Abstract

The objective for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) Department of Transportation Planning was to develop a comprehensive transportation database robust enough to satisfy GIS professionals yet simple enough for non-technical people to use. MWCOG, like other regional associations, consists of member organizations with varying degrees of sophistication in both spatial data products and users.

Therefore, the department utilized a "clearinghouse" approach, packaging regional data in an easy-to-use format, currently a customized ArcView application. The product, called the Regional Transportation Data Clearinghouse, is designed to be used by both GIS professionals and laypersons (such as department directors) alike.

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