

Work Plan Federal Interagency Committee

The purpose of the Federal Interagency Committee (FIC) is to coordinate data activities within North Carolina between Federal agencies and other geospatial data users and distributors represented on the Geographic Information Coordinating Council (GICC).

Goals

- A. Geospatial datasets developed and managed by federal, state, local and regional organizations in North Carolina will be consistent with guidelines of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, including data content standards, documentation, currency, and completeness, and be of sufficient quality to add value to state, local, regional, federal and nongovernmental business processes.
- B. Federal agencies will be well informed about the value and uses of cooperative and collaborative geospatial datasets to be able to promote sufficient funding to meet expectations for data quality, accessibility, and consistency with the guidelines of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure.
- C. Geospatial datasets related to North Carolina will be accessible to the public as web services and downloadable data.

Objectives for 2017-2018

1. Maintain an active forum for geospatial data producers and users in Federal agencies to share data, technology and procedures that are of benefit to federal agencies and to other GIS users in North Carolina.
2. Inform geospatial data users about the status of geospatial data, the availability of geospatial data and map products from Federal agencies, and development of geospatial data standards.
3. Maintain federal datasets related to North Carolina in data.gov and in agency websites accessible to the public.
4. Promote and gain support for funding cooperative programs for statewide geospatial data and mapping.
5. Advise the GICC and CGIA on issues, standards, problems and opportunities.

Expected benefits by objective

1. Federal agencies operating in North Carolina will be well informed about the status of geospatial data and requirements for maintaining and enhancing the value of the data.
2. GIS users in North Carolina will be better informed about the availability, status, and qualities of federal geospatial datasets as well as NSDI guidelines and development of geospatial data standards.
3. GIS users in NC will have access to relevant data. Federal agencies will be able to promote the value of federal investments in geospatial data.
4. One or more cooperative programs will have adequate funding to maintain and enhance key geospatial datasets.
5. The GICC and CGIA will be well informed on issues, standards, problems and opportunities.

Ongoing Responsibilities

- The FIC Executive Committee will hold regular meetings and inform FIC members about progress and opportunities relating to issues and initiatives of the GICC and its committees.
- The FIC will hold general meetings to inform members of policies, initiatives, and opportunities related to geospatial data and GIS.
- FIC members are responsible for communicating NC coordination objectives, issues, activities, progress and lessons learned to their federal counterparts and to the community of users in their area of influence in regional and national forums.
- Members who participate on other GICC committees are expected to report to the FIC on a regular basis. Other committee assignments may include the Technical Advisory Committee and the various subcommittees of the Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee (SMAC) including Working Group for Orthoimagery and Elevation, Working Group for Seamless Parcels, and the Stream Mapping Advisory Committee. The USGS liaison to North Carolina is a standing member of the SMAC. Current participants:
 - a. TAC: FIC members as needed by topic
 - b. SMAC: Silvia Terziotti (USGS liaison to NC) and Drew Pilant (EPA)
 - c. WG for Seamless Parcels: David Cline and Joanna Pitsikoulis (Census), Holly Hixson (USFS), David Wyatt (EBCI)

- d. WG for Orthoimagery and Elevation: Silvia Terziotti (USGS) and Erik Hund (NOAA)
- e. Metadata Committee: Doug Newcomb (USFWS) and Lynda Wayne (FGDC)
- f. Stream Mapping: Silvia Terziotti (USGS)
- The FIC rep to the SMAC reports to the SMAC on the status of new or improved federal geospatial datasets and forwards updates of NC OneMap data releases to the FIC membership.

Major Tasks Numbered by Objective (* indicates priority for fiscal year)

Task	Lead Member	Date Initiated	End Date	Status
1.1. Plan and conduct at least 2 general meetings for FIC members.	Silvia T., Julia H.	Jul 2017	ongoing	
2.1. Update the SMAC on development of new and enhanced federal geospatial data.	Silvia T., Drew P.	Jul 2017	ongoing	
2.2. and 4.1. Participate on the SMAC’s Working Group for Orthoimagery and Elevation to advise the statewide orthoimagery project and the LiDAR project.	Silvia T., Erik H.	Jul 2017	ongoing	
*3.1. Convene FIC subcommittee to explore ways to discover federal datasets in North Carolina and recommend ways to make priority datasets, including web services, discoverable through NC OneMap.	TBD	Nov 2017	May 2018	
*3.2. Identify tools and solutions for transition to ISO 19115-x geospatial metadata in federal agencies	FIC members	Jan 2018	Jun 2018	
4.2. Identify federal grant solicitations and consult with CGIA as the lead state agency in the development of proposals for cooperative projects that may support development or enhancement of geospatial datasets, methods, tools, or applications.	FIC members	Jul 2017	ongoing	
5.1. Report on FIC activities to the GICC quarterly	Silvia T.	Quarterly	Jun 2018	
5.2. Describe FIC accomplishments for GICC Annual Report	Silvia T., Jeff B.	Jun 2018	Jun 2018	
5.3. Participate on the TAC and advise on NC OneMap technical requirements and datasets as requested	FIC members as needed	Jul 2017	ongoing	
5.4. Participate on the Statewide Mapping Advisory Committee (SMAC)	Silvia T., Drew P.	Jul 2017	ongoing	
5.5. Participate on the WGSP to provide federal perspective on development and maintenance of statewide parcel data	Joanna P., David C., David W., Holly H.	Jul 2017	Ongoing	
5.6. Participate on the SMAC Metadata Committee	Doug N., Lynda W.	Jul 2017	ongoing	

Dependencies

- Task 3.1. depends on technical requirements and interoperability between state and federal systems.
- Task 4.2. depends on requirements of grant opportunities and availability of project funding.