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Key Topics

Product and Representation Decisions Crossing Political **Boundaries** Dataset Discussions and Examples Data Acquisition Automation and **Processing Tools**



Product Decisions

Page Size and Layout PDF Document of 81/2" x 11" sheets? Poster-sized, highresolution copies of maps for presentations or public meetings? Series of viewable Web Pages with hyperlinks?



Cartographic Representation Decisions

Page Size /Graphic Size Page Formats Resultant Scale -Reclassification? Symbology Representation across political lines Representation of political lines Create and review drafts!



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Crossing Political Boundaries

Two challenges:
 Work Process
 Consistent Data
 Solutions:

- Share work in a watershed or divide entire watersheds between states
- Obtain broader, regional or national data as much as possible



Population Data

US Census and Labor Statistics provided by County or Block Group

- Total Population by Block Group
- Total Households
- Median Household Income
- Percent below Poverty level
- Median Home Value

Unemployment Data by county from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

 Queries can be downloaded as GIS / Excel ready .dbf file



BLS: <u>http://www.bls.gov/lau/home.htm</u>

Census: <u>http://factfinder.census.gov/</u>

Population statistics for a subbasin can be estimated using weighted averages based on the percent of each county or block group in the watershed

NASS DATA

2002 Agricultural Census Data provided by county

- Farm Count
- Farms by Size
- Total Operators
- Cropland Acres
- Irrigated Lands
- Animal Counts
- Chemical Applications
- Queries can be downloaded as GIS / Excel ready .dbf file



http://www.nass.usda.gov/Census/Create_Census_US_CNTY.jsp

Ag statistics for a subbasin can be estimated using a weighted average based on the percent of each county occurring in the selected watershed

Threatened and Endangered Species

- Data Sources: Local data, DNRs NRCS EFOTG Section II, USFWS
- Meant to identify essential habitat and conservation opportunities
 - Privacy Issues Sensitive Data
- Only reflects occurrence in a watershed – locational data is stripped from output



http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/

Federally Listed Threatened And Endangered Species M							
ENDANGERED SPECIES	CANDIDATE SPECIES						
Fish – Topeka Shiner	Insect – Dakota Skipper						
THREATENED SPECIES	Species of Special Concern						
Plants - Sullivant's Milkweeed, Western Prairie White-fringed Orchid	Plants - Rattlesnake Master						

Essential Habitat - - Prairie river and stream habitat for the Topeka Shiner.

Impaired Waters

Representing 303d Listed Streams and Water Bodies

- Data Availability
- Data Format
- Assessment Methods / Terms
- Multiplicity
- Naming conventions
- Political Boundaries
- Scale

Listed Stream / Reach	Impairment	Affected Use
Watonwan River; Perch Cr to Blue Earth R	Mercury, Fecal Coliform, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Recreation, Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River; Le Sueur R to Minnesota R	Mercury, Fecal Coliform, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Recreation, Aquatic Consumption
Elm Creek; Cedar Cr (Cedar Run) to Blue Earth R	Fecal Coliform, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Recreation
Center Creek; Lily Cr to Blue Earth R	Ammonia, Fish IBI, Fecal Coliform, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Recreation
Blue Earth River; West Br Blue Earth R to Coon Cr	Mercury, Fish IBI, Fecal Coliform, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Recreation, Aquatic Consumption
JD #3; Headwaters to Elm Cr	Low Dissolved Oxygen, Turbidity	Aquatic Life
Cedar Creek; Begin Class 2C to Cedar Lk	Ammonia, Low Dissolved Oxygen	Aquatic Life
Blue Earth River; Willow Cr to Watonwan R	Mercury	Aquatic Life
Blue Earth River; East Br Blue Earth R to South Cr	Mercury, Fish IBI, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River; Rapidan Dam to Le Sueur R	Mercury, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River; Wantonwan R to Rapidan Dam	Mercury	Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River; Center Cr to Elm Cr	Mercury	Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River; Elm Cr to Willow Cr	Mercury, Fish IBI, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River; South Cr to Center Cr	Mercury, Fish IBI	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River; Badger Cr to East Br Blue Earth R	Mercury	Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River; Coon Cr to Badger Cr	Mercury	Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth R, Mid Branch; IA Border to West Br Blue Earth R	Mercury	Aquatic Consumption
Blue Earth River, East Branch ; Brush Cr to Blue Earth R	Fish IBI	Aquatic Life
Brush Creek; Headwaters to E Br Blue Earth R	Fish IBI	Aquatic Life
Blue Earth River, East Branch ; Headwaters to Brush Cr	Fish IBI	Aquatic Life
Cedar Creek; Begin Class 2C to Cedar Lk	Ammonia, Low Dissolved Oxygen	Aquatic Life
Minnesota River; Blue Earth R to Shanaska Cr	Mercury, Phoshorous, Fecal Coliform, Turbidity	Aquatic Life, Aquatic Recreation, Aquatic Consumption
Minnesota River; Minneopa Cr to Blue Earth R	Mercury, Phoshorous	Aquatic Consumption



