State Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure

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Purpose of the Procedure

Flood insurance studies search for geospatial data during pre-scoping and scoping 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 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 Support 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 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 Regional Support Center:

Greg Arther, Geospatial Data Coordination Lead
Region V Service Center
(312) 831-3128
Greg.Arther@stantec.com

Default Flood Hazard Base Map for the State

The default base map for flood hazard maps for the State is an image base map (orthophoto).

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 pre-scoping and scoping 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: National Ag. Imagery Program County Mosaic
Data currentness: 2018
Accuracy/Scale: 1 meter
Horizontal datum: NAD 83.
Fee associated? No.
Available for redistribution? Yes for distribution, but redistribution policy not available.
Dataset source: [https://nrcs.app.box.com/v/naip/folder/63492656656](https://nrcs.app.box.com/v/naip/folder/63492656656)
Dataset contact: NRCS Service Desk [usdafpacbc@servicenowservices.com](mailto:usdafpacbc@servicenowservices.com) (Note: Please append your subject to the 'GDG - ' in the email subject line for proper routing)

**Transportation (roads, railroads, and airports)**
Dataset name: Michigan Geographic Framework
Data currentness: 2014
Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000.
Horizontal datum: NAD 83.
Fee associated? No.
Available for redistribution? Yes for distribution, but redistribution policy not available.
Are road names part of the dataset? Yes.
Dataset source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information at [https://gis-michigan.opendata.arcgis.com/](https://gis-michigan.opendata.arcgis.com/)
Dataset contact: Josh Ross, Geographic Specialist, Michigan Center for Geographic Information, 111 S. Capitol Avenue, 10th floor, Lansing, MI 48913; 517-373-7910; [Rossj@michigan.gov](mailto:Rossj@michigan.gov)

**Hydrography (rivers, streams, lakes, and shorelines)**
Dataset name: National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)
Data currentness: varies based on date of USGS topographic map used as the source
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 contact: NHD@usgs.gov

Political boundaries (county, municipal)
Dataset name: Michigan Geographic Framework
Data currentness: 2006
Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000
Horizontal datum: NAD 83
Fee associated? No.
Available for redistribution? Yes for distribution, but redistribution policy not available.
Dataset source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information at https://gis-michigan.opendata.arcgis.com/
Dataset contact: Josh Ross, Geographic Specialist, Michigan Center for Geographic Information, 111 S. Capitol Avenue, 10th floor, Lansing, MI 48913; (517) 373-7910; Rossj@michigan.gov

Publicly owned lands (national, state, and local parks, forests, etc)
Dataset name: DNR Land and Mineral Ownership
Data currentness: Maintained weekly
Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000
Horizontal datum: NAD 83
Fee associated? No.
Available for redistribution? Yes for distribution, but redistribution policy not available.
Dataset source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information at https://gis-michigan.opendata.arcgis.com/
Dataset contact: Josh Ross, Geographic Specialist, Michigan Center for Geographic Information, 111 S. Capitol Avenue, 10th floor, Lansing, MI 48913; (517) 373-7910; Rossj@michigan.gov
Notes: (1) Ownership is mapped to the quarter-quarter section level.
(2) The State is preparing to release a dataset containing the proclaimed boundaries of state lands. Contact the Michigan Center for Geographic Information at (517) 373-7910 for information about the availability of these data.

Public land survey system (PLSS) (township and section lines)
Dataset name: Public Land Survey Sections
Data currentness: 1998
Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000
Horizontal datum: NAD 83
Fee associated? No
Available for redistribution? Yes for Distribution, but redistribution policy not available.
Dataset source: Michigan Center for Geographic Information at https://gis-michigan.opendata.arcgis.com/
Dataset contact: Josh Ross, Geographic Specialist, Michigan Center for Geographic Information, 111 S. Capitol Avenue, 10th floor, Lansing, MI 48913; (517) 373-7910; 
Rossj@michigan.gov

Cadastral (parcels)
No coverage available.

Terrain (elevation)
Dataset name: Michigan 1 Meter DEM  
Data currentness: Currentness of map features varies depending on the county  
Accuracy/Scale: 1:24,000  
Vertical datum: NAVD 88  
Fee associated? No.  
Available for redistribution? Yes for distribution, but redistribution policy not available.  
Dataset source: https://libguides.lib.msu.edu/c.php?g=356116&p=3065553  
Dataset contact: Amanda Tickner, GIS Librarian, atickner@msu.edu, (517) 884-9432

