

“Infrastructure of GIS Coordination”

The New York State Experience

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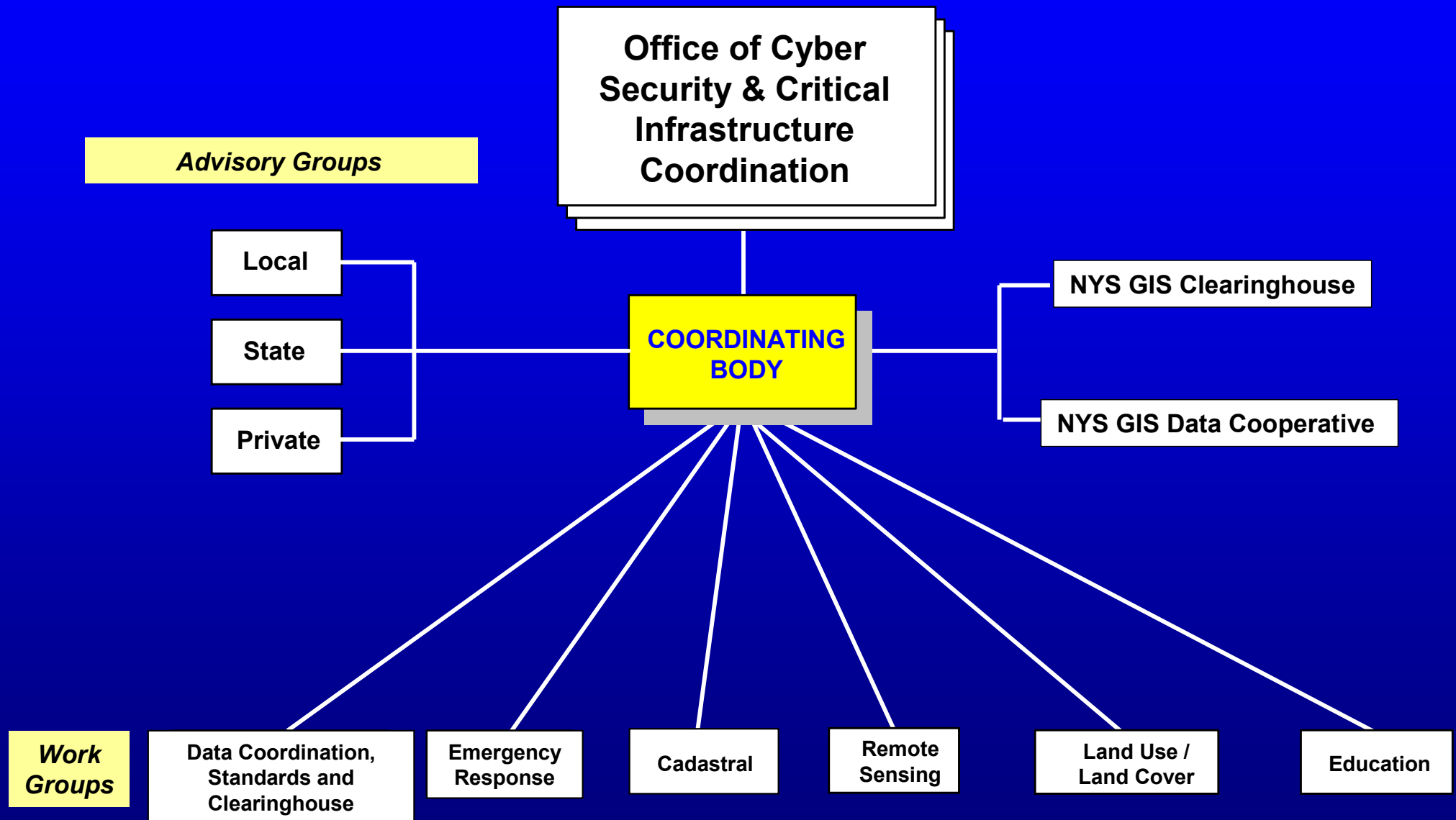
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What I'll cover

- Overview of the New York State GIS Coordination Program
- Projects & Initiatives of the program
- NSGIC Model States criteria
- Some recommendations

NYS GIS Coordination Program



NYS GIS Coordinating Body

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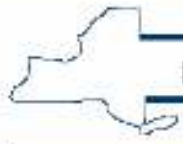
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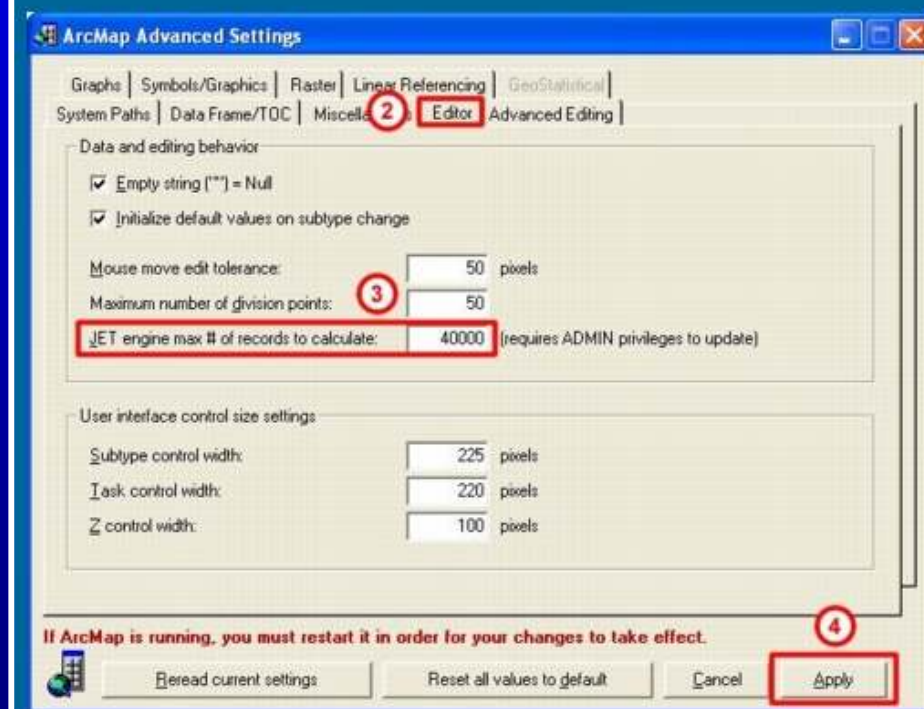
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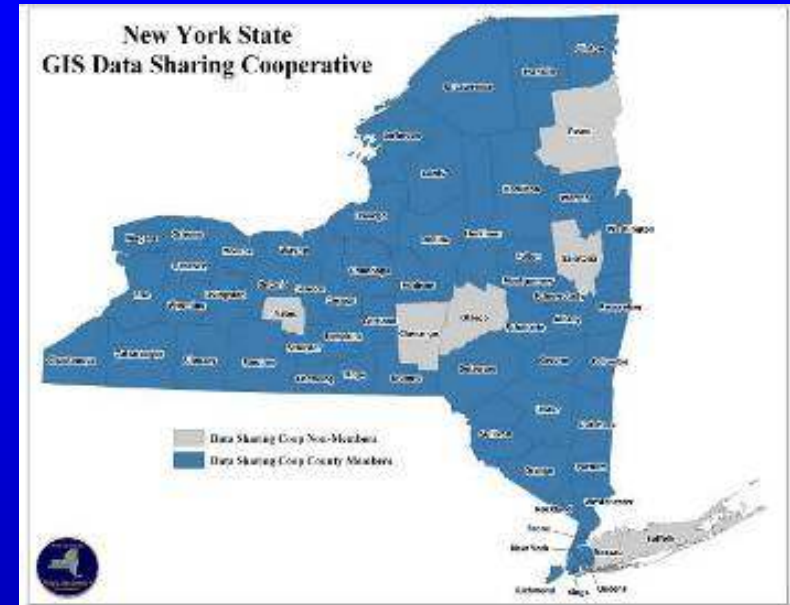
- FREE On-Line Help Desk
- Knowledge Base containing over 2300 questions & answers
- Questions answered within (1) business day