Natural Resources Inventory Data Available by 8-Digit Hydrologic Unit Code

- Wind Erosion Estimates (WEQ) Rate of Loss in Tons x 1000 % Change over time
- Sheet and Rill Erosion Estimates (USLE) Rate of Loss in Tons x 1000 % Change over time
- Crop / Pasture Land Capability Class
- Estimated Irrigated Lands



1 – slight limitations	25,800	21%		
2 – moderate limitations	80,500	65%		
3 – severe limitations	18,500	15%		
4 – very severe limitations	0	0%		
5 – no erosion hazard, but other limitations	0	0%		
 6 - severe limitations; unsuitable for cultivation; limited to pasture, range, forest 	0	0%		
7 – very severe limitations; unsuitable for cultivation; limited to grazing, forest, wildlife habitat	0	0%		
 miscellaneous areas; limited to recreation, wildlife habitat, water supply 	0	0%		
Total Croplands & Pasturelands (MN)	124,800			

http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Technical/NRI/1997/obtain_data.html

Location/Transportation



General overview map, set in the cultural contexts of boundaries and transportation.

Soil Derivatives



Land Capability Classification Map

 Suitable soils for agriculture as a general overview. The simple thematic map can reveal clusters or voids at a visual level.

NLCD, Standard Classification



 NLCD data with standard legend and classification. Visually, distinctions can be seen, but the data could easily be reclassified for more generalization.

NLCD With Ownership Extraction

	Public		Private**		Tribal			
Landcover/Use	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Total Acres	Percent
Forest	650.5	0.05	3,520.93	0.26	0.0	0.00	41772	3.1
Grain Crops	3.8	0.00	1,693.74	0.12	0.0	0.00	1698	0.13
Grass, etc	1,162.9	0.09	167,503.1	12.6	0.0	0.00	168,666	12.7
Orchards	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	0.00
Row Crops	1,822.4	0.14	1,044,062.19	78.6	0.0	0.00	1,045,884	78.8
Shrub etc	11.1	0.00	1727.14	0.13	0.0	0.00	1,738	0.13
Wetlands	2,190.9	0.17	36,110.73	2.72	0.0	0.00	38,302	2.9
Residential/Commercial			11,580	0.87			11,580	0.87
Open Water*						-	17,968	1.4
* ownership undetermined			** Includes Priv	vate-major				
Totals:	5,841.7	0.44	1,303,750	98.2	0.0	0.00	1,327,559	100

Estimates Private, Public, and Tribal lands for each land use / land cover type

•NLCD Raster data clipped and exported to shapefile format

•Land cover type extracted by Gridcode, reclassified & summarized in acres and percent

•Land cover type extracted to owner class polygons, reclassified & summarized in acres and percent



NLCD and **Riparian** Areas

The same process can be used to identify potential Conservation opportunities in Riparian areas

• 100K Stream Data is Buffered to desired distance on all sides

Rip

(Based on a 1 both sides of 100K Hvd

• Land cover type extracted to buffer by Gridcode, reclassified & summarized



	Dev/Barren	344.3	0.6
	Fallow	0	0
	Forest	5,285.1	8.5
arian	Grain Crops	63.2	0.1
r/Land Use ^{/2}	Grass/Pasture	15,179.1	24.3
00-foot buffer on	Orchards/Vine	0	0
ro GIS Layer)	Row Crops	31,152.6	49.9
	Shrub/Range	207.7	0.3
	Water	4,303.9	6.9
	Total Buffer Acres	62,421.3	

Elevation (NED)



 30m cell size is typically adequate for an image product at scales for 8-digit sub-basins. Finer resolution needed for local projects is processing tme overkill on a product like this.

Precipitation



A simple thematic map of average precipitation from clipped PRISM data.

Ecological Regions



ECOLOGICAL LANDSCAPES ¹² GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS

LAKE SUPERIOR CLAY PLAIN

The Lake Superior Clay Plain is a flat to undulating lake plain and outwash lowland. The soils are generally calcareous red clays with organic deposits in swampy areas. A dearth of lakes, along with a somewhat milder climate and longer growing season due to the climate amelioration by Lake Superior. differentiates this region from surrounding ecoregions. Land use is predominantly woodland with some limited agriculture of hay, small grains, and apples on Bayfield Peninsula, distinguishing it from most other level IV ecoregions in Northern Lakes and Forests where the land use/land cover is predominantly forest and woodland. This Ecoregion has a potential natural vegetation of boreal forest (although somewhat different than boreal forests to the north), unlike the pine barrens and pine forests of the St Croix Pine Barrens the mosaic of pine and birch in Minnesota/Wisconsin Upland Till Plain and the northern mesic forest of Cheguamegon Moraine and Outwash Plain.

ONTONAGON LOBE MORAINES AND GOGEBIC IRON RANGE

The rolling to hilly, bedrock-controlled and collapsed moraines consisting of loamy till, much of it shallow over

EPA Level III and IV Ecological Regions were incorporated instead of other, local datasets.

