

# **Federal Geographic Data Committee Users/Historical Data Working Group Information Sheet**

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## **Overview:**

The Users/Historical Data Working Group is established under the auspices of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) to promote and coordinate activities among Federal agencies who are primarily users of, not generators of, geospatial data.

The group will promote an awareness among Federal agencies of the historical dimension to geospatial data; to facilitate the long-term retention, storage, preservation and accessibility of historic geospatial data; and to establish a mechanism for the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of historically valuable geospatial data which have been financed in whole or part by Federal funds.

## **Working Group Chairperson:**

Colleen Cahill, Digital Conversion Coordinator, Geography and Maps Division, Library of Congress

## **Listserv:**

UHDWG@LISTSERV.LOC.GOV

<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=uhdwg>

Subscribe through the web interface or by sending a message to Colleen Cahill (cstu@loc.gov) or Butch Lazorchak (wlaz@loc.gov)

## **Committee Public Page on the FGDC Site:**

[http://www.fgdc.gov/participation/working-groups-subcommittees/hdwg/index\\_html](http://www.fgdc.gov/participation/working-groups-subcommittees/hdwg/index_html)

## **My.USGS.gov Site: FGDC\_HistoricalData\_WG**

<https://my.usgs.gov/home/community/show/695>

Contact Vaishal Sheth (vsheth@usgs.gov) at the FGDC to get access to my.usgs.gov

## **Action Items:**

- Continue work with FGDC Coordination Committee on contact list of dataset managers
- Prepare expanded questionnaire for regular survey of dataset managers on archival practices
- Finalize 2012 Workplan Items
- Prepare for Report-out to FGDC Coordination Group on March 13, 2012

## **Workplan Items:**

- Continue outreach and recruitment of potential working group members
- Continue work to identify long-term stewardship points of contact in all pertinent Federal agencies
- Continue support in providing coordinated input to the Library of Congress Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center ([geopreservation.org](http://geopreservation.org))

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- Monitor activity and work with Geospatial Platform managers to integrate archival long-term stewardship considerations in Platform plans and services and participate in testing when available. Explore ways to support Geospatial Platform user services.
- Prepare an annotated survey of the literature of guidance documents on geospatial formats for long-term preservation and access. Provide this document to FGDC Coordination Committee. Prepare presentation for the FGDC Coordination Group on the Library of Congress Sustainability of Digital Formats site (<http://www.digitalpreservation.gov/formats/content/gis.shtml>)
- Prepare an annotated survey of the literature of Geospatial Appraisal Documents; provide to FGDC Coordination Committee and Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center (<http://www.geopreservation.org>)
- Report on and liaison with the ICSU CODATA Task Group on Data at Risk
- Coordinate efforts and participate in the Federal Agencies Digitization Guidelines Initiative (<http://www.digitizationguidelines.gov/>) to solidify standards for the digitization of historic aerial imagery film, microfilm and other analog formats of interest to group members.
- Encourage agencies to schedule the disposition of geospatial data in coordination with the National Archives and Records Administration and the Library of Congress
- Coordinate activities with OMB data center monitoring under the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative (<http://bit.ly/9ncqB3>)
- Explore the documentation of current archival standards of interest to the geospatial community that affect WG members; provide to FGDC Coordination Committee and Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center (<http://www.geopreservation.org>)