



GAA – SC Local Government GIS Data Policy Survey

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Survey advertised and collected from October 2008 – January 2009

46 Counties Contacted --- 18 Responses Received

19 Municipalities Contacted --- 2 Municipal Responses Received

31 Data Policy Questions

Data Policy

- The majority have some form of formal written data policy but are interested in revising in the future

Data Restrictions

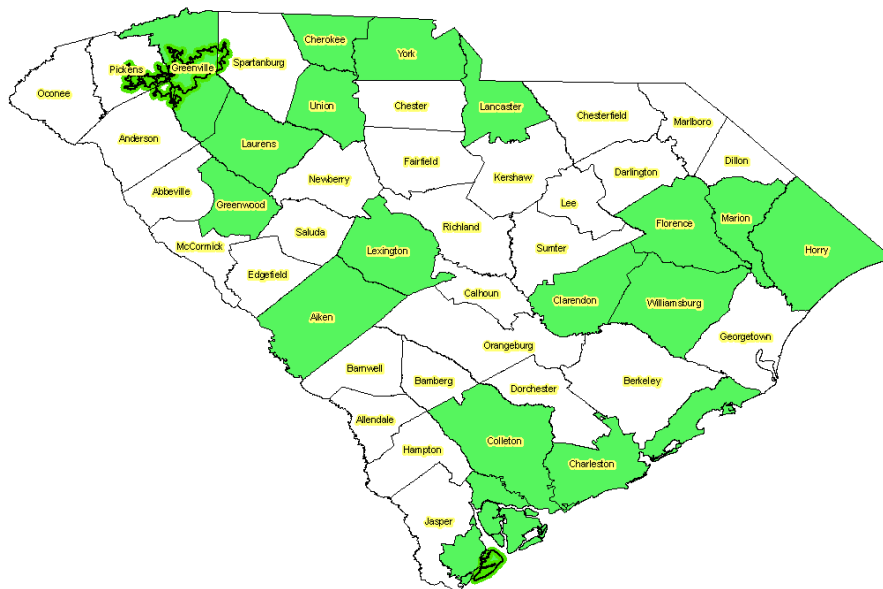
- Nearly all restrict data use (1 time constraint)
- Majority require signed license agreements
- All but one organization will allow Govn. to Govn sharing of GIS Data with a signed license agreement
- Most allow users to utilize data as part of a larger map with additional supporting materials

Data Assistance

- State and Federal assistance has been provided to most with an agreement to share data with funding source
- Eleven reported state funding assistance
- Seven reported federal funding assistance

Data Distribution

- Strong majority allow or consider partnerships with private sector to generate money
- Eight responded that GIS data on the Internet satisfies FOIA as interpreted by their jurisdiction



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Data Sales

Data Sales

- More than half sell data
- A blank response from some
 - Not Data Steward?
 - Data no available to sell?

Parcels

- Average Price \$750
- Highest Price \$2,152
- Lowest Price \$300
 - Tax data included

Street Centerlines

- Average Price \$500
- Highest Price \$1,000
- Lowest Price \$75
 - Most frequently sold layer

Orthophotography

- Average Price \$1,500
- Highest Price \$40,000 (entire county)
- Lowest Price \$100 (per sq mi tile)

How often is Data Sold?

- 7 reported 1-10 Sales
- 8 Reported 11-50 Sales
 - Majority are 50 or less
- 1 Reported 51-100 Sales

Sales Revenue

- 6 Reported sales under \$5k
- 3 Reported sales between \$5-10k
- 5 Reported sales between \$10-25k
- 2 Reported sales between \$25-50k
 - Very few had revenue over 25k
- Nearly all GIS data sales revenue distributed to general fund

General Practices

- 50/50 split between organization that will only sell data and those provide at no charge in certain circumstances
- Two reported savings to customers for bundling purchases of GIS data layers
- A few are willing to provide sensitive data in the interest of public safety

Survey Notes

- Those surveyed did not always represent the “GIS Data Manager” for the organization, a few responded as e911 or Assessor’s Office staff. Therefore, their organization sometimes did not have the specific layer or did not have the permission to sell this layer
- Executive Summary highlights “facts” about policy and sales in SC that were believed to be of value

To Join the Survey: <http://sc.gisinventory.net> – Next summary July 2009
Contact email: datapolicy@gaa-sc.org

To View the Executive Summary online - <http://www.gaa-sc.org/>

North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council’s Recommendations for Geospatial Data Sharing <http://www.ncgicc.org/> (under Announcements section for “Ten ways to help us work together”)

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