State Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure

Alabama

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Purpose of the Procedure

Flood Insurance Studies involve searching for geospatial data during Discovery (formerly pre-scoping and scoping) tasks. If needed data are not available, studies might include funds that allow for the collection of new data and, where applicable, encourage cost sharing among existing organizations. Detailed information about the role geospatial data coordination plays in studies is in the Geospatial Data Coordination Implementation Guide, which is available at https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/docs/GeoDataImplem_V3.pdf, and in Scoping Guidelines: Pre-scoping and the Scoping Meeting, which is available through the Regional Service Center (RSC).

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 agencies are interested. Dead-end searches and cold calls can be avoided 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 RSC:

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This document will be shared with the appropriate Regional and State geospatial leads for feedback and comments.

Default Flood Hazard Base Map for the State

The default base map for flood hazard maps in the State of Alabama is the USDA’s National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP). If during Risk MAP Discovery Meeting it is determined that the community has local imagery, this data is typically used as base map data.

Geospatial Data Coverage

Below, you will find links to statewide (and Federal agencies’ national) geospatial datasets and information about them. The list is provided to save time when building a list of potential candidate geospatial datasets available for the study during Discovery activities; it is not a prescription of datasets that must be used in a Flood Insurance Study.
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Major State Holdings

Orthophotos
Dataset name: Varies Aerial Imagery for all 67 counties
Data currentness: Varies
Accuracy/Scale: N/A
Ground sample resolution: Varies from 6 inches to 2 feet
Horizontal datum: Varies
Fee associated? No
Available for redistribution? Yes
Dataset source: N/A
Dataset contact: Local county tax assessor’s office
Imagery Program: Varies

Transportation (roads, railroads, and airports)
Dataset name: Countywide Transportation Lines
Data currentness: Varies
Accuracy/Scale: Varies
Horizontal datum: Varies
Fee associated? Fees may apply
Available for redistribution? Yes
Dataset source: N/A
Dataset contact: Local county tax assessor’s office or regional planning commission

Political boundaries (county, municipal)
Dataset name: Community Boundaries
Data currentness: Varies
Accuracy/Scale: N/A
Horizontal datum: Varies
Fee associated? Fees may apply
Available for redistribution? N/A
Dataset source: N/A
Dataset contact: Local county tax assessor’s office

Publicly owned lands (national, State, and local parks, forests, etc)
Dataset name: Federal Lands and Indian Reservations of Alabama
Data currentness: N/A
Accuracy/Scale: N/A
Horizontal datum: Varies
Fee associated? N/A
Available for redistribution? Yes
Dataset source: N/A
Dataset contact: Local county tax assessor’s office or Poarch Creek Band of Indians at 5811 Jack Springs Road, Atmore, AL

Terrain (elevation)
Dataset name: Alabama LiDAR datasets
Counties: Autauga, Baldwin, Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coffee, Colbert,
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Other Datasets: Alabama Power Reservoirs (Harris, Lay, Martin, Thurlow-Yates, Smith, Weiss, Logan-Martin, Neely-Henry, Jordan-Bouldin); USACE (Alabama River Basin and Coastal Mobile); USGS (Baldwin County)

Data currentness: Varies
Accuracy/Scale: N/A
Vertical datum: N/A
Fee associated? Fees may apply
Available for redistribution? N/A
Dataset source: Varies
Dataset contact: Local county tax assessor’s office or individual agency responsible for producing dataset

Major National Holdings

Orthophotos
Dataset name: NAIP Imagery
Data currentness: Published, 2015
Accuracy/Scale: +/- 10 meter
Ground sample resolution: 21 meter
Horizontal datum: North American Datum 1983 (NAD83)
Fee associated? No
Available for redistribution? Yes
Dataset source: https://gdg.sc.egov.usda.gov/GDGOrder.aspx
Dataset contact: USDA-FSA Aerial Photography Field Office (APFO), National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP)

