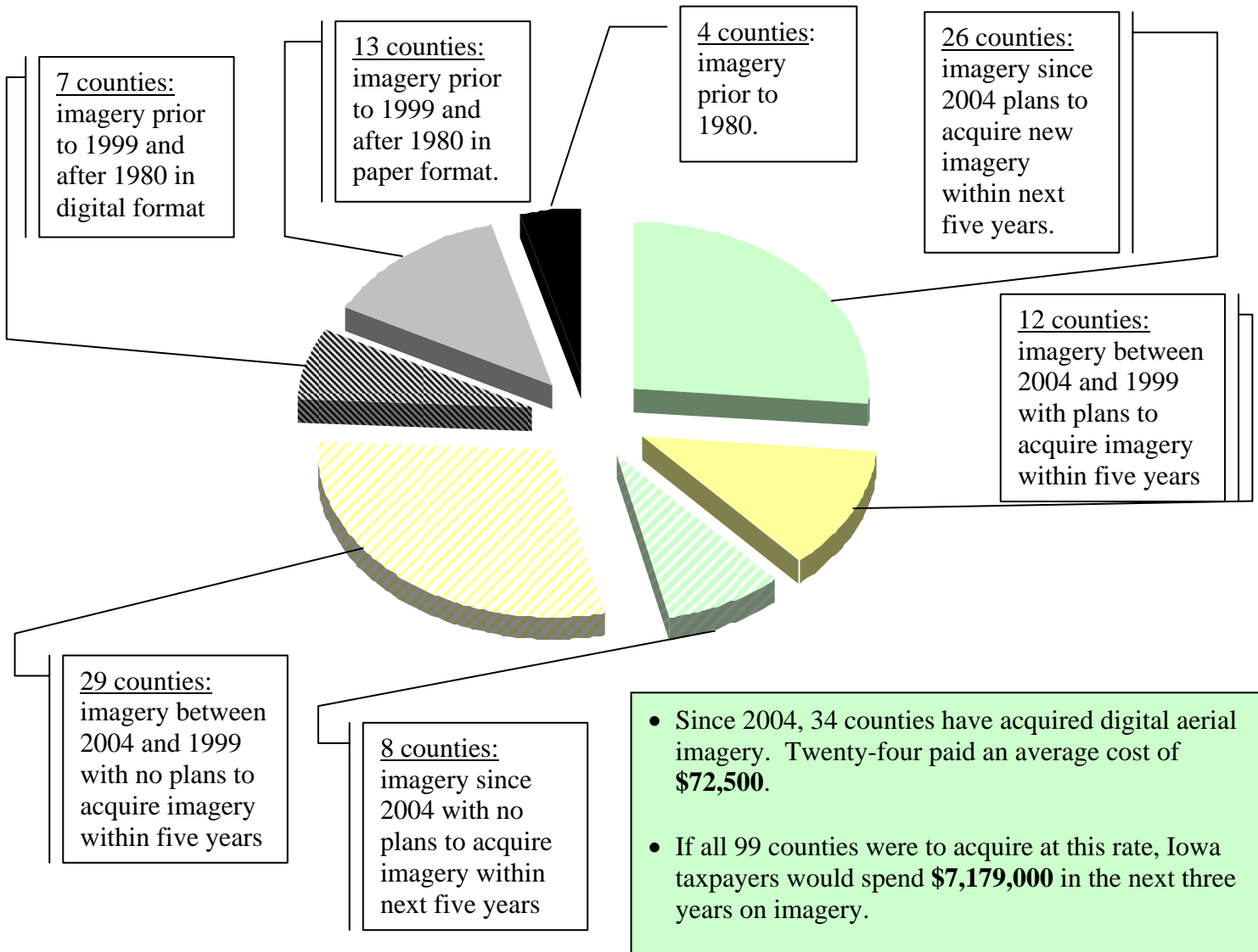


Information Regarding Recommendation to Complete Funding of State-wide Aerial Photography Project



The requested \$1.5 million will acquire statewide imagery at a 2-foot resolution. Imagery at this resolution meets many of the current business requirements for local governments in Iowa.

Partners who choose to cooperate would have the opportunity to “buy-up” to higher resolution imagery. Current estimates for a “buy-up” option for local governments are in the area of \$80 - \$100 per square mile to acquire 6-inch imagery. There are various factors that affect the potential cost of “buy-up” options but a recent image acquisition project for Sioux City cost the city \$517 per square mile to acquire 6-inch imagery over an area of 87 square miles. Using these figures, potential cost savings for Sioux City could have been in the area of \$43,000 if a program like Imagery for Iowa were implemented.