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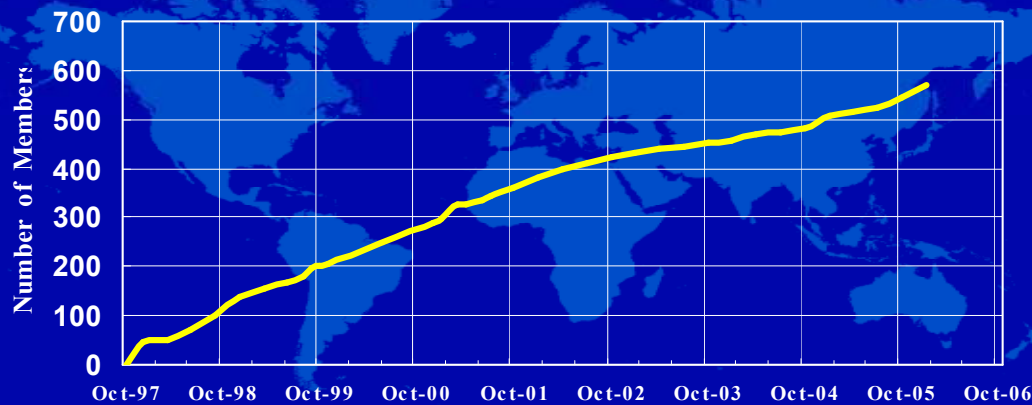


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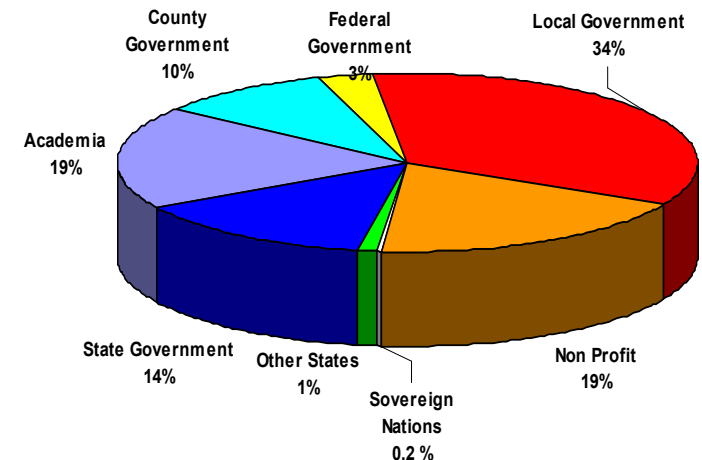
A group of government agencies and non-profit organizations who have executed the Data Sharing Agreement for the purpose of improving access to GIS data for members.



Growth in GIS Cooperative Membership Since Inception



Data Sharing Cooperative By Sector (572 Total)



Data Available to the Cooperative

- 600+ members
- 4,500+ Datasets in Cooperative
- 4,200+ NYS Datasets available on-line
- Staff at the Clearinghouses will put datasets on line for free

Home / GIS Data / Data Set Listing by Data Set Name

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20 Data Sets Listed

	Data Set Name & Description	Member Organization (Data Set Owner)
1.	Abandoned Railroads - Abandoned railroads; line file; former railroad rights-of-way; June 1997; Decimal degrees Data Set Details	Genesee Transportation Council Member Inventory Member Details
2.	Accommodations - Point file describing lodging facilities and type of accommodation within Rensselaer County. Data Set Details	Rensselaer County Member Inventory Member Details
3.	Active Railroads - Active railroads; line file; June 1997; Decimal degrees Data Set Details	Genesee Transportation Council Member Inventory Member Details
4.	Activity Centers - Activity centers; point file; Medical, commercial, industrial, etc; March 1998; Decimal degrees Data Set Details	Genesee Transportation Council Member Inventory Member Details
5.	Adirondack Clean Waters Initiative - Three geo-referenced databases: Location and morphometric information of all Adirondack Park lakes (from "Characteristics of New York State Lakes: Gazetteer... Data Set Details	Adirondack Aquatic Institute Member Inventory Member Details
6.	Adirondack Park Blue Line - Outer boundary of New York State Adirondack Park as described in Section 9-0101 of the Environmental Conservation Law. Sources include... Data Set Details	NYS Adirondack Park Agency Member Inventory Member Details
7.	Adirondack Park Designated Rivers and River Buffer Area - Wild, Scenic, Recreational, and Study River corridor polygons for the Adirondack Park pursuant to Environmental Conservation Law, ... Data Set Details	NYS Adirondack Park Agency Member Inventory

Outreach & Education



- NYS GIS Day
 - Nov. 16th 2005
- Free GIS Workshops
 - 1/2-day format
 - Coffee/donuts
 - Professional trainer
 - 8-10 locations



at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-third
day of August in the year two thousand five.

