

GeoDAOs — The DAO Layer of Space and Place

Concept Summary

GeoDAOs (Geospatial Decentralized Autonomous Organizations) are location-based DAOs that govern, coordinate, and reward activity within a defined physical or digital territory. They're built on hierarchical GeoNFT logic, use Proof of Place (PoP) for interaction, and act as programmable communities around real-world zones (like cities, districts, or forests).

GeoDAOs = "City Hall meets Smart Contracts."

Core Components

Element	Description
GeoNFT	The DAO's "land layer" — defines boundaries (polygon, district, region)
PoP	Validates location-based participation, triggers DAO actions (vote, mint)
Drop.me	Messaging & NFT layer — campaigns, quests, governance drops
POSI System	Impact reputation & badge system for contributors
Role Contracts	Modular smart contracts for admin, citizen, validator, project lead
rNFTs	Recyclable NFTs for quests, access passes, governance participation

How It Works

1. Mint a GeoNFT

Define area: a park, district, campus, or even entire nation

This acts as the root asset for the GeoDAO

2. Activate DAO Logic

Connect to governance contract

Enable roles, missions, treasury, voting rules

DAO can now run SDG quests, urban feedback rounds, local funding

3. People Interact via Location

Use PoP (ZK or GPS) to validate physical presence

Users can vote, claim rewards, or mint based on proof

All participation tied to where it happens, not just who

4. Reputation Grows

Earn POSI badges for verified actions (trash cleanup, surveys, data submission)

Badges = voting power, influence, NFT perks

5. Nested Governance

GeoDAOs can exist inside each other (e.g. Berlin.GeoDAO > Kreuzberg.GeoDAO > ParkDAO)

Tasks, tokens, and rights cascade or split across the hierarchy

Governance Structure

Role	Function
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Admin DAO	Sets treasury rules, adds/removes missions, configures smart contracts
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Validator	Confirms PoP or mission results (can be automated or crowd-verified)
Citizen Local	user who interacts, earns badges, votes
Project Lead	Creates missions, submits proposals, runs community projects
Partner Org	NGO, city gov, startup — can co-host missions, fund grants

All roles can evolve via rNFT upgrades or POSI accumulation.

Example Use Cases

Zone Type	Use Case
City (e.g. Berlin)	Urban planning surveys, participatory budgeting, voting on redesigns
District (e.g. Kreuzberg)	Graffiti tours, bike path suggestions, reward campaigns for locals
Forest or Park	Community conservation quests, species reporting, drone data verification
Event Space	Temporary DAO for festivals, hackathons, conferences
University	Class token-gating, open science quests, budget voting

Technical Stack

Smart Contracts: DAO factory + role-based access + proposal templates

L2 or Sidechain: e.g., Base, Optimism, Polygon — low fees, fast PoP logic

ZK + GPS Layer: Optional zero-knowledge PoP or GPS check-ins

GeoNFT SDK: Hierarchical mint + metadata + visual map rendering

IPFS / Ceramic: Storage for user contributions (photos, data, evidence)

Why GeoDAOs Matter

Empower citizens without central gatekeepers

Localize governance down to parks, blocks, even trees

Reward participation spatially, not just socially

Create a civic layer for Web3 — not just for finance, but for place

How GeoDAOs Link to Everything Else

Protocol	Relationship
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GeoNFTs	Define the space of the DAO
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rNFTs	Enable interaction, quests, voting, identity badges
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Drop.me	Communication & campaign launcher for DAO messages
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EXIT+	Funding mechanism for local projects within GeoDAO scope
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POSI	Proof-of-impact score for individuals within the DAO
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