Beyond TIGER Files:
Federal Government Geospatial Data Sources to Support GIS Research Needs

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GIS Overview

Geospatial Data

- Geospatial data is data that is associated with a particular location.
- It has a spatial component – like an address, latitude & longitude, country, state, county, place, zip code, etc.

Geographic Information Systems

Definition

GIS refers to a system where geographic information is stored in layers and integrated with geographic software programs so that spatial information can be created, stored, manipulated, analyzed, and visualized (mapped).

Dempsey, C. (2014). What is the difference between GIS and geospatial? Retrieved from https://www.gislounge.com/difference-gis-geospatial/

Maps + Tabular Data + Analysis Capabilities

Image by The National Atlas.

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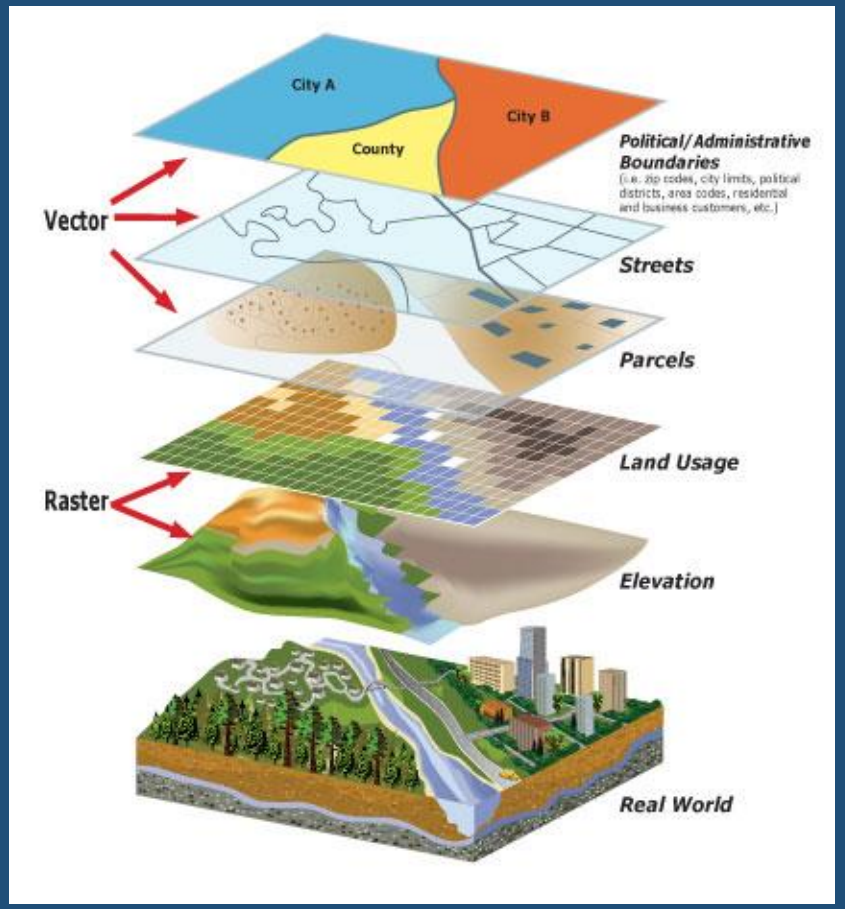
Layers

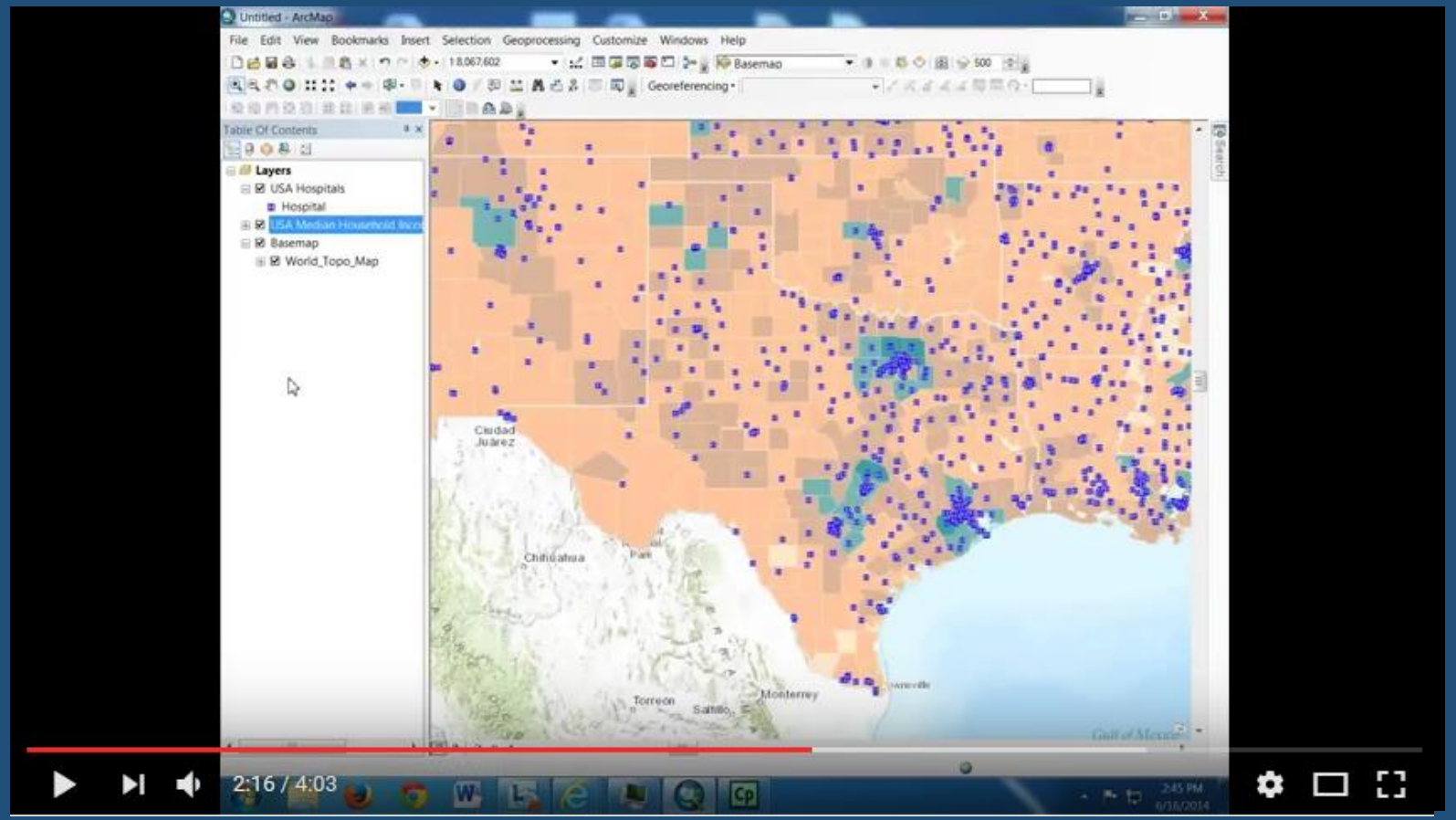
Geographic Information Systems allow data to be overlaid in layers.

This data can be analyzed – and relationships between the data can be investigated.



ArcGIS Informational Model https://doc.arcgis.com/en/arcgis-online/reference/geo-info.htm

ArcMap Demonstration



ArcMap demonstration by Rory Elliott https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E-B5E4OCYYU

GIS & Government Information

- Government bodies produce an enormous amount of statistics & geographical information.
- If the data has a spatial component, it can be used in a GIS.
- GIS allows the library user to get more from the data we have historically provided.

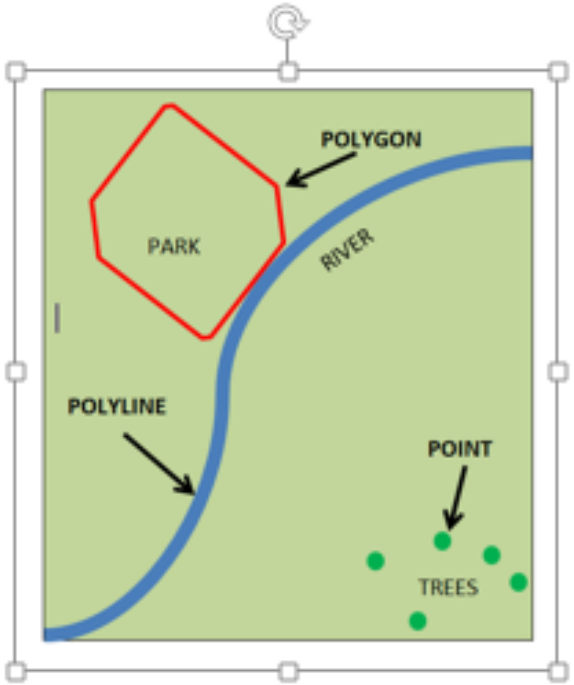
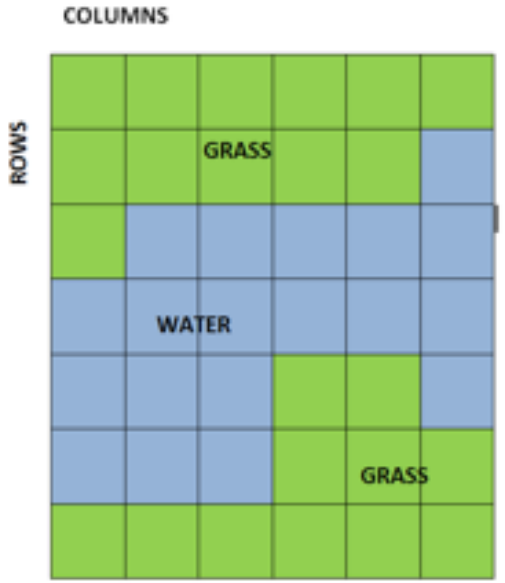
Types of GIS Data

GIS Data

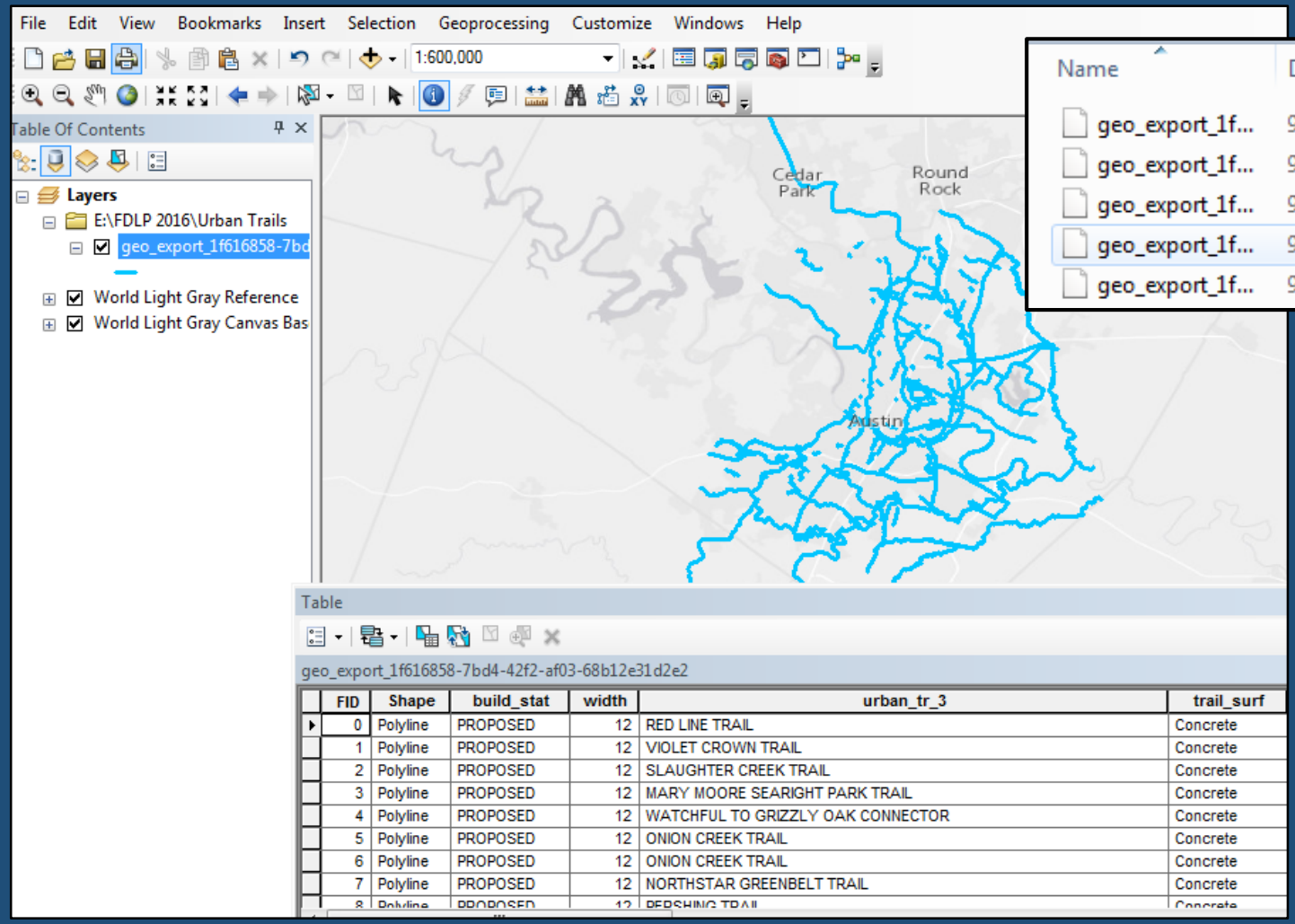
- **Spatial Data**: Identifies the geographic location of features. It includes coordinates and projection information. It is the 'Where"
  - Vector: Points, lines, polygons, Shapefiles, KML
  - Raster: Images

- **Attribute Data**: Describes and classifies the features. It is the 'What, Where, and Why'
  - Tabular: tables, Excel, CSV, txt

Spatial Data

Vector	Raster
Points, Polylines, and Polygons	Cells in a grid; Pixels in an image
Definite x,y coordinates	Georeferenced to a coordinate system.
File Types: Geodatabases, Shapefiles, KML	File Types: .JPG, .PNG, .TIFF
	

Vector Data



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3	Polyline	PROPOSED	12	MARY MOORE SEARIGHT PARK TRAIL	Concrete
4	Polyline	PROPOSED	12	WATCHFUL TO GRIZZLY OAK CONNECTOR	Concrete
5	Polyline	PROPOSED	12	ONION CREEK TRAIL	Concrete
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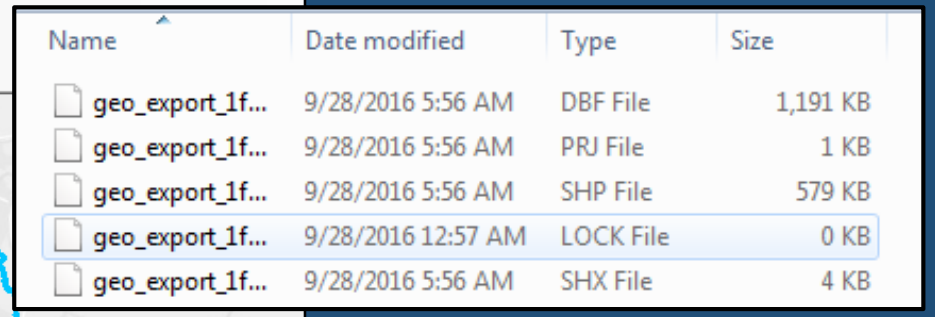
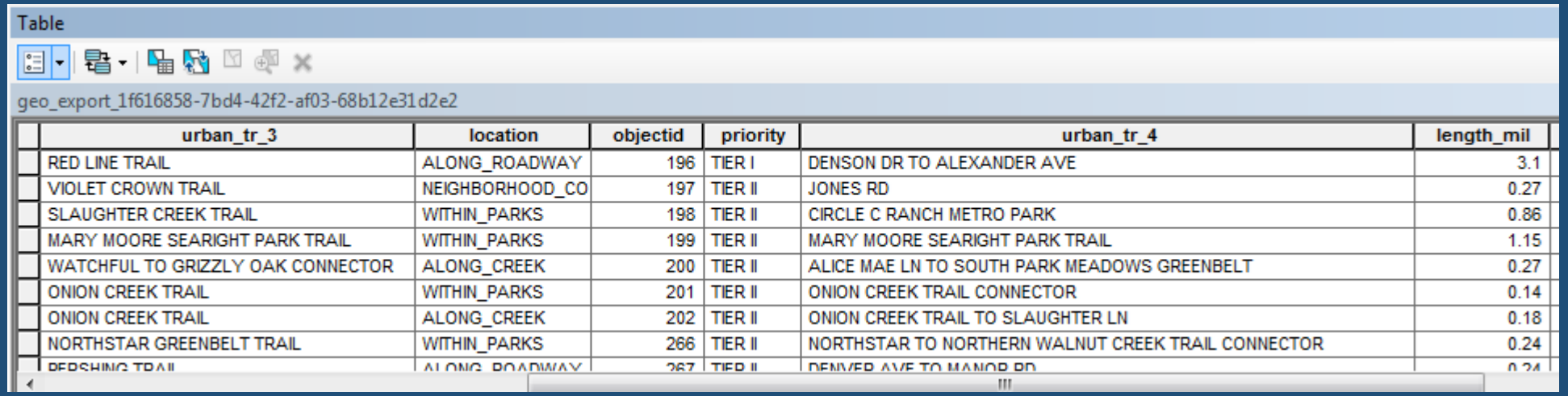


Shapefile of Austin, TX trails

Attribute Data

- Attribute data describes and classifies the features.
- It is the 'What, Where, and Why.'
- Attributes are often in the tabular formats.



