

NH Geographic Information System (GIS) Committee

Established under HB377



HB 377 NH GIS Committee

Authorized under RSA 4-F

The committee shall:

- **Review** the use, development, and coordination of geospatial data & resources by state agencies and municipal governments.
- Consider the need for central coordination, storage, and distribution of such data & resources, and suggest appropriate responses
- Advise on GIS needs at public & semi-public agencies; identify avenues where legislation may further efficiencies through enhanced cooperation.



GIS Technical Advisory Committee

Gap Analysis

Outputs:

Identify gaps in practice and organization between:

- Guiding principles (future state) and
- Where the state is now (current state).

Outcomes:

Inform the GIS Committee on policy recommendations to the legislature that:

- Define future horizon 3-5 years.
- Identify level of effort and resources.
- Develop plan/matrix (based on working group of 4-5 people)
- Define actions that promote the benefits of supporting GIS collaboration.



Gap Analysis Working Group

- Catherine Callahan, NH DOIT/NH Fish and Game Department
- Glenn Davison, NH Department of Transportation
- Ken Gallager, NH Office of Energy and Planning
- Sean Goodwin, NH Department of Safety
- Hamilton McLean, NH Department of Environmental Services
- Fay Rubin, University of New Hampshire
- Tim Scott, NH Department of Safety
- Sara Siskavich, Nashua Regional Planning Commission



Develop and maintain NH statewide base map and derivative data products

Objectives

- A. (GTAC Level) Develop a plan for the regular acquisition, maintenance, and dissemination of statewide base map imagery and derivative data products. Plan to include:
 - Needs assessment
 - Technical specifications
 - Funding model(s)
- B. (GAC/Executive Level) Explore the feasibility of a New England-wide consortium to achieve cost efficiencies in the acquisition of orthophotography



Designate an official state GIS clearinghouse for curated, public-facing GIS data

Objectives

- A. Pursue a long-term contract with a state GIS clearinghouse to:
 - i. Store, manage, and provide access to enterprise geospatial data sets
 - ii. Develop and promote task- and cost-appropriate tools to analyze and display data
- B. Increase outreach to all stakeholders to promote awareness and use of enterprise geospatial data sets

Areas of further exploration:

- Common GIS presentation tools and platforms that exist through vendor agreements
- Training opportunities to take full advantage of these platforms



Promote efficiencies in the use of GIS technologies in New Hampshire and the larger New England region

Objectives

- A. Develop best practice guidelines for data collection, storage, and management
- B. Identify software licensing and managerial solutions to support agency workflows
- C. Consider existing industry standards and apply when appropriate



Enhance statewide GIS governance and policies to guide best practices

Objectives

- A. Renew full GTAC committee charge and outreach plan
- B. Document legal guidance on public records law as it pertains to GIS data, including essential requirements for management, retention, and distribution, as well as specific exemptions.



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Next Meeting 8/24 NH National Guard Regional Training Institute 12:30 – 2:00