



# Integrating ESRI Solutions in Mapping Infrastructure for the State of Louisiana

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# Project Overview

- In December 2009, State of Louisiana was awarded \$9.5 million dollars to conduct a Statewide Geospatial Project
- Project Divided into two Phases:
  - PHASE 1 – High Resolution Imagery Collection
  - PHASE 2 – Geospatial Data Collection



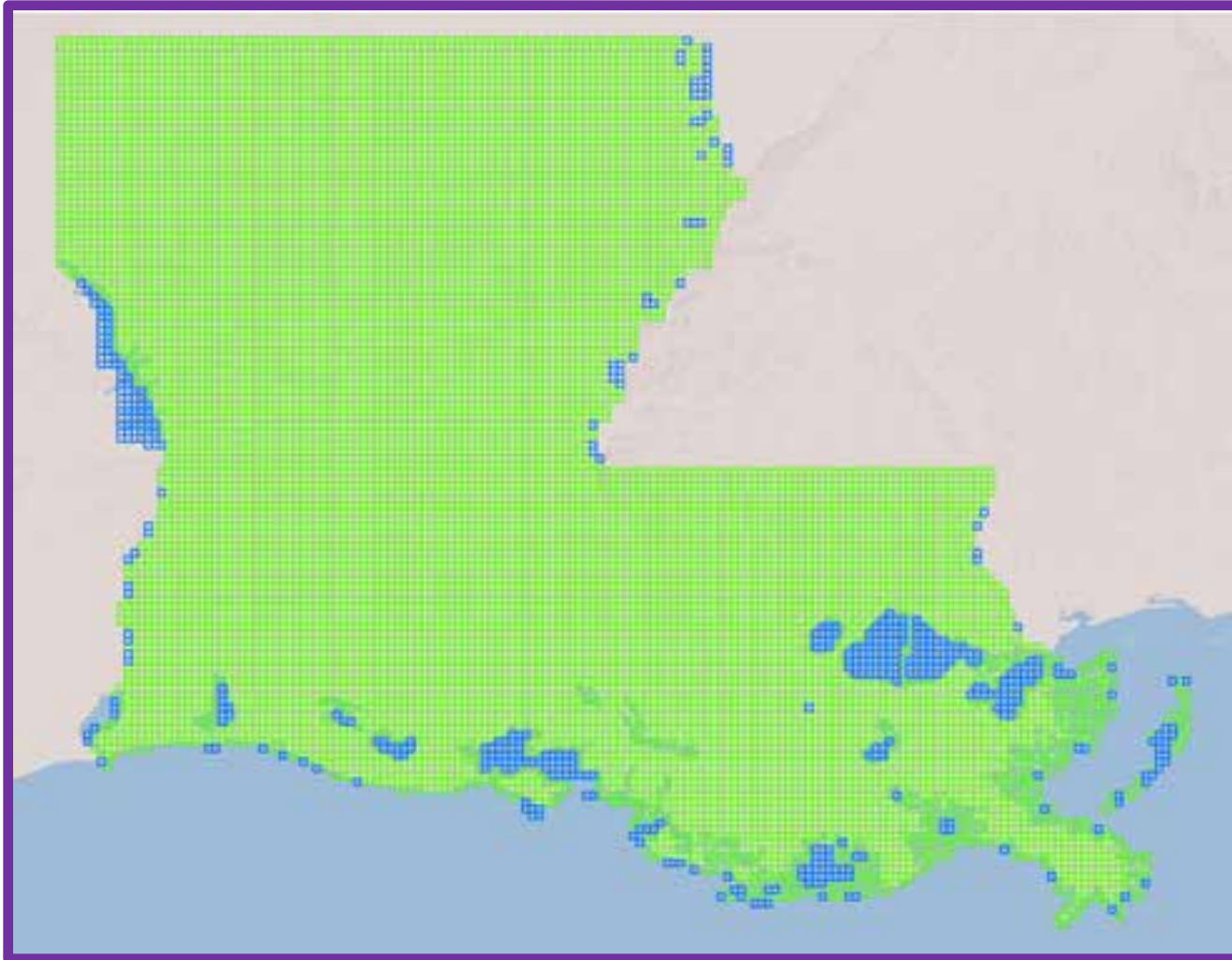
# Phase I - Imagery Overview

- In February / March 2010 the entire state was flown
- 99% of the State was collected at 6" resolution
- In February / March 2014 urban areas and CI/KR facilities were captured at 3" and 4" resolution