Table

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MARY MOORE SEARIGHT PARK TRAIL	WITHIN_PARKS	199	TIER II	MARY MOORE SEARIGHT PARK TRAIL	1.15
WATCHFUL TO GRIZZLY OAK CONNECTOR	ALONG_CREEK	200	TIER II	ALICE MAE LN TO SOUTH PARK MEADOWS GREENBELT	0.27
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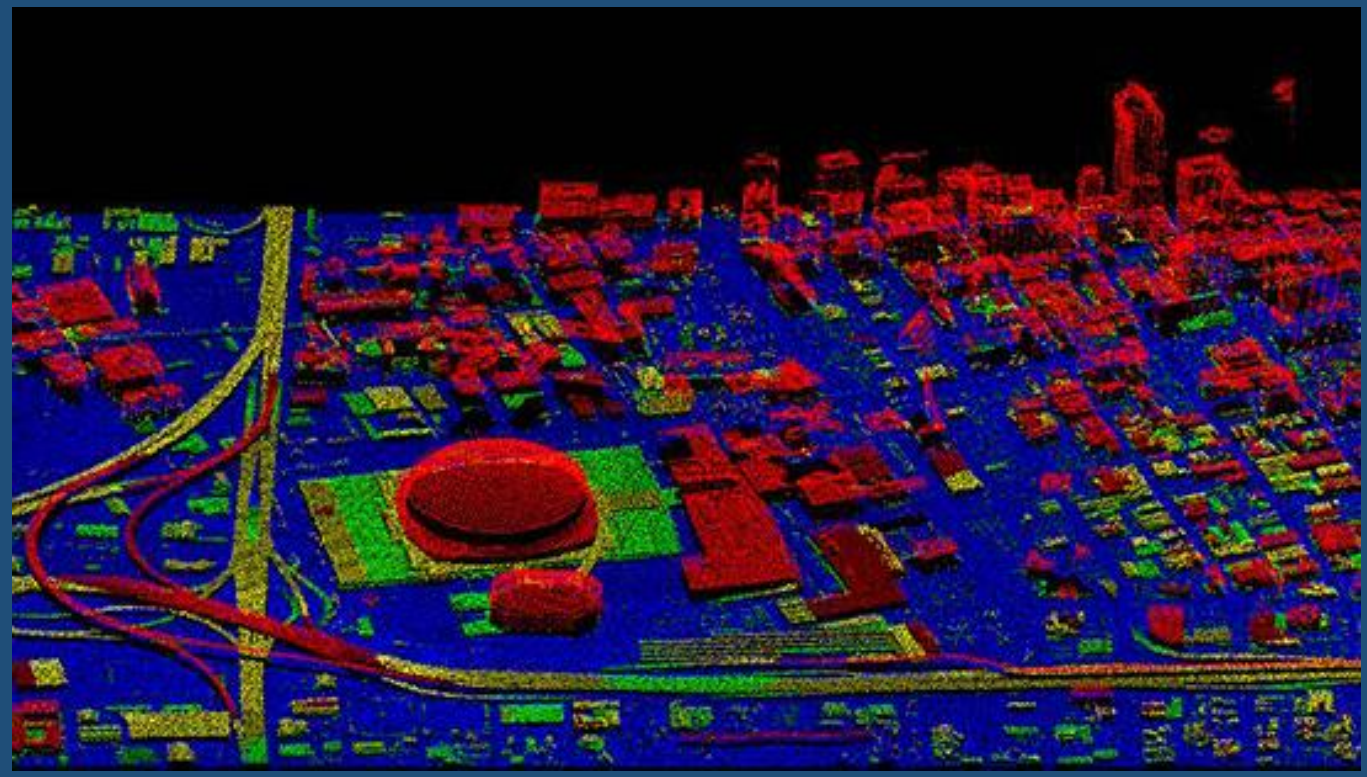
ONION CREEK TRAIL	ALONG_CREEK	202	TIER II	ONION CREEK TRAIL TO SLAUGHTER LN	0.18
NORTHSTAR GREENBELT TRAIL	WITHIN_PARKS	266	TIER II	NORTHSTAR TO NORTHERN WALNUT CREEK TRAIL CONNECTOR	0.24
PERSHING TRAIL	ALONG_ROADWAY	267	TIER II	DENVER AVE TO MANOR RD	0.24

Point Cloud Data

- **LiDAR:**

  Light + Ra**dar** or

  Light **D**etection **A**nd **R**anging
- Uses green visible light, ultraviolet light, or near infrared light to collect x,y,z measurements.
- Creates accurate 3D models of surface and structures.



Source: Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS)
http://eros.usgs.gov/topographic-research/structures

Raster Data

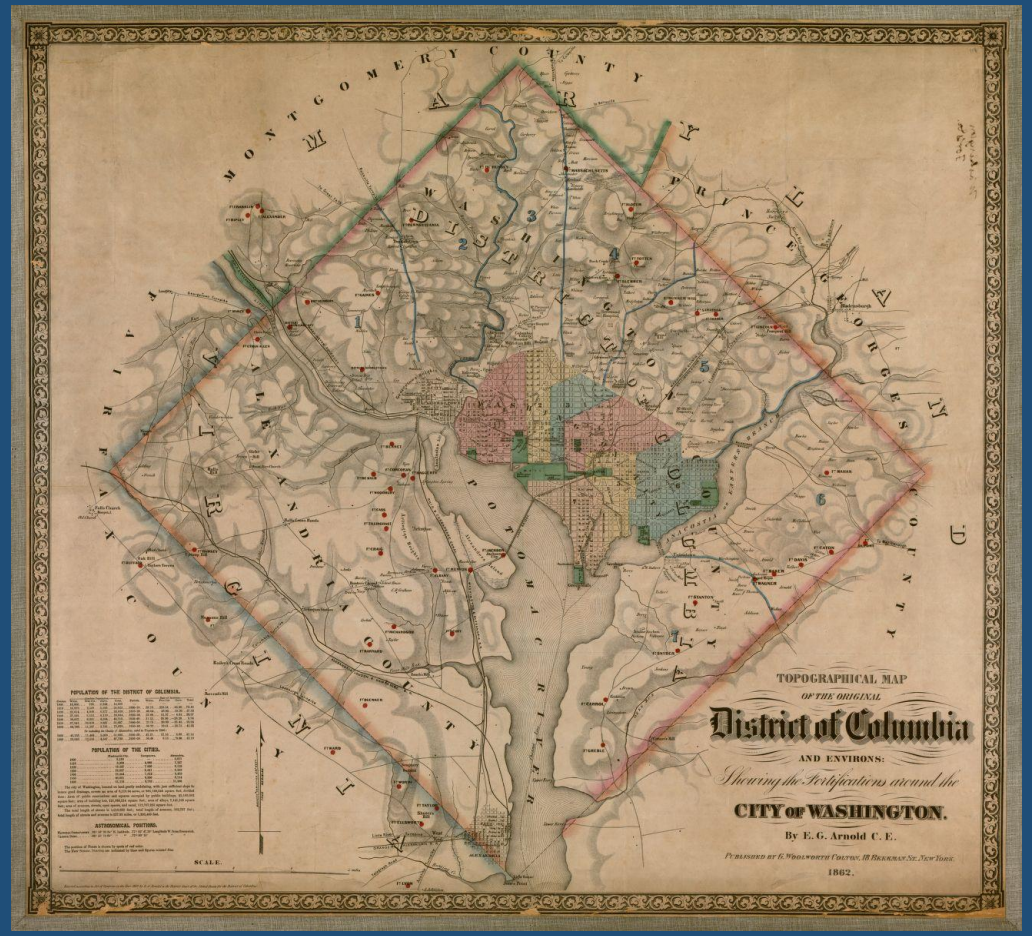
Can include thematic data, continuous data, & pictures.

Common types of Raster Data:

- Orthoimages
- Multispectral Images
- Digital Elevation Models
- Scanned Maps

Scanned Maps

Scanned maps can be georeferenced to a particular location on Earth.



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Orthoimagery

Orthoimages: high resolution aerial images that combine the visual attributes of an aerial photograph with the spatial accuracy and reliability of a planimetric map.

Source: The National Map: http://nationalmap.gov/ortho.html

Orthoimagery from www.sciencebase.gov

Multispectral Imagery

Multispectral Imagery includes satellite imagery at various wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum captured by a multispectral scanning radiometer.

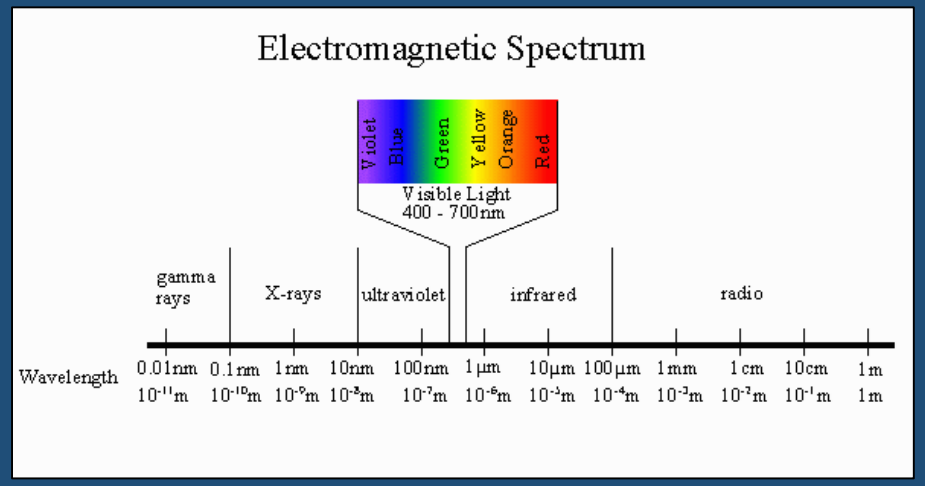
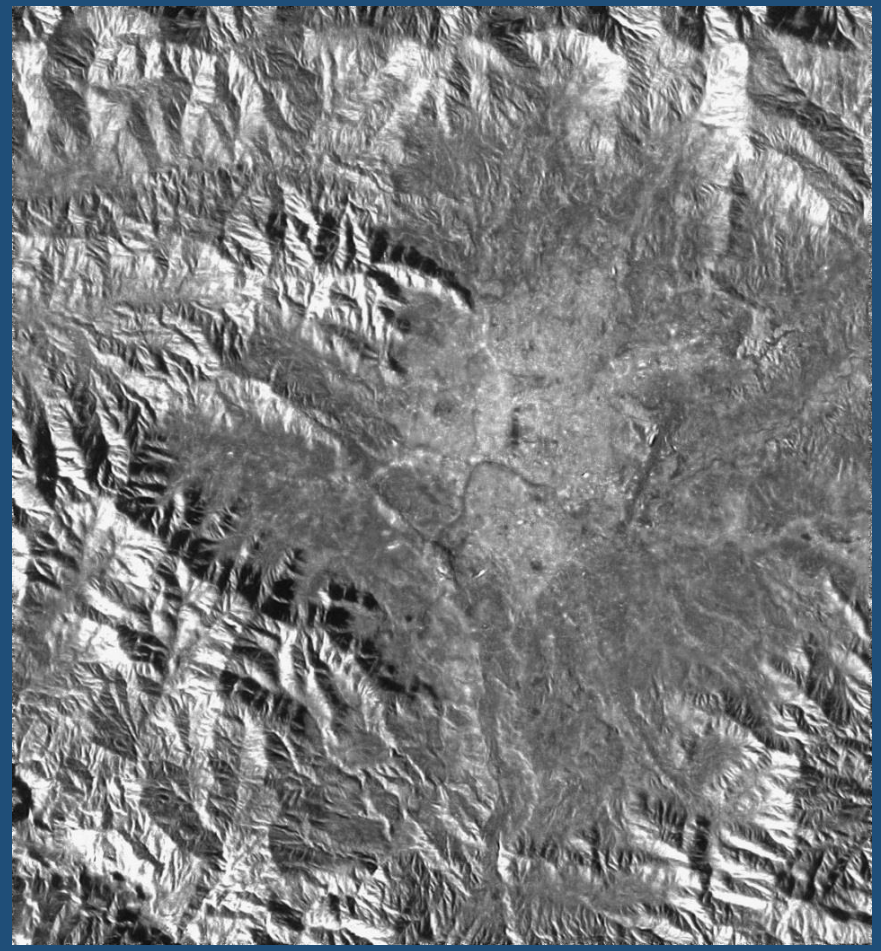


Image from NOAA's Solar Calculator Glossary

Landsat Infrared imagery of Mount Vernon. Source: Earthshots by USGS http://earthshots.usgs.gov/earthshots/about#ad-image-6

DEM – Digital Elevation Models

- Gridded arrays of elevation
- Mostly derived from LiDAR
- Each cell has elevation data
- Types of DEM include:
  - DSM – Digital Surface Models
  - DTM – Digital Terrain Models



Elevation Map of Kathmandu, Nepal. Source: Earth Observatory by NASA
http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/IOTD/view.php?id=1872

Terrain Extraction & Segmentation

Video shows items being extracted from LiDAR.

What would be a Digital Surface Model will be transformed into a Digital Terrain Model.

Source: Terrain Extraction & Segmentation Demo by Geospatial Laser Applications & Measurements at Applied Research Laboratories. http://www.arlut.utexas.edu/glam/index.html

Spatial Data Gathering Technology

Global Positioning System Receivers (GPS)

Remote Sensing

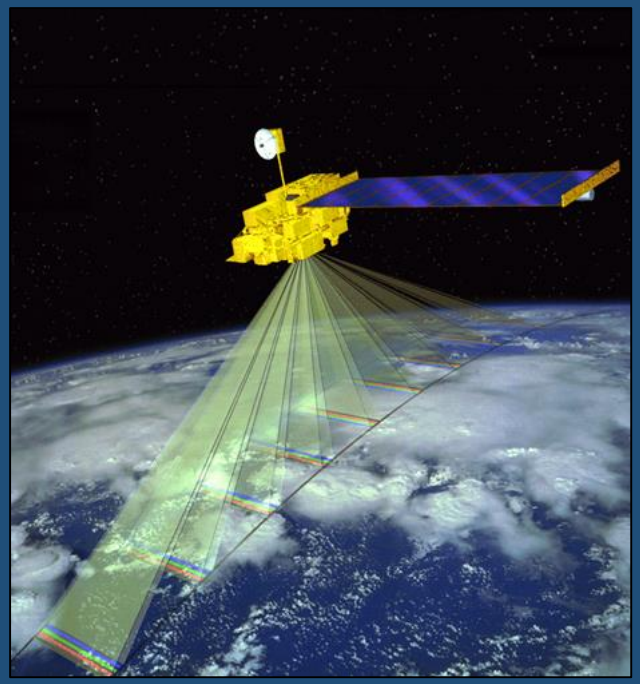
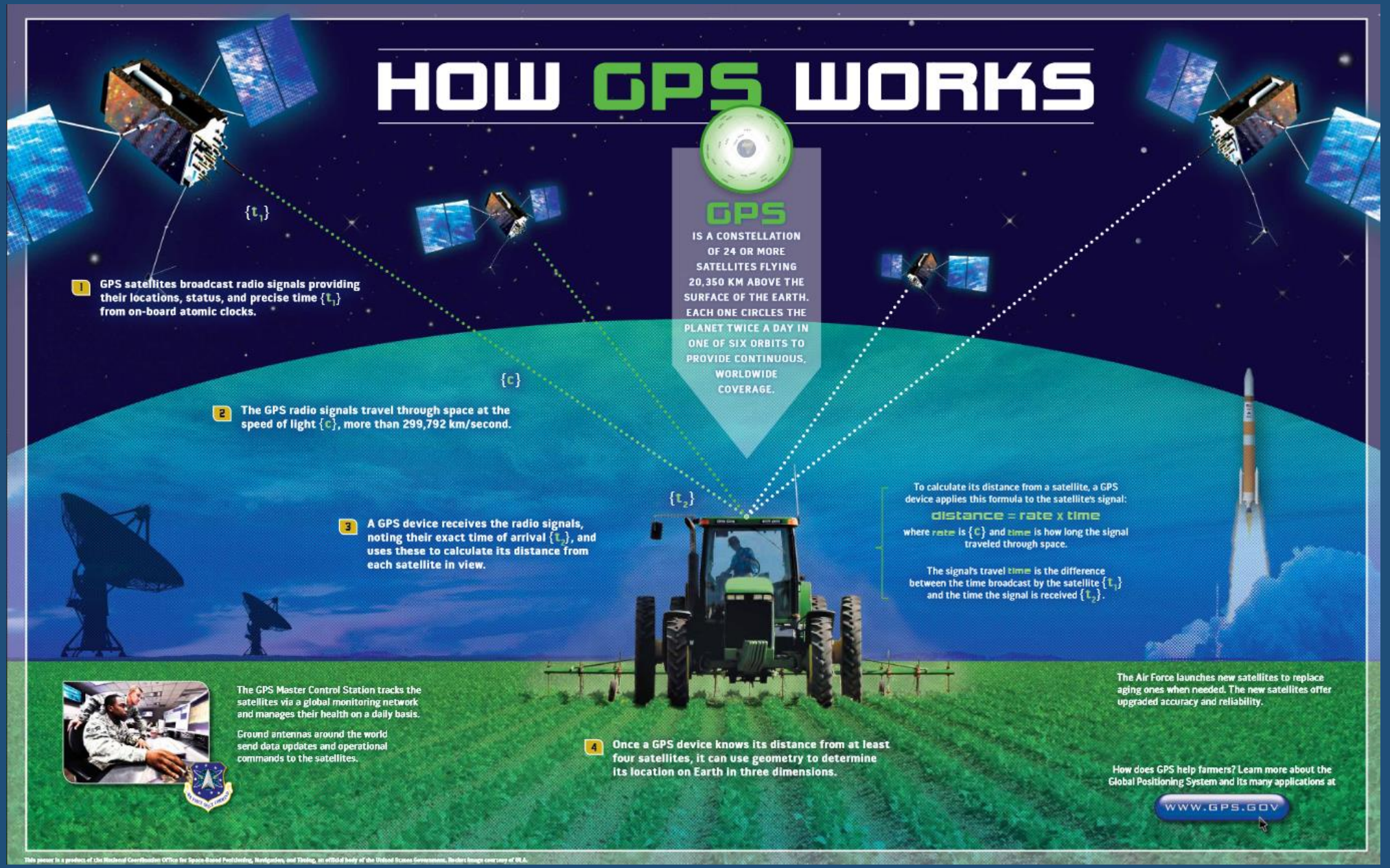


