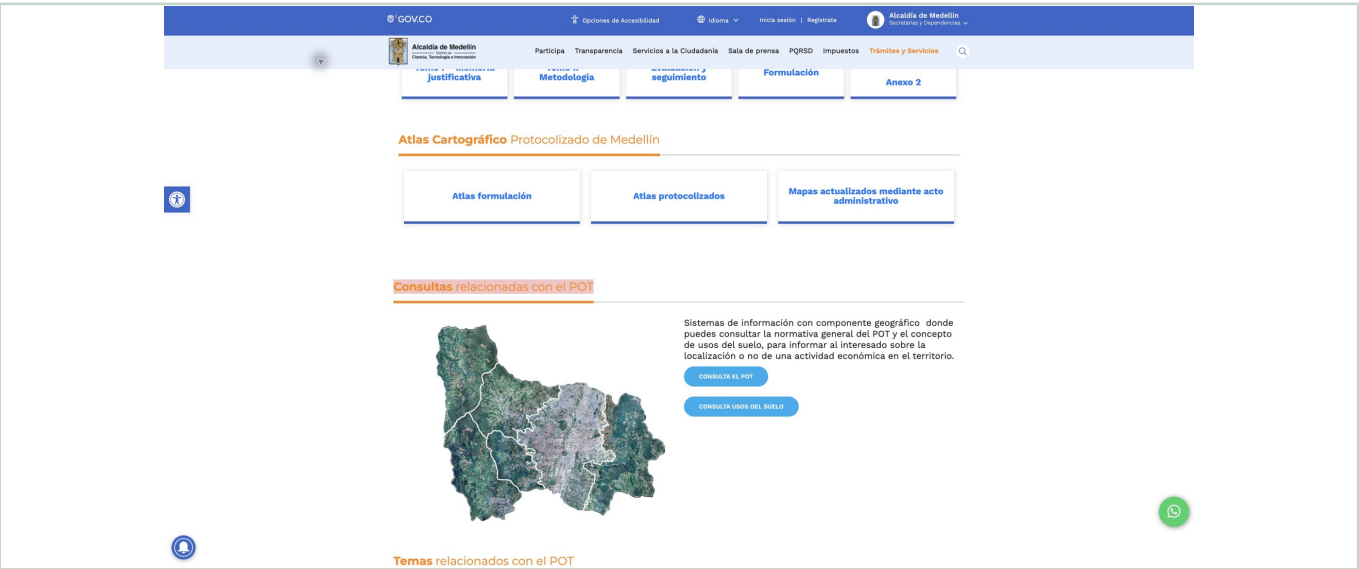


Read GeoMedellín with a clear question

An illustrated field guide to recording map evidence and its limits

The screenshots show official public interfaces captured for this manual, not a survey of your property. Locate your own parcel, inspect layer names and dates, and save the context around each result. A map image alone is not a planning decision.



Official interface capture. Read the source and capture date below; this is not a parcel-specific finding.