George E. Pataki
Governor

Free 1/2-day Workshops

2000 - Metadata Creation

2001 - Introduction to Digital Orthoimagery

2002 - GIS for the Decision Maker

2004 - Geocoding and Data Improvement **

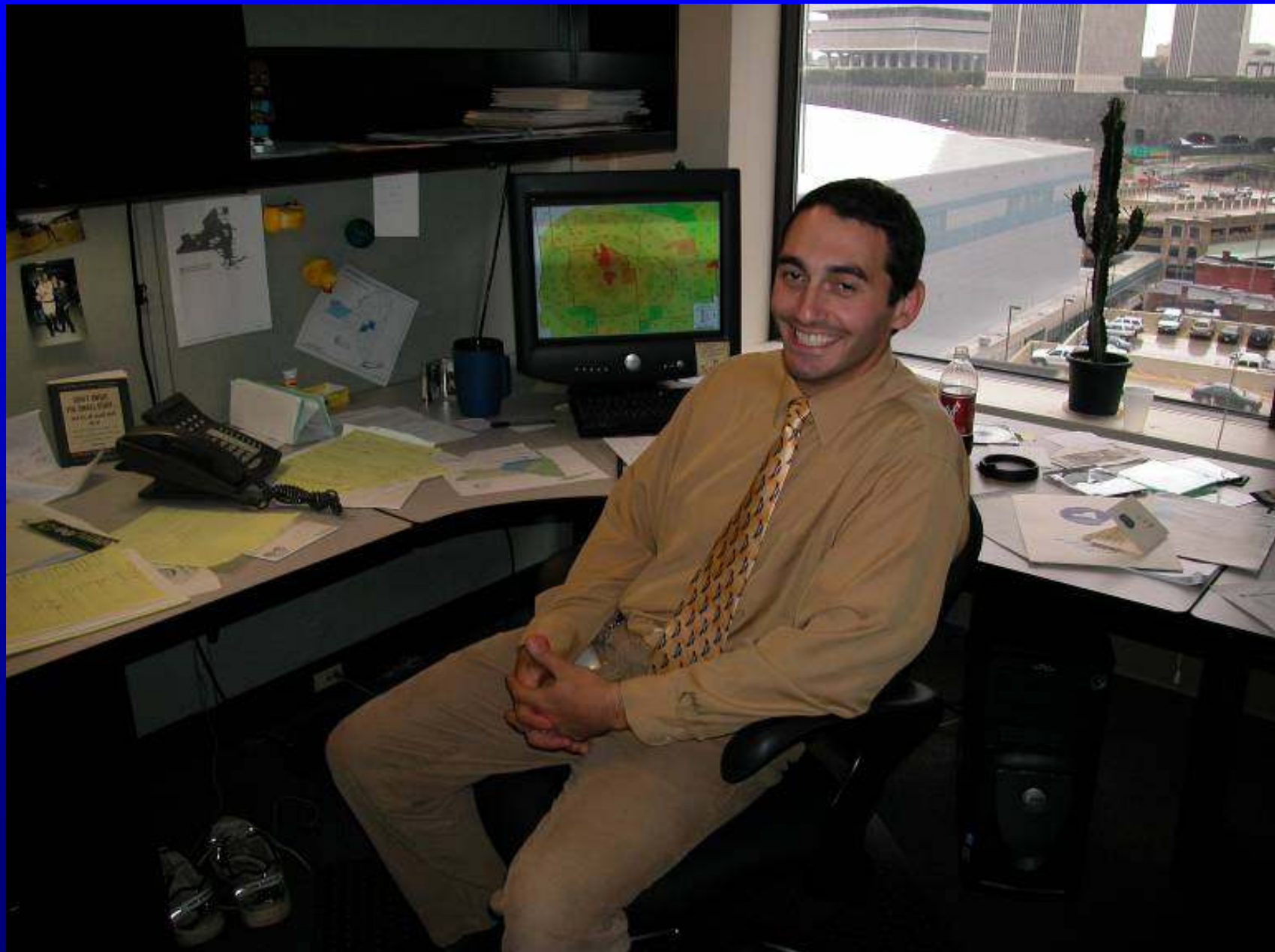
2005 - Integration of GIS and GPS

Technologies **

2006 - Remote Sensing applications

** DVDs available

Outreach & Workshop Coordinator

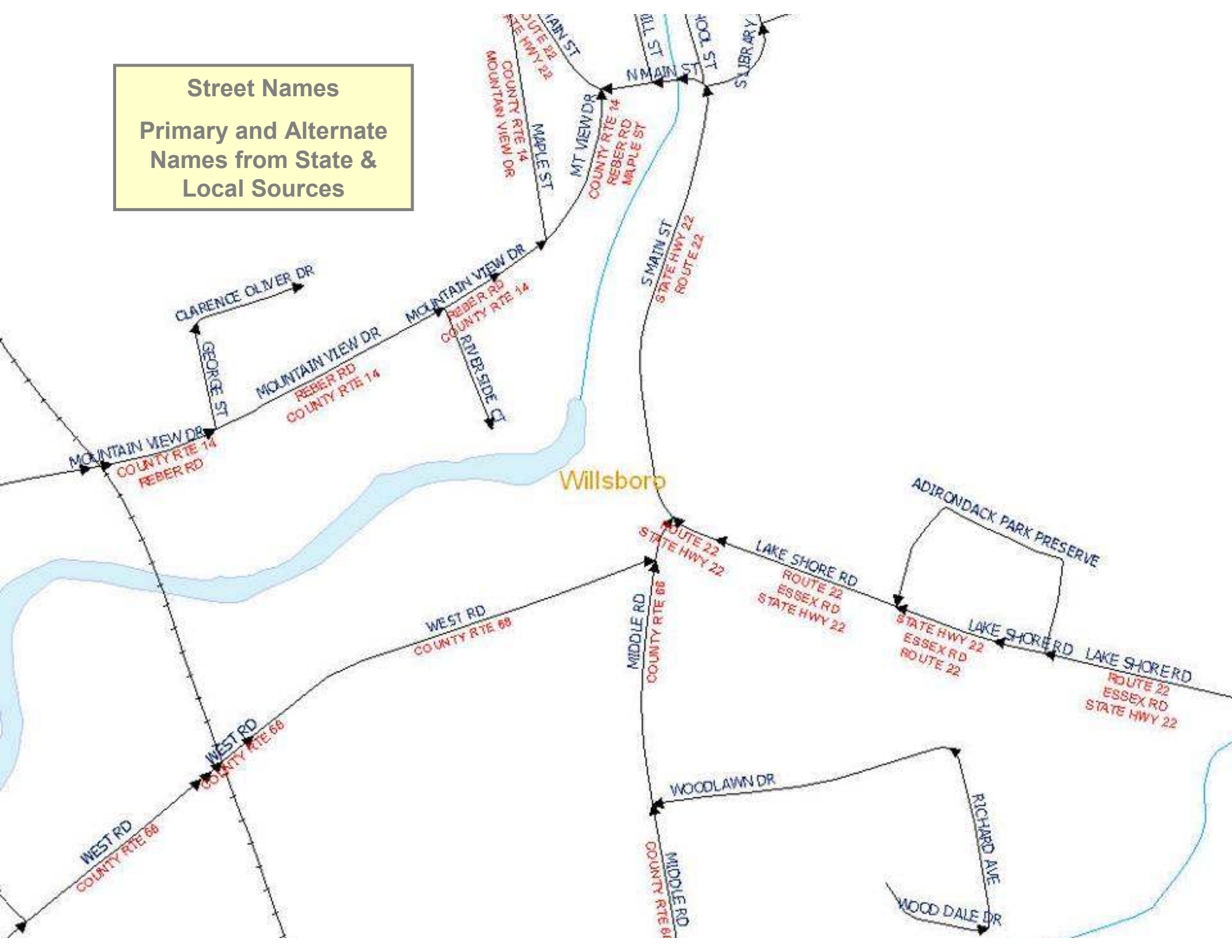


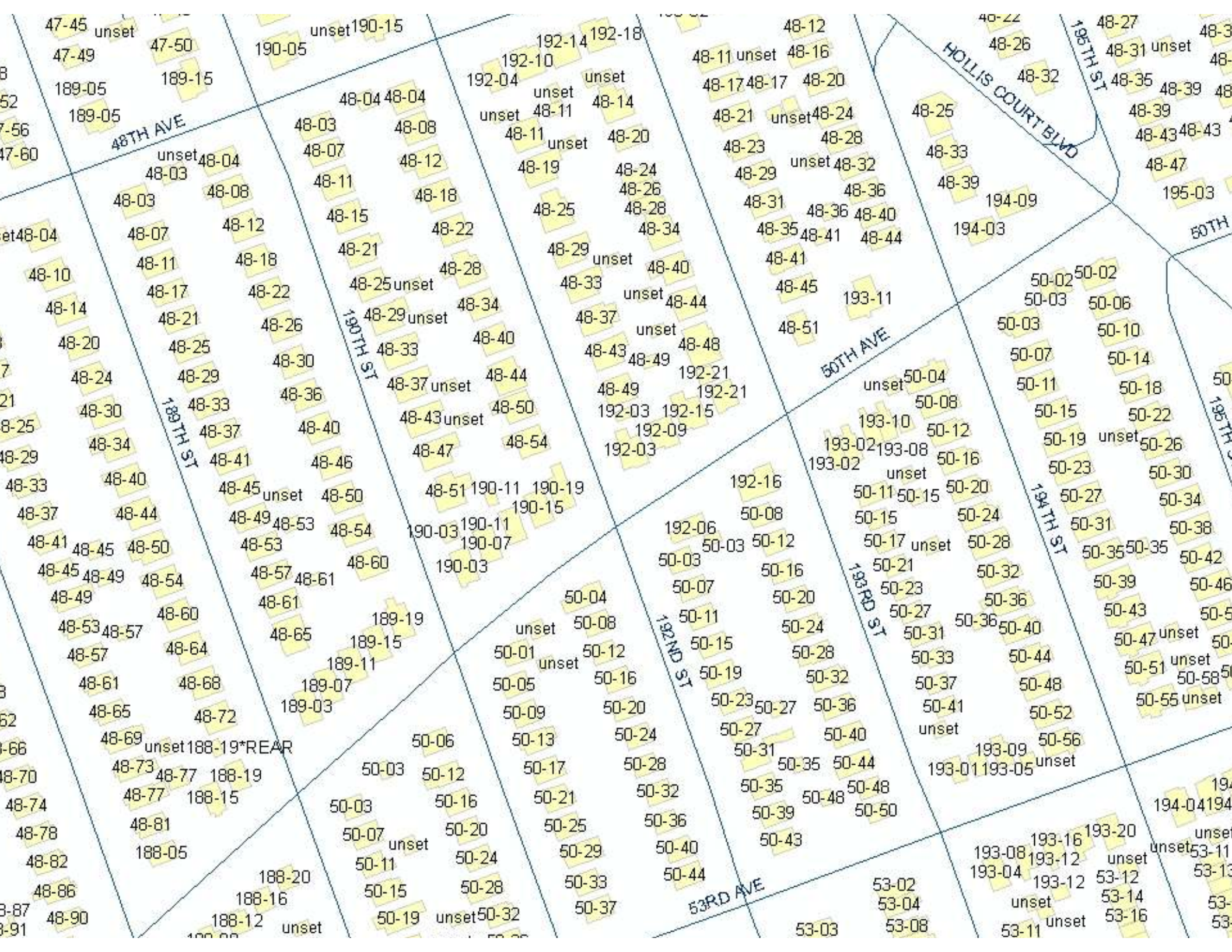


