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Purpose of the Procedure

Flood insurance studies search for geospatial data during Discovery tasks. If needed data are not available, studies might fund the collection of new data and would like to know about other organizations that might share in these costs. Detailed information about the role geospatial data coordination in studies is in the *Geospatial Data Coordination Implementation Guide*, which is available at https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/docs/GeoDataImplem_V3.pdf and the *Geospatial Data Coordination* Guidance Document, which is available at <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/34953>.

Resources developed through FEMA's geospatial data coordination activities provide information about data and contacts for organizations that have geospatial data that cover large areas (like states) in which many studies are interested. Studies can avoid wasting time with dead-end searches and cold calls by starting with these proven sources of information.

One resource is this Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure. It outlines sources of geospatial data and contact information, preferences for base map data and state geospatial participation in studies, and other useful information for the State.

If you have questions about this procedure or other geospatial data coordination resources, contact the geospatial data coordination lead in your Region 1 Service Center:

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Default Flood Hazard Base Map for the State

The default base map for flood hazard maps for the State is a vector base map (road centerlines).

Geospatial Data Coverage

Find below information about and links to statewide (and Federal agencies' national) geospatial datasets. The list is provided to save time during Discovery activities when building a list of candidate geospatial datasets available for the study; it is not a prescription of datasets that must be used in a flood insurance study.

Datasets for DFIRM Production

Orthophotos

Dataset name: April 2014 Rhode Island Statewide High Resolution Orthoimages

Data currentness: Publication date: March 2015

Accuracy/Scale: The design accuracy is estimated not to exceed 1.52-meters [4.99 feet] NSSDA 95% confidence (0.88-meters [2.89 feet] Root Mean Squared (RMSE) Error XY (0.62 meter [2.03 feet] RMSE X or Y).

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Ground sample resolution: 4-band, 0.3 m pixel resolution

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No fee for downloading directly from the RIGIS Data Distribution System located at <http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis>.

Available for redistribution? Restrictions include prohibiting the secondary distribution of RIGIS data without prior written approval. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Dataset source: Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS), University of Rhode Island - Environmental Data Center

Dataset contact: Greg Bonyng, greg@edc.uri.ed.

Notes: These data consist of 0.3-meter pixel resolution (approximately 1-foot), 4-band (R,G,B,IR) orthoimages covering the State of Rhode Island collected April 9-10 and 17, 2014. An orthoimage is remotely sensed image data in which displacement of features in the image caused by terrain relief and sensor orientation have been mathematically removed. Orthoimagery combines the image characteristics of a photograph with the geometric qualities of a map. Each orthoimage provides imagery over a 5000-foot by 5000-foot block on the ground. There is no image overlap between adjacent files. The projected coordinate system is Rhode Island State Plane with a NAD83 datum.

Dataset name: July 2014 USDA NAIP Statewide Orthophotography

Data currentness: Publication date: October 2014

Accuracy/Scale: +/- 6 meters

Ground sample resolution: 4-band color (RGBIR), 1 meter spatial resolution

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No fee for downloading directly from the RIGIS Data Distribution System located at <http://www.edc.uri.edu/rigis>.

Available for redistribution? Restrictions include prohibiting the secondary distribution of RIGIS data without prior written approval. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Dataset source: Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS), University of Rhode Island - Environmental Data Center

Dataset contact: Greg Bonyng, greg@edc.uri.ed.

Notes: Rhode Island statewide orthophotographs collected in July 12 & 18, 2014, by the National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP). The 1 meter and 1/2 meter NAIP imagery is generally acquired in projects covering full states in cooperation with state government and other federal agencies that use the imagery for a variety of purposes including land use planning and natural resource assessment.

Transportation (roads, railroads, and airports)

Dataset name: RI E-911 Road Centerlines - e911Roads16r3; Roads – RIDOT - RIDOTrds16

Data currentness: Publication date September 2016

Accuracy/Scale: 1:5,000, plus or minus 3 to 5 meters

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

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Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Are road names part of the dataset? Yes

Dataset source: RI Department of Transportation, MIS-GIS section

Dataset contact: Kevin Baillargeon; KevinBaillargeon@AKAssociates911.com and Stephen Kut, Database Administrator, RI Department of Transportation; skut@dot.state.ri.us

Notes: RI E-911- These data were originally developed and designed for Rhode Island Enhanced 9-1-1 purposes only. These data contain street center lines and address ranges for all highways, roads, and streets for the entire state of Rhode Island. AK Associates conflated this data from the existing road data developed by MicroDATA GIS, RI DOT, 2008 Pictometry and data provided by Municipal Agencies for Rhode Island Enhanced 9-1-1 (RI E-911). RIDOT - This dataset contains street center lines for all Transportation highways, roads, and streets for the entire state of Rhode Island. Includes road names conflated road names from the current RIGIS "Roads-E911" dataset.

