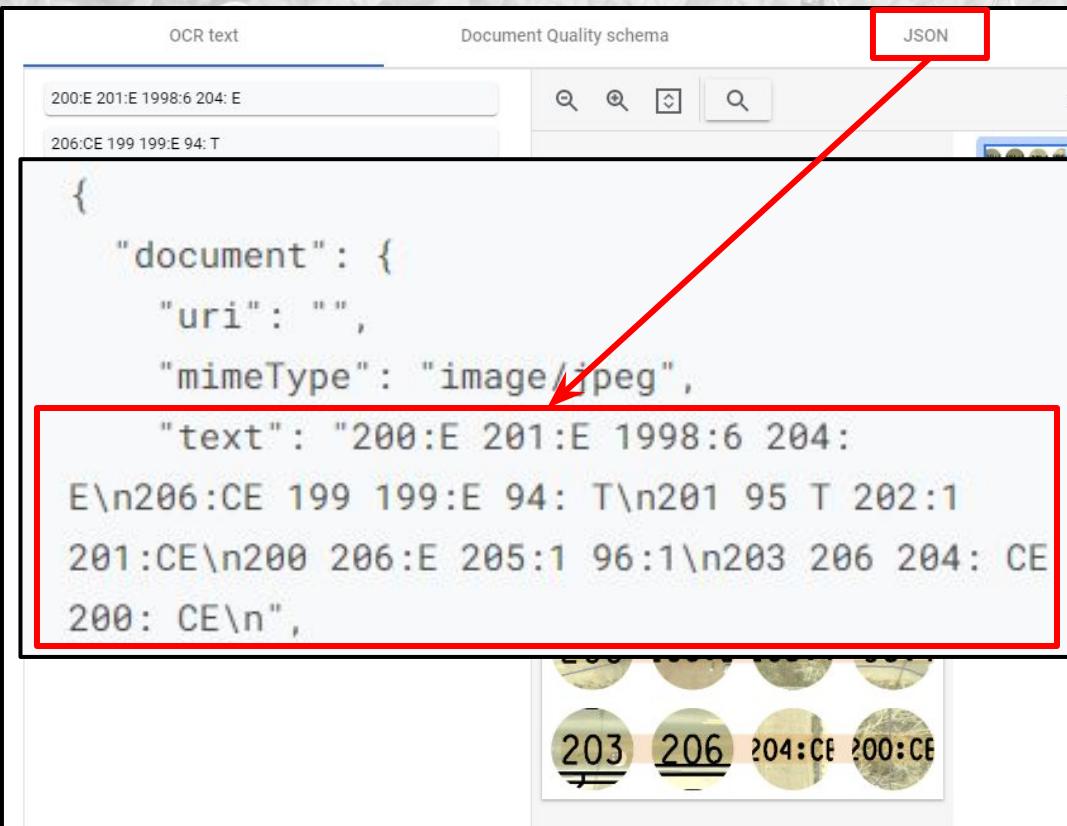
Below this, there is a search bar and a preview area showing several circular labels from the document. The labels contain the following text:

- 200:E 201:E 1998:6 204: E
- 206:CE 199 199:E 94: T
- 201 95:T 202:1 201:CE
- 200 206:E 205:1 96:1
- 203 206 204:CE 200:CE

A small thumbnail of the entire document page is visible in the top right corner.

Step 3 - Detect Text

- [Google Document AI](#) tool used to perform Optical Character Recognition (OCR) on each mosaic file
 - API extracts text and other metrics, returns a JSON file with results
- Basic cleanup on JSON text string
 - Remove newlines, whitespace, empty text results
- Insert results into a dataframe, with filename
- Save dataframe as a CSV



The screenshot shows a software interface for Optical Character Recognition (OCR). At the top, there are tabs for "OCR text" and "Document Quality schema", with "JSON" selected, indicated by a red box and arrow. Below the tabs is a search bar with two input fields containing text coordinates: "200:E 201:E 1998:6 204: E" and "206:CE 199 199:E 94: T". The main area displays a JSON object representing the detected text:

```
{
  "document": {
    "uri": "",
    "mimeType": "image/jpeg",
    "text": "200:E 201:E 1998:6 204: E\n206:CE 199 199:E 94: T\n201 95 T 202:1
201:CE\n200 206:E 205:1 96:1\n203 206 204: CE
200: CE\n"
  }
}
```

A red box highlights the "text" field in the JSON output, which contains the extracted text from the image.

