

**STATE OF DELAWARE**



**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
DOVER**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER EIGHTEEN**

**RE: DELAWARE SPATIAL DATA I-TEAM**

WHEREAS, data that can be analyzed based on its geographic location – “spatial data” – is essential to planning and operations in many levels of government and in the private sector;

WHEREAS, dependable and accurate spatial data resources are a key component of the planning and management activities called for in the Livable Delaware agenda (Executive Order No. 14);

WHEREAS, accurate, well-coordinated spatial data provides a valuable part of the knowledge infrastructure needed by all levels of government;

WHEREAS, spatial data sets can be expensive to produce and they must be well coordinated to maximize their usefulness;

WHEREAS, in 1998, the Delaware General Assembly established a Delaware Geographic Data Committee to help coordinate the development and use of spatial data by state agencies, county and local governments, and the private sector;

WHEREAS, the Delaware Geographic Data Committee, working with the State Mapping Advisory Committee, has developed a coordinated, open community of users of spatial data in Delaware;

WHEREAS, this community includes state agencies, county governments, local governments, the academic community and the private sector;

WHEREAS, the Delaware Geographic Data Committee works closely with the Delaware Spatial Data Clearinghouse, within the University of Delaware, to distribute and share spatial data resources;

WHEREAS, the Federal Office of Management and Budget and the Federal Geographic Data Committee have identified a need for a National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) at the national level to provide a “data skeleton” on which to organize a wide range of spatial data sets;

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware recognizes the need for Delaware to take part in the NSDI by establishing and maintaining a Delaware Spatial Data Framework;

WHEREAS, the Delaware Geographic Data Committee has approved a Delaware Spatial Data Framework of nine spatial data sets, consisting of Transportation, Streams and Water Bodies, Elevation, Digital Aerial Photos, Governmental Units, Land Use and Land Cover, Tax Maps/Land Parcels, Geographic Names and Geodetic Control Points;

WHEREAS, the Delaware Geographic Data Committee and the State Mapping Advisory Committee have acquired or produced data sets to fill the nine layers of Delaware’s approved Framework;

WHEREAS, the Federal Office of Management and Budget has developed a new approach to establishing and maintaining the spatial data layers of the NSDI that depends on state-level Implementation Teams (I-Teams) for leadership and coordination;

WHEREAS, effective I-Teams are made up of all the agencies and entities that produce and distribute spatial data; and

WHEREAS, establishing a Delaware I-Team would allow the state of Delaware to take full advantage of the partnerships, grant funding, and teams developed between all states and federal agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE I, RUTH ANN MINNER, by the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, hereby declare and order on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001:

1. A “Delaware I-Team” is hereby established, within the Delaware Geographic Data Committee.

2. The Delaware I-Team shall include representatives of the following:

The State Planning Coordinator or his or her designee, who will serve as the chair of the I-Team,

The Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee,

The Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, or his or her designee,

The Chief Information Officer of the State of Delaware, or his or her designee,

The Chair of the State Mapping Advisory Committee,

The Manager of the Delaware Spatial Data Clearinghouse,

The GIS Coordinator for New Castle County,

The GIS Coordinator for Kent County, and

The Director of Mapping and Addressing for Sussex County.

3. The Delaware I-Team shall complete and submit to the Office of the Governor an annual report and maintenance plan for the Delaware Spatial Data Framework.

4. The report and maintenance plan shall include:

The status of the data sets identified as the Delaware Spatial Data Framework,

An assessment of needed improvements to those data sets, and

A plan for funding the acquisition of new data for maintenance of those data sets.

5. The I-Team shall negotiate, wherever possible, innovative partnerships with federal, state, county and local agencies for acquisition of new data for maintenance of the Framework.

6. The I-Team shall identify and pursue all means to make the data sets of the Framework data available to spatial data users at all levels of government.



*Ruth Ann Minner*  
Governor

ATTEST:

*Harriet Smith Windsor*  
Secretary of State