# 2010 Flight



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# 2014 Flight



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# Phase II – Data Collection

- Collection effort is focused on 14 of 16 Homeland Security Sectors

Agriculture	Banking and Finance	Chemical and Hazmat	Commercial Facility	Dams and Flood Control
Emergency Services	Energy	Government Facilities	Postal and Shipping	Public Health
Telecom	Water	Schools	Cultural	



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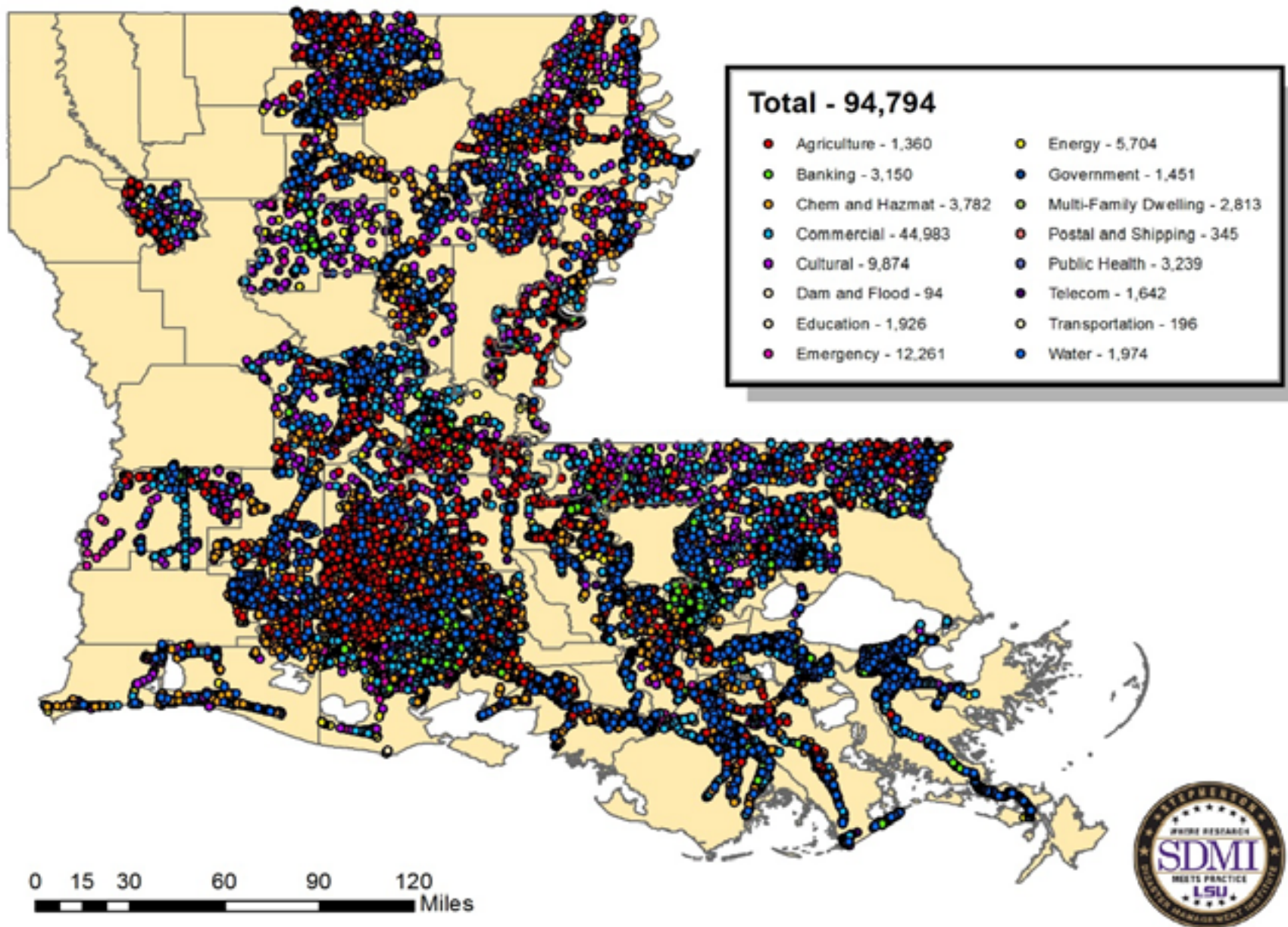