Step 4 - Combine Results

- Combine all result dataframes into a single dataframe (concatenate)
- Join additional fields from UDOT spreadsheets on filename field
 - project_number
 - project_name
 - guid from project management system (ProjectWise)
- Build URLs to ProjectWise, Cloud Storage files
- Explode text into multiple rows

	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	udot_file_name	project_number	project_name	guid	projectwise_url	udot_url	mosaic_url	text
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Step 5 - Post-process Results

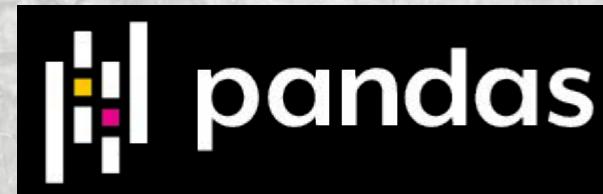
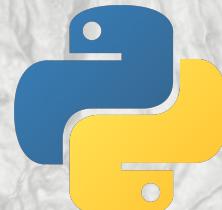
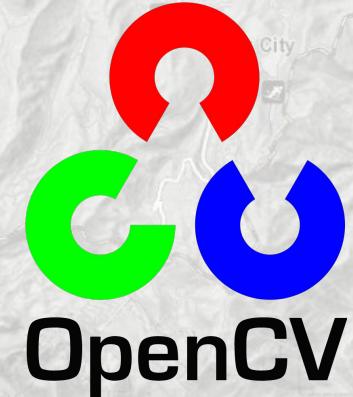
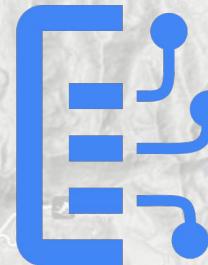
- Perform additional data cleanup
 - Upper-case all letters
 - Remove punctuation (except for colons)
 - Remove character accents
- Apply filtering rules to remove "invalid parcels", flag results:
 - with special characters
 - starting with a letter or non-digit
 - with ':P' pattern
 - with a colon, if a number is not present before the colon
 - longer than 13 characters
 - with 4 or more letters, if no colon is present
 - with 5 or more numbers in a row
- Remove duplicate rows
- Export final results into "good", "bad", and "all" spreadsheets



UDOT Project Tools

- **OpenCV**
 - Image manipulation
 - Circle detection
 - Cropping
 - Mosaicking
- **Optical Character Recognition (OCR)**
 - PyTesseract (original choice)
 - Google DocumentAI (better results)
- **Pandas**
 - Tabular data manipulation
 - Joins
 - String cleanup
 - Filtering rules

Google Cloud



github.com/agrc/udot-parcel-ml/

gis.utah.gov

UDOT Results

- Over 240,000 "good" parcels were extracted from the documents
- Data Accuracy
 - Reviewed 50 documents to compare CV results to human results
 - Two "outlier" PDFs with 44 and 48 pages - might skew results
 - Circle detection
 - Including outliers: CV detected 1039/1244 circles (**83.52%**)
 - Excluding outliers: CV detected 662/698 circles (**94.84%**)
 - Text comparison on 897 valid parcels
 - Average edit distance: 0.229
 - Average **correct letter percentage** $(\text{truth_len} - \text{edit_dist})/\text{truth_len}$: **95.15%**
 - Number of results that were **perfect**: 878 (**88.96%**)
 - Number of results with **edit distance ≤ 1** : 921 (**93.31%**)



Motivation - DHHS Cooling Towers

- Legionella bacteria can cause a serious type of pneumonia called Legionnaires' disease
- Legionella can grow/spread in large building water systems
 - Water tanks, HVAC, large/complex plumbing systems, cooling towers
- Cooling towers are concerning because they can release aerosolized water into the atmosphere
 - If Legionella is present, the aerosolized water can spread the bacteria over miles*

Common Sources of Infection

Outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease are often associated with large or complex water systems, like those found in hospitals, hotels, and cruise ships.