Data Acquisition

Selecting Watershed Boundaries Updated WBD, or traditional 1:250K data NRCS Geospatial Data Gateway Helpful in acquiring a number of regional or national data layers PRS Reports NED, NLCD, NASS, Census, EPA TMDLs and Ecological Regions, and Local Agencies round out the data sources

Watershed Boundary Dataset

Complete Information Available at:

- <u>http://www.ncgc.nrcs.usda.gov/products/datasets/watershed/</u>
- Information on WBD:
 - Goal-Develop new national seamless WBD to the 12digit level based on topographic and hydrologic features
 - Scale: 1:24,000 for 10 and 12 digit product and base data meets or exceeds 7.5 quadrangle sheets
 - Crosses stream at confluence
 - No delineations running down the centerline
 - Cooperative development by many Federal agencies and local partner agencies under the leadership of the Subcommittee on Spatial Water Data
- The WBD will supersede the original 1:250,000 scale hydrologic units at two, four, six, and eight digits. (Use this if it is available to your state.)

WBD Certified Status Map



About 24 states completed, 4 pending certification.
Each of the 48 continental states at least in progress.

NRCS Geospatial Data Gateway

- <u>http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov</u>
- Use Login (E-auth) for additional data
- Quick Search by State and/or County
- Delivered in states, counties, or regions.
- Matching datasets easily appended
- Dynamap data allowed for map publication uses, not data distribution
- Transportation, hydro lines and areas, political boundaries, blockgroups, WBD, populated places, MLRA, CRA, and precipitation data are all available here.
- View data for consistency and consider replacing any inadequate data with an alternate or local source



PRS Reports

- Reports Section
- Be observant of year when selecting reports
- Many reports can be run by HUC, but older HUC reports are clipped to state lines. This requires running same HUC in all states touched and summarizing data
- To our knowledge, PRS uses the 1:250K HUCs, so data adjustment calculations may be necessary in some cases

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2002 - 2003 Reports	1.2 Conservation Systems Acres 1.3 CNMPs Written
1999 - 2001 Reports	
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Other Data Websites

- NED 30m, <u>http://ned.usgs.gov/</u>
 - Also from NRCS Data Gateway
- NLCD 30m, Links to the 1992 and 2001 NLCD: <u>http://landcover.usqs.gov/landcoverdata.php#regional</u>
 - Class definitions: <u>http://landcover.usgs.gov/classes.php</u>
 - Also from NRCS Data Gateway
- NASS Build custom query online and download results
 - <u>http://www.nass.usda.gov/</u>

Other Data Websites (cont'd.)

Census

- Home <u>http://www.census.gov/</u>
- Cites -<u>http://www.census.gov/popest/cities/SUB-</u> <u>EST2005-4.html</u>
- EPA TMDL -<u>http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/</u>
- EPA Ecological Regions -<u>http://www.epa.gov/wed/pages/ecoregion</u> <u>s/level_iv.htm</u>
- Local Agencies i.e. DNR, DOT

Processing Tools

ArcGIS (ArcCatalog and ArcMap) MS Word – Convert portions of document body or lists from Word. MS Access – Soils databases or other locally constructed databases MS Excel – Numerous tables Adobe InDesign – Brings everything together for publication finishing

GIS Automation Tools

Develop Models in ArcGIS

Review available data



- Design the process of models by identifying starting data and desired resulting data.
- Build the flow steps to go from starting data to finished or near-finished data.
- Convert the "algorithm" of model logic into an actual model using Model Builder in ArcGIS
 Additional automation tools Python, Access, Excel

GIS Automation Tools: Tips

Automate Time Consuming Raster Processing Tasks

Create ready to use tables for <u>easy</u> importing into resource profiles



Example Model (Early Form)



 Model to intersect watershed and local county area data to calculate acres and various percentages of shared area

Dialogue Screen For Same Model

- This model needs two input layers – county polygons that touch the watershed and the watershed boundary polygon
- Input watershed requires an up to date acres calculation
- Model needs an output layer specified.
- Related table exported from output layer

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Example Model

NLCD Ownership Calc Freq	
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Calculates acres by ownership type and land cover type

Gives total acres and percentages occurring within each ownership class polygon



Model to extract and calculate land cover / land use by ownership type

Models and ArcGIS Versions

Models may require slight tweaks between ArcGIS versions 8.3, 9.1, and 9.2.

When experiencing difficulty with a model:

- Validate the Model Review any errors
- Double-check tools in the model builder by opening the tool and making sure it's loading the correct Toolbox function with correct parameters.
- Also in the components or functions in the model – check file names being used. Duplicate names generally result in a fault or error, as will too many characters in pathname.

Automation Tools – MS Excel

Build an Excel workbook housing any Tabular data for the project

Use Macros, Lookup Functions and formulas to perform analysis

Use macros to open selected dbf files from GIS steps and import results directly into tables for resource profile

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Careful thought and design will save countless hours of data retrieval!

Product Design and Publishing



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InDesign integrates smoothly with other members of the Adobe® software family, and works well with dbf and xls tables.

Create Multi-resolution .pdf files for Print and Web

Generate Web Pages Directly from RWA Documents

Tables and Map Images can be updated automatically

This translates to ease in creating, updating, and maintaining Resource Profiles as new data becomes available, and in providing multiple formats should the need arise.

Questions?

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