Captured: 2026-10-17

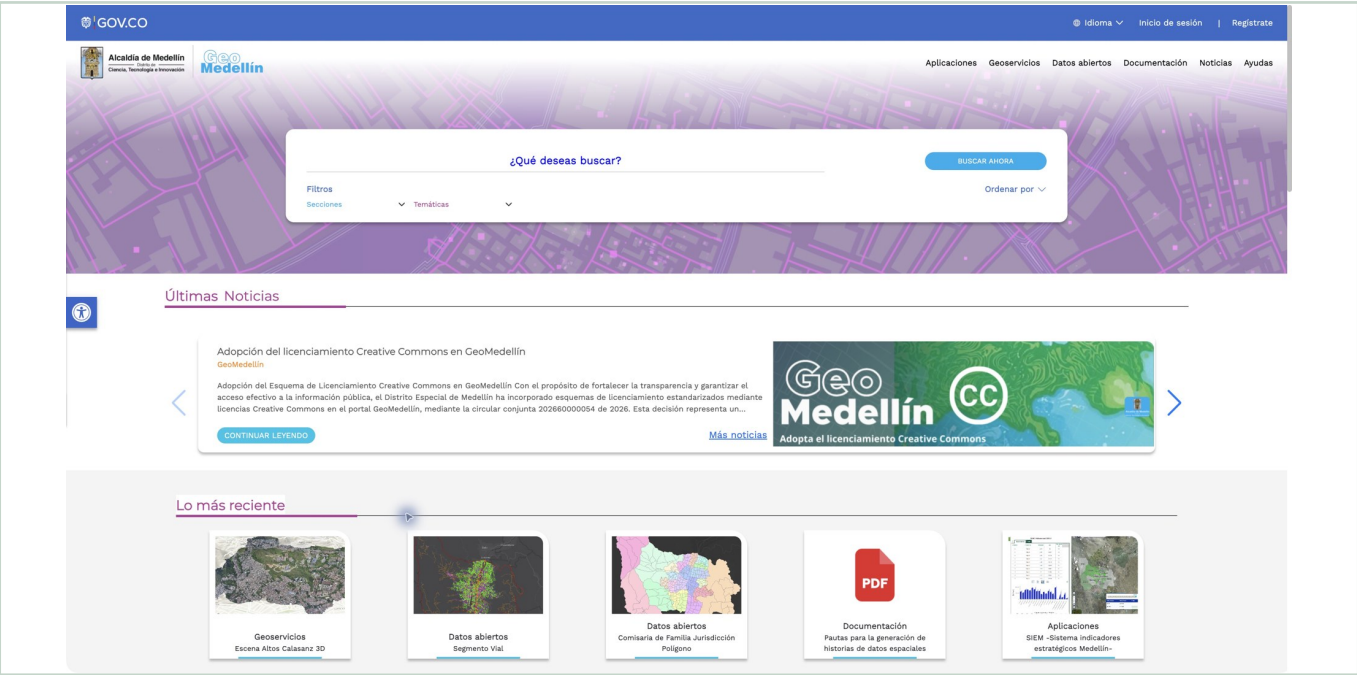
<https://www.medellin.gov.co/es/transparencia/plan-de-ordenamiento-territorial-de-medellin/>

In the POT capture, find Atlas and Consultas, then CONSULTA EL POT/USOS. Record which official resource you open. This manual does not select a property for you.

Property reference

Additional notes and file references

2. Find the official interface and its context



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<https://www.medellin.gov.co/geomedellin/>

On GeoMedellín, use Aplicaciones to identify a viewer. Geoservicios, Datos abiertos, Documentación and Ayudas provide different resources. Save the destination and layer documentation before interpreting a result.

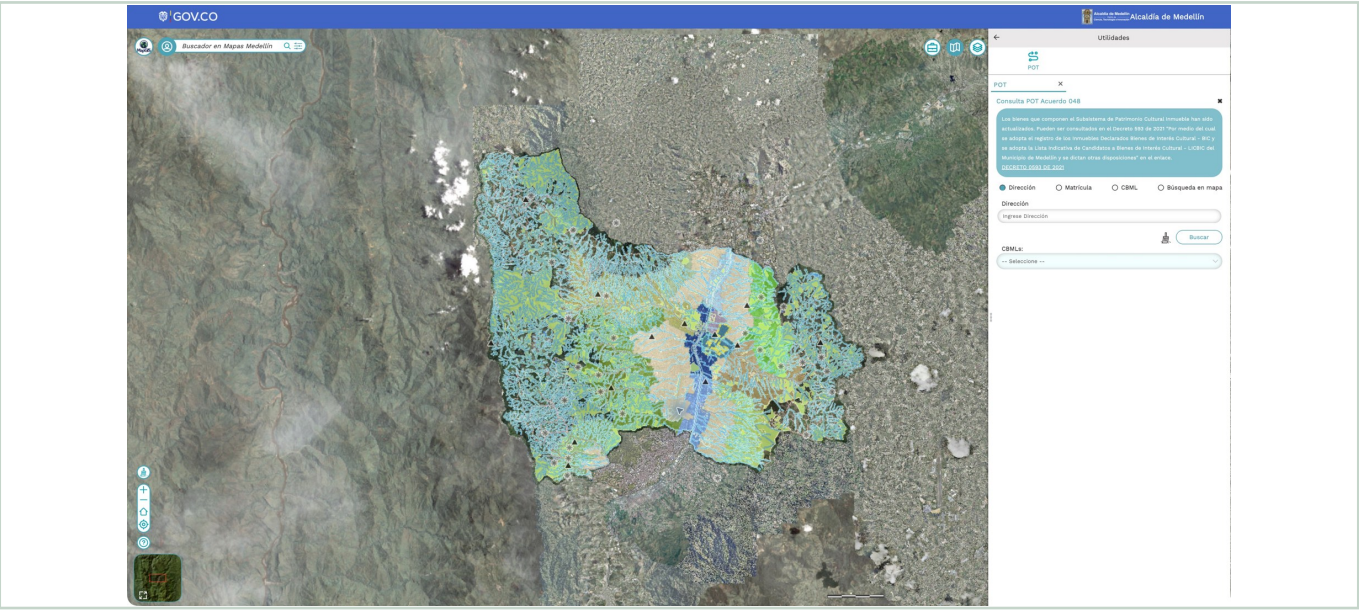
Practical task

Save a map view with the location, layer name, date, scale and source visible. Record what the map cannot answer rather than treating an absence as permission.