The most likely sources of infection include:



Water used for showering
(potable water)



Cooling towers (parts of large air conditioning systems)



Decorative fountains



Hot tubs

*CDC - Controlling Legionella in Cooling Towers

Motivation - DHHS Cooling Towers



- Cooling towers can cause outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease when they are not adequately maintained
- They are often investigated & located using aerial imagery during Legionnaires' outbreaks
- Cooling towers have distinctive features that make them identifiable
- Researchers and the CDC have used object-detection models to identify potential cooling towers in aerial imagery ([TowerScout](#))



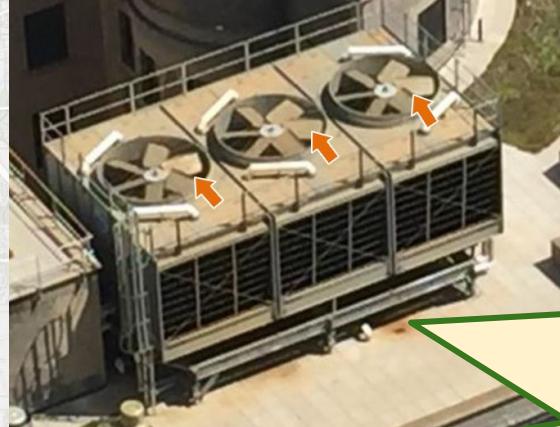
[CDC - Photos of Cooling Towers](#)



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[CDC - Procedures for Identifying Cooling Towers](#)

Motivation - DHHS Cooling Towers



- Cooling towers can cause outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease when they are not adequately cleaned
 - This problem is solvable with computer vision!
- and the CDC have used object-detection models to identify potential cooling towers in aerial imagery



[CDC - Photos of Cooling Towers](#)

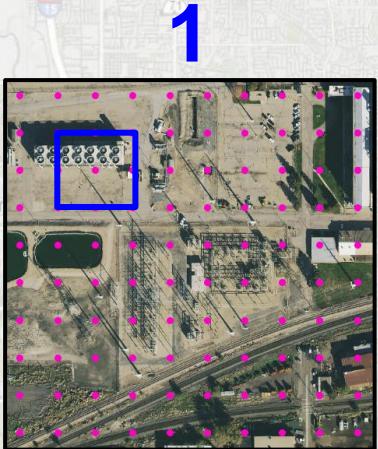


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DHHS Cooling Towers - Process Overview

- 1) Build Index & Footprint
- 2) Download Images
- 3) Detect & Locate Towers
- 4) Post-process results
- 5) Build Web Map



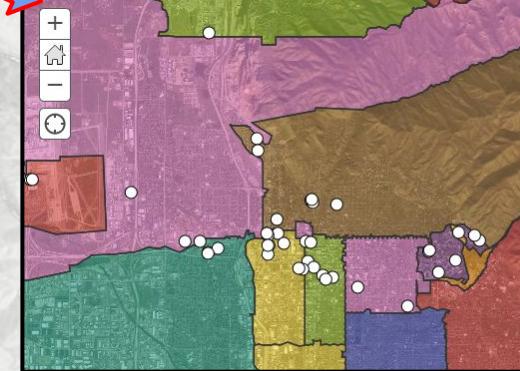
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Build Web Map

