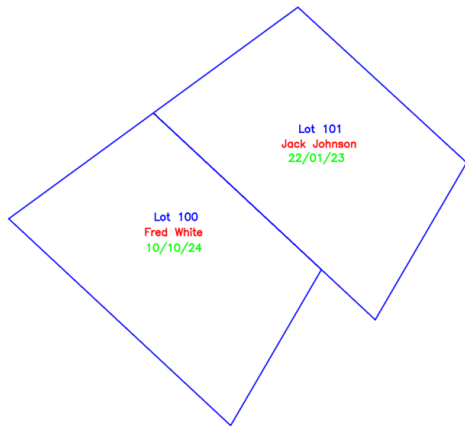


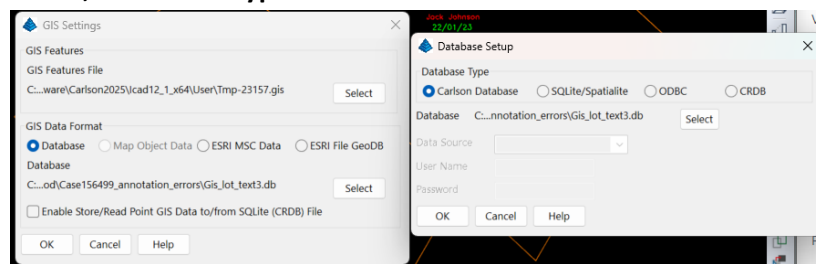
# GIS – Exporting Associated Text to a SHP File

In this workflow, we're going to export multiple closed polylines (polygons) that also contain text. This text will come through into ESRI or QGIS as an attribute of the polygon. This could be beneficial when exporting lots to a SHP file.

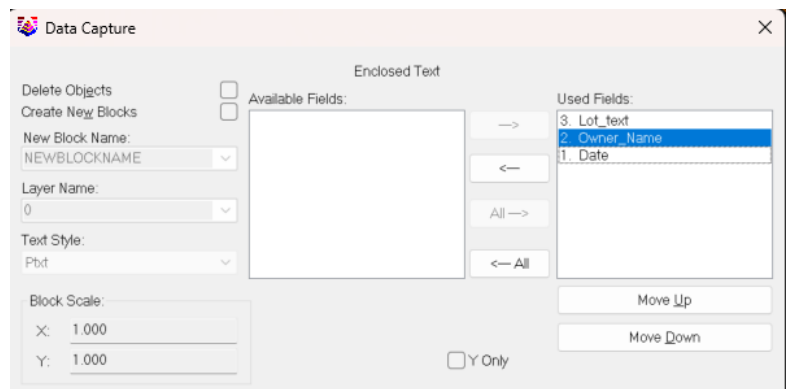
This guide was created in Carlson 2025. The image below is what we have to start with. **Critical:** the text must be in separate layers and it must be plane text (not MTEXT) in order for it to come across as separate, unique attributes. That is, all the Lot numbers, owner and date must be in 3 separate layers. Ensure that the polylines are **Closed**.



1. **GIS Data > GIS Settings.** Ensure a feature file is set (can be the one that the software creates automatically in Carlson 2025). Under **GIS Data Format** ensure that **Database** is selected and then tap on **Select**, ensure the type is **Carlson Database** and set a .DB file



2. **GIS Data > Data Capture > Enclosed Text.** Choose **Layer** when prompted
3. Move the Layers across from the **Available Fields** to **Used Fields** and ensure they are in the correct order



4. Enter in a Feature name and enable **Create Carlson GIS Links**. Click **OK**
5. Select the entities to process (include the text).
6. Export the SHP file as normal. Ensure that **Export All Features, Separate by Layer** and **Include GIS Data** is enabled.

