

Future Directions
Making Framework Real
Standards for Additional Themes of National Importance
Nov Report

1. Where team needs assistance

- Assistance in identifying data themes of national importance that require standards to set FGDC standards program of work in upcoming years.

2. Meetings

- Julie Maitra met with Milo Robinson, FGDC Future Directions project manager, and Tricia Gibbons on November 16 to discuss action plans for data standards.
- Ms. Maitra gave a presentation on Update on Standards Activities of the Federal Geographic Data Committee to the New York State GIS Standards and Data Coordination WG on November 16, in which she requested that WG members identify data themes of national importance that require standards. The WG stated that standards for soils and land cover were needed.
- Ms. Maitra gave a presentation on Status of Geospatial Standards Activities to USDA Geospatial Coordination Committee on November 18, in which she discussed existing FGDC standards projects and data themes of national importance for which USDA has a leadership role.

3. Accomplishments

- Milo Robinson contacted Kevin Kirby, Tony Lupien, and Scott Oppman to serve on a planning team for additional standards of national importance.
- Tricia Gibbons, Milo Robinson, and Julie Maitra identified opportunities for facilitated discussions to identify additional themes of national importance that require standards.

4. Next Steps

- Update action plan by December 3.
- New York State GIS Standards and Data Coordination WG will identify additional data themes of national importance that require standards at their January 11, 2005 meeting.
- Schedule a conference call for planning team described under “Accomplishments” in early to mid-December
- Schedule a “Next Generation of Standards” facilitated discussion at the January 2005 FGDC Coordination Group meeting
- Other opportunities for facilitated discussions to identify data themes of national Importance:
 - Geospatial One-Stop/The National Map staff (TBD)
 - ESRI Federal Users Conference, February 1-3, 2005
 - NSGIC Mid-Year, March 13-16, 2005