# Current and Potential Uses for Geospatial Information and Technologies in Government

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## Agenda

- Government Focus Areas for GIS
- Some Examples Local to Federal Levels
- Directions for the Future

# Government Focus Areas Relevant to GIS

Spatial Data
 Infrastructure

G-Government

Place based decisionmaking Data Consortia

Web Applications and portals Standards Based
Commercial Off the
Shelf Products

## National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI)

Clearinghouse (catalog) Metadata **GEOdata** Framework Standards

**Partnerships** 

### A Network of NSDI Organizations



**National League of Cities** 

**National Association of Counties** 

**Intertribal GIS Council** 

**University Consortium on GI Sciences** 

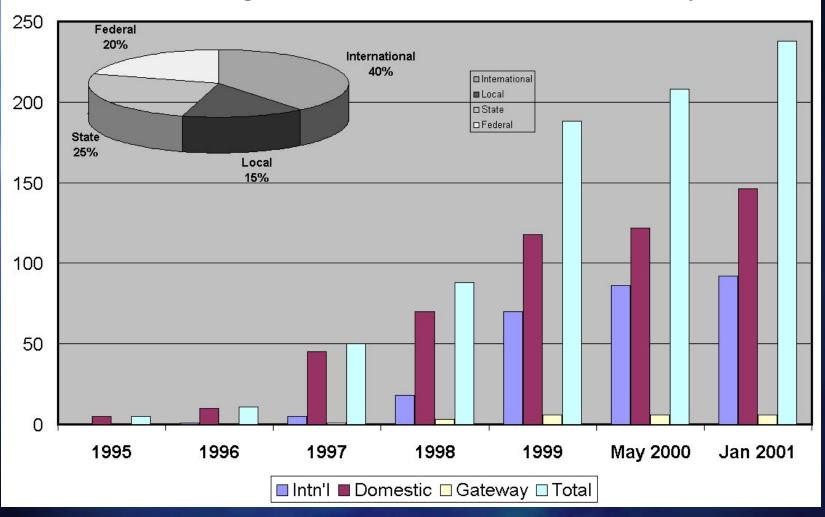
**Open GIS Consortium** 

**Federal Geographic Data Committee** 

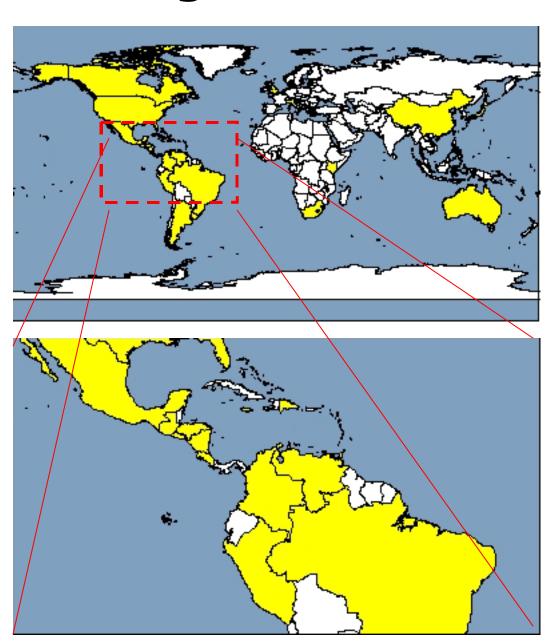
**National States Geographic Information Council** 

**International City / County Managers Association** 

#### SDI Clearinghouse Growth 1995 – January 2001



### Clearinghouse Nodes Around the World



#### As of Jan 2001 Argentina: Australia: 18 Barbados: Brazil: Canada: Chile China: Colombia: Costa Rica: Dominica: Dominican Republic: El Salvador: Guatemala: Honduras: Italy: Japan: Jamaica: Mexico: Nicaragua: Peru: South Africa: Trinidad & Tobago: **United Kingdom: United States:** 146 Uruguay: Venezuela:

#### Many Local, National, Global Gateways to Spatial Information Catalogs





## Global Spatial Data Infrastructure

Encourage growth of National Spatial Data
 Infrastructures capable of supporting collaboration on regional and global issues of importance

- Steering Committee representing all continents
- SDI Implementation Guide available at www.gsdi.org



