

NGAC

Cultural & Historical Geospatial Resources Subcommittee Report



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Subcommittee Background

Topic:

The focus area of the subcommittee is to investigate and make recommendations to the FGDC and further to US federal government agencies on policies and procedures to protect geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance.

Problem statement or issue to address:

There seems to be a lack of documented (or at least knowledge of) policies in place to address the protection of geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance. At a minimum, there is certainly no clear consistency concerning the management or protection of these types of geospatial data assets across federal agencies.

Audience:

Federal agencies and/or agencies holding geospatial data assets that have cultural and historical significance.



Current Tasks

- Draft a letter to selected interview candidates jointly from the NGAC Cultural & Historical Geospatial Resources Subcommittee and the FGDC Cultural Resource Subcommittee identifying the scope of the initiative, the purpose of the forthcoming department / agency interviews, and the expected recommended outcomes of this project.
- Prepare and conduct interviews with selected candidates.
- Begin research for resources to be included in the deliverable documents.



Project Outline

- Completed:
 - Formulate a plan to gather information on any existing policies & procedures
 - Create a purpose statement
- January - March:
 - Formulate letter that will be sent out to interview candidates
 - Formulate interview questions
 - Conduct interviews with department / agency representatives
 - Results analysis in March/April