Image: TERRA Satellite from USGS EROS Virtual Tour

Global Positioning Systems (GPS)

- GPS receivers record coordinates, as well as collect attribute data (e.g. text, time stamps, images, etc.).
- There are GPS apps, but standalone GPS receivers are currently more powerful.
- GPS is operated and maintained by the U.S. Air Force.

Simple GIS Coordinate Display app for Android



Source: www.gps.gov

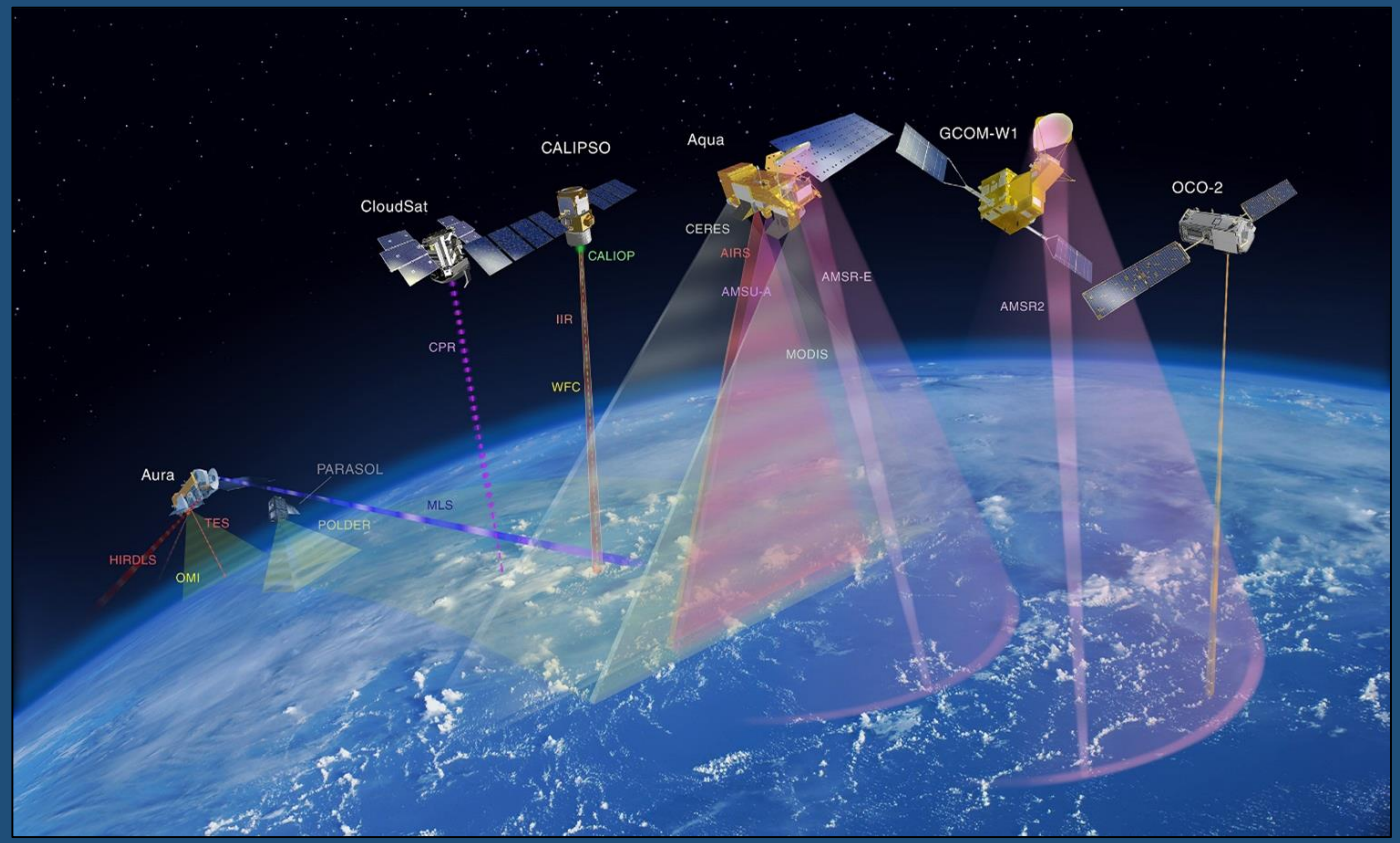
Remote Sensing

Remote Sensing: information is obtained from a distance

Planes or satellites gather information from the earth's surface, such as:

- Aerial Photographs
- Infrared
- RADAR
- LiDAR

"The Afternoon Constellation" of satellites



http://atrain.nasa.gov

Federal GIS Data Sources

Geospatial Data Powerhouses

- Census
- USGS
- NASA
- NOAA

TIGER Products by U.S. Census

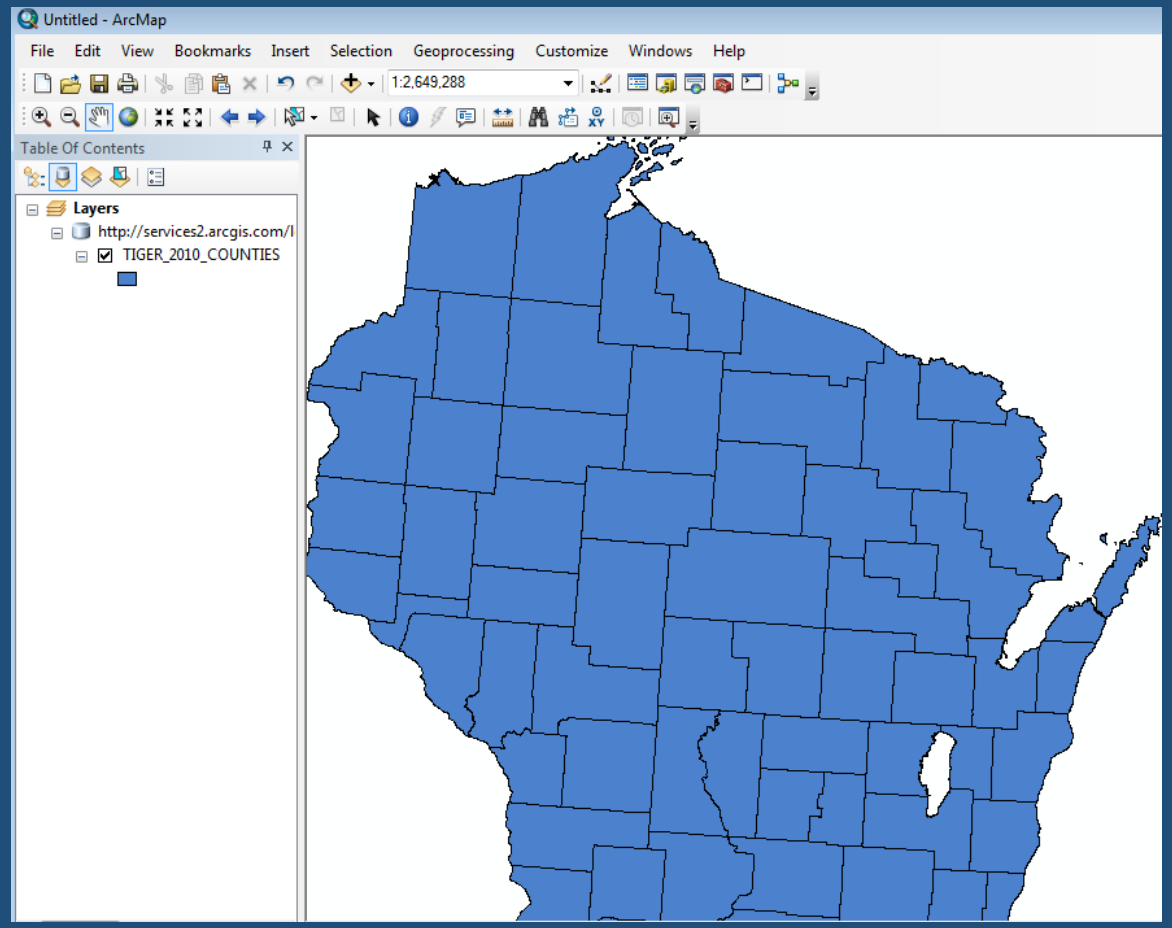
https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger.html

- TIGER (Topologically Integrated Geographic Encoding and Referencing) products:

  vector files of features such as roads, railroads, hydrography, statistical boundaries (such as census tracts), government boundaries (such as counties), and administrative boundaries (such as school districts).

- These files are very helpful for creating thematic maps.
- GeoIDs in TIGER files can be used to link to the Census Bureau's demographic data found in American Factfinder

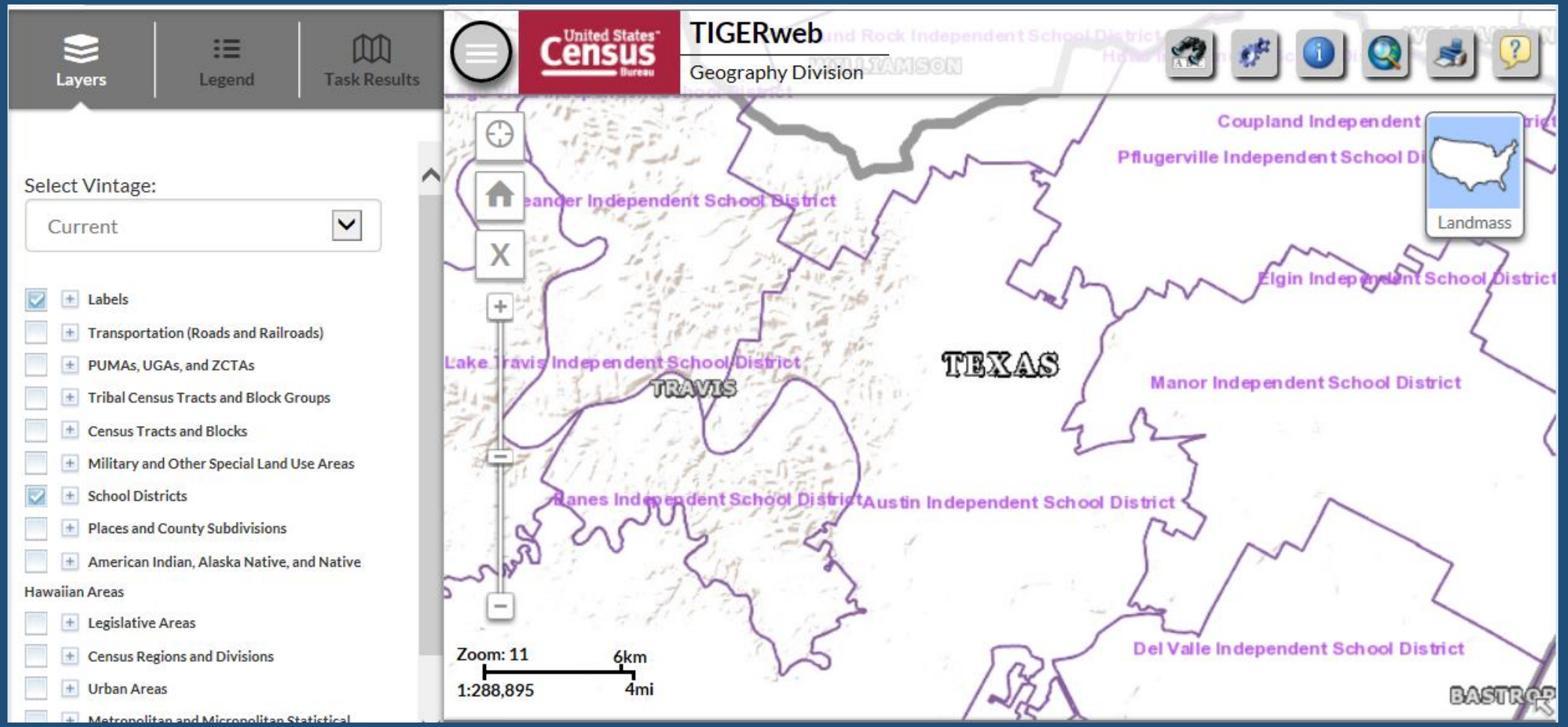
TIGER Shapefiles



Shapefile of the counties of Wisconsin

TIGERweb

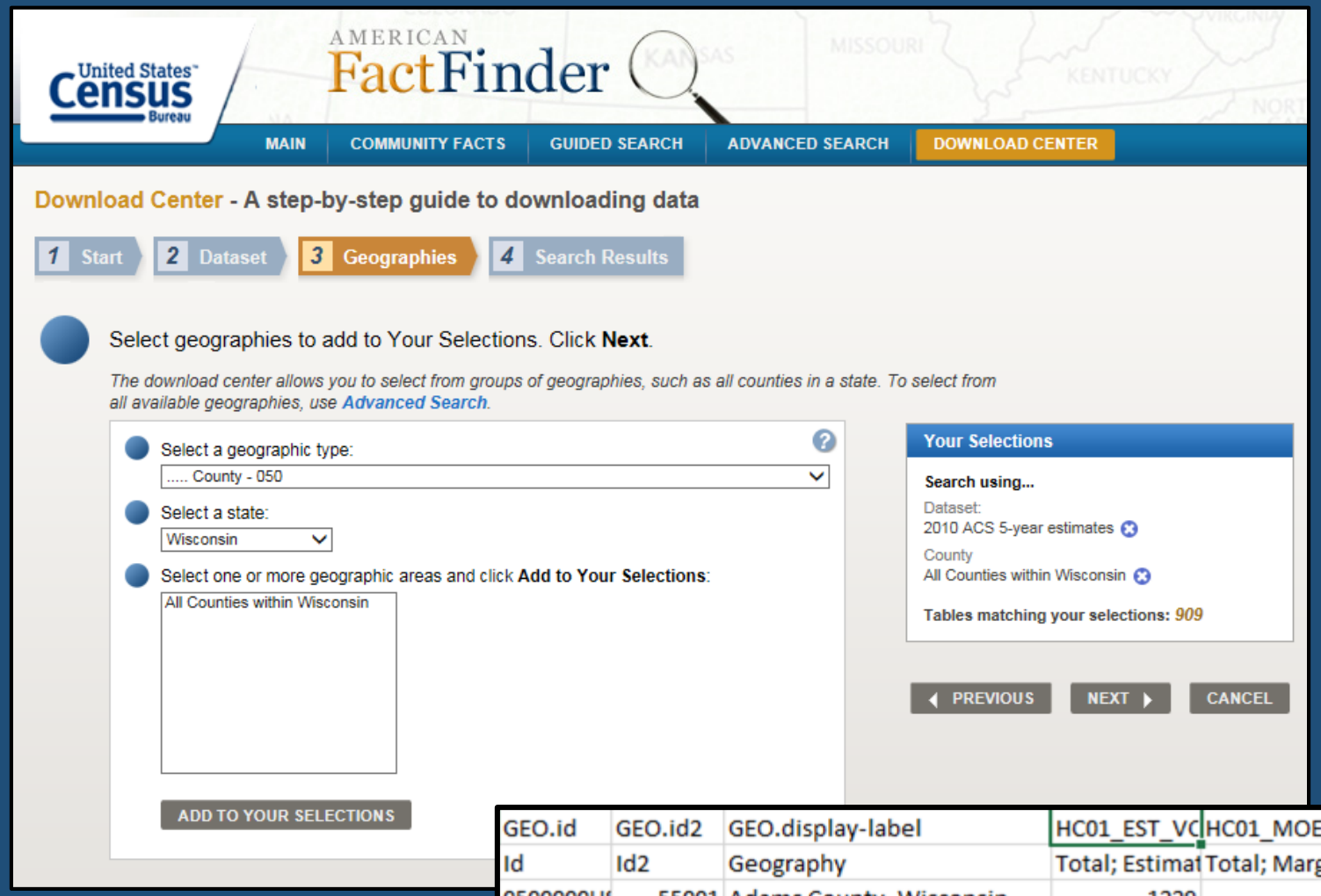
https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/