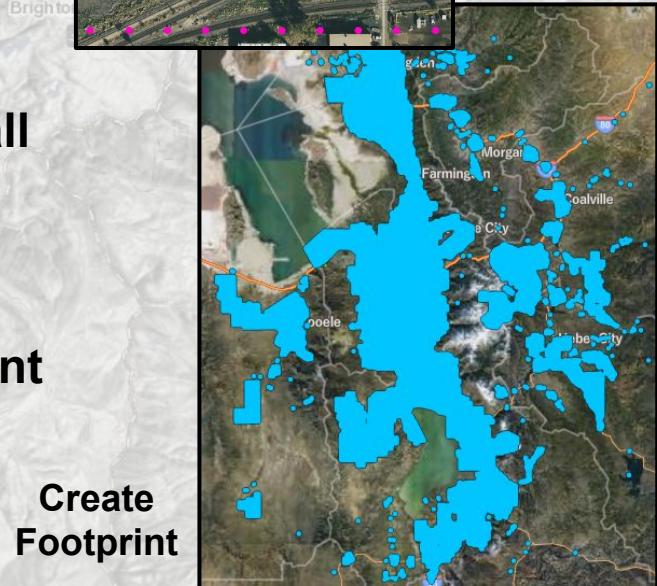


Step 1 - Build Imagery Index & Footprint

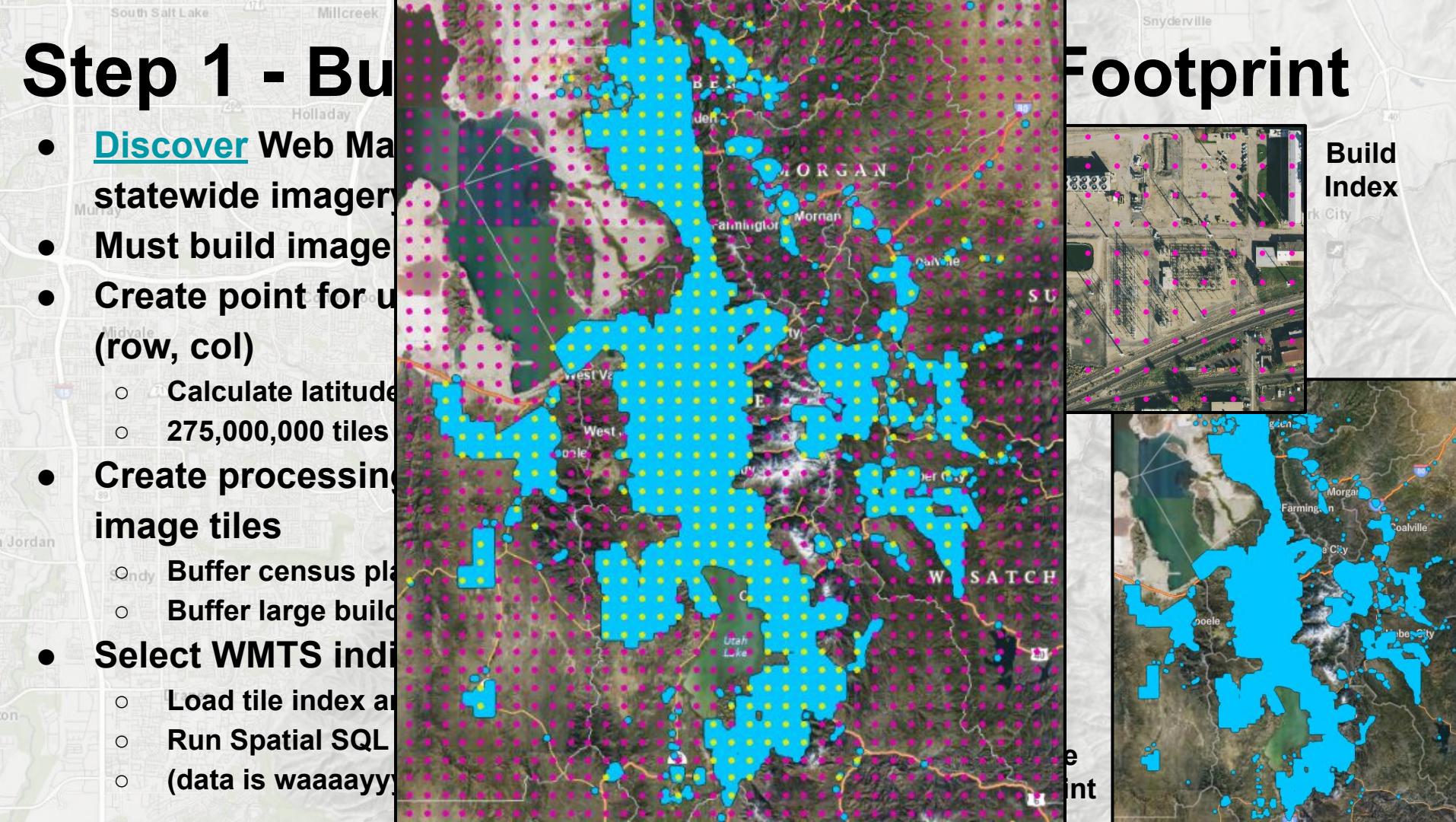
- Discover Web Map Tile Services (WMTS) used for statewide imagery
- Must build imagery index at highest zoom level (20)
- Create point for upper left corner of each WMTS tile (row, col)
 - Calculate latitude/longitude based on row/col values
 - 275,000,000 tiles cover the state of Utah!
- Create processing footprint to select a subset of all image tiles
 - Buffer census places by 800m
 - Buffer large buildings (>5k sq ft) by 800m
- Select WMTS indices of tiles in processing footprint
 - Load tile index and footprint into Google BigQuery
 - Run Spatial SQL query to select tiles to process (~6%)
 - (data is waaaayyy too big for desktop GIS)