Dataset name: Railroad Right of Way ; rail10

Data currentness: Publication date: March 2010

Accuracy/Scale: 1:5,000

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Are railroad names part of the dataset? Yes

Dataset source: RI Department of Transportation, MIS-GIS section

Dataset contact: Stephen Kut, Database Administrator, RI Department of Transportation; skut@dot.state.ri.us

Dataset name: Airports ; airports13

Data currentness: Publication date: October 2013

Accuracy/Scale: RIDOT staff verified line, polygon, and attribute accuracy. Corrections were made by RIDOT staff. All line work was checked by RIDOT staff using orthophotos. Linear and attribute input finalized by RIDOT staff. 1:5,000

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Are airport names part of the dataset? Yes

Dataset source: RI Department of Transportation, MIS-GIS section

Dataset contact: Mary Hutchinson, Manager, Mapping and Planning Services; mhutch@mappingplanning.com

Notes: This data set depicting approximate extent and major features of all airports in the state of Rhode Island. This data set was created for the Rhode Island Department of Transportation to show and reference all airports in the state of Rhode Island.

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Hydrography (rivers, streams, lakes, and shorelines)

Dataset name: Freshwater Rivers and Streams, Streams; streams5k

Data currentness: Publication date: June 2001

Accuracy/Scale: 1:5,000

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Are hydrography names part of the dataset? No

Dataset source: RIGIS

Dataset contact: Paul Jordan, Supervising GIS Specialist, paul.jordan@dem.ri.gov

Notes: Rivers and streams in Rhode Island derived from the 1997 National Grid_USA/RIDOT Orthophoto Project.

Dataset name: Lakes and Ponds (1:5000); lakes5k10

Data currentness: Publication date: October 2010

Accuracy/Scale: 1:5,000

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Are hydrography names part of the dataset? No

Dataset source: RIGIS

Dataset contact: Paul Jordan, Supervising GIS Specialist, paul.jordan@dem.ri.gov

Notes: Lakes and ponds in Rhode Island as identified and delineated from 1997 1:5000 orthophotography with feature attribute names for major water bodies. Features consistent with RIGIS 1:5000 scale orthophotography base with a nominal accuracy of 10 to 15 feet.

Dataset name: Coastline of Rhode Island

Data currentness: Publication date: Sept. 1993

Accuracy/Scale: RIGIS standards 99 percent; horizontal acc. +/- 50 feet

Horizontal Datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Are hydrography names part of the dataset? No

Dataset source: RIGIS

Dataset contact: Erica Tefft, Research Associate, erica@edc.uri.edu.

Notes: This dataset shows the Coastline of RI and nearby CT and MA including Narragansett Bay its tributaries along with near shore and offshore islands.

Political boundaries (county, municipal)

Dataset name: Municipal Boundaries (1997); muni97d

Data currentness: Publication date: June 2016

Accuracy/Scale: 1:5,000

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Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Dataset source: RIGIS

Dataset contact: Steve Kut, skut@dot.state.ri.us.

Notes: Political boundary lines for Rhode Island municipalities with city and town feature attributes and name annotation including physical shoreline features for bay and coastal waters including islands and coastal ponds. Terrestrial boundaries from USGS topographic quad 1:24000 scale maps. Bay and coastal boundaries manually digitized from 1997 aerial photography. City and town municipal boundaries defined by established roadways delineated by road centerline vector data created by manually digitizing from 1:5000 aerial photography obtained in 1997.

Publicly owned lands (national, state, and local parks, forests, etc)

Dataset name: State Conservation Lands; StaCons14

Data currentness: Publication date: Dec 2014

Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document for disclaimer that must appear on all map products with this dataset.

Dataset source: RIGIS

Dataset contact: Paul Jordan, pjordan@dem.state.ri.us

Notes: Approximate edges of Conservation Lands protected by the State of Rhode Island through Fee Title Ownership, Conservation Easement, or Deed Restriction. Includes: Wildlife Management Areas, Drinking Water Supply Watersheds, State Parks, Beaches, Bike Paths, Fishing Access Areas, Local Parks and Recreation Facilities that have been developed with State Grant Funds.

