

GEOSPATIAL MATURITY ASSESSMENT 2019

Florida Report Card

Overall Grade: B-

COORDINATION	GRADE: B+
STATE-LED THEMES	GRADE
Address	F
Cadastre	A+
Elevation	A+
Orthoimagery Leaf-Off	C-
Transportation	B-
FEDERAL-LED THEMES	GRADE
Geodetic Control	A-
Government Units	Inc
Hydrography	A
Orthoimagery Leaf-On	C

METRICS:

A - Superior

C - Average

F - Failure

B - Above average

D - Below average

N/A - Not Applicable

The National States Geographic Information Council Geospatial Maturity Assessment provides NSGIC members and other partners with a summary of geospatial initiatives, capabilities, and issues within and across state governments. The NSGIC GMA now produces report cards for each state on central data themes and coordination topics. The assessment is performed every two years.



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NSGIC should be complimented for the clear, transparent way this geospatial maturity assessment was carried out and the way the results are being shared and used as a guide for programmatic improvements. The State of Florida accepts their B+ result as a fair representation of our current status based on the selected indicators. We look forward to the challenge of using the assessment results to improve the quality of service to our stakeholders.

When the 2017 Florida Legislature mandated the creation of a geographic information office, it signaled an understanding of the vital role spatial data should play in Statewide decision making. Having this coordinating body will positively impact all sectors of our maturity assessment going forward. The 2018 Florida Legislature permanently organized the new State Geographic Information Office with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and gave the office rule making ability, with oversight of State Agencies and the State's five Water Management Districts (WMD). This GIO benefits from the legacy of a strong, active, and forward thinking GIS workgroup which coordinated geospatial policy since the 1990s.

There are two specific areas of the assessment for Florida that we would like to highlight. The first is the Address category (grade F). The Florida Dept. of Management Services (DMS) is the lead agency for Florida's 9-1-1 system. After a lengthy wait, DMS received a Federal grant in October 2019 that supports a variety of matching funds in support of NC 9-1-1. The GIO and GIS leads from the Dept. of Transportation of the Dept. of Emergency Management recently attended a kick off meeting and are working together to support this DMS initiative for Florida. The project end date is March 31, 2022.

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The GIO office will share the individual benchmarks the maturity assessment has identified for a successful Address program with the project participants. The second area of focus is Hydrology (grade A). Water quality and supply are hugely important to Florida's leadership. The DEP hosts the National Hydrography Dataset editors for the State and is always looking for ways to partner with the WMDs and other State agencies to improve our spatial data for surface, ground, and coastal waters. With the 2020 delivery of 3DEP QL1 peninsular LiDAR, we anticipate significant improvement in our detailed hydrography coverages based on analysis from the derived LiDAR products.

This NSGIC Maturity Assessment and results will be presented to the State stakeholders at our scheduled January 2020 meeting. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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