Accra, Ghana - August 2000

## **GIS and Government**

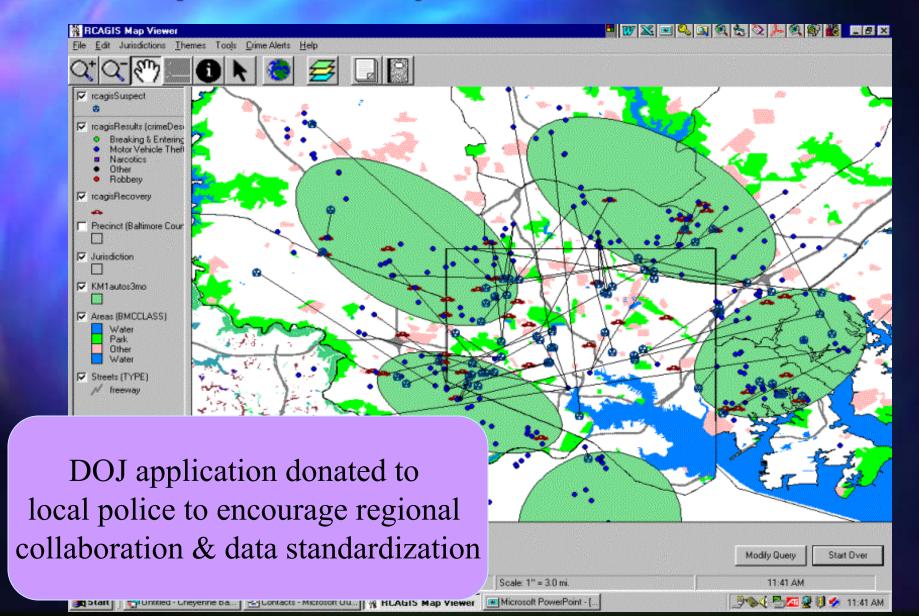
- Tools and spatial information are:
  - Improving decision-making
  - Driving policy decisions
  - Increasing Accountability
- Some illustrations follow...

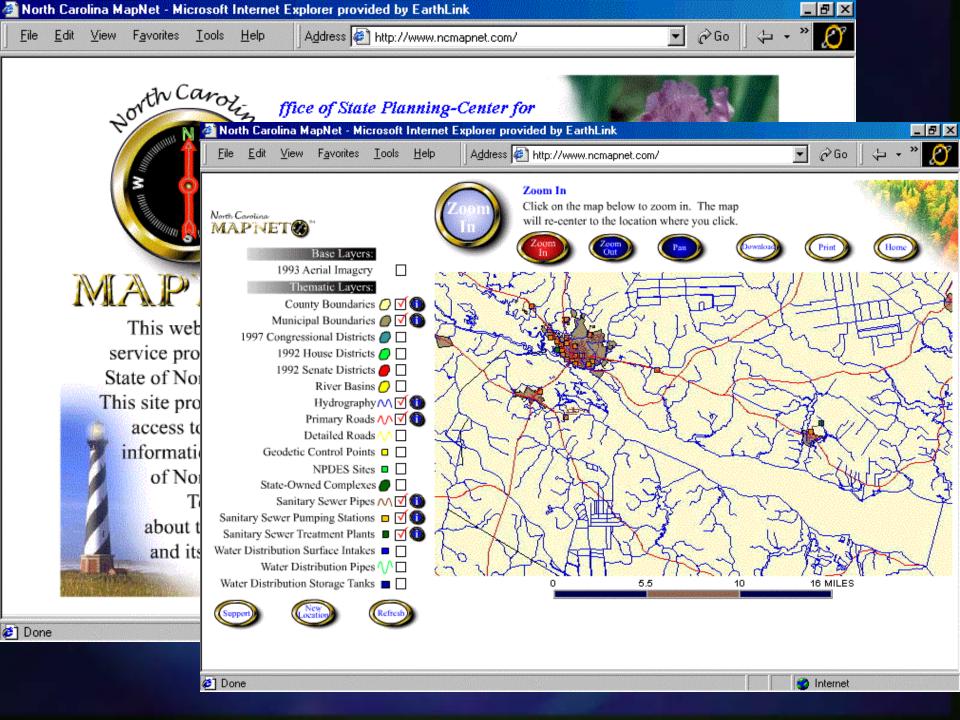
## Crime Mapping and Analysis

- Baltimore Police and US Dept of Justice
- Uses GIS for crime analysis, accountability, and community-based policing
- Regional crime coordination



## Detect Trends and Identify Potential Suspects





## North Carolina and GIS

Hurricane Floyd experience exposed need for:



- An ongoing program that supports a digital, large scale, integrated Framework (with metadata)
- Other Thematic Datasets
- Better GIS Tools
- Spatial Access to Other Scientific and Technical Material

# Upper Susquehanna/Lackawanna Watershed

- Flooding and environment
- Pennsylvania GISConsortium and EPA are partners
- American Heritage River
- OGC Interoperability Pilot to test Regional Consortia concepts
  - Use of distributed Local, federal, vendor data
  - Standards-based COTS tools and spatial data servers