Build
Index



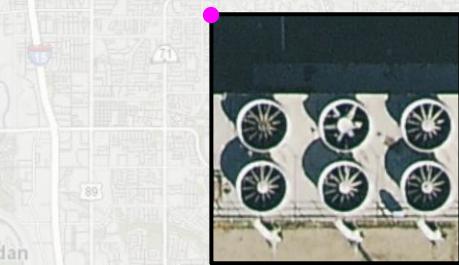
Create
Footprint



Step 2 - Download Images

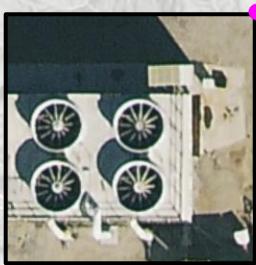
- Iterate through tile indices within footprint
 - Download primary tile and 3 neighboring tiles with HTTPS GET requests:
 - https://discover.agrc.utah.gov/login/path/{quad-word}/tiles/15cm_hexagon_utah/20/{col}/{row}
- Build mosaic image

Each WMTS tile is 256x256 pixels



{col}, {row}

198263, 394029



198264, 394029



198263, 394030



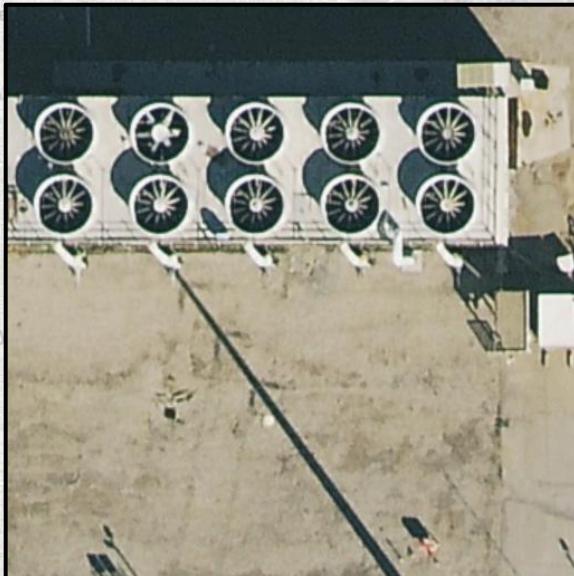
198264, 394030

- Model input performs best on 512x512 images

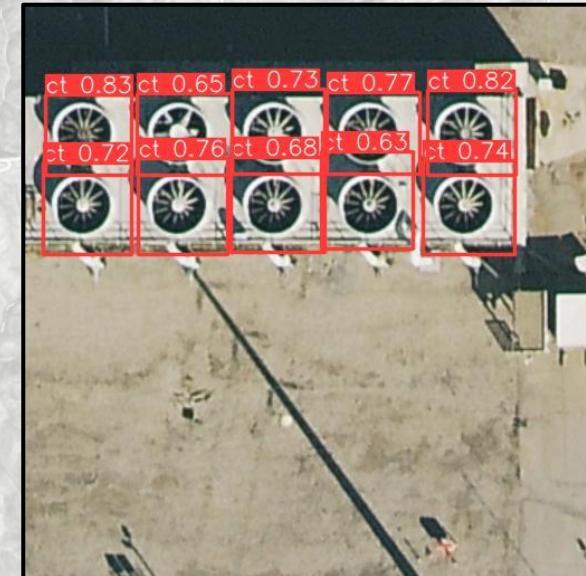


Step 3 - Detect & Locate Towers

- Run PyTorch model on each mosaic
 - Pre-trained "[TowerScout](#)" model, provided by CDC
 - YOLOv5 backbone
- Get results as a dataframe



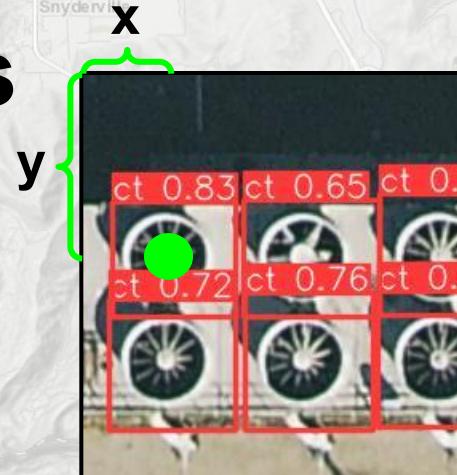
Detect
Towers



*TowerScout created by Karen Wong, Jia Lu, Gunnar Mein, and Thaddeus Segura, licensed under [CC-BY-NC-SA-4.0](#)

Step 3 - Detect & Locate Towers

- Calculate X/Y coordinates of tower centroid
 - PyTorch model provides tower location bounding box in pixels from upper-left corner
 - Centroid is calculated from xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax values
 - Able to convert pixels into geographic space because we know:
 - coordinates of the tile's upper-left corner
 - pixel size at WMTS zoom level 20 (0.1492910708688 meters)



xmin	ymin	xmax	ymax	confidence	x_centroid_px	y_centroid_px	x_centroid_3857	y_centroid_3857
9	265.932	130.687	347.821	217.394	0.633	306.877	174.041	-12460145.259
8	100.593	78.307	185.93	151.344	0.654	143.262	114.826	-12460169.686
7	184.386	135.914	268.444	220.131	0.676	226.415	178.023	-12460157.272