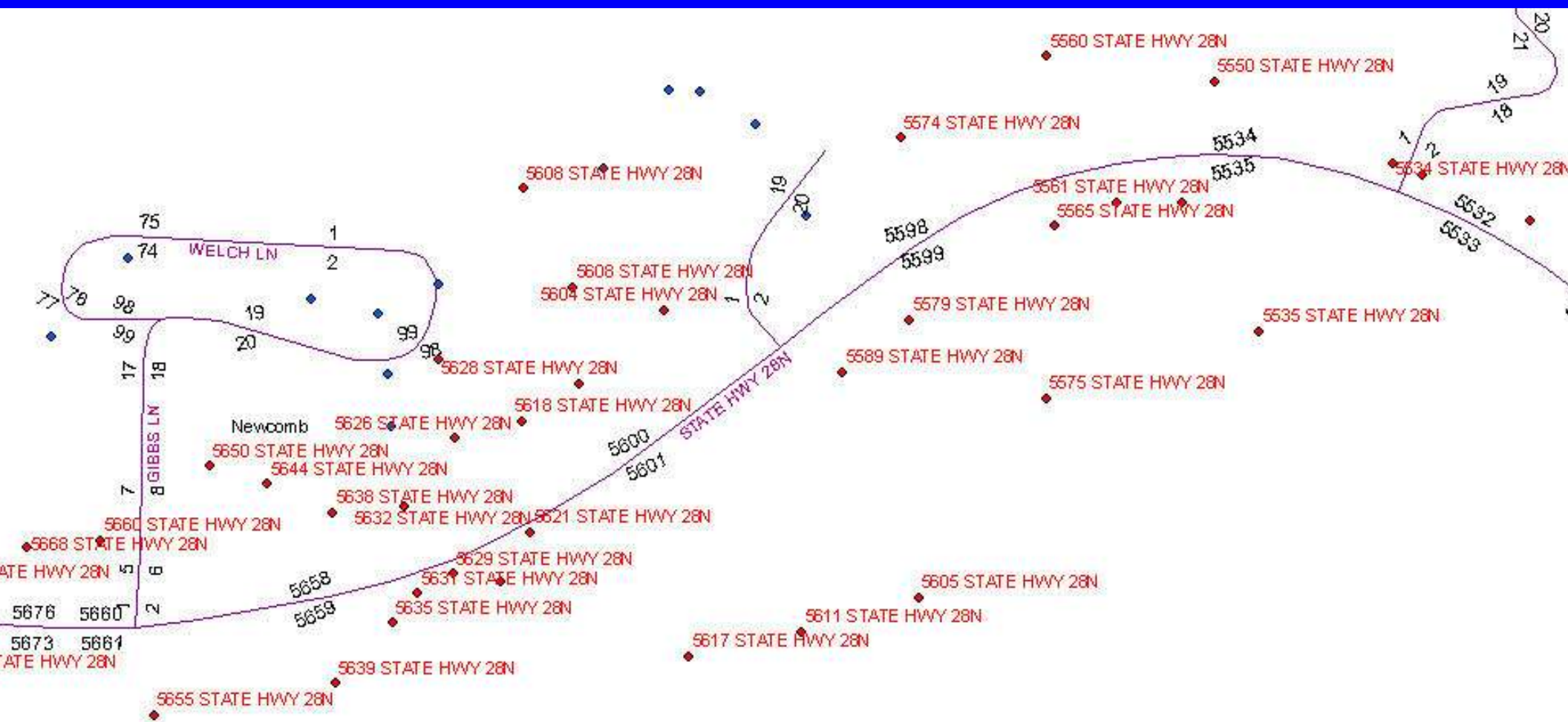
Streets & Addresses

- Full data release
– *July 2005*
- First data
maintenance release
– *October 2005*
- Data maintenance
underway with
quarterly and monthly
releases

Street Names
Primary and Alternate
Names from State &
Local Sources







Digital Ortho Program

An aerial photograph of a residential neighborhood in Guilderland, showing a mix of houses, streets, and green spaces. The text "Digital Ortho Program" is overlaid in yellow at the top.