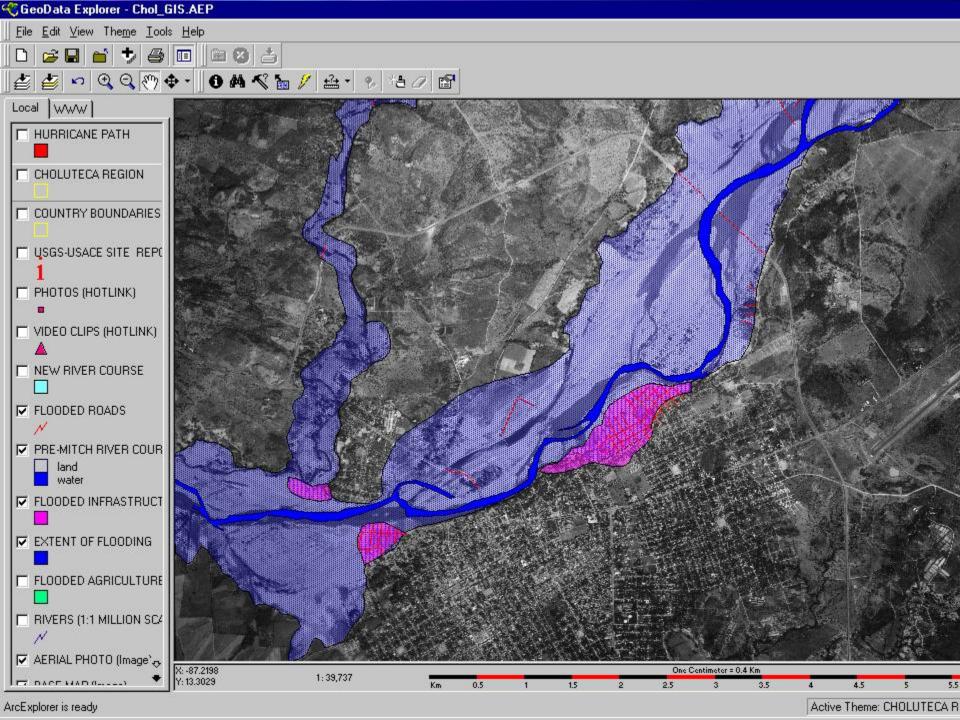


## Hurricane Mitch

USGS Information
Technology Supporting:

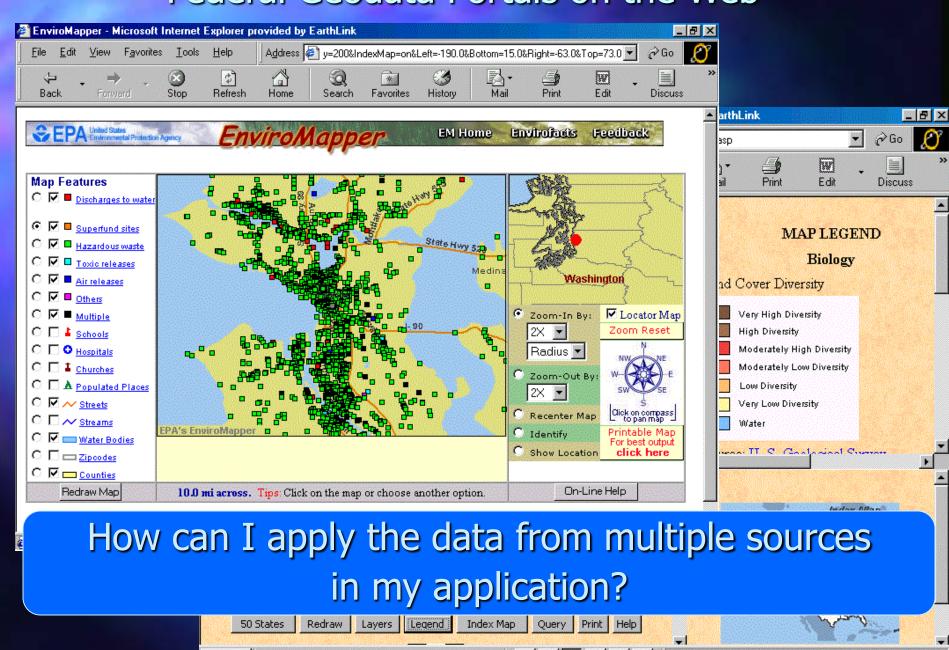
- Disaster Response
- Reconstruction and recovery
- Mitigation of Future Hazards







