



Please Join in a Comprehensive, Strategic Planning Process for GIS and Geospatial Data in Delaware

Delaware has some of the best GIS people in the nation. They work at the state, county and city levels; in the private sector; and in the schools and universities. We're a small but close-knit community of professionals who work well together, share data, and help each other serve our customers, clients and constituents.

But we know we can do even better. That's why we've embarked on a journey of self-discovery and improvement: *we're writing a GIS Strategic Plan for Delaware and **we need your help.***

There will be a workshop on Tuesday, October 20, to get your thoughts on where we go from here. Please join us:

Delaware GIS Strategic Planning Workshop Tuesday, October 20, 2009 9:00 am – 12:30 pm

Registration commences at 8:30 am

Kent County Administration Building
[555 Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901](http://www.kentcountygov.com)

Hit this link to

[Register for the Workshop](#)

Please note that the registration includes a very brief, **5 question survey** that will help us in framing the discussion during the workshop. Even if you **cannot** attend the workshop, please consider hitting the link above and taking part in the brief survey.

The workshop will be facilitated by our consultant from [Applied Geographics](#) and will include a very brief introduction to the strategic planning process. The **most important part** of the workshop, though, **will be hearing from you** (and you and you and you) about what we need as a community in order to be more successful.

Here are just a few of the questions we'd like your thoughts on:

- How can we build a state-level "Spatial Data Infrastructure" for Delaware?
- Is our present Delaware Spatial Data Framework adequate?
- What data are most important to you?
- Who should take stewardship responsibility for major data sets?
- What technical resources do you need that are not now available?
- Is there room for organizational improvements?
- Who is not now a part of our GIS Community that maybe should be?
- What should we do first?

There are more questions, and more answers. But they are in your heads; we need you to come to the workshop, take part, and share your knowledge with the strategic planning steering committee.

We have a small amount of funding (thanks FGDC!). We have a consultant who has written strategic plans for other state GIS Communities. But **we can't write this strategic plan without your help.**

And we won't.

So please **join us on October 20, with registration starting at 8:30 am**, at the Kent County Administration Building.

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