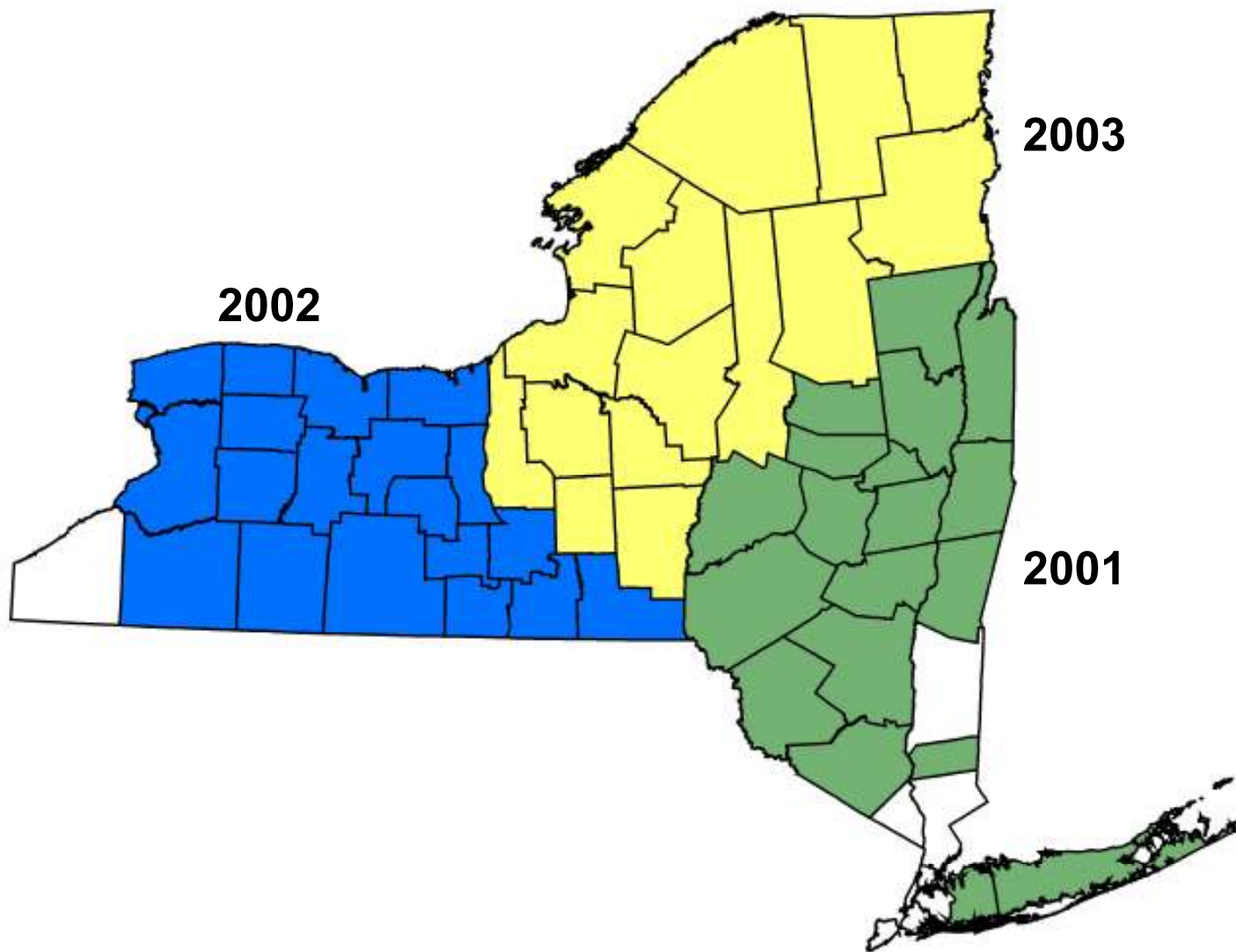
Guilderland – 2001 - 2004

Program Overview

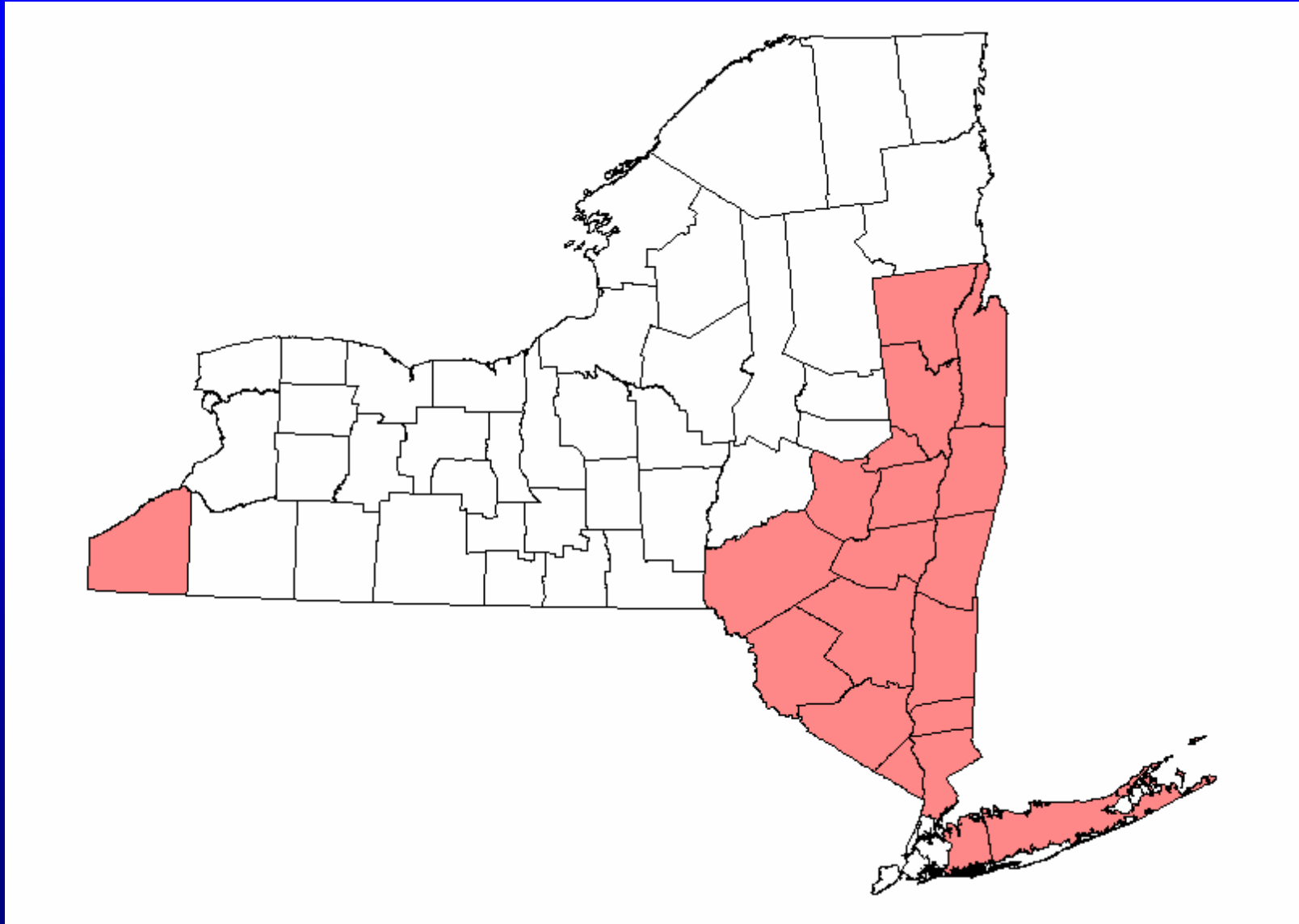
- Continuous program – fly portion of state every year
- Mix of image types and resolutions
- Data released in Public Domain
- State “base funding” with menu of “buy-up” options

First Cycle, 2000-2001

(53 Counties)