Transportation (roads, railroads, and airports)
Dataset name: Tiger
Data currentness: 2016
Accuracy/Scale: Varies
Horizontal datum: Varies
Fee associated? No
Available for redistribution? Yes
Dataset source: http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-line.html
Dataset contact: U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233

Hydrography (rivers, streams, lakes, and shorelines)
Dataset name: National Hydrography Dataset
Data currentness: Varies
Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000
Horizontal datum: NAD 83
Fee associated? No
Available for redistribution? Yes
Are hydrography names part of the dataset? Yes
Dataset source: NHD
Dataset contact: available from the USGS at http://nhd.usgs.gov and/or
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http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov/

**Political boundaries (county, municipal)**
Dataset name: County Boundaries  
Data currentness: 2015  
Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000  
Horizontal datum: NAD 83  
Fee associated? No  
Available for redistribution?  
Dataset source: http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-line.html  
Dataset contact: Census Bureau

**Publicly owned lands (national, State, and local parks, forests, etc)**
Dataset name: Federal Lands and Indian Reservations of the United States  
Data currentness: 2014  
Accuracy/Scale: 1:2,000,000  
Horizontal datum: NAD83  
Fee associated? No  
Available for redistribution? Yes  
Dataset source: USGS  
Dataset contact: USGS

**Terrain (elevation)**
Dataset name: The National Map (TNM)  
Data currentness: 2013-2014  
Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000  
Vertical datum: NAD 83  
Fee associated? No  
Available for redistribution? Yes  
Dataset source: USGS  
Dataset contact: Available from the USGS through http://nationalmap.gov/elevation.html

**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 for accessing the Discovery Data Repository are provided 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
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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).