#### Federal Geodata Portals on the Web



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## Future Direction

- Continued movement of government toward
   E- and G-government
  - Service not by agency mission, but by topic / theme
  - Service based on the citizen's location
- Increased emphasis on standards-based spatial technologies
  - Applications that operate across different networks, platforms, and vendor brands
  - Allow quick adoption of new technology

## **Future Direction**

- Continued growth of standards-based web spatial capabilities
  - Decision Support, modeling
  - Location Based Services
  - 3D and 4D
- Geospatial Policy and Partnerships
  - Multi-sector pooling of resources for spatial data and technology initiatives
  - Procurements that demand standards-based COTS
  - (Major OMB initiative has interest of over 20 States)

## What's Happening with Geospatial Data and Technologies?

## Stove piped, and centralized:



## Open and distributed:

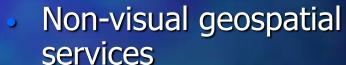
- GIS
- Earth Imaging
- CADD
- AM/FM
- Navigation Sys.
- Big Data Files





- Live map links, live data links
- Geo-Application Services







Many users & sources, geo enabled markets

Few users, few sources

## **OGC Vision & Mission**

#### Our Vision:

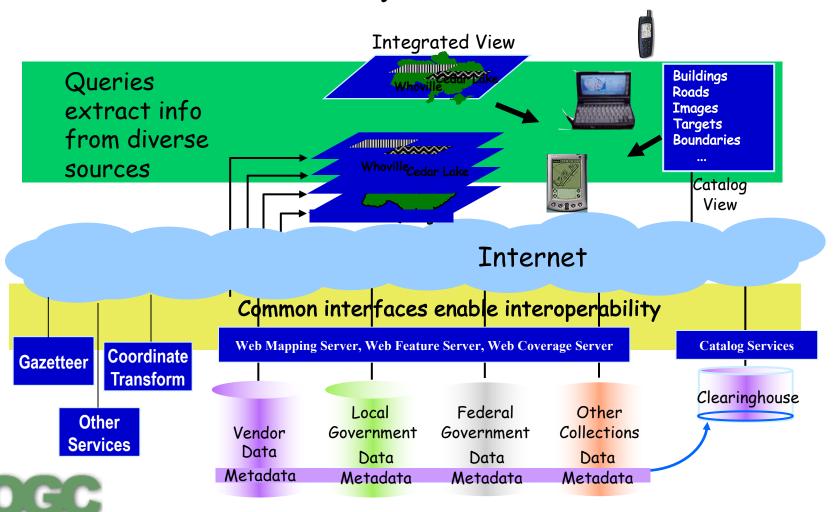
 The complete integration of geospatial data and geoprocessing resources into mainstream computing.

#### Our Mission:

- Develop interface specifications that facilitate the use of "spatial" or "location" information and services across networks, platforms, and brands.
- Enable developers and integrators to agree at the interface, so they can focus more on workable component solutions.
- Encourage fielding of Standards-based Commercial off the Shelf products and services to consumers at reasonable cost.

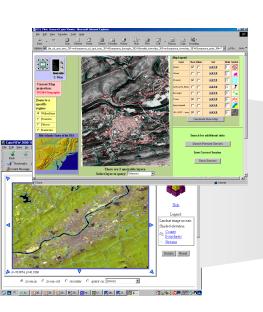


OGC Web Services: Generate spatial views and analysis from multiple distributed servers simultaneously using a plain web browser, regardless of software vendor, data format, spatial reference system...



## What OGC Brings to the Table: Interfaces to Support Interoperable, Component-based Products

Visualization,
Analysis,
Modeling,
Decision Support



Web Pages,
Symbolized
Graphics,
Data,
Geolinks,
Metadata,
Applications

**Services** Sources Information Metadata Management **XML** Discovery E **Operators** Profile Mgmt **Operators** USGS or vation Visualization **Suests Operators** NOAA Information STATE Responses SDI Operators Security **Operators** 

From a simple web browser to robust GIS Applications



Geoservice:

OGC will be addressing decision support and modeling interfaces in 2001

## For More Information:

**OpenGIS Consortium** 

Web Mapping

**FGDC** 

**GSDI** 

**National Atlas** 

**Enviromapper** 

**NC MAPNET** 

www.opengis.org

www.webmapping.org

www.fgdc.gov

www.gsdi.org

www.nationalatlas.gov

http://maps.epa.gov/enviromapper/

www. ncmapnet.com

## OGC Upper Susquehanna-Lackawanna Pilot Project Examples Follow