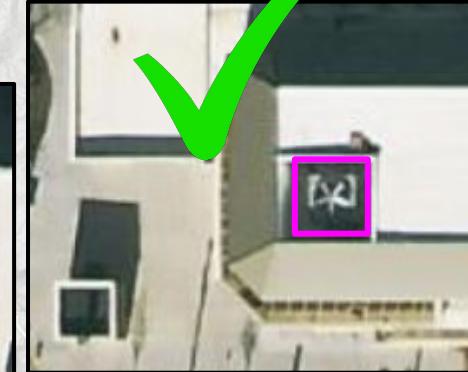
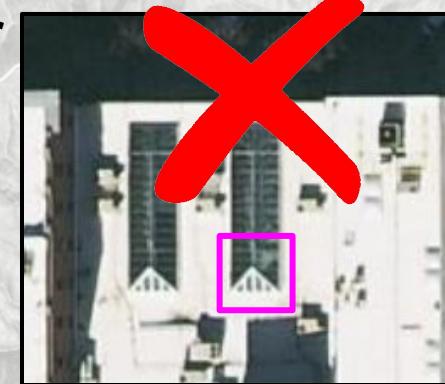
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#: x, y = upper-left corner coordinates of tile in web mercator
#: calculate centroid x/y coords in web mercator
meters_per_pixel = 0.1492910708688
results_df["x_centroid_3857"] = x + results_df["x_centroid_px"] * meters_per_pixel
results_df["y_centroid_3857"] = y - results_df["y_centroid_px"] * meters_per_pixel
```

Calculate
X/Y

- Upload results to BigQuery

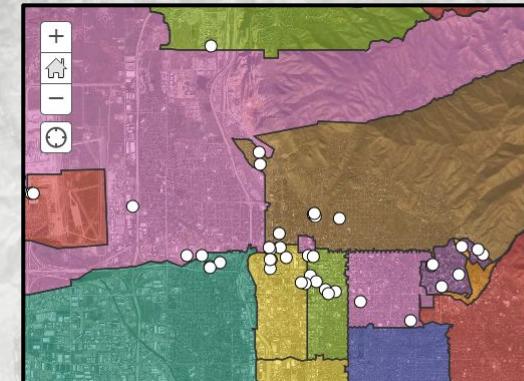
Step 4 - Post-process Results

- Manually validate detected cooling towers
- Enrich data with attributes from other statewide datasets
 - Nearby address
 - County
 - City
 - Zip Code
 - Small Health Statistical Area



Step 5 - Build Web Map

- Create hosted feature layer of cooling tower locations
- Build a web map for DHHS users
- Add other relevant, health-related layers and tools

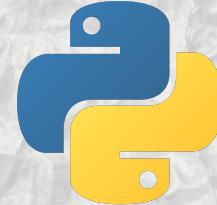


DHHS Tools

- Mercantile - WMTS tile index to lat/lon
- Polars - large dataframe creation
- Requests - http requests and downloads
- Pyproj - coordinate conversion
- PyTorch - object detection model
- Google Cloud Platform
 - BigQuery - massive tabular data, querying, spatial SQL
 - Cloud Run - cloud computing

Google Cloud

PyTorch



PYPROJ



Requests
http for humans

github.com/agrc/dhhs-cooling-towers

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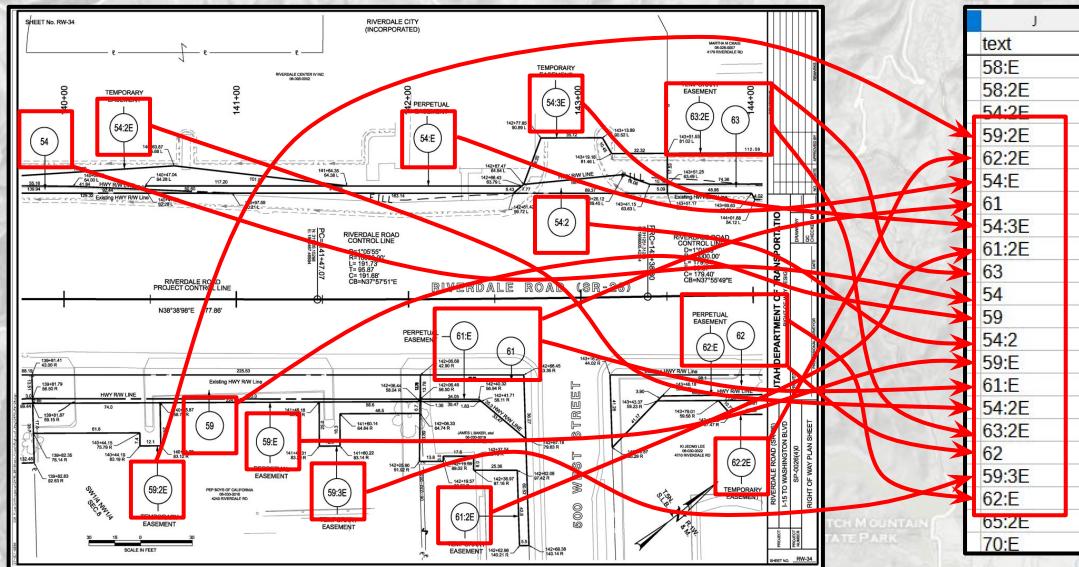
DHHS Project Results

- To be determined...
- Most of the code is written, but the processing is in-work
- Check back later for an update! (UGRC blog post)



Final words

- A lot of useful data and information can be locked away in documents and imagery
- Computer Vision tools can help unlock that data
- Cloud computing can reduce processing time by orders of magnitude
- UDOT parcel detection and DHHS cooling towers projects highlight these possibilities



Questions?



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Location matters

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