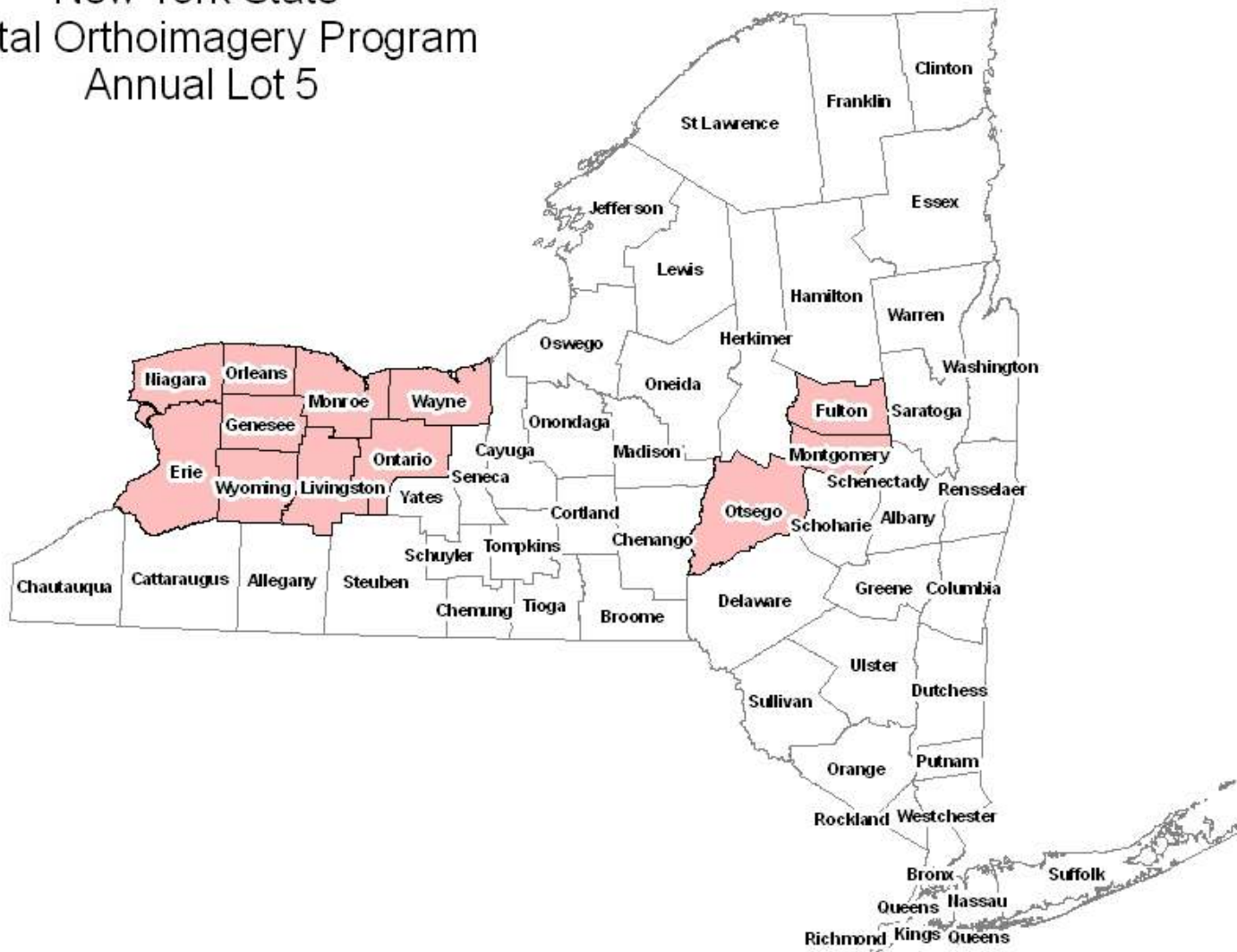


2004 (20 Counties)

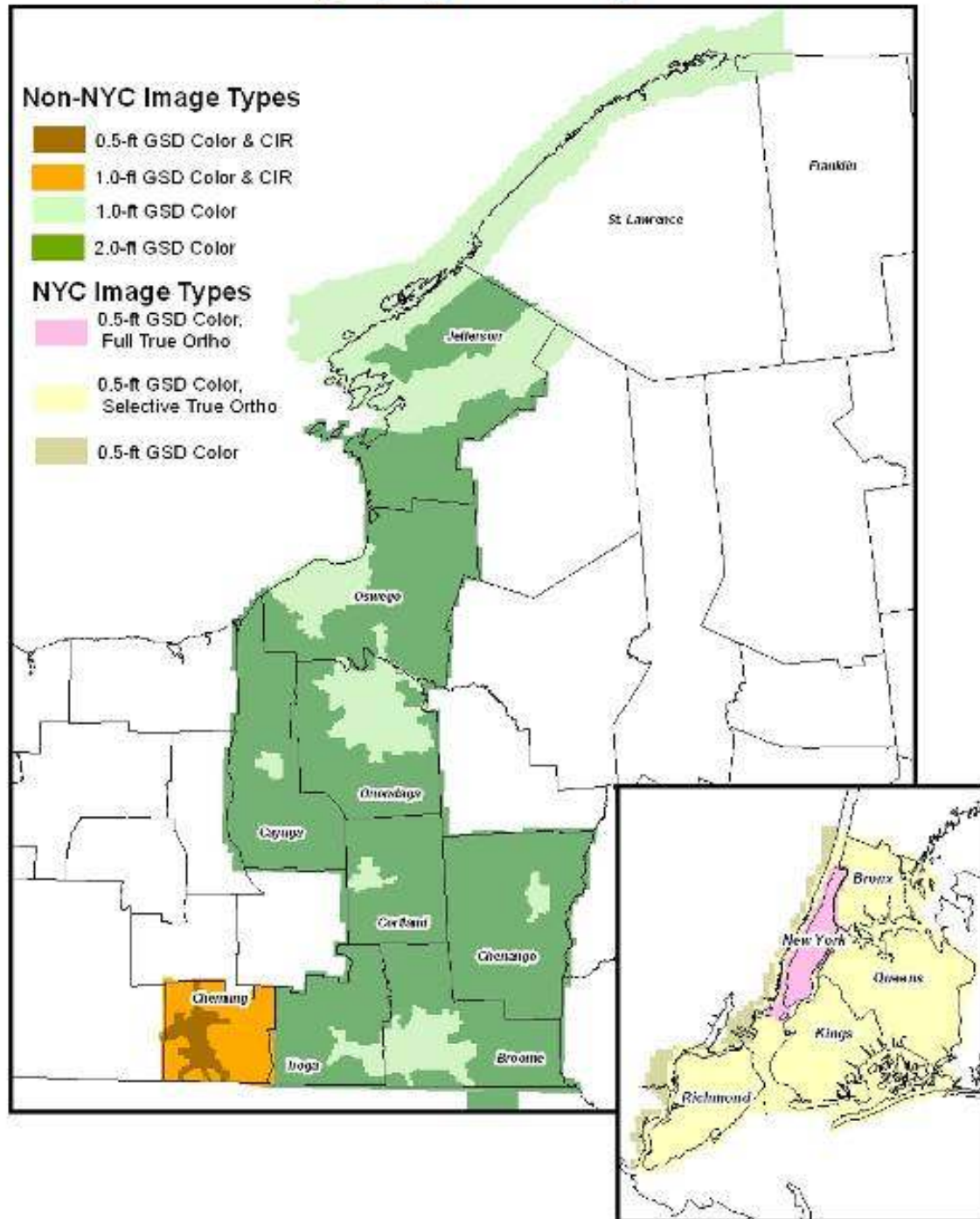


2005 (12 Counties)