- Features and Attributes are based on the DHS Homeland Security Geospatial Guidelines

<b>Energy</b>	Power Plant
	Electricity Distribution
	Fossil Fuel Supply
	Fuel Distribution
	Fuel Storage
	Fuel Processing

<b>Emergency Services</b>	Law Enforcement
	Prison / Correctional Facility
	EOC
	Emergency Shelter
	EMS
	Fire & SAR

# Hazard Mitigation Collection Progress







## Initial Collection Methodology

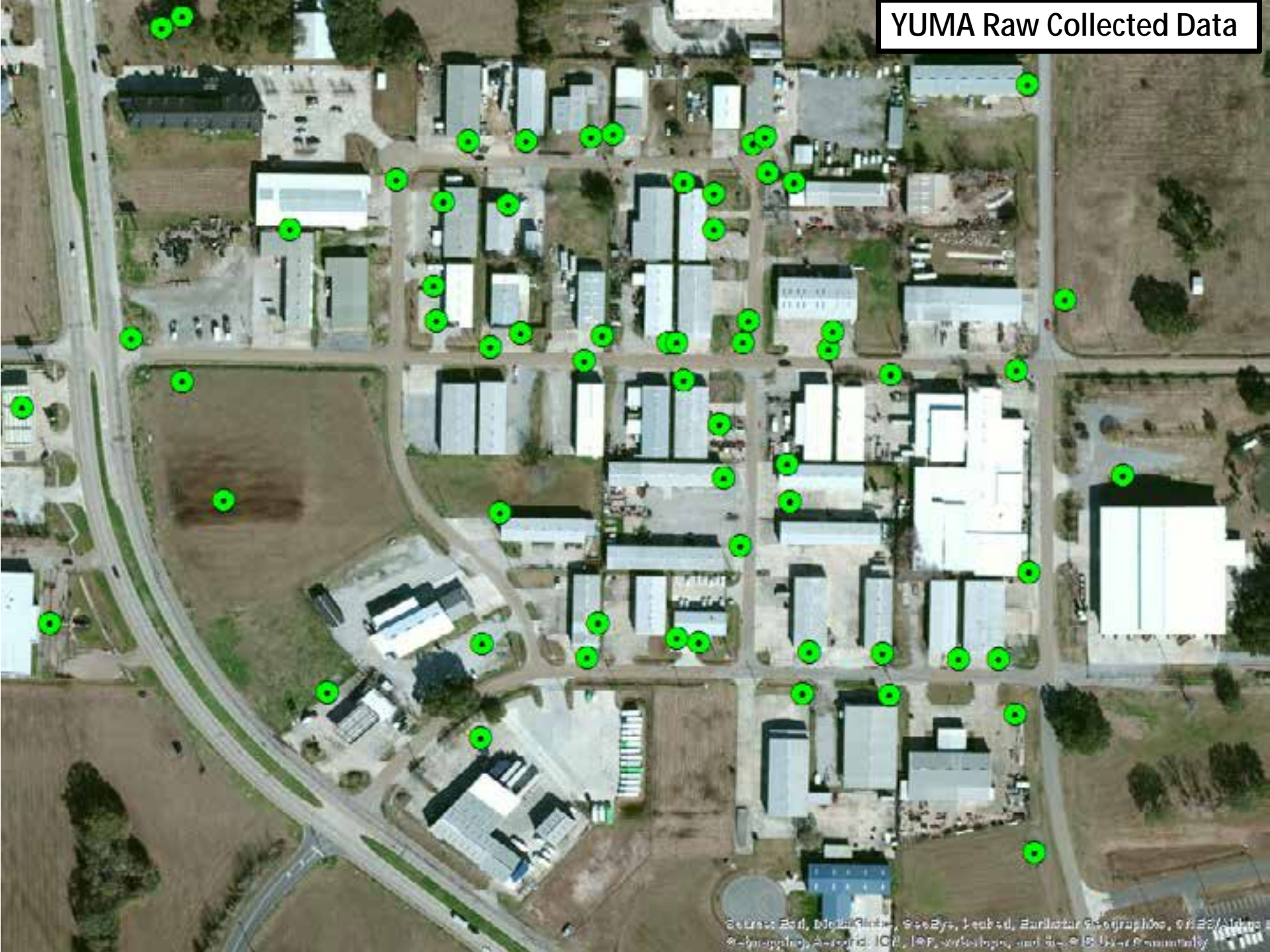
- 3 - 4 Field Teams
- Utilize Trimble Yuma Devices
- Have spatial accuracy of 2 to 4 inches
- Augmented with laser range finders
- Each Point photographed with the Yuma and/or GPS Cameras