American FactFinder by U.S. Census

https://factfinder.census.gov

- Find demographic, economic, and social characteristics of United States
- Data from various Census sources:
  - Decennial Census
  - American Community Survey
  - Puerto Rico Community Survey
  - Economic Census
  - Population Estimates Program
  - Annual Economic Surveys
- Has GeoIDs to easily join with spatial boundary files



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0500000US	55007	Bayfield County, Wisconsin	826	43	478	20	348
0500000US	55009	Brown County, Wisconsin	24820	170	12172	138	12648
0500000US	55011	Buffalo County, Wisconsin	997	18	528	8	469
0500000US	55013	Burnett County, Wisconsin	821	52	404	38	417

Geographic Identifiers (GEOIDs)

https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/geoidentifiers.html

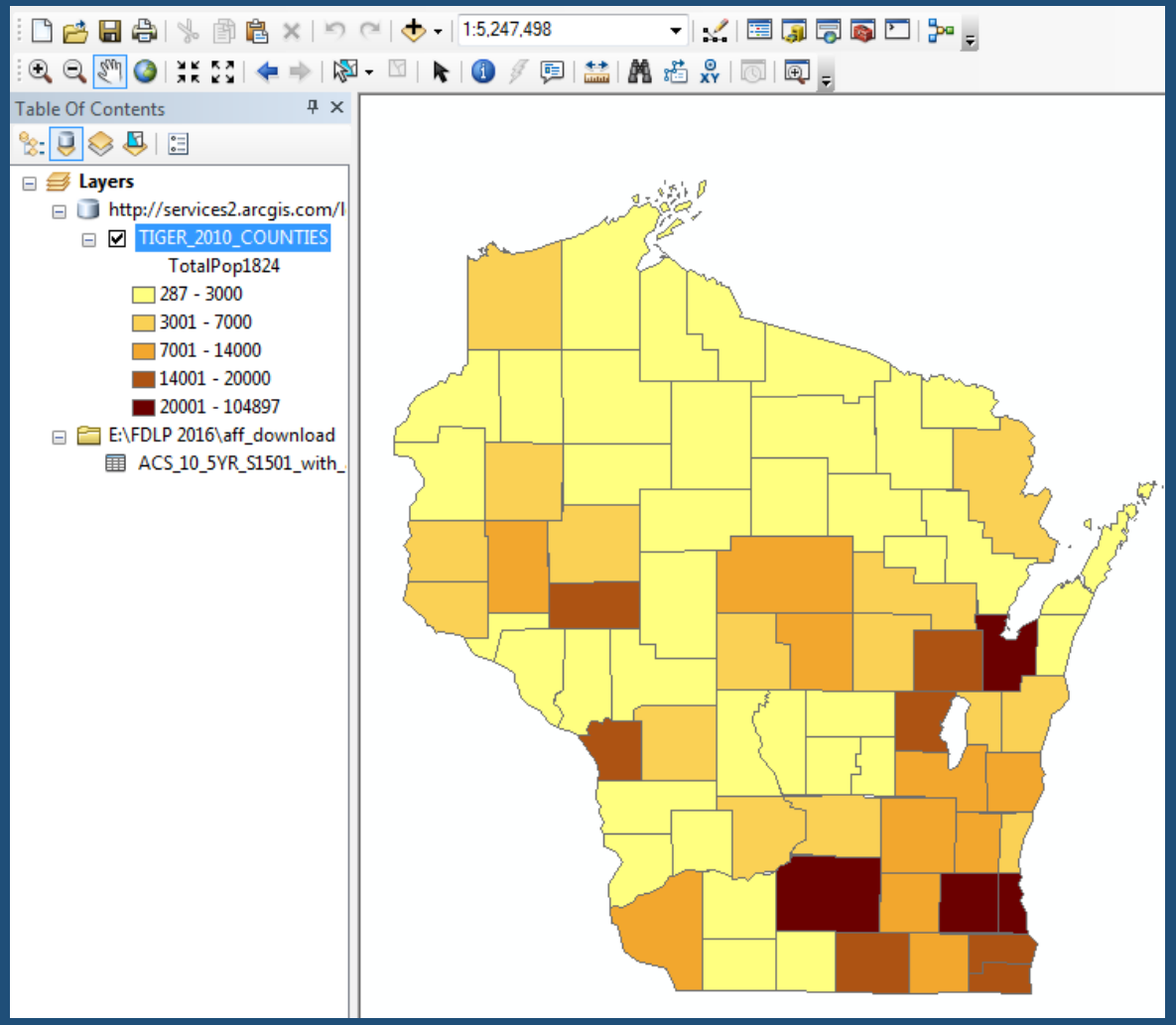
- **Federal Information Processing Series (FIPS)** codes

  "States, counties, core based statistical areas, places, county subdivisions, consolidated cities and all types of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian (AIANNH) areas"

- **Geographic Names Information System (GNIS)** codes

  "Most types of physical and cultural geographic features, both current and historical. Does not include road and highway features."

Joined TIGER & AFF Data



Population of 18-24 year-olds in Wisconsin in 2010.

Inputting Tabular Data

- **Data with a spatial component can be input into a GIS!**
- Easier if has coordinates information or geographic identifiers (GEOIDs)
- May need to clean up the data – even from AFF.
  - Make sure only one column header.
  - Remove spaces between words in column header.
  - Remove special characters.
  - Check for missing data.
  - See “Importing Data from Excel Spreadsheets” for more info: http://www.esri.com/news/arcuser/0312/files/excelmagic.pdf

Geocoding

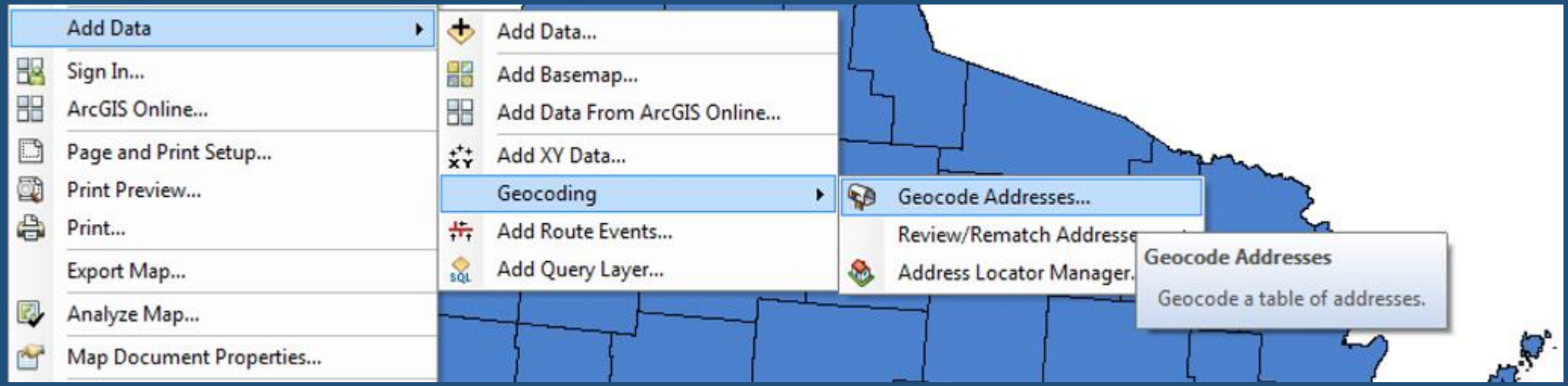
- Geocoding is converting addresses and other geographic data to geographic coordinates, such as latitude and longitude.

300 Army Navy Drive
Arlington, Virginia 22202-2891

38.863785, -77.052683

Geocoders

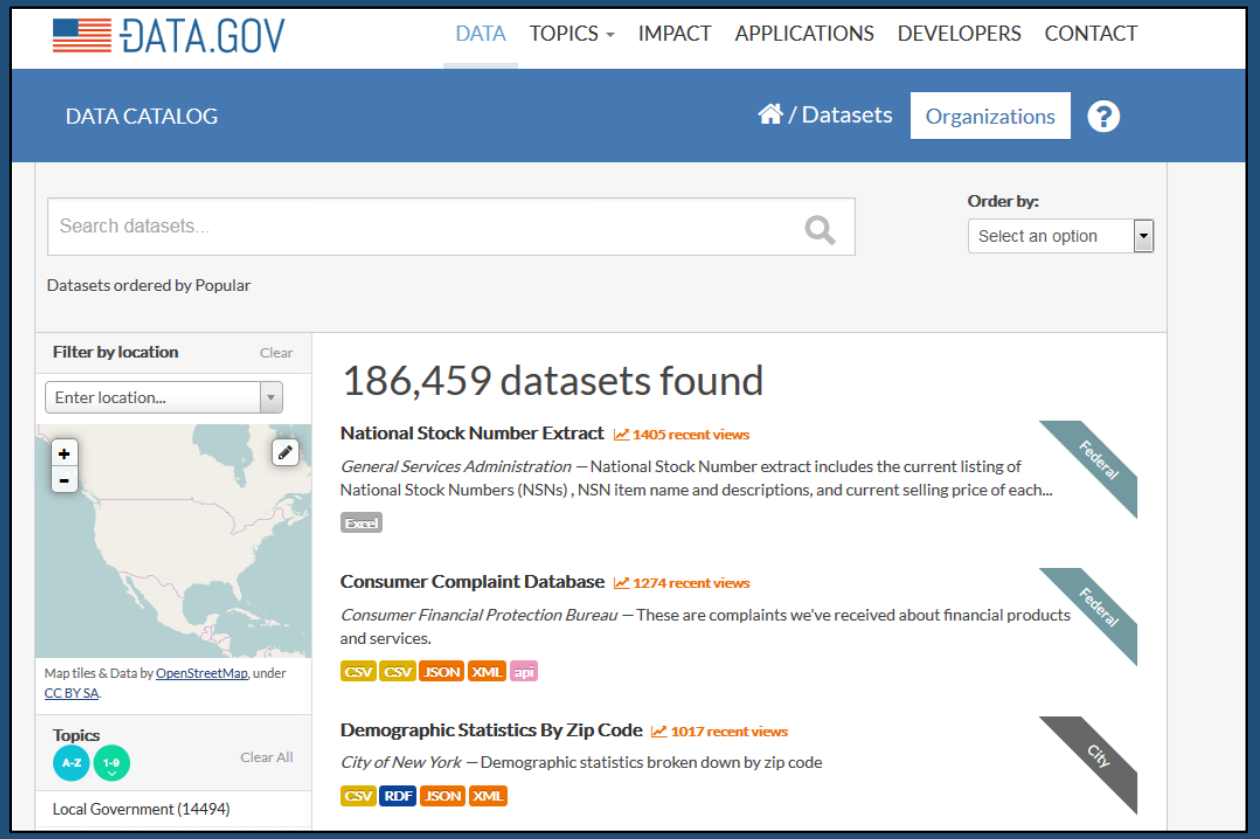
- ArcGIS Online Geocoding Service
- Census Geocoder
  http://geocoding.geo.census.gov/geocoder/
- Texas A&M's Geocoder List https://geoservices.tamu.edu/Services/Geocode/OtherGeocoders/



Data.Gov

https://www.data.gov/

- A repository of government data with >185,000 as of Sept. 2016
- Filter options include location, organization, topic, tags, file formats, & more.



Data.Gov File Formats

Formats

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- HTML (76046)
- XML (43663)
- PDF (36501)
- originator data format (26105)
- ZIP (17791)
- TIFF (13662)
- CSV (13212)
- MrSID (12884)
- WMS (11716)
- JSON (11410)
- XYZ (7957)
- RDF (7935)
- WCS (5628)
- Esri REST (5591)
- JPG (5570)
- TXT (4832)
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- JPEG (3223)
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- gml (2402)
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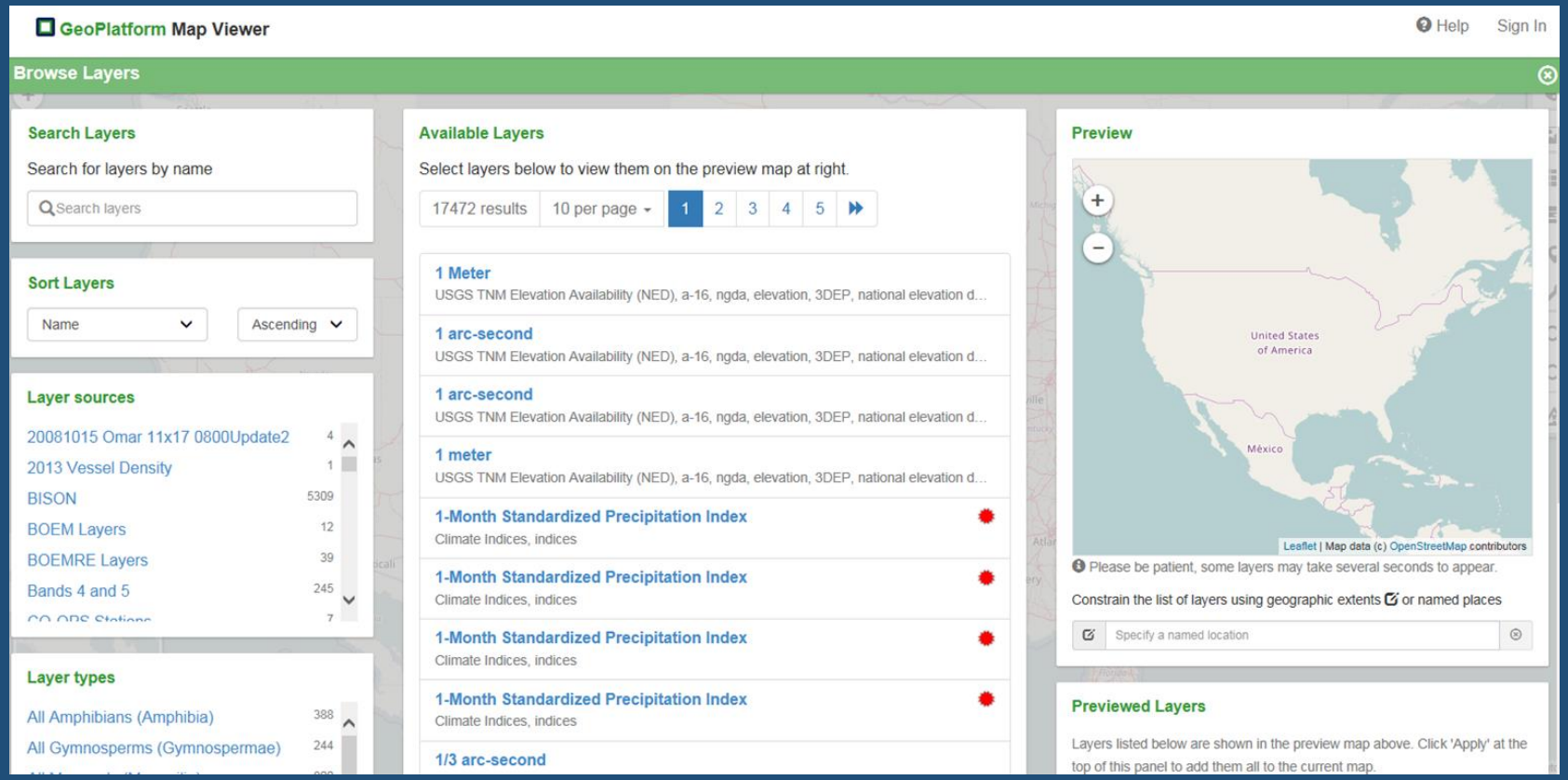
Geoplatform.gov

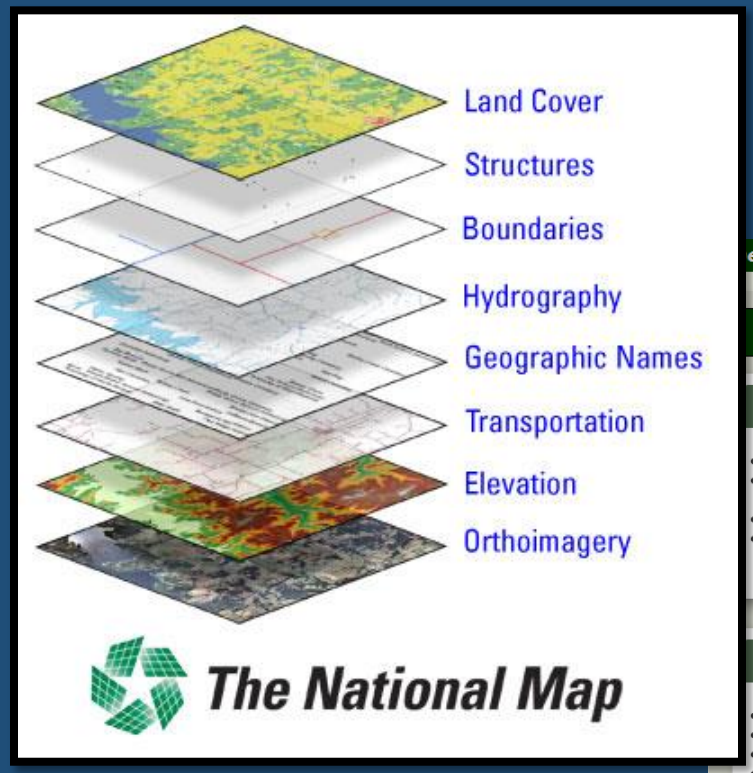
https://www.geoplatform.gov/

- Data maintained by Data.gov, but data coordinated by Federal Geographic Data Committee.