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<td>Local Tax Assessor’s Office and <a href="https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-line.html">https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-line.html</a></td>
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<td>Tribal land boundaries</td>
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<td>Federal lands</td>
<td>National</td>
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<td>Major roads</td>
<td>National; State SOP</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure Local Tax Assessor’s Office and State Highway Department and <a href="https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-line.html">https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger-line.html</a></td>
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<td>Streams</td>
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<td>Coastal Barrier Resource Areas</td>
<td>National</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure</td>
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<td>Coordinated Needs Management Strategy</td>
<td>National</td>
<td>CNMS data is available by request from each of FEMA’s Regional Service Centers (RSC). Contact information for each RSC is available at the following website: <a href="https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/wps/portal/usercare_guidesAndDocs#Contact">https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/wps/portal/usercare_guidesAndDocs#Contact</a> List</td>
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<td>AAL data from HAZUS</td>
<td>National; FEMA Regional Office</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure R4 Contact: <a href="mailto:samuel.wilkins@fema.dhs.gov">samuel.wilkins@fema.dhs.gov</a></td>
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<td>Coverage areas for known community and Tribal risk assessment data</td>
<td>FEMA Regional Office</td>
<td><a href="mailto:darlene.booker@fema.dhs.gov">darlene.booker@fema.dhs.gov</a> (Tribal)</td>
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<td>Status of Hazard Mitigation Plans</td>
<td>FEMA Regional Office</td>
<td><a href="mailto:carl.mickalonis@fema.dhs.gov">carl.mickalonis@fema.dhs.gov</a></td>
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<td>Flood control structure data</td>
<td>National; FEMA Regional Office</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure RSC4 contact for Midterm Levee Inventory Data – <a href="mailto:Nicole.Ryerson@aecom.com">Nicole.Ryerson@aecom.com</a></td>
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<td>Locations of stream gages</td>
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<td>Locations of past flood claims and repetitive loss properties</td>
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<td>Locations of clusters of Letters of Map Change</td>
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<td>Known flooding issues not represented on effective FIRMs or listed in Coordinated Needs Management Strategy database</td>
<td>Local</td>
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<td>Areas of planned development</td>
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<td>Areas of land use change datasets</td>
<td>National – USGS</td>
<td>The USGS Land Cover Institute (LCI) provides access to a wide variety of land use change and land cover data sets including the National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD). Data sets can be downloaded from the USGS at <a href="http://landcover.usgs.gov/">http://landcover.usgs.gov/</a></td>
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<td>Locations of ongoing projects or updated stream studies (e.g. highway improvements)</td>
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<td>Locations of wave and tide gauges</td>
<td>National – NOAA</td>
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<td>Locations of wind gauges</td>
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<td>Proposed inland limit of the Primary Frontal Dune, if present</td>
<td>For ongoing studies contact the CTP; For completed studies contact the FEMA Map Library</td>
<td>Ongoing: Casie Pritchard <a href="mailto:Casie.Pritchard@adeca.alabama.gov">Casie.Pritchard@adeca.alabama.gov</a> Completed: <a href="http://msc.fema.gov/">http://msc.fema.gov/</a></td>
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<td>Locations of any beach nourishment or dune restoration projects</td>
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<td>Comparison of preliminary stillwater elevations with effective stillwater elevations</td>
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<td>Available effective study data</td>
<td>National</td>
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<td>Proposed discussion areas, problem areas, areas of proposed mitigation projects</td>
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<td>Land use and soil information</td>
<td>National – NRCS</td>
<td>The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) maintains national soil data in a GIS format. Data can be downloaded from their Data Mart at this address <a href="http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm">http://websoilsurvey.sc.egov.usda.gov/App/HomePage.htm</a> or from the NRCS Data Gateway listed in the Other Resources section of this document.</td>
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<td>Reference points to locate areas with flooding issues</td>
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<td>Hydraulic structures</td>
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<td>Coastal structures, including flood protection structures, shoreline structures, manmade embankments, surge conveyance pathways, and shoreline change data</td>
<td>For ongoing studies contact the CTP; For completed studies contact the FEMA Map Library</td>
<td>Ongoing: Casie Pritchard <a href="mailto:Casie.Pritchard@adeca.alabama.gov">Casie.Pritchard@adeca.alabama.gov</a> Completed: <a href="http://msc.fema.gov/">http://msc.fema.gov/</a></td>
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<td>Local structure and topographic data from the existing hazard mitigation plans</td>
<td>State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) Local Community Mitigation Planning Lead</td>
<td>Michael Johnson (SHMO) <a href="mailto:Michael.Johnson@ema.alabama.gov">Michael.Johnson@ema.alabama.gov</a> Planning POC: Robert Baylis <a href="mailto:Robert.Baylis@ema.alabama.gov">Robert.Baylis@ema.alabama.gov</a></td>
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<td>Historic inundation areas and high water marks</td>
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<td>Clusters or locations of Individual Assistance/Public Assistance grants and locations of grant projects completed, planned, or underway</td>
<td>National; FEMA Regional Office</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure R4 Contact, Individual Assistance: <a href="mailto:Tarsha.Monk@fema.dhs.gov">Tarsha.Monk@fema.dhs.gov</a> R4 Contact, Public Assistance: Saidat.Thomas.fema.dhs.gov</td>
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<td>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</td>
<td>National; FEMA Regional Office</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure R4 Contact: <a href="mailto:Angelika.Phillips@fema.dhs.gov">Angelika.Phillips@fema.dhs.gov</a></td>
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<td>Other information on FEMA grants, as described in G&amp;S Appendix I</td>
<td>National</td>
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<td>Any data deficiencies identified in hazard mitigation plans</td>
<td>FEMA Regional Office</td>
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<td>Information from FloodSmart on market penetration</td>
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### Data Distribution Process for State Data

For the purposes of this Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure, the Alabama Office of Water Resources should be considered the Data Distribution Center, since this office is the main point of contact between communities and other agencies for data used in flood mapping. In the State of Alabama, the Alabama GIS Office has created a GeoHub for all things geospatial. It has both internal and external sites for data distribution and discovery. The location of the internal site is [https://algeohub.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html](https://algeohub.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html) and the public facing site is [http://data-algeohub.opendata.arcgis.com/](http://data-algeohub.opendata.arcgis.com/)