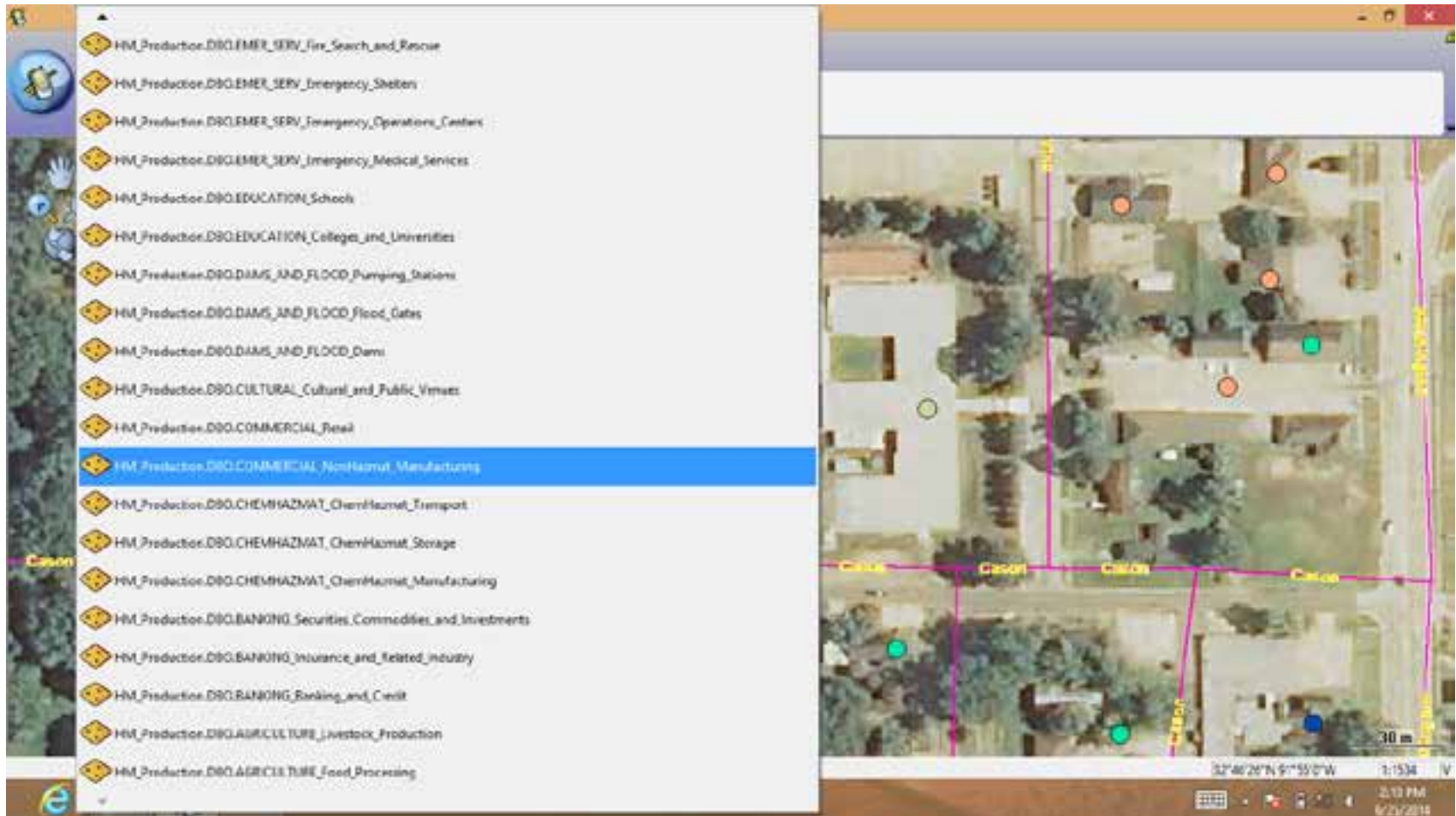
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