Terrain (elevation)

Dataset name: Digital Terrain Model of Rhode Island; 5KDTM_TIN

Data currentness: Publication date: June 2001

Accuracy/Scale: 1:5,000 - 3 Meter Contour Lines

Vertical datum: NAVD88

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Dataset source: RIGIS

Dataset contact: RIGIS Coordinator , rigis@admin.ri.gov

Dataset name: 2011 Statewide LiDAR, 2014 NOAA Post-Sandy Topobathymetric LiDAR, 2014 USGS CMGP Sandy LiDAR

Data currentness: Publication dates: March 2012, December 2015, June 2015

Vertical datum: NAVD88 (GEOID09) meters

Horizontal coordinate system: NAD83 UTM Zone 19 North, meters

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Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes. The RIGIS license is also available as a .RTF document in the documents file folder.

Dataset source: RIGIS

Dataset contact: Charles LaBash, Research Associate, labash@edc.uri.edu.

Notes: Datasets for Rhode Island from the USGS-managed Northeast LiDAR Project. Coastal LiDAR data for Rhode Island from the 2014 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Post-Sandy Topobathymetric LiDAR project. Here users can download vendor-created LAS files in the RI state plane coordinate system. Coastal LiDAR data for Rhode Island from the 2014 United States Geological Survey CMGP Sandy LiDAR project. Here users can download vendor-created LAS files (UTM) and DEMs created by RIGIS in the Rhode Island state plane coordinate system.

Useful Risk MAP Discovery Data Sources

Preliminary information on Discovery data sources is provided in this document to reduce the level of effort needed on each subsequent Discovery data collection effort. Coordination with local community sponsors for additional local data still remains an integral part of Discovery and local data should be used where appropriate.

The National Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure document contains information on data resources available from other Federal agencies (OFAs), including those that FEMA maintains at the national level, and should be used in conjunction with this State Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure document. In addition, FEMA and its contractors have created a geospatial Discovery Data Repository to host data that are not readily accessible through direct sources such as Web sites or subscription services and/or are not updated on a frequent basis. Instructions on accessing the Discovery Data Repository are given in the national Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure document.

Table 1 identifies data resources that are available at the regional and State levels, and also if there are no data available other than the national datasets. Resources in this table have been identified as appropriate for Discovery projects and may not represent the best data sources for FIRM production (please see the Preferred Base Map Sources section of this document for geospatial data that meets FIRM production requirements).

Table 1. Discovery Data Resources

Data	Data Source	Location
Watershed boundaries	National	Discovery Data Repository
Jurisdictional boundaries	National	Discovery Data Repository
	State	RIGIS State, Coastline, Town Boundaries: http://www.rigis.org/data/bnd
Tribal land boundaries	National	Discovery Data Repository
State lands	State	RIGIS Conservation Lands (State, Municipal, and NGO): http://www.rigis.org/data/plan

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Data	Data Source	Location
Federal lands	National	Discovery Data Repository
Major roads	State	RIGIS transportation layers: http://www.rigis.org/data/trans
	National	Discovery Data Repository
Streams	State	RIGIS hydrolines, lakes, ponds, reservoirs: http://www.rigis.org/data/hydro
	National	Discovery Data Repository
Coastal Barrier Resource Areas	National	Discovery Data Repository
Coordinated Needs Management Strategy	National	See National Operating Procedure
Topographic/ bathymetric data	National	See National Operating Procedure
AAL data from HAZUS	National	Please contact the RSC if you have problems retrieving the data.
Coverage areas for known community and Tribal risk assessment data	Regional	Risk class deciles by Census Block Group Discovery Data Repository
Status of Hazard Mitigation Plans	Regional	AMPS - Region 1 Mitigation Plan Tracking: https://riskmapportal.msc.fema.gov/FEMA_REGIONS/REGION1/AMPS/default.aspx Contact RSC1 for further information
	National	Discovery Data Repository
Flood control structure data	National	See National Operating Procedure
	State	RIGIS Dams: http://www.rigis.org/data/facility
Locations of stream gages	National	Discovery Data Repository
Locations of past flood claims and repetitive loss properties	CIS Report	Contact the geospatial data coordination lead at your RSC referenced earlier in this document.
Locations of clusters of Letters of Map Change	National	See National Operating Procedure
Known flooding issues not represented on effective FIRMs or listed in Coordinated Needs Management Strategy database	Local Only	
Areas of planned development	Local Only	