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<td>Information from other Federal agencies</td>
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<td>Information from State agencies, non-profit organizations, universities, etc.</td>
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<td>Current community plans, ordinances, or programs to alleviate flooding or manage stormwater</td>
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<td>Other known hazards with geographical boundaries (e.g. earthquake faults)</td>
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<td>Campgrounds, recreational areas, emergency access routes, etc.</td>
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<td>Any other data that might be appropriate</td>
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<td>No statewide coverage</td>
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Federal Nationwide Geospatial Data Holdings

Information on nationwide holdings and Federal agencies’ programs is available on the Mapping Information Platform website at https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/docs/ProgFacts.pdf.

Finding and Accessing Other Existing Geospatial Data

Listed below is 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, municipalities, tribes, universities, and other organizations. Of course, local community data should be sought as a primary source, as it is likely to be the best available.

Clearinghouses and Inventories for the State


Other Websites:
Alabama Topographic Maps - http://www.gsa.state.al.us/inter/topos24k
AlabamaView (satellite imagery) - http://www.alabamaview.org/
Alabama Map Library - http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/

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 progress, and for potential partners for new data collection activities.
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Working with People

Useful State and Federal Contacts

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

Involving the State’s Geospatial Coordinator in Flood Studies

The State Flood Mapping contact in the Office of Water Resources (OWR) is the primary source for data used in all flood mapping projects. For geospatial inquires relating to flood mapping, contact the Office of Water Resources at floods@adeca.alabama.gov or at (334) 353-1955.

State Coordination Process for Building Geospatial Partnerships

The State of Alabama has a GIS Executive Council, comprised of various departmental heads or commissioners of agencies that either generate or use geospatial data to help support the development of the State’s geospatial capability, and to support geospatial initiatives for the State. The Alabama Geographic Information Office (AGIO) is the sole entity within the state for coordination of geographic information, geographic information systems, and other geospatial-related technologies by all state agencies and state-funded entities. AGIO identifies, plans, and implements the efficient and effective way to utilize and integrate geographic information as a strategic management resource for Alabama. AGIO act as the operational arm of the Alabama Geographic Information Executive Council, and will provide administrative, as well as technical, support to the Council. There is a state GIS Advisory Committee which is designted to ensure that state and local interests are considered by the Council. The Advisory Committee’s purpose is to foster communication and cooperation among stakeholders throughout state, local, and federal agencies, education institutions, private industry, and others in the field of GIS. It provides guidance for the Council in fulfilling the objectives of the Strategic Plan and promote discussions of relevant GIS issues within the state. This Committee also provides advice to the Council and the GIS community of GIS related issues.

The Alabama Geographic Information Office has created an enviromnent for statewide colloboration and information sharing called the Alabama GeoHub. The Alabama GeoHub creates an ecosystem to collaborate and share information with all levels of government. It empowers agencies and jurisdictions with ready-to-use maps and toolsets by creating a framework for repeatable solutions that are open and interoperable. This public facing open data site allows access to authoritative data so it can easily be identified and downloaded in a variety of open formats. The data is grouped into logical categories (regardless of source) and provides tools to explore, visualize and analyze, build, and share. The site is located at http://data-algeohub.opendata.arcgis.com/. The internal landing page for the GeoHub provides a robust geospatial information capability developed through a collaborative effort among the statewide geospatial community. This collaborative environment provides for effective operational, strategic, and executive decision-making to optimize the health and resilience of communities, provides access to
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public information, and enhances the safety, economy, environment, and quality of life in Alabama. This internal site is located at https://algeohub.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html

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 that can help a Flood Insurance Study. Contact information is available from the FEMA archives and government link portals such as http://www.statelocalgov.net. The State also maintains information about local geospatial contacts. Of course, local community data should be sought as a primary source, as it is likely to be the best available data.

Provide Feedback on This Procedure

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