

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 2016-2017

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 Orthophotography Planning, Working Group for Seamless Parcels, and the Stream Mapping Advisory Group. The USGS liaison to North Carolina is a standing member of the SMAC. Current participants:
 - a. TAC: Doug Newcomb (USFWS)
 - b. SMAC: Silvia Terziotti (USGS liaison to NC)
 - c. WG for Seamless Parcels: David Cline and Joanna Pitsikoulis (USCB), Holly Hixson (USFS)

- d. WG for Orthophotography Planning: Silvia Terziotti (USGS), Erik Hund (NOAA), Chad Ferguson (NRCS), and Doug Newcomb (USFWS)
- e. Metadata Committee: Doug Newcomb (USFWS)
- f. Stream Mapping: Matt Duvall (NRCS), 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.	Doug N., Julia H., Silvia T.	Jul 2016	Jun 2017	
2.1. Update the SMAC on development of new and enhanced federal geospatial data.	Silvia T.	Jul 2016	ongoing	
2.2. and 4.1. Participate on the SMAC's Working Group for Orthoimagery Planning to advise the statewide orthoimagery project and the LiDAR project.	Multiple	Jul 2016	Jun 2017	
2.3 Convene FIC EC subcommittee to explore the issue of discovering federal datasets in North Carolina and recommending the best way to ensure they are discoverable through NC OneMap.	TBD	Jan 2017	Jun 2017	
*3.1. Assist CGIA in making resources in the NC OneMap Geospatial Portal discoverable in data.gov and in utilizing the GIS Inventory for harvesting NC metadata for national discovery and access.	FIC members	Jul 2016	ongoing	
*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.	Doug N. and FIC members	Jul 2016	ongoing	
5.1. Report on FIC activities to the GICC quarterly	Doug N.	Quarterly	Jun 2017	
5.2. Describe FIC accomplishments for GICC Annual Report	Doug N., Jeff B.		Jun 2017	
5.3. Participate on the TAC and advise on NC OneMap technical requirements and datasets as requested	Doug N.	Jul 2016	ongoing	
5.4. Participate on the WGSP to provide federal perspective on development and maintenance of statewide parcel data	Joanna P. and David C.	Sept 2016	Jun 2017	
5.5. Participate on the SMAC Metadata Committee.	Doug N., Lynda W.	Jul 2016	ongoing	
5.6. Participate on the M&O's Census Working Group	TBD	Jul 2016	ongoing	
5.7 Participate on the SMAC Mapping Advisory Committee	Silvia T.	Jul 2016	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.