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

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<td>Coordinated Needs Management Strategy</td>
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<td>See National Operating Procedure</td>
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<td>Topographic/ bathymetric data</td>
<td>National</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure</td>
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<td>AAL data from HAZUS</td>
<td>State</td>
<td><a href="http://starrtrac.atgteams.com/library/AAL/Forms/AllItems.aspx">http://starrtrac.atgteams.com/library/AAL/Forms/AllItems.aspx</a> Contact the RSC if help is needed retrieving the data.</td>
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<td>Coverage areas for known community and Tribal risk assessment data</td>
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<td>Status of Hazard Mitigation Plans</td>
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<td>Flood control structure data</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>
<td>CIS Report</td>
<td>Contact the geospatial data coordination lead at your RSC referenced earlier in this document.</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 FIRM s or listed in Coordinated Needs Management Strategy database</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</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>
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<td>Locations of wind gauges</td>
<td>National</td>
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<td>Proposed inland limit of the Primary Frontal Dune, if present</td>
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<td>Locations of any beach nourishment or dune restoration projects</td>
<td>SLOSH Zones</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>
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<td>Orthophotography</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>Land Use</td>
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<td>Reference points to locate areas with flooding issues</td>
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<td>Hydraulic structures</td>
<td>Culverts</td>
<td>Regional/State/or Local</td>
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<td>Coastal structures, including flood protection structures, shoreline structures, manmade embankments, surge conveyance pathways, and shoreline change data</td>
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<td>Local structure and topographic data from the existing hazard mitigation plans</td>
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<td>Historic Riverine Inundation Areas&lt;br&gt;Storm Surge Inundation Areas&lt;br&gt;High Water Marks</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure&lt;br&gt;See National Operating Procedure&lt;br&gt;Regional/State/ or Local</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</td>
<td>See National Operating Procedure</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>
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<td>Other information on FEMA grants, as described in G&amp;S Appendix I</td>
<td>Regional/State/Local</td>
<td><a href="http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/">HMA Tracking Tool</a></td>
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<td>Any data deficiencies identified in hazard mitigation plans</td>
<td>Regional/State/Local</td>
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<td>Information from FloodSmart on market penetration</td>
<td>FEMA</td>
<td><a href="http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/">http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/</a></td>
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<td>Community Assistance Visits / Community Assistance Contacts</td>
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<td>Community Rating System class information</td>
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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>
<td>Tsunami&lt;br&gt;Landslide&lt;br&gt;Volcanic Eruptions&lt;br&gt;Wildfire</td>
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<td>Information on active disasters</td>
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<td>Campgrounds, recreational areas, emergency access routes, etc.</td>
<td>National</td>
<td>Discovery Data Repository</td>
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<td>Federal Grants Pre/Post Disaster</td>
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<td>Critical Facilities</td>
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**Data Distribution Process for State Data**

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**Federal Nationwide Geospatial Data Holdings**


**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**

Michigan CGI (Center for Geographic Information) Geographic Data Library Catalog at [https://gis-michigan.opendata.arcgis.com/](https://gis-michigan.opendata.arcgis.com/) serves as the state’s repository of digital geographic information. This site currently contains over 60 unique statewide datasets including the state’s base map (MI Geographic Framework), aerial imagery, geology, hydrography, land ownership, topography, and much more.

Michigan State University Map Library at [http://www.lib.msu.edu/map/](http://www.lib.msu.edu/map/) provides coverage of state boundary data, historical county boundary data, elevation data, and environmental data.
National Elevation Dataset (NED) and 3D Elevation Program (3DEP)

These systems allow the search of orthophoto and elevation project information entered by Federal and other organizations. The NEP system can be accessed at https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/ngce/elevation/. The 3DEP system can be accessed at https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/3dep.

Geospatial One-Stop

Geospatial One-Stop, available at http://www.geodata.gov, 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=MI

Additional useful contacts for the State can be found at Michigan Center for Geographic Information (CGI), Michigan Department of Information Technology, Romney Building, 10th Floor, 111 South Capitol Avenue, Lansing, MI 48913; (517) 373-7910; see http://www.michigan.gov/cgi for more information.

Involving the State’s Geospatial Coordinator in Flood Studies

Contact Everett Root, Geo-Data Services Section Manager at roote@michigan.gov to involve State’s Geospatial Coordinator in Flood Studies.
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State Coordination Process for Building Geospatial Partnerships

The Michigan Center for Geographic Information provides several of outreach and partnership opportunities. See http://www.michigan.gov/cgi for more information.

SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments) GIS: http://www.semcog.org/
SEMCOG's GIS capabilities are widely used throughout the region as communities with and without their own GIS technologies identify needs for effective planning tools. Communities without GIS benefit from the SEMCOG partnership by using its data in their planning processes. Communities with their own detailed, parcel-based systems take advantage of SEMCOG's wider vision, determining where and how they fit into the regional context. The idea of sharing data in partnership with one another is the future of GIS within the region. SEMCOG facilitates communication among GIS professionals throughout Southeast Michigan by hosting quarterly meetings of the Southeast Michigan GIS User Group.

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 archive and web searches at government link portals such as https://hazards.fema.gov/contacts/statecontacts.

The Michigan Center for Geographic Information provides a listserv. See the Outreach and Promotion link at http://www.michigan.gov/cgi.

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 Support 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.