Source URL

Source or document date

3. Record layers, scale and date



Official interface capture. Read the source and capture date below; this is not a parcel-specific finding.

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<https://www.medellin.gov.co/mapgis9/mapa.jsp?aplicacion=41>

The map service shows a POT panel with Dirección, Matrícula, CBML and Búsqueda en mapa. Use an identifier you can substantiate. Retain location, layer, legend and date. A search result is not an approval.

Practical task

For each relevant map layer, record its exact official name, legend, date or version and a question it can help investigate. Do not merge layers with different purposes into one conclusion.

Document or map layer

Scope and limitations

4. Compare the map with the property file

Reading context from our existing source-based guide

Check the map, scale, date and supporting instrument

Consult municipal instruments and relevant studies for the property's exact location. Establish the represented phenomenon, scale, date, version and associated instrument; a flood map does not necessarily answer landslide questions. Decree 1077 distinguishes basic planning studies and detailed studies within its framework. A general layer may guide enquiries without resolving conditions on a specific platform. Ask the technical adviser to connect folio, survey and location to avoid assessing another holding or a displaced point. If a proposed POT revision appears, distinguish its status from current rules and decisions; publishing a technical document does not itself demonstrate adoption. In Medellín and neighbouring municipalities, verify the mapping and procedure relevant to the actual jurisdiction. Retain the consulted file or reference and precision uncertainties. A useful result explains what can be concluded and what needs additional review rather than simply saying that the lot appears green. Each colour has meaning only within its legend, purpose and documentary context.

Practical task

Compare the mapped location and stated area with the property documents. Record discrepancies and ask who can clarify them; do not adjust boundaries yourself.

Property registry number and document reference

What is still unknown?

Additional notes and file references

5. Turn an uncertain map result into a question

Reading context from our existing source-based guide

Test a case and identify the missing answer

Imagine a hypothetical rural plot advertised as ideal for a home and guest stays. The seller supplies a map screenshot and an economic-activity response without project drawings. The review should not summarise everything as approved use: first confirm municipality, identification and the activity actually queried. Then separate personal housing from accommodation and describe scale, access, facilities and operation to obtain a relevant answer. Ask the planning reviewer to identify conditions and documents appropriate to the actual proposal. If the screenshot lacks date, layer or sufficient location detail, retain that limitation and request suitable mapping. An initial response can justify further investigation without necessarily justifying a construction advance. This example neither predicts a municipal decision nor determines an individual right. It identifies missing evidence and the spending dependent on it. Keep a changed project version with the enquiry rather than silently applying a conclusion to another use or scale. A decision should remain conditional where the answer addresses only part of the proposed activity.

Practical task

Send or take a concise question with the property reference, intended project, map capture and document list. Ask for a response tied to that specific question.

Can the project described in my attached file proceed on this identified property, and which conditions or additional checks remain?

Question for the authority or professional

Additional notes and file references

Sources and your next enquiry

The linked sources support further investigation. Their inclusion does not establish a favourable result for a particular property. Official source titles and institutional names remain in their original language.

Ley 1523 de 2012 · arts. 2, 4 y 39–42; conceptos, responsabilidad y planificación del riesgo

https://cancilleria.gov.co/normograma/compilacion/docs/ley_1523_2012.htm

Ley 388 de 1997 · arts. 10 y 35; determinantes y riesgo no mitigable

https://cancilleria.gov.co/normograma/compilacion/docs/ley_0388_1997.htm

Alcaldía de Medellín – Plan de Ordenamiento Territorial

<https://www.medellin.gov.co/es/transparencia/plan-de-ordenamiento-territorial-de-medellin/>

Official source – source-pot.png

<https://www.medellin.gov.co/es/transparencia/plan-de-ordenamiento-territorial-de-medellin/>

Official source – source-geomedellin.png

<https://www.medellin.gov.co/geomedellin/>

Official source – source-mapservice.png

<https://www.medellin.gov.co/mapgis9/mapa.jsp?aplicacion=41>

Give the next reviewer the property identifiers, project version, full source documents, dated map captures, unanswered questions and decisions that depend on them.

Person responsible for the next check

Next review date

Additional notes and file references