New York State
Digital Orthoimagery Program
Annual Lot 5



NYSDOP Annual Lot 6 (2006 Flights) Imagery Type Coverage



DOQQ: 1 meter CIR, 1994



1 ft Natural Color, 2001



.5 ft CIR, 2004




Local Gov – Tax parcels

http://scpd_avl/AVL/Map/MapPage.asp - Microsoft Internet Explorer

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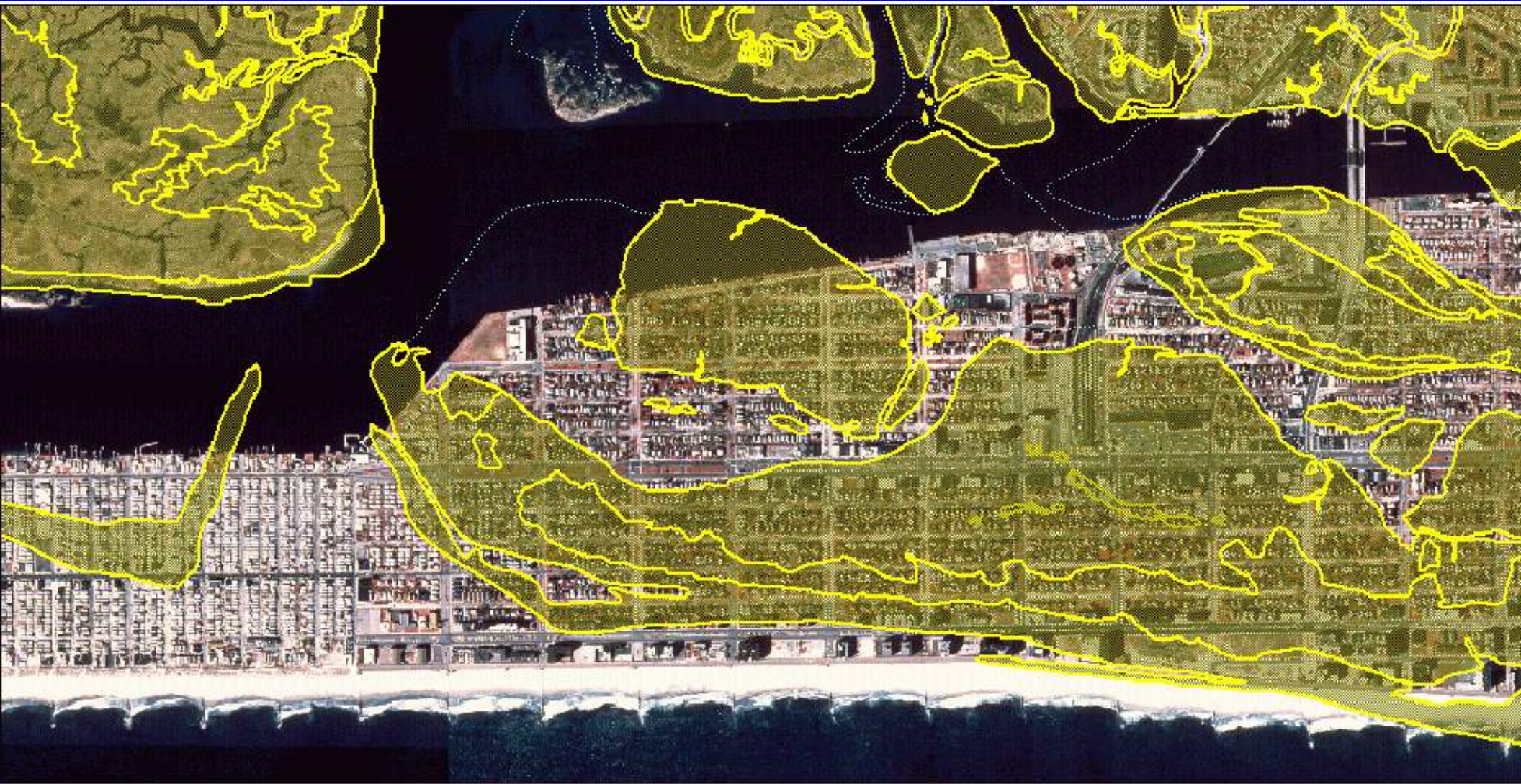
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Done Local intranet

Shoreline change 1880-1994



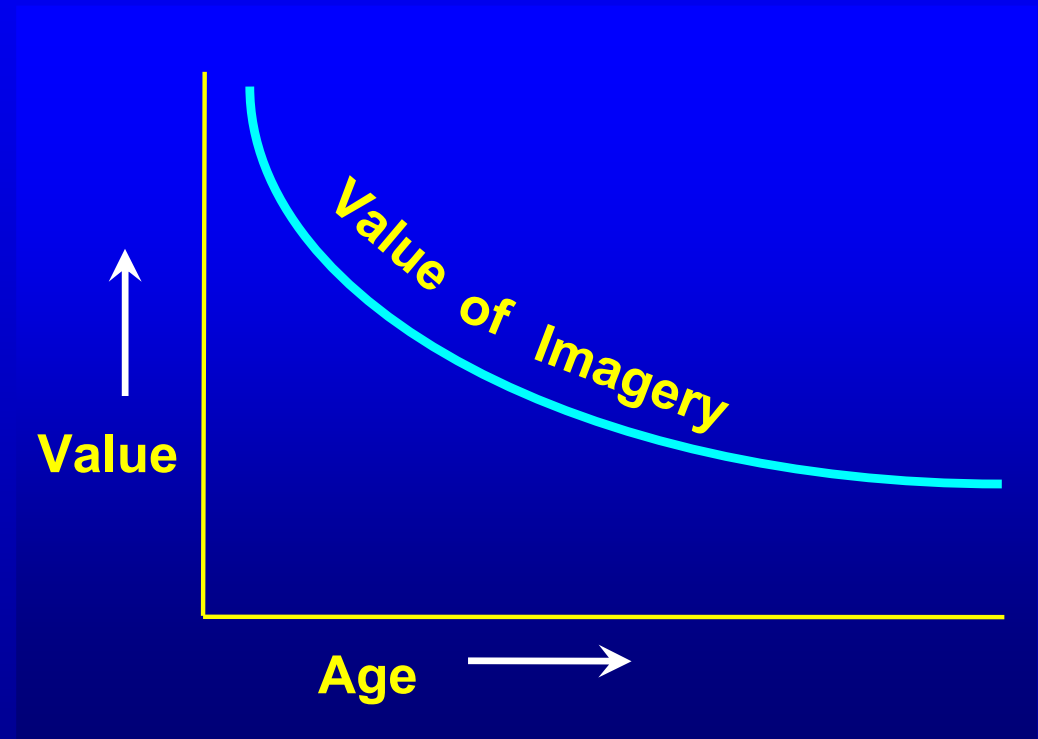
Orthos – THE framework layer

- Forget about other “standards”: the best way to get interoperable data is for it to be tied to a high-quality* ortho base.
- Done right, nothing, repeat, ***nothing*** gets more “bang for the buck”.
- Users will tie their vectors to it: extract, fix, align, update, improve....
- ***HUGELY*** popular with everyone.

* *timely, hi-res, high spatial accuracy*

Speed is Very, Very Important!

- Image value decays rapidly with age
- Image age is especially important to locals!
- Use incentives (contract bonuses) to ensure speedy delivery



Distribution

- Keep orthos in the Public Domain
 - HUGE benefits for all
- Channels
 - State GIS Clearinghouse for downloads (more than 7,000,000 image downloads in 2004)
 - Web Viewer application
 - Image archive at EROS Data Center
 - USB hard drives for bulk distribution (to each County, 12 State Agencies, 6 Federal agencies)
 - *Current effort:* Image Web Service (OGC compliant) for serious GIS users (thick client)

Digital Ortho Program Team



Cadastral Data Workgroup

Chairperson: John Trimber

Began: November 2004

Purpose: Develop recommended standards for digital tax parcel mapping for use of the data for local, regional, and statewide GIS applications.

Status: Draft standard has been developed and is under review.

NSGIC



**National States Geographic
Information Council >>>**

State GI Model Coordination Survey

Summary of Results

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Coordination Criteria

- A full-time, paid coordinator position is designated and has the authority to implement the state's business and strategic plans.
- A clearly defined authority exists for statewide coordination of geospatial information technologies and data production.
- The statewide coordination office has a formal relationship with the state's Chief Information Officer (or similar office).
- A champion (politician or executive decision-maker) is aware and involved in the process of coordination.
- Responsibilities for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure and a State Clearinghouse are assigned.
- The ability exists to work and coordinate with local governments, academia, and the private sector.
- Sustainable funding sources exist to meet projected needs.
- Coordinators have the authority to enter into contracts and become capable of receiving and expending funds.
- The Federal government works through the statewide coordinating authority.