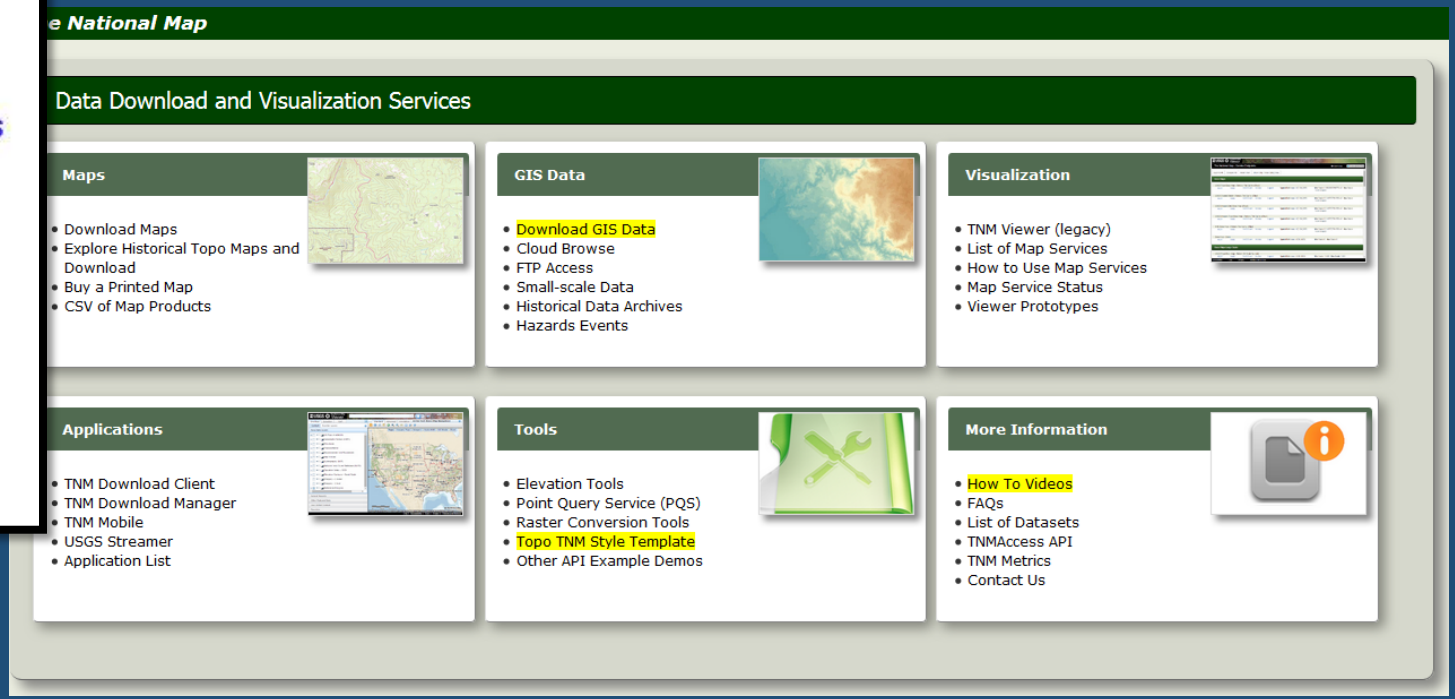


National Map by USGS

http://nationalmap.gov/



TNM Datasets

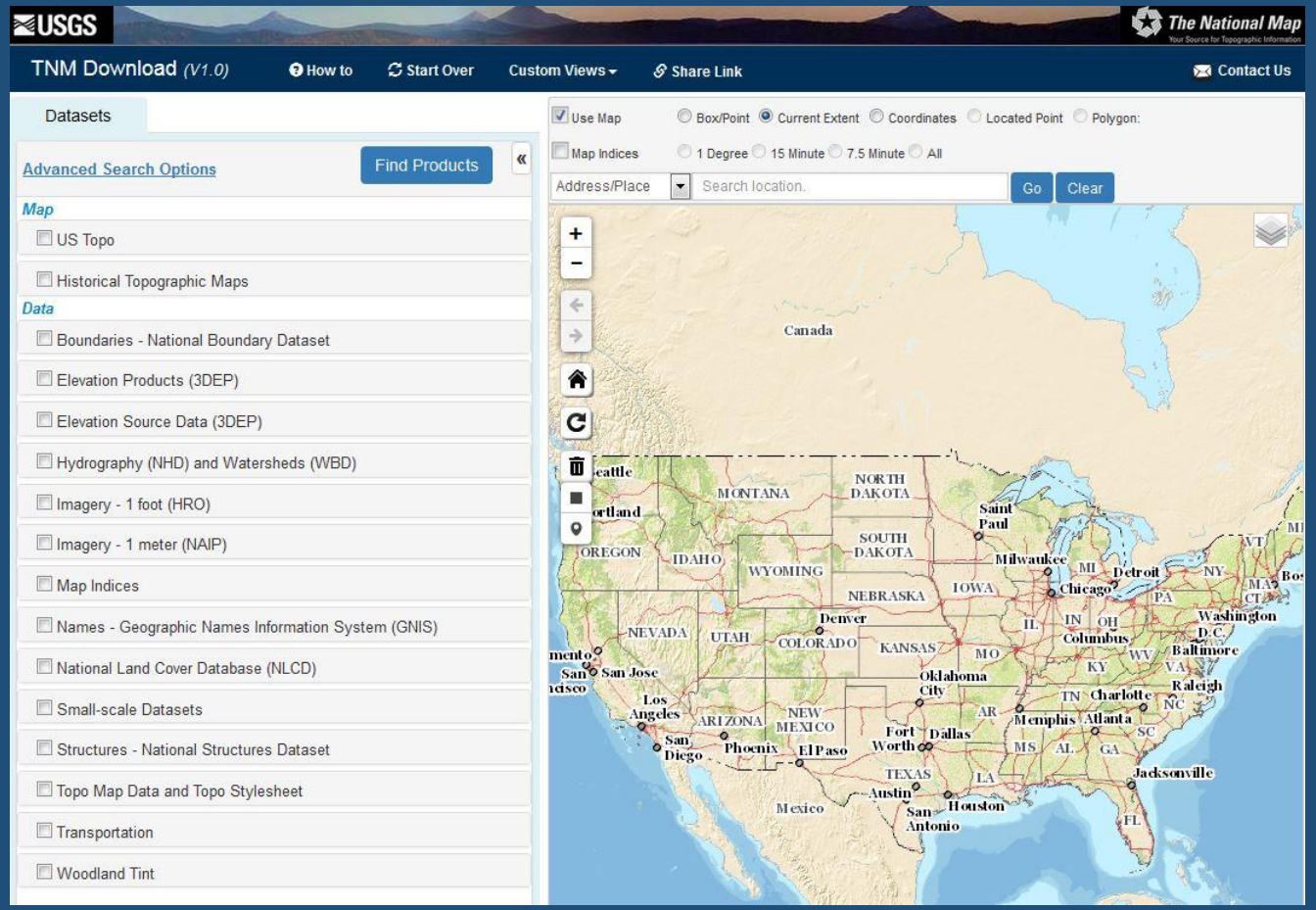


The National Map (TNM) Download by USGS

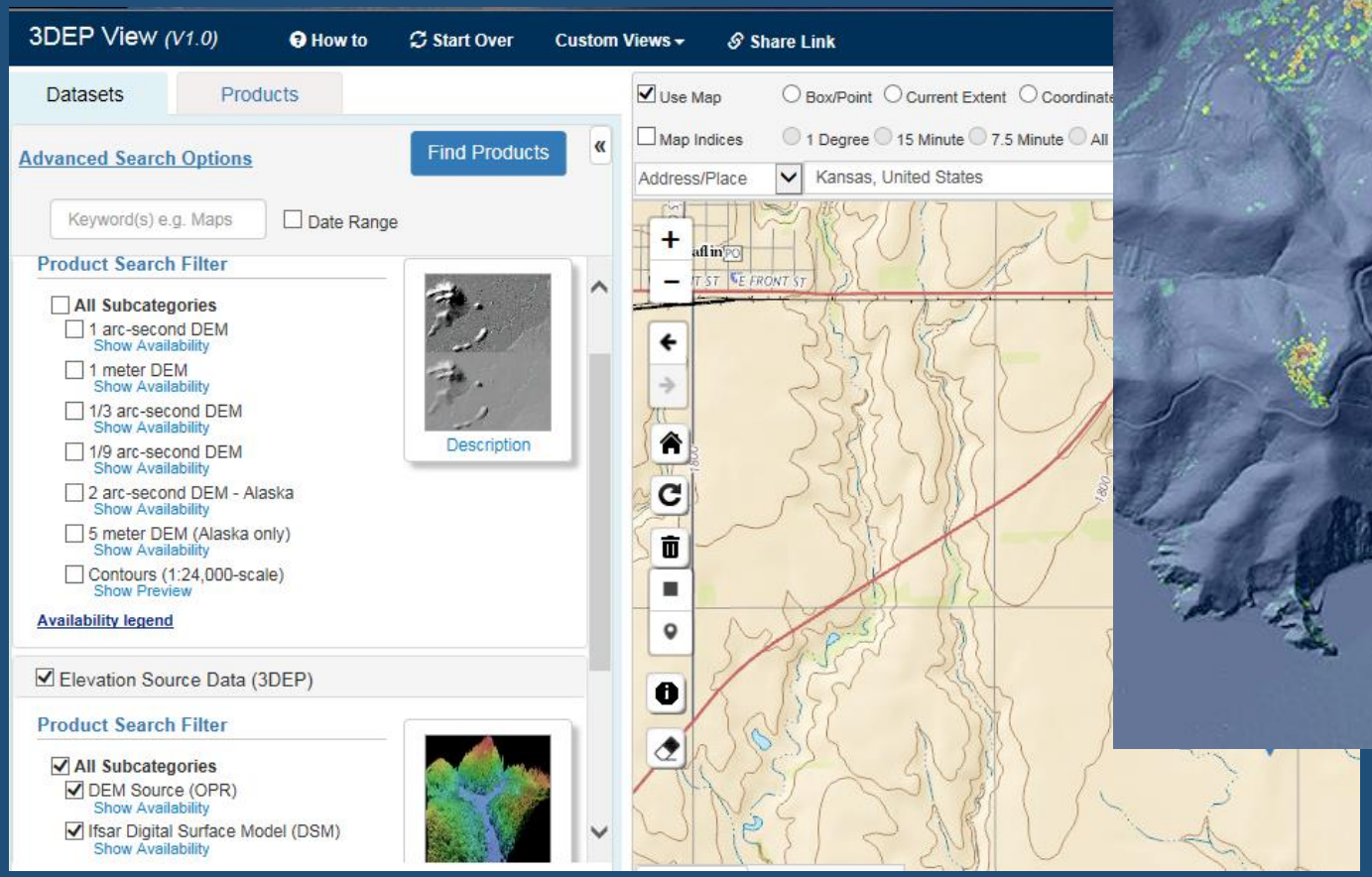
https://viewer.nationalmap.gov/basic/

View a variety of datasets in the interactive map viewer & easily download the data for import into a more robust GIS for further analysis.

Data includes elevation data from the new 3DEP incorporating NED (National Elevation Dataset).



