The National Geospatial Digital Archive

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NDIIPP and the NGDA: Goals

- Create a new national federated network committed to archiving geospatial imagery and data.
- Investigate the proper and optimal roles of such a federated archive.
- Collect and archive major segments of at-risk digital geospatial data and images.
- Develop best practices for the presentation of archived digital geospatial data.

- Develop partner communication mechanisms for the project and then ongoing.
- Develop a series of policy agreements governing retention, rights management, obligations of partners, interoperability of systems, and exchange of digital objects.

Content Collection: Scanned maps

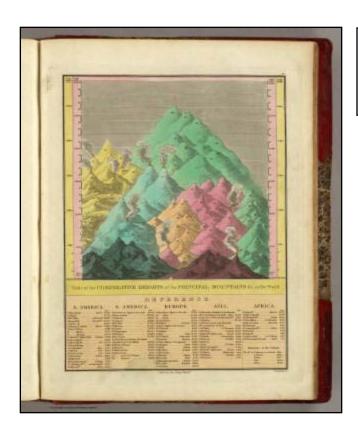
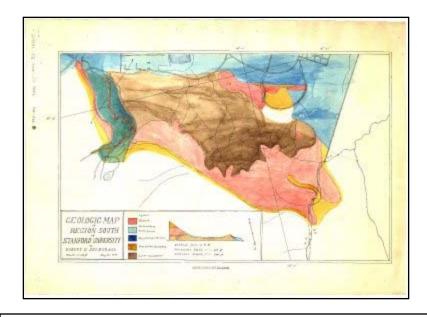


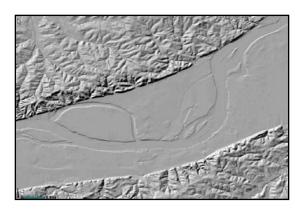
Table of the Comparative Heights of the Principal Mountains &c. in the World ... Published by A. Finley Philada. Young & Delleker Sc., 1831, from the David Rumsey Collection.



Geologic map of region south of Stanford University by Robert E. Snodgrass, 1900, from the Stanford Geological Survey Collection.

Content Collection: Geospatial Data

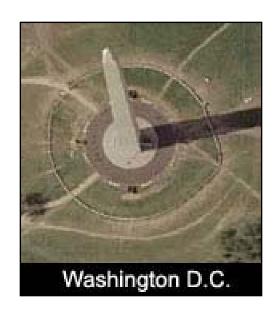
- California Spatial Information Library (CASIL)
- 30 meter worldwide DEM data
- 10 meter United States DEM data
- Layers from the National Atlas
- VMAP0 and VMAP1 data
- High resolution orthoimagery
 - Bay Area
 - Stanford University
- Georeferenced JOGs
- USGS Global GIS layers



DEM from the National Atlas

Collecting with a Purpose

- Collection development policies
 - Only digital geospatial content
 - Directly aligned with research and pedagogical needs
- Three policies written
 - Overarching policy for the NGDA
 - SU and UCSB specific policies
- What to collect, how to collect



Stewardship

- Accessioning the content as it comes in (SU)
 - Check summing and transferring to servers
 - Collecting/assessing metadata
- Stanford Digital Library ingest
 - Over 80 terabytes of data (5 terabytes geospatial)
 - Content agnostic dark archive
 - Separate access layers depending upon content
- UC Santa Barbara ingest
 - Over 15 terabytes of geospatial data
 - Dedicated geospatial repository
 - Access through the Alexandria Digital Library

Shared responsibilities

Non-technical:

- Content collection
- Access to licensed content through contracts
- Commitment to collaborate through the Node to Node agreement

Technical:

- Creation of format definitions, contribution to registry efforts
- Testing of joint access mechanisms
- Build out of two long term repositories

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- NDIIPP website
 - www.digitalpreservation.gov