Model State Criteria:

- 2003 MidYear
- 2003 Annual – approved
- First survey conducted Fall '04 to measure the states
- Need to measure annually – track progress and changes

Key Findings on “The Infrastructure of Coordination”

- 49 states responded; self-assessment
- Overall it's better than we thought
- No regional patterns
- 8 states meet all 9 criteria
- 19 states meet 8 or more criteria
- 31 states meet 6 or more of the 9 criteria
- Only 18 meet less than 6 criteria
- Sustainable funding is the most consistently lacking criteria

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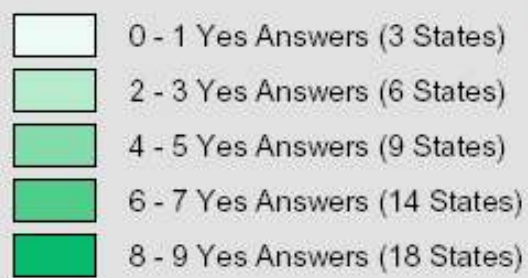
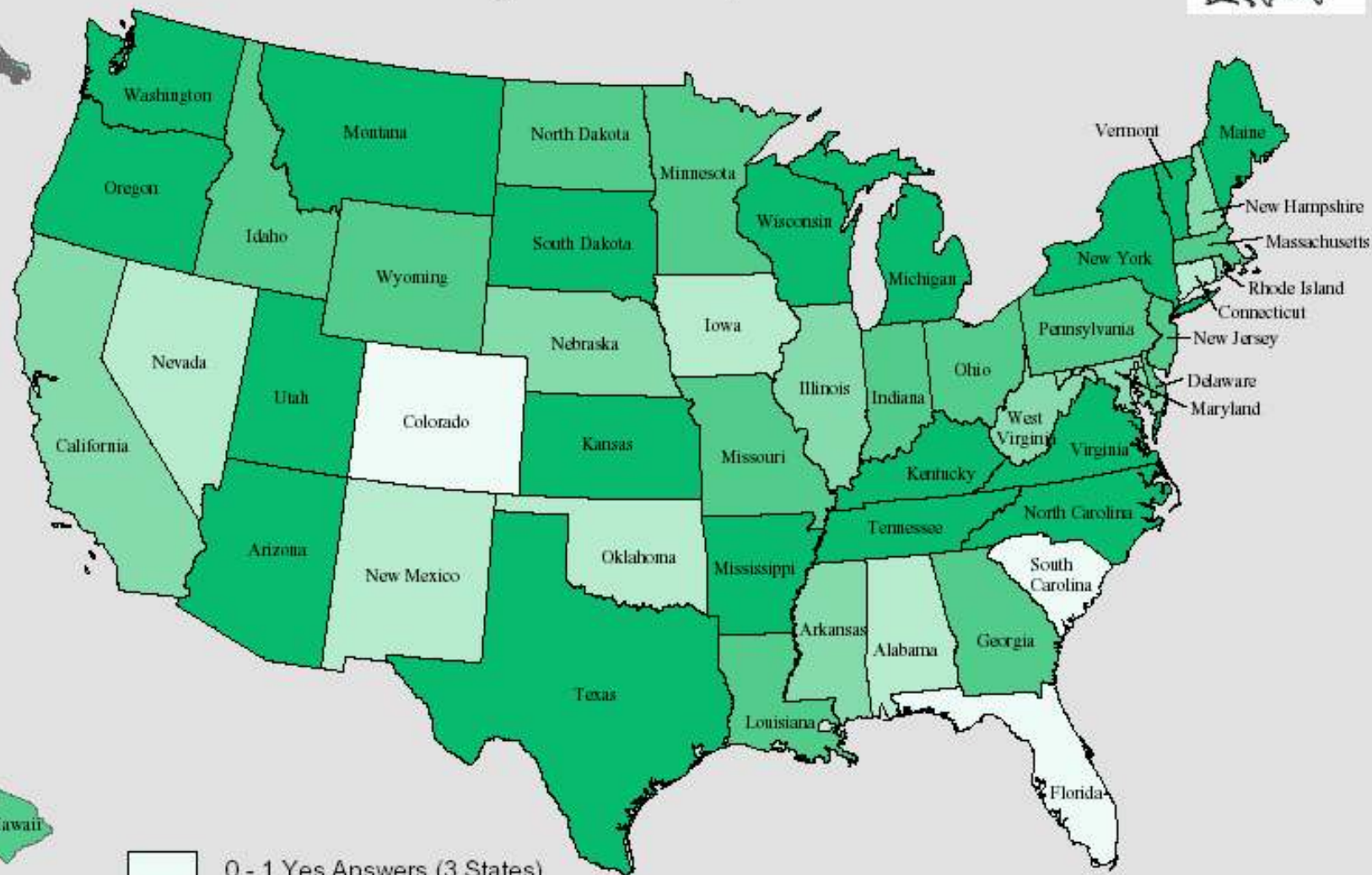


Question #	Questions	Positive Results
1	Has your state designated a full-time, paid coordinator position that has the authority to implement the state's business and strategic plans?	29
2	Does a clearly defined authority exist for statewide coordination of geospatial information technologies and data production?	40
3	Does your statewide coordination of office have a formal relationship with the state's Chief Information Officer (or similar office)?	36
4	Do you have a champion (politician or executive decision-maker) that is aware and involved in the process of coordination?	36
5	Does your state have assigned responsibilities for developing the National Spatial Data Infrastructure and a State Clearinghouse?	39
6	Does your state have mechanisms to work and coordinate with local governments, academia, and the private sector?	43
7	Does a sustainable funding source exist to meet projected needs?	13
8	Does your state GIS Coordinator have the authority to enter into contracts, and receive or expend funds?	29
9	Does the Federal government work through your statewide coordinating authority?	40



NSGIC 2003 State Coordination Survey

Summary of State Responses



This map portrays a summary of state's responses to the NSGIC 2003 nine question survey regarding GIT coordination. The survey asked state representatives to measure, as best they could, whether their state met NSGIC's nine point criterion for successful GIT coordination. It should not be interpreted as levels of GIT activity within each state. Note: There was no response from S. Carolina and it was given a null value. There were two responses from Wyoming and the response from their GI Coordinator was chosen.

Results

Number of Yes Answers											
		Pd. Coord	Defined Authority	CIO Interact	Champion	MSDJ Responsibilities	Local Coord.	Sustain Funding	Contract Authority	Fed. Interact	
		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5	Q6	Q7	Q8	Q9	
9 Yes Answers											
	Kansas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Michigan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
8	New York	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Oregon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Utah	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Vermont	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Wisconsin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
8 Yes Answers											
	Arizona	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Arkansas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
	Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
	Kentucky	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
11	Maine	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
	Montana	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
	North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
	South Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
	Tennessee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	
	Texas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
	Washington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
7 Yes Answers											
	Delaware	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
5	Idaho	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
	Missouri	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	
	New Jersey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	
	Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	

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	North Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
	Pennsylvania	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	
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	California	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	Mississippi	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	
	Nebraska	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	West Virginia	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	
	Wyoming	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
4 Yes Answers											
	Illinois	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	
	Maryland	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
	New Hampshire	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	
	Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	
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	Nevada	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
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	New Mexico	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
	Oklahoma	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
1 Yes Answer											
	Colorado	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	
0 Yes Answers											
	Florida	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	

What are the keys to success?

Technology is the easy part

- It's too easy to focus on the latest version of software, or web app, or wireless handheld, or...
- Technology changes very rapidly; techie solutions tend to be disappointingly ephemeral
- Organizational issues are the hard part:
 - How do you get people working together?
 - How do you change the culture?
- Focus on **people!**

Strive for supported self-sufficiency

- A centralized GIS “service shop” is a trap
- Coordination Council should seek to provide (enable) base resources needed by all
- Goal should be to embed GIS in routine business processes; incremental progress
- Collaborate, collaborate, collaborate

Build once – use many

- Some elements are so fundamentally necessary for everyone, that they should be created centrally and distributed widely:
 - Digital orthoimagery
 - Street centerlines w/addresses
 - Tax parcel mapping
- Distribution mechanism (clearinghouse)
- Policies

Work in a Consensus-building process

- Partnerships build buy-in and therefore commitments moving forward
- Seek answers to: *“What’s in it for me?”*
- Provide copious opportunities to be involved
- Communicate widely
 - Local & regional meetings
 - Newsletters, web forums, etc.

Think of it as an Ecosystem

- The whole is greater than the sum of its parts
- Everything is interconnected
- It's alive, and therefore changing constantly
- The bottom of the food chain supports everything above it
 - Local, day-to-day uses of GIS are what enable the “Big Apps” like emergency response

Final thoughts

- There is great power in volunteers who believe in the cause and want to get involved
- Focus on helping people, not on implementing technology, and good things will happen
- Trumpet every success, no matter how small
- Just do it

Thank You

Any Questions?