

## Summary of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

Committee Name:	National Geospatial Advisory Committee
Designated Federal Officer:	Josh Delmonico, Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee
Chair:	Maggie Cawley, OpenStreetMap
Meeting Dates:	October 16 – 17, 2024
Meeting Location:	Department of Interior Headquarters, Washington D.C.
Summary of Meeting: <i>(Summarize the meeting, how many members in attendance, topics discussed, any input from members of the public, etc.)</i>	<p>The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) held a public meeting on October 16-17, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on October 16<sup>th</sup> and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held via webinar, teleconference, and in-person at the Department of Interior (DOI) Headquarters in Washington D.C. In accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the meeting was open to the public. There were 21 NGAC members present, the DFO and alternate DFO, and 32 attendees.</p> <p>Agenda topics included a DOI Leadership discussion with Ms. Annalise Blum, on behalf of FGDC Chair Michael Brain, a review and status of NGAC recommendations and resolutions from 2008 to present, NGAC subcommittee report outs, presentations on the value of government data, Addresses presented by the Department of Transportation, and core Federal geospatial datasets from NGA and U.S. Census. There were also lightning talks from NGA and the Taylor Geospatial Institute. NGAC is also developing a multi-year roadmap which will include short and long-term goals. The following subcommittees gave updates on their work products: the Landsat Advisory Group, 3DEP, GDA, and the NSDI subcommittee.</p>
Recommendations: <i>(List any recommendations that resulted from the meeting.)</i>	<p><b>Review and Adoption of April 2024 National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) Minutes</b>  <b>DECISION:</b> The NGAC adopted the minutes of the April 2-4, 2024 NGAC meeting.</p> <p><b>Endorsement of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Strategic Plan</b>  <b>DECISION:</b> The NGAC endorsed <i>Building the Geospatial Future Together – the NSDI Strategic Plan 2025 – 2035</i>.</p>
Decisions: <i>(Include decisions to create subcommittees, dates for next meeting, topics for agenda, etc.)</i>	<p><b>Geospatial Data Act of 2018 (GDA) Subcommittee</b>  <b>ACTION:</b> The subcommittee is working closely with FGDC to ensure recommendations are actionable and aligned with FGDC's strategic goals. They plan to present a comprehensive report by early 2025, aiming for timely implementation before changes in committee membership.</p> <p><b>National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Subcommittee</b>  <b>ACTION:</b> The subcommittee will continue its work on three main papers, with a potential fourth in the works. The goal across these papers is to improve information products, enhance data accessibility, and create efficiencies. Drafts of these papers are set for review in</p>

	<p>December, with final adoption expected by February. The subcommittee aims to finalize drafts of the papers by December for review, with a goal of adoption by February.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Members will continue providing feedback on the quick wins and potential new initiatives to ensure that the subcommittee’s efforts align with the broader goals of the NSDI and FGDC.</p> <p><b>NGAC Roadmap Session</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Members will develop a one-to-two-page roadmap outlining immediate priorities. These include enhancing communication strategies, defining clear deliverables, and focusing on "quick wins" to demonstrate immediate impact. The roadmap will also include long-term strategies, with a focus on practical, achievable goals. A draft will be prepared and shared for review by December, with the aim of finalizing it by February. Smaller working groups will convene to refine ideas, synthesize feedback, and ensure that all sectors are represented in the final document.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Members will examine the feasibility of creating a compendium of use cases to illustrate the value of geospatial data to help make the case for continued investment and engagement.</p> <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting of the NGAC is scheduled for December 4, 2024. The meeting will be held via webinar. Additional information will be provided prior to the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Comments:</b> <i>(Use this field to add any additional comments or to explain why there were no decisions or recommendations made at the meeting.)</i></p>	
<p><b>Secretarial Priorities:</b> (Use this field to add any information on the Committee’s activities in furtherance of priorities)</p>	<p>The NGAC is a statutorily established federal advisory committee directed to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior, in their role as the mandated Chair of Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), on the management of Federal and national geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of the Geospatial Data Act of 2018.</p>
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