3D Elevation Program (3DEP) by USGS



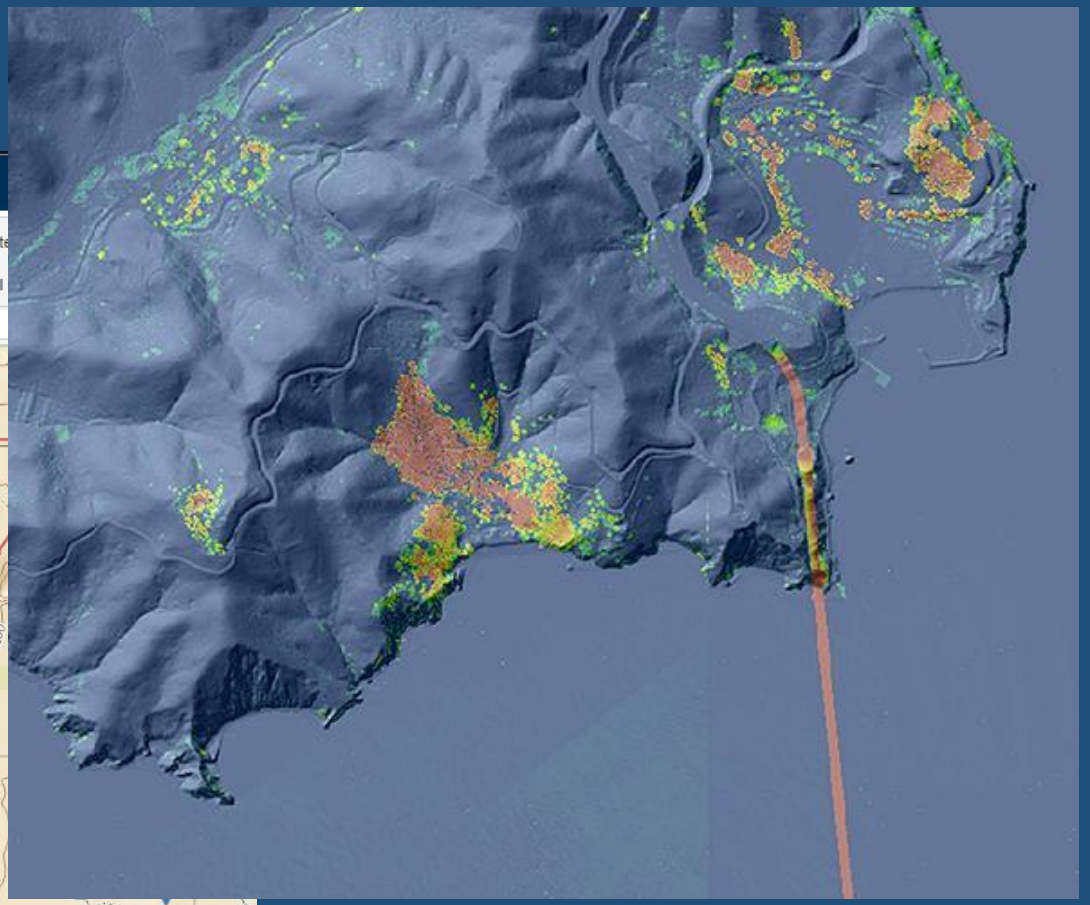


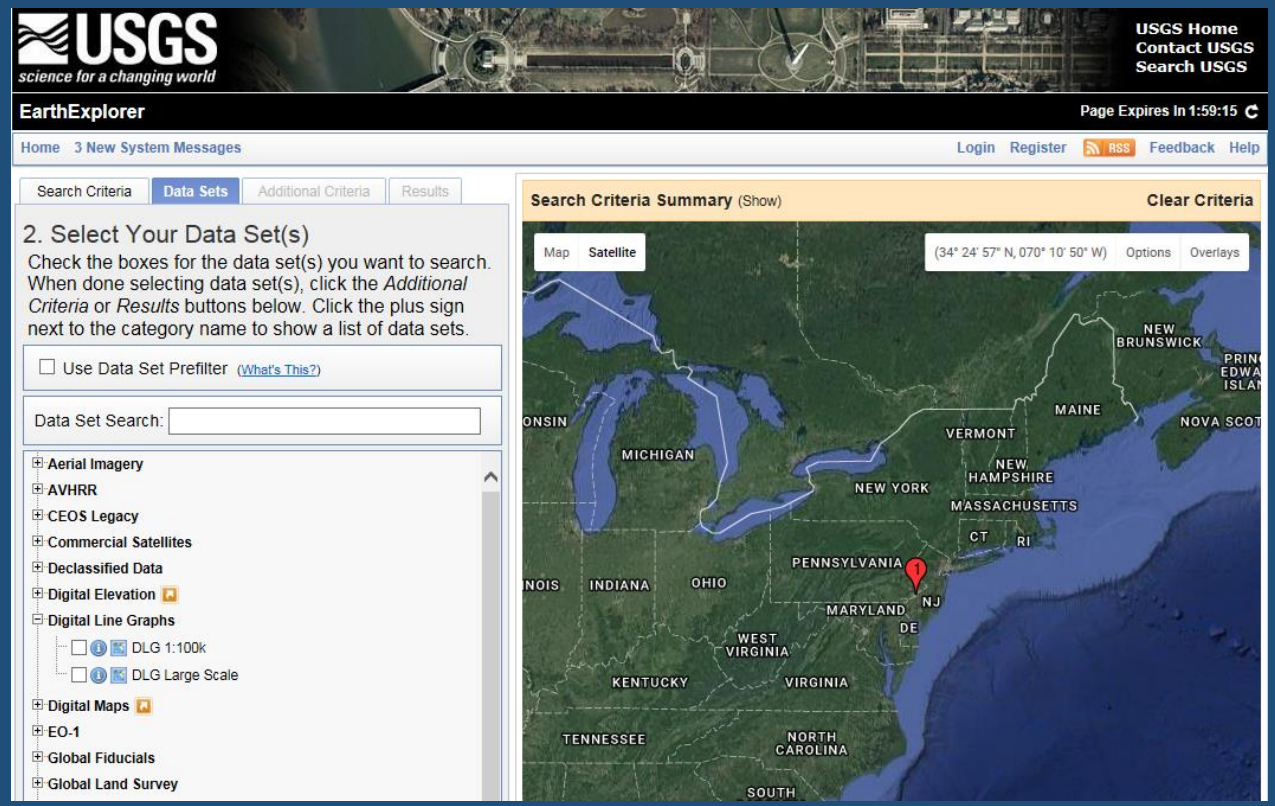
Image from [3DEP Transition webpage.]

EarthExplorer by USGS

http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/

Interactive map from USGS with an enormous selection of remote sensing data including:

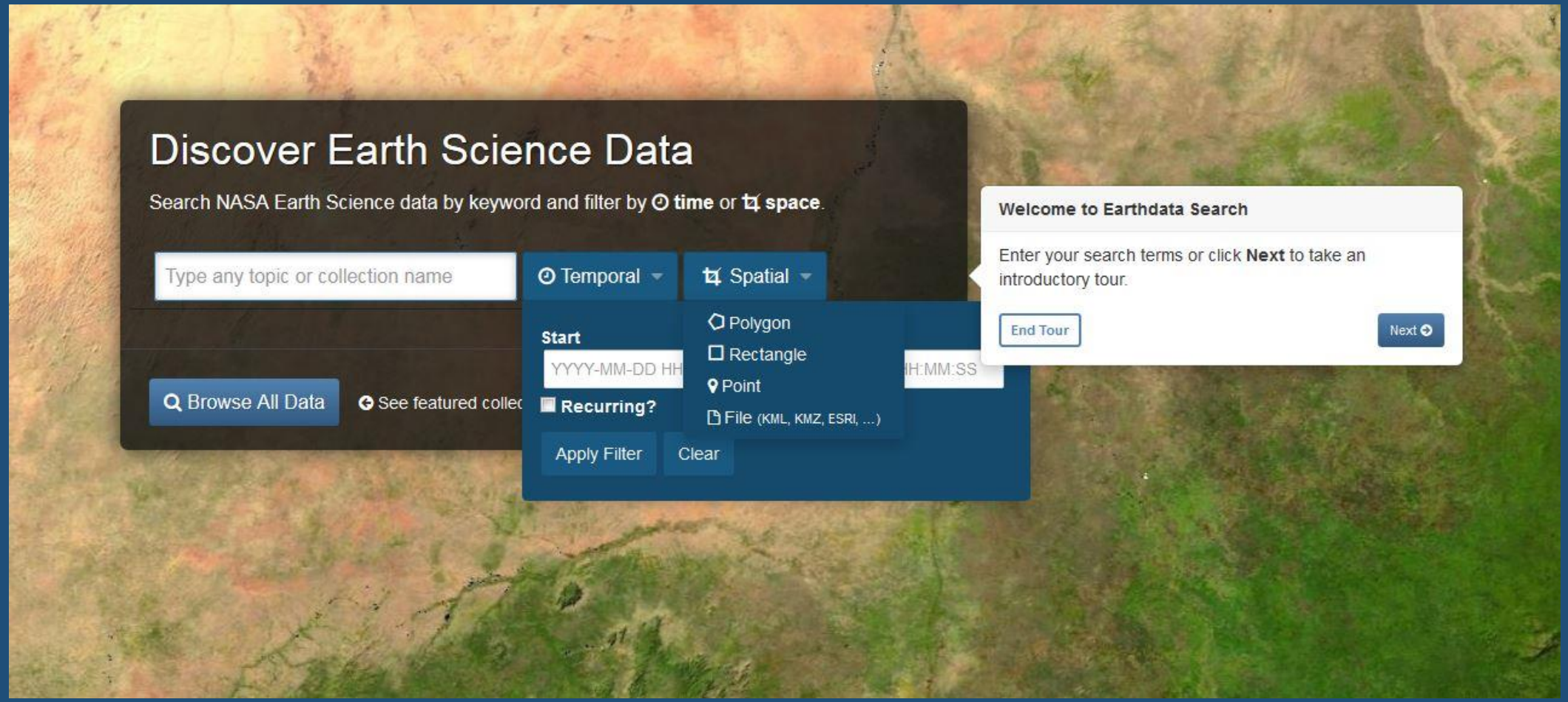
- **DEMs** (Digital Elevation Models)
- **NAIP** (National Agriculture Imagery Program)
- **Landsat**
- & more!



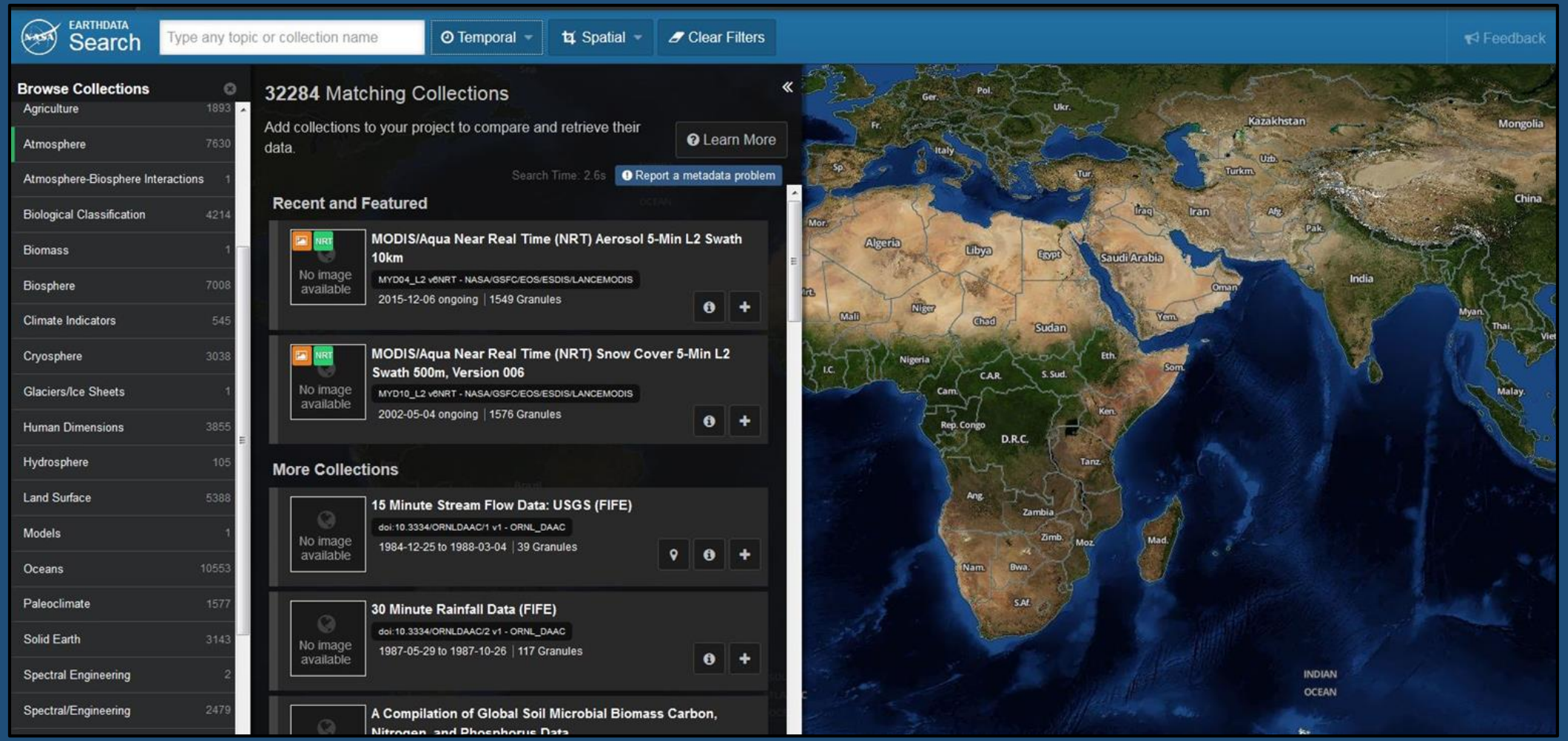
Including declassified reconnaissance images from Corona!