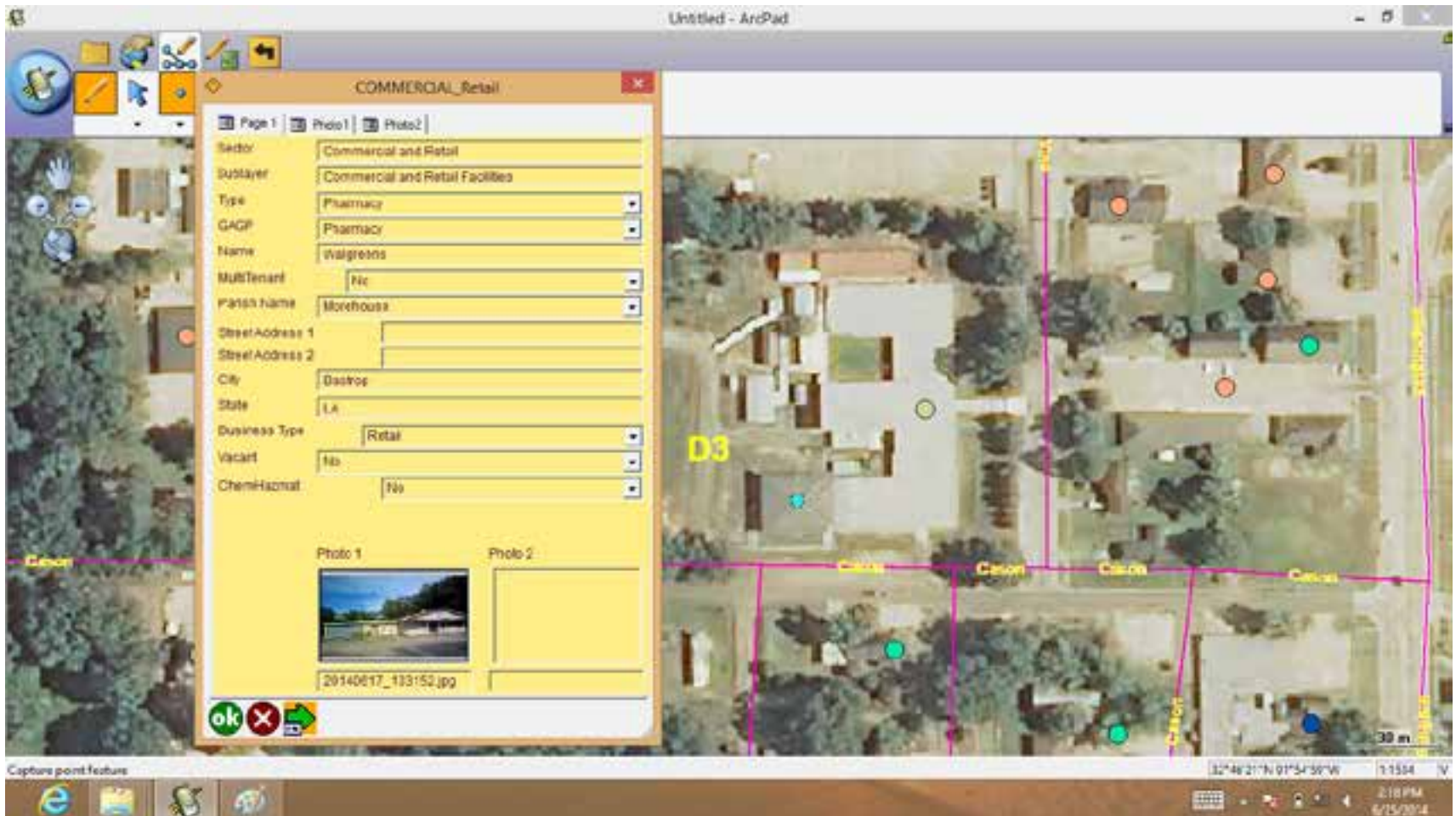
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