

Frequently asked questions

What is the difference between data layers and data sets?

Data layers are individual levels of information usually about one type of feature. Data sets are a compilation of data on a common theme.

What public domain or shareware is available?

See section 2.4.

What are the map accuracy standards?

See section 1.4.

What kinds of information are available through NRM Info?

See section 2.3.

What is the difference between a GIS and a map?

A map is generally referred to an analogue depiction of the features that make up the Earth's surface, whereas a GIS is a digital version.

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What are the different coordinate systems?

See section 4.2.

How do I know if the data is what I'm looking for?

See section 1.3.1.

How do I know what aspects of spatial information management are my responsibility?

See section 1.1.

Are there any standards for collecting and maintaining data?

See section 1.4.1.

What is a data custodian?

See section 1.4.3.

What is the difference between a data owner and a data custodian?

See sections 1.4.2 and 1.4.3.

What is metadata?

See section 4.3.3.

What is a data dictionary?

See section 4.3.2.

How do I write a data management plan?

See section 4.3.1.

Why should I make my data available to others?

See section 1.4.6.

What tools do I need to access the data?

See section 2.

What online tools are available to view spatial data?

See section 2.3.

Can I download the data?

See Table 3 in section 2.3.

How do I choose a GIS?

See section 2.4.

What facilities are there available to download data?

See section 2.5.

How do I make my data available to others?

See section 2.6.

Do I follow the national, state or regional data collection standards?

See section 3.

What do I name the dataset?

See section 4.1.1.

Are there any mandatory attribute fields I need to include?

See section 4.1.2.

If I am capturing information using a GPS, what information needs to be stored with it?

See section 4.2.

How can I protect my data from misuse?

See section 4.3.4.

Who controls data distribution?

See section 4.3.5.

What are the essential elements on a map?

See section 4.4.