Earthdata by NASA

https://earthdata.nasa.gov/

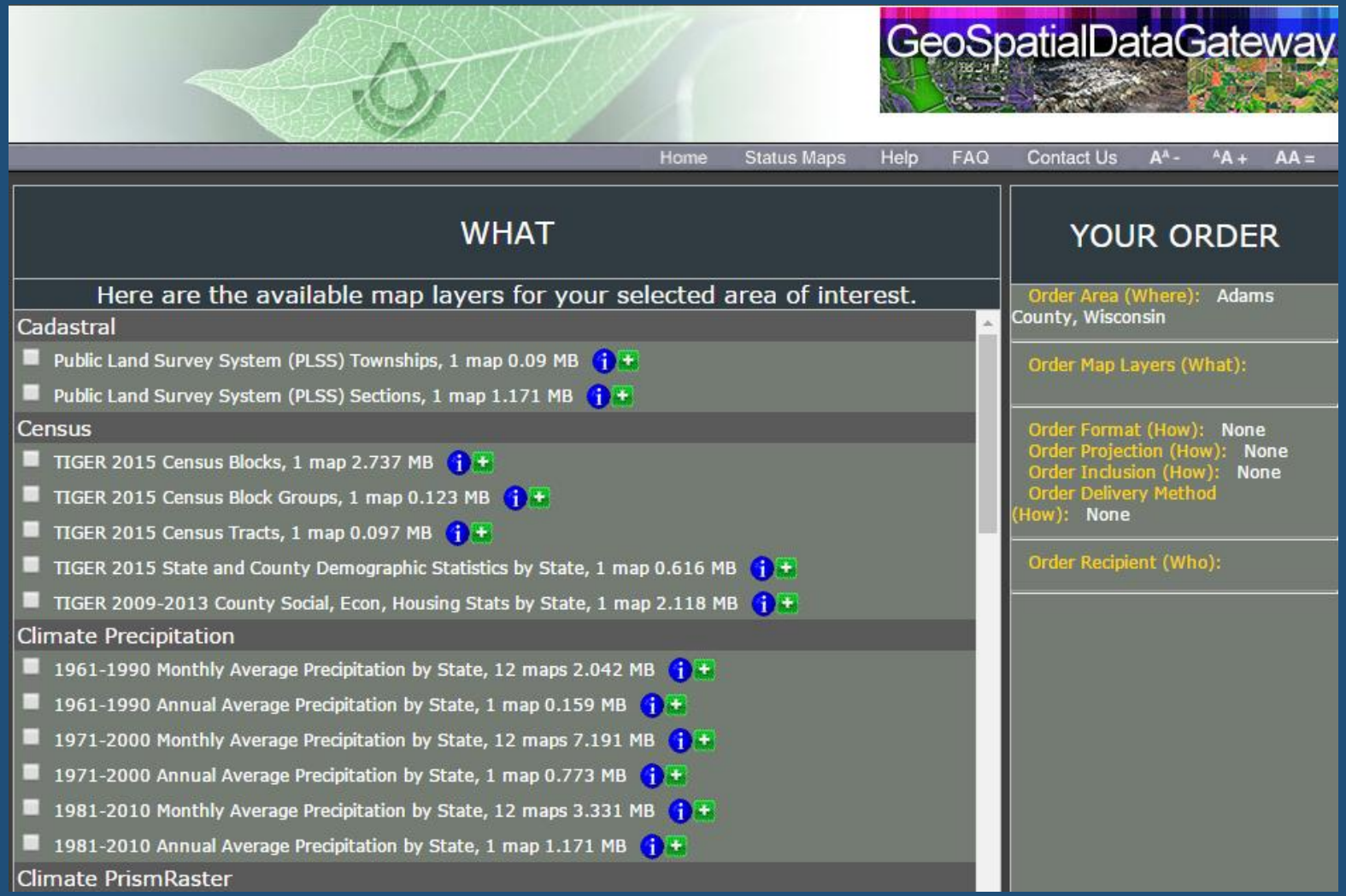


Earthdata Search



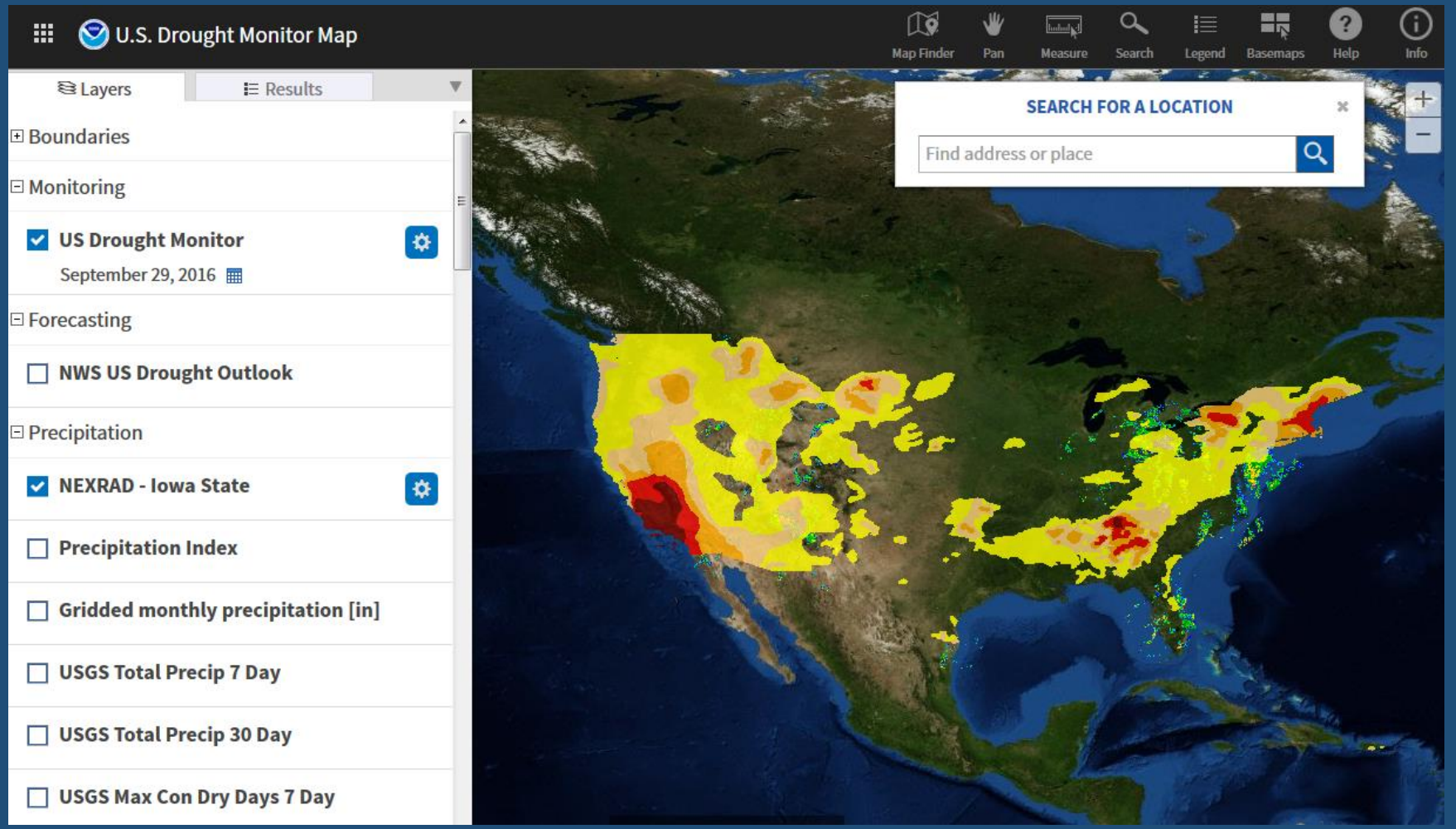
Geospatial Data Gateway by USDA

https://gdg.sc.egov.usda.gov/



NCEI Map Viewer by NOAA

https://gis.ncdc.noaa.gov/maps/ncei/



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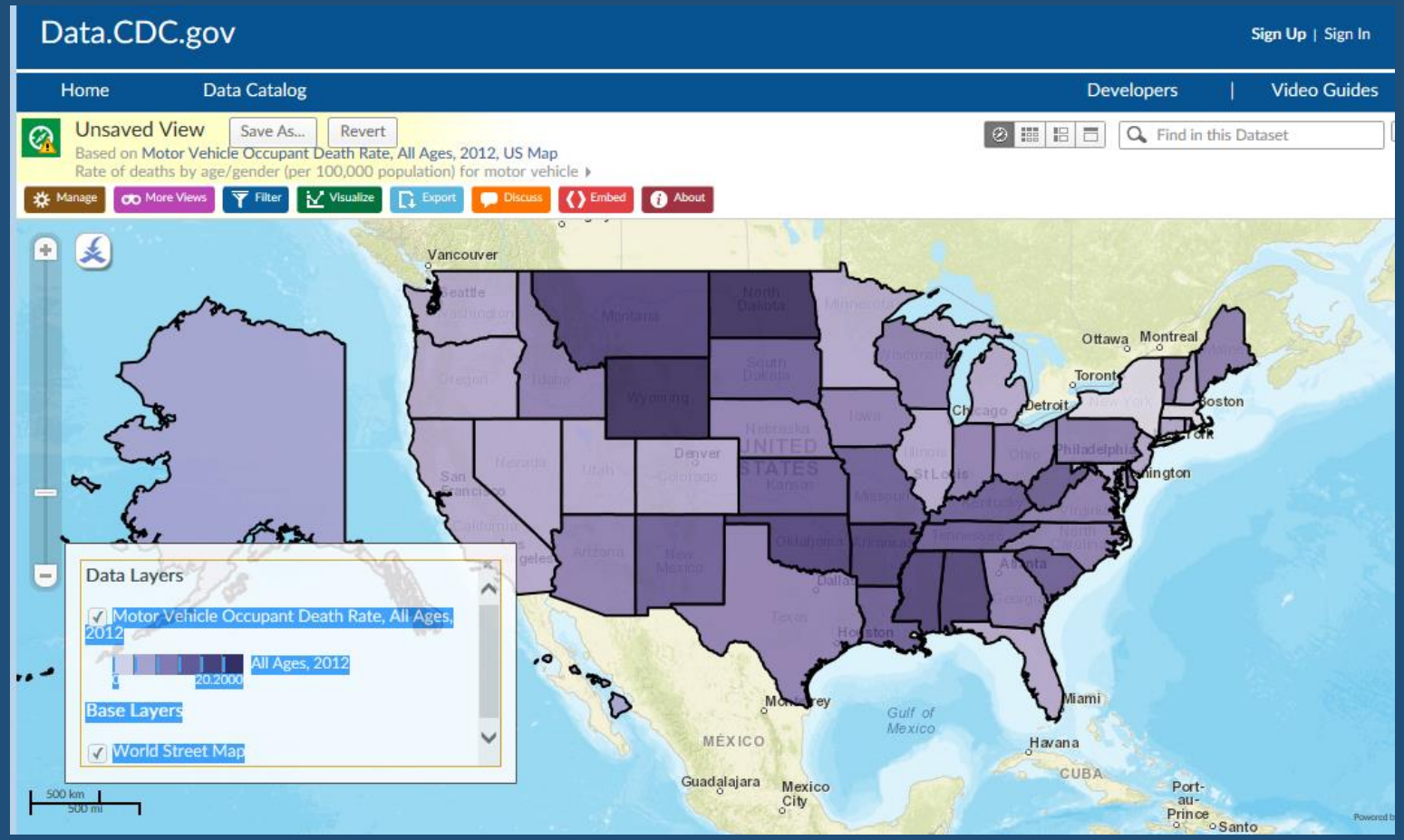

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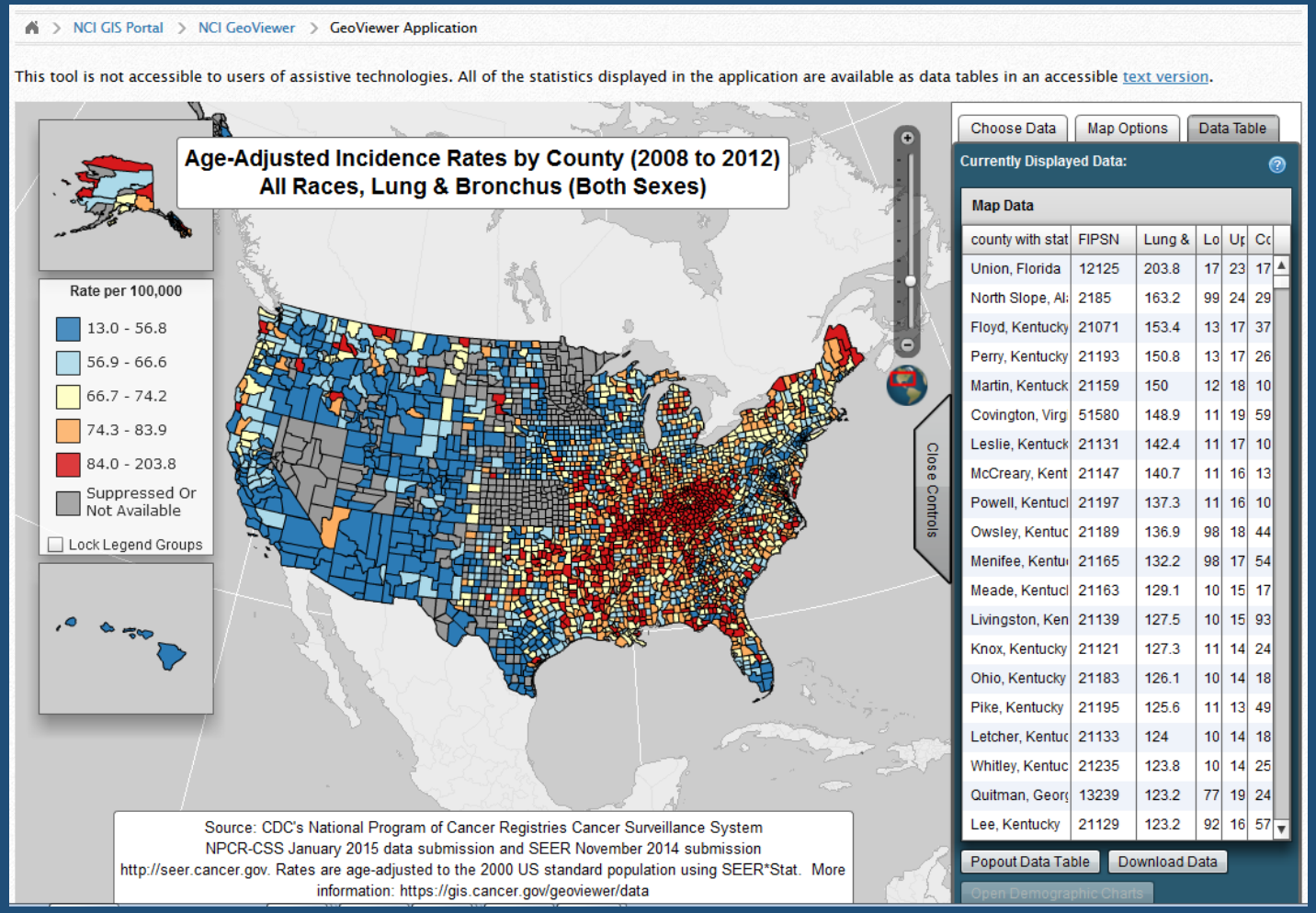
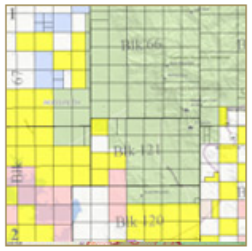


Example State & Local Government Geospatial Data Sources

Texas General Land Office

http://www.glo.texas.gov/land/land-management/gis/index.html

GIS MAP VIEWERS



GISWEB Viewer

The GISWEB, an interactive mapping application, provides access to vast collections of land and energy related data at the Texas General Land Office. The GISWEB display upland and submerged Original Texas Land Survey boundaries, Permanent School Fund land, upland and coastal leases, oil and gas well locations, and current imagery.

Launch GLO - GISWEB Viewer

Texas Beach Watch

The goal of the Texas Beach Watch program is to provide the public with information about water quality at selected recreational beaches along the Texas coast.

Launch Texas Beach Watch

Texas Coasts

Find Your Perfect Beach. From fishing and boat ramps, to camping and BBQ—the Texas Coast provides a wealth of resources to all visitors. The GLO is proud to offer this free resource to help you explore all that our shores have to offer.

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Texas Parks & Wildlife

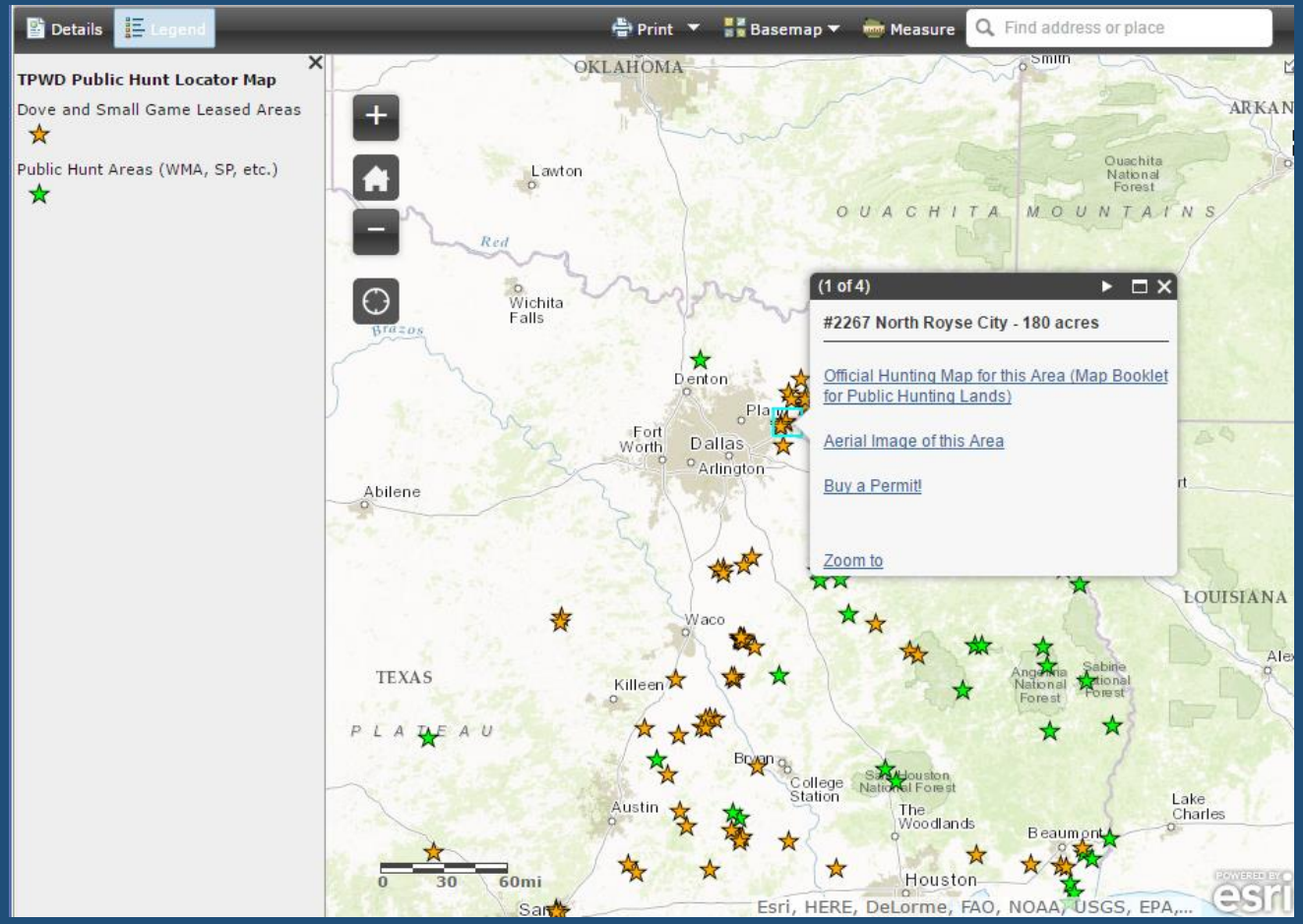
http://tpwd.texas.gov/gis/data/downloads

Boundaries

- Counties
- State Plane Zones
- Texas-Louisiana Boundary Line - 1976
- Texas-Louisiana Boundary Points - 1976
- Quads - 24K
- City Points
- Wildlife Management Areas
- State Park Boundaries

Ecological Mapping Systems of Texas

- Omernik Ecoregions Level III Map
- Texas Ecological Systems Data by Ecoregion
- Texas Ecological Mapping Systems Statewide (Raster)
- Supporting Documents



TNRIS: Texas Natural Resources Information System

https://tnris.org/

Data Catalog

Browse through the TNRIS datasets and map products to find out what is hosted online or available for order.