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Data	Data Source	Location
Areas of land use change datasets	National	See National Operating Procedure
	State	RIGIS historic and projected landuse: http://www.rigis.org/data/env
Locations of ongoing projects or updated stream studies (e.g. highway improvements)	Regional	USACE, New England District maintains a list of ongoing and recent projects: http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/ProjectsTopics.aspx http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Media/StateUpdateReports.aspx
Locations of wave and tide gauges	National	See National Operating Procedure
Locations of wind gauges	National	See National Operating Procedure
Proposed inland limit of the Primary Frontal Dune, if present		See Effective or Preliminary DFIRM data. PFD Delineations generally are created during the DFIRM process.
Locations of any beach nourishment or dune restoration projects	SLOSH Zones	See National Operating Procedure
Comparison of preliminary stillwater elevations with effective stillwater elevations	Local Only	
Available effective study data	National	See National Operating Procedure
Orthophotography	National	See National Operating Procedure
	State	RIGIS has multiple datasets; map services available as well as GDBs: http://www.rigis.org/data/img
Proposed discussion areas, problem areas, areas of proposed mitigation projects	Local Only	
Land use and soil information	Land Use	RIGIS historic and projected landuse: http://www.rigis.org/data/plan
	Soils	See National Operating Procedure
Reference points to locate areas with flooding issues	Local Only	
Hydraulic structures		See National Operating Procedure
	Levees, Dams, Airports	RIGIS statewide dam data: http://www.rigis.org/data/facility

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Data	Data Source	Location
Coastal structures, including flood protection structures, shoreline structures, manmade embankments, surge conveyance pathways, and shoreline change data	Regional State	The MLI database (See levees and National Operating Procedure, above) may contain coastal levees or structures. FAST Tracker on FEMA SharePoint, please contact RSC1 for further information. RIGIS breakwaters and hardened shorelines: http://www.rigis.org/data/facility
Local structure and topographic data from the existing hazard mitigation plans	Regional	AMPS - Region 1 Mitigation Plan Tracking: https://riskmapportal.msc.fema.gov/FEMA_REGIONS/REGION1/AMPS/default.aspx Contact RSC1 for further information
Historic inundation areas and high water marks	Historic Riverine Inundation Areas Storm Surge Inundation Areas High Water Marks	See National Operating Procedure See National Operating Procedure USGS & USACE HWM as of May 2011: Discovery Data Repository
Clusters or locations of Individual Assistance/Public Assistance grants and locations of grant projects completed, planned, or underway	National	See National Operating Procedure
Locations of projects and structures completed or planned for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs or mitigation funds from other agencies or entities, such as the Small Business Administration	National	See National Operating Procedure
Other information on FEMA grants, as described in G&S Appendix I	Local only	
Any data deficiencies identified in hazard mitigation plans	Regional	AMPS - Region 1 Mitigation Plan Tracking: https://riskmapportal.msc.fema.gov/FEMA_REGIONS/REGION1/AMPS/default.aspx Contact RSC1 for further information
Information from FloodSmart on market penetration	FEMA	http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/
Community Assistance Visits / Community Assistance Contacts	National	Discovery Data Repository

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Data	Data Source	Location
Community Rating System class information	National	See National Operating Procedure
Information from other Federal agencies	National Only	See National Operating Procedure
Information from State agencies, non-profit organizations, universities, etc.	Regional	
Current community plans, ordinances, or programs to alleviate flooding or manage stormwater	Local only	
Other known hazards with geographical boundaries (e.g. earthquake faults)	Tsunami	Discovery Data Repository
	Landslide	Discovery Data Repository
	Volcanic Eruptions	Discovery Data Repository
	Wildfire	Discovery Data Repository
	Hurricane	RIGIS Hurricane Surge (Worst Case): http://www.rigis.org/data/plan
Information on active disasters	Regional	USGS Hurricane Irene information: http://coastal.er.usgs.gov/hurricanes/irene/
	State	Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency: http://www.riema.ri.gov/
Campgrounds, recreational areas, emergency access routes, etc.	National	Discovery Data Repository
	State	RIGIS Conservation and Recreational Open Space 1990 (contains campsites, recreation, etc.) http://www.rigis.org/data/plan
Wellhead protection areas and reservoirs	State	http://www.rigis.org/data/hydro

Data Distribution Process for State Data

Downloadable data can be found at the [Rhode Island Geographic Information System website](#).

Rhode Island requires a licensing agreement to distribute their data. The RSC has been designated as the distributor of the orthophotography data, which is only to be used for updating FEMA maps. Raster and vector data can be downloaded from the RIGIS website.

Federal Nationwide Geospatial Data Holdings

Information about nationwide holdings and programs of Federal agencies is available from the Mapping Information Platform web site at <https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/docs/ProgFacts.pdf>.

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Finding and Accessing Other Existing Geospatial Data

Find below information about and links to ways of searching for additional geospatial data available for the State. These capabilities can be useful for finding geospatial data other than the statewide and Federal data listed above, including those of special governments, counties and parishes, municipalities, tribes, universities, and other organizations.

Clearinghouses and Inventories for the State

The Environmental Data Center within the Department of Natural Resource Sciences at the University provides on line access (web-browser only) to most RIGIS data via the [RIGIS website](#). For questions pertaining to specific datasets, please first contact the Point of Contact (PoC) listed in the metadata record under the “Identification Information” section for that dataset. The person listed as the PoC will have the most comprehensive knowledge about that dataset. Data distribution via CDROM is no longer supported.

3D Elevation Program

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Geospatial Program is developing the [3D Elevation Program \(3DEP\)](#) to respond to growing needs for high-quality topographic data and for a wide range of other three-dimensional (3D) representations of the Nation's natural and constructed features. The primary goal of 3DEP is to systematically collect 3D elevation data in the form of light detection and ranging (lidar) data over the conterminous United States, Hawaii, and the U.S. territories, with data acquired over an 8-year period. Interferometric synthetic aperture radar (IfSAR) data will be acquired for Alaska, where cloud cover and remote locations preclude the use of lidar in much of the State. The 3DEP initiative is based on the results of the National Enhanced Elevation Assessment that documented more than 600 business uses across 34 Federal agencies, all 50 States, selected local government and Tribal offices, and private and nonprofit organizations.

Geospatial One-Stop

Geospatial One-Stop, available at <http://geo.data.gov/geoportal/>, provides access to geospatial data from many sources. Two parts of the site that should be investigated are the “data categories” for existing data and the “marketplace” for data that are planned or in-work and for potential partners for new data collection activities.

Working with People

Useful State and Federal Contacts

The main contacts for the State's geospatial activities and Federal agencies' representatives in State are available on the Mapping Information Platform web site at <https://hazards.fema.gov/contacts/statecontacts/contacts.asp?page=RI>.

Of special interest are:

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Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) - The Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS; <http://www.rigis.org/>) is a consortium of government and private organizations employing computer and communications technology to manage and use a collective database of comprehensive geographically related information. Its mission is to monitor, coordinate, and provide leadership for activities related to the use of GIS technology within Rhode Island, to support initiatives to implement or use the technology, and to manage and provide access to a common database of geographically referenced information.

USGS New England Mapping Partnership Office (http://www.usgs.gov/contact_us/?state=RI) – The USGS partnership program is the geospatial liaison between the USGS and the New England States. The office is responsible for Rhode Island and other New England states.

Involving State's Geospatial Coordinator in Flood Studies

In order to participate in the FEMA flood hazard mapping effort, this office prefers to be contacted in all of the following ways:

- RIGIS prefers to be contacted annually by the RSC, and periodically informed of what counties are being worked on.
- Rhode Island has a working relationship with the RIEMA and they have access to their state's flood map modernization business plan.

State Coordination Process for Building Geospatial Partnerships

RIGIS Executive Committee

The Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) Executive Committee provides policy guidance, oversight, and coordination of the collective efforts of organizations in Rhode Island using GIS technology. It seeks to coordinate data development, adopt technical standards, set distribution policy for GIS products, promote the use of GIS, and provide information and assistance to users. The Committee does not have authority over RIGIS participants but reaches decisions by consensus. Quarterly meetings are held. See the [Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program](#).

The RIGIS Coordinator at the Rhode Island Department of Administration/Division of Information Technology provides staff support and acts as liaison for RIGIS within the state, the Northeast region, and nationally. Member organizations also contribute assistance. The Committee is not funded as a separate unit of state government.

Finding Local Geospatial Contacts

Local contacts, including those from special government districts (for example, a regional planning commission); counties, parishes, or equivalent governments; tribes, municipal governments; and other organizations (for example, local universities) also have geospatial data

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that can help a flood insurance study. Contact information is available from the FEMA archive and web searches at government link portals such as <http://www.statelocalgov.net>.

- Washington County Regional Planning Council, <http://www.wcrpc.org/>, 401-792-9900
- Aquidneck Island Planning Commission, <http://www.aquidneckplanning.org/>, 401-845-9299

Provide Feedback on This Procedure

When you find information in this Procedure or in other FEMA or State resources that are outdated, please tell the geospatial data coordination lead in the Regional Service Center what was wrong and the correct information (if you know it). Use the contact information for the lead listed in the section Purpose of the Procedure.

The lead will use your feedback to update this Procedure.