Browse the Catalog

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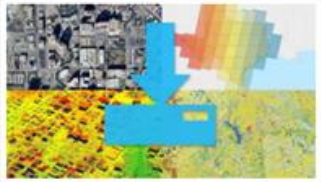

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City of Austin

ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/GIS-Data/Regional/coa_gis.html & https://data.austintexas.gov/

Description	Metadata	Feature Type	Updated
ABIA Planimetrics	metadata	Line	01/25/2013
Address Points	metadata	Point	Monthly
Aerial Photo Index Grid 2003 and 2006	metadata	Polygon	08/27/2007
Austin 200' City Grid	metadata	Polygon	06/11/1999
Austin Water Utility Service Area	metadata	Polygon	07/27/2015
Building Footprints 2003	metadata	Polygon	09/24/2007
Building Footprints 2013	metadata	Polygon	7/02/2014
Combining and Overlay Zoning Districts	metadata	Line/Polygon	11/18/2013
Community Registries	metadata	Polygon	Monthly
Core Transit Corridors	metadata	Line	09/06/2007
County Boundary	metadata	Polygon	12/15/1999
Creek Lines	metadata	Line	Monthly
Decks 2013	metadata	Polygon	7/02/2014
Edwards Aquifer Contributing Zones	metadata	Polygon	07/13/2015
Electric Service Area	metadata	Polygon	03/22/2012
Future Land Use Map	metadata	Polygon	Monthly
GPS Monuments	metadata	Point	12/05/2008
Imagine Austin Centers	metadata	Polygon	Monthly

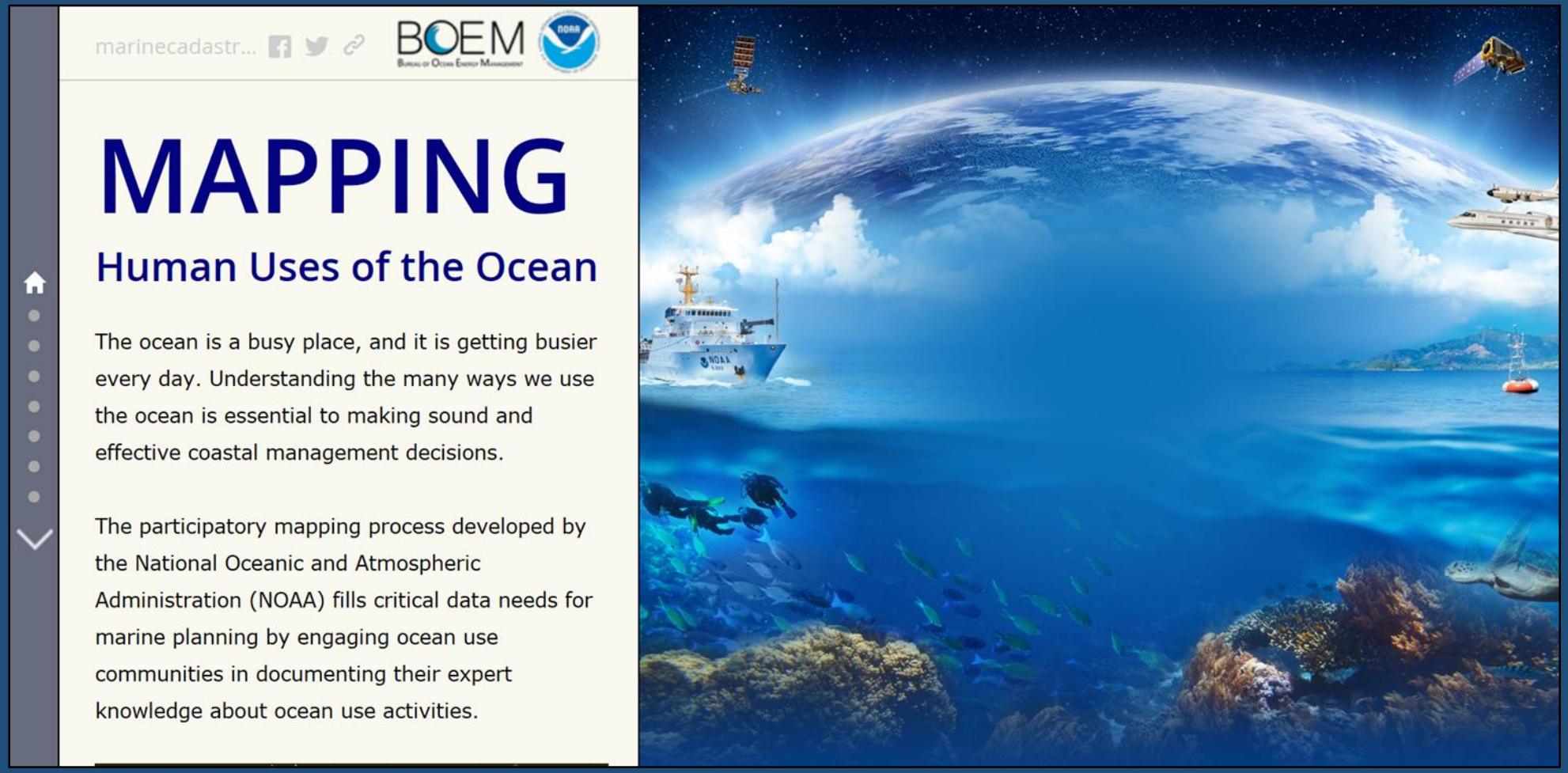
Esri + Government Data

Federal Data in ArcGIS Online

https://www.arcgis.com/home

Story Maps

http://storymaps.arcgis.com/en/gallery

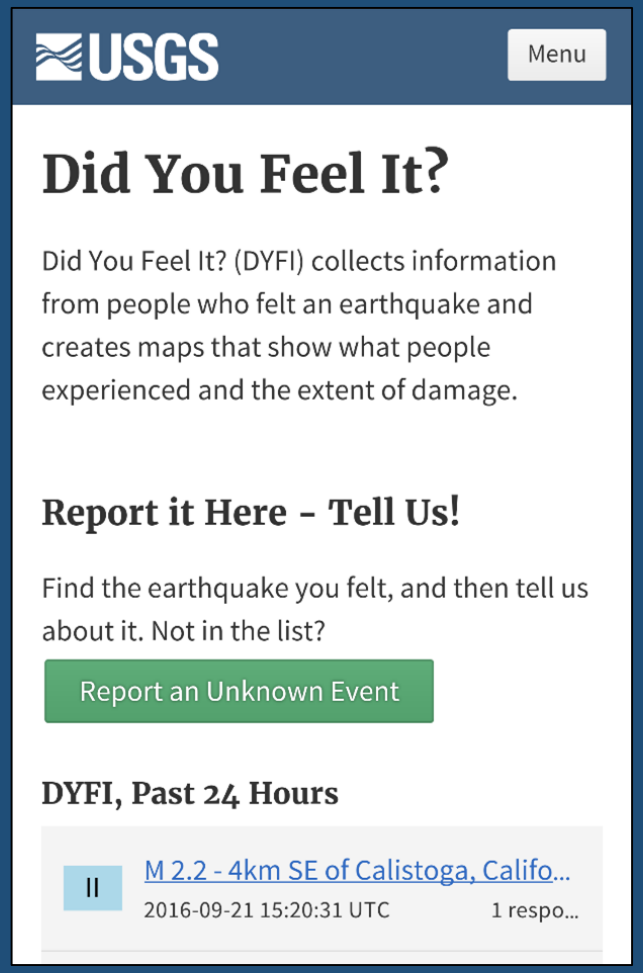


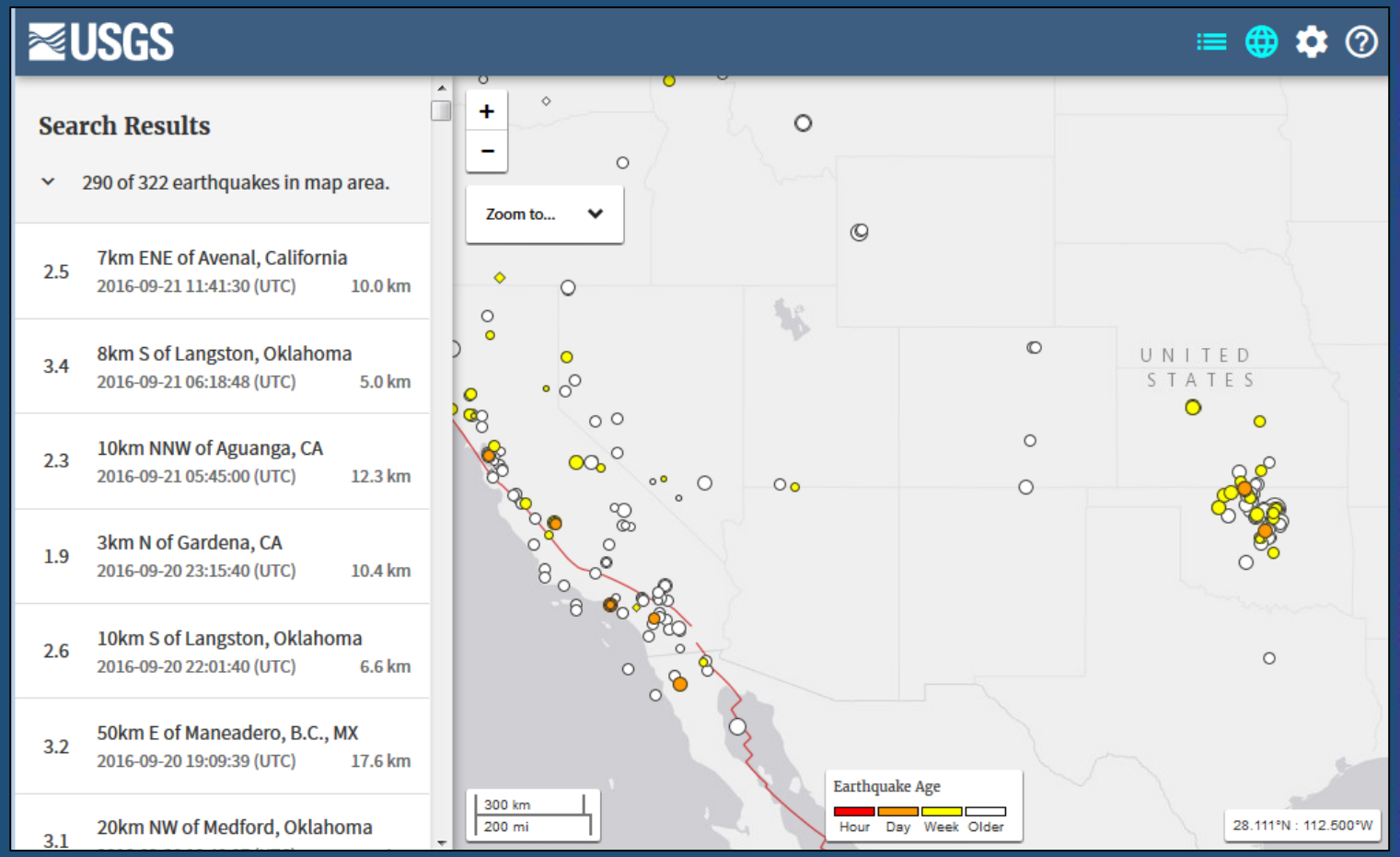
Mapping Human Uses of the Ocean by NOAA

Citizen Science

Did You Feel It? by USGS

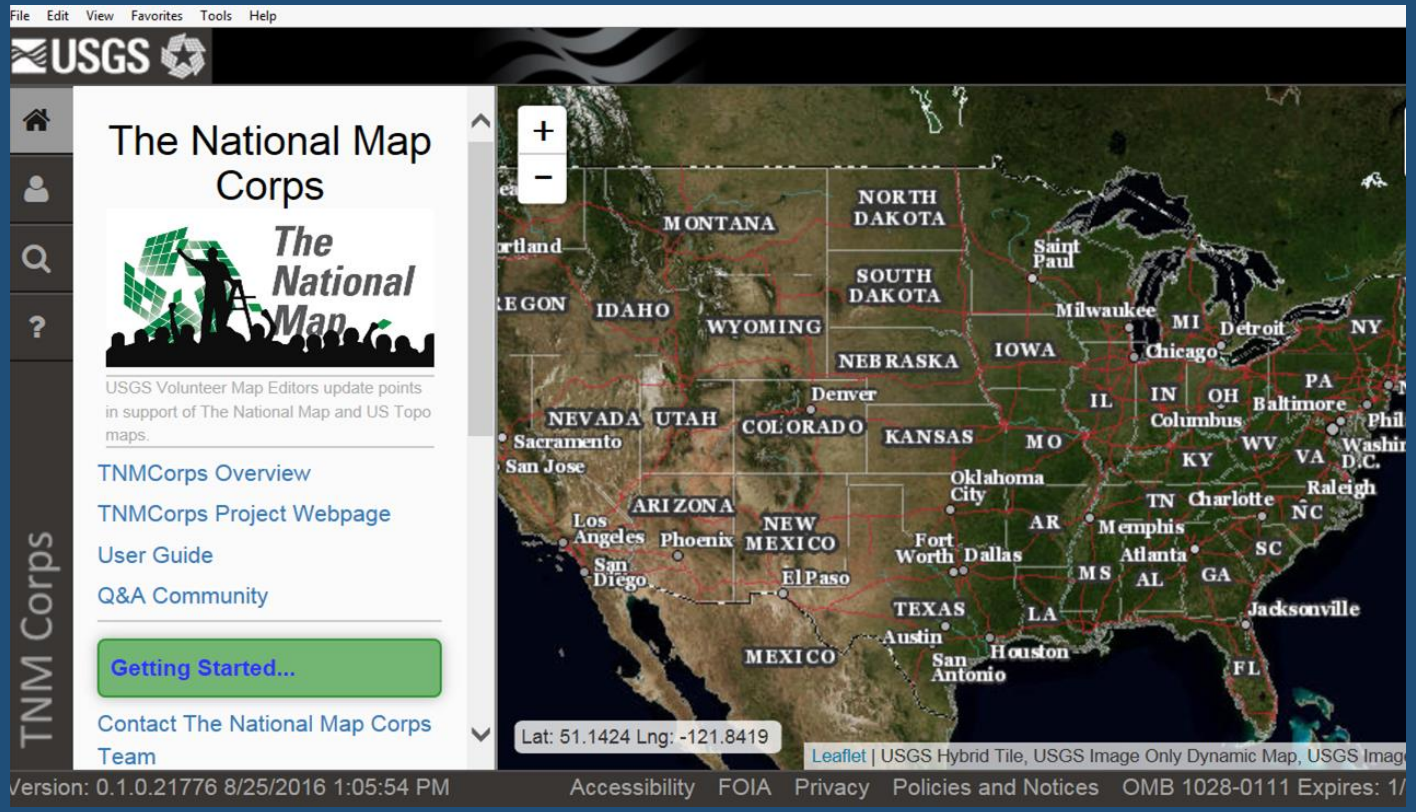
http://earthquake.usgs.gov/data/dyfi/





The National Map Corps Mapping Challenge by USGS

The National Map Corps is enlisting help from volunteers in confirming locations of structures such as schools, hospitals, post offices, police stations, and other important public buildings.



GLOBE Observer by NASA & NSF

http://www.globe.gov/

GLOBE Observer app allows people to gather cloud data and submit it. This data can be downloaded from the GLOBE website.

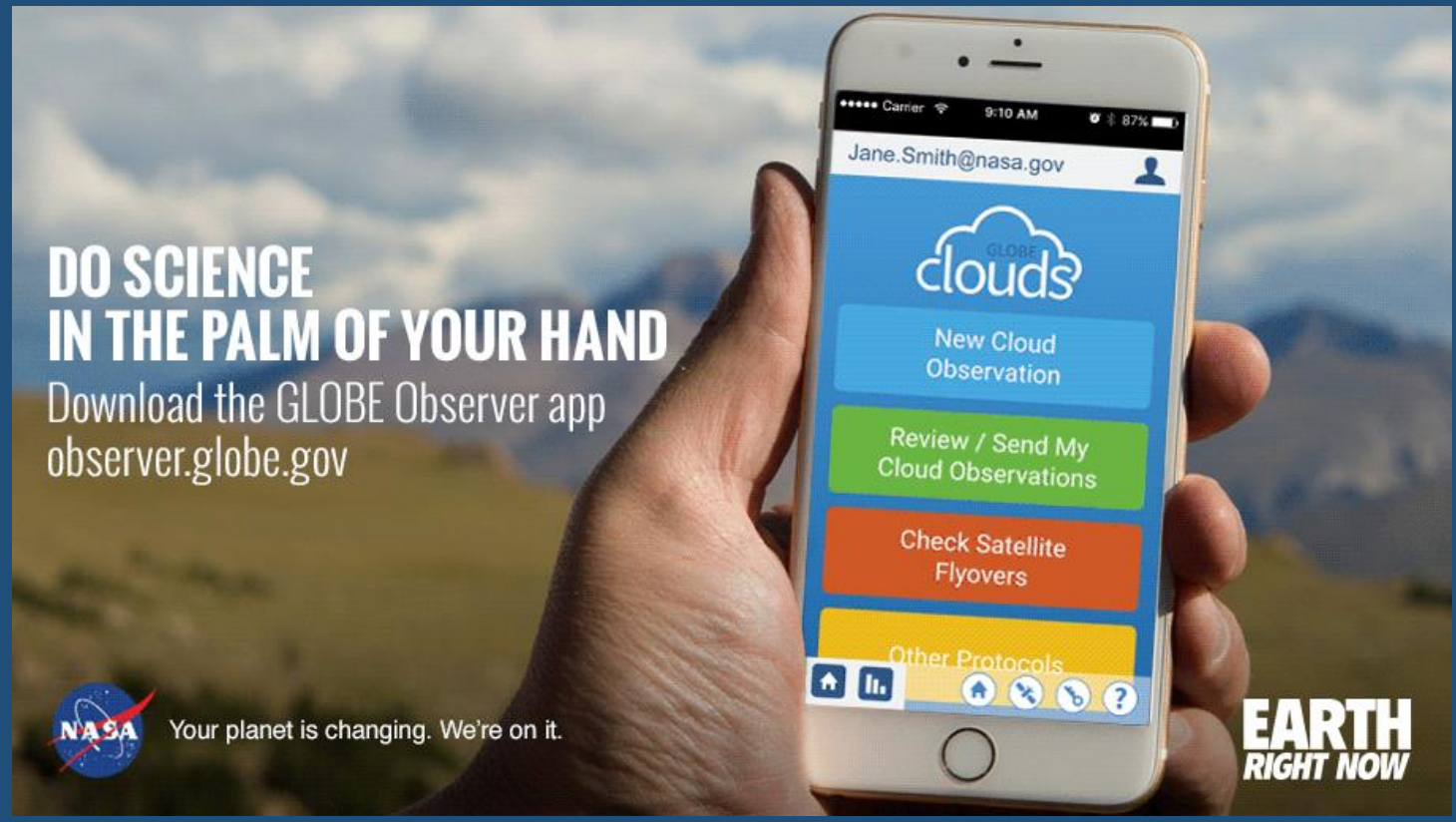


Image Source: http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/edu/news/2016/8/31/nasa-earth-science-app-wants-you/

Additional Resources

List of additional resources & references:

http://guides.library.txstate.edu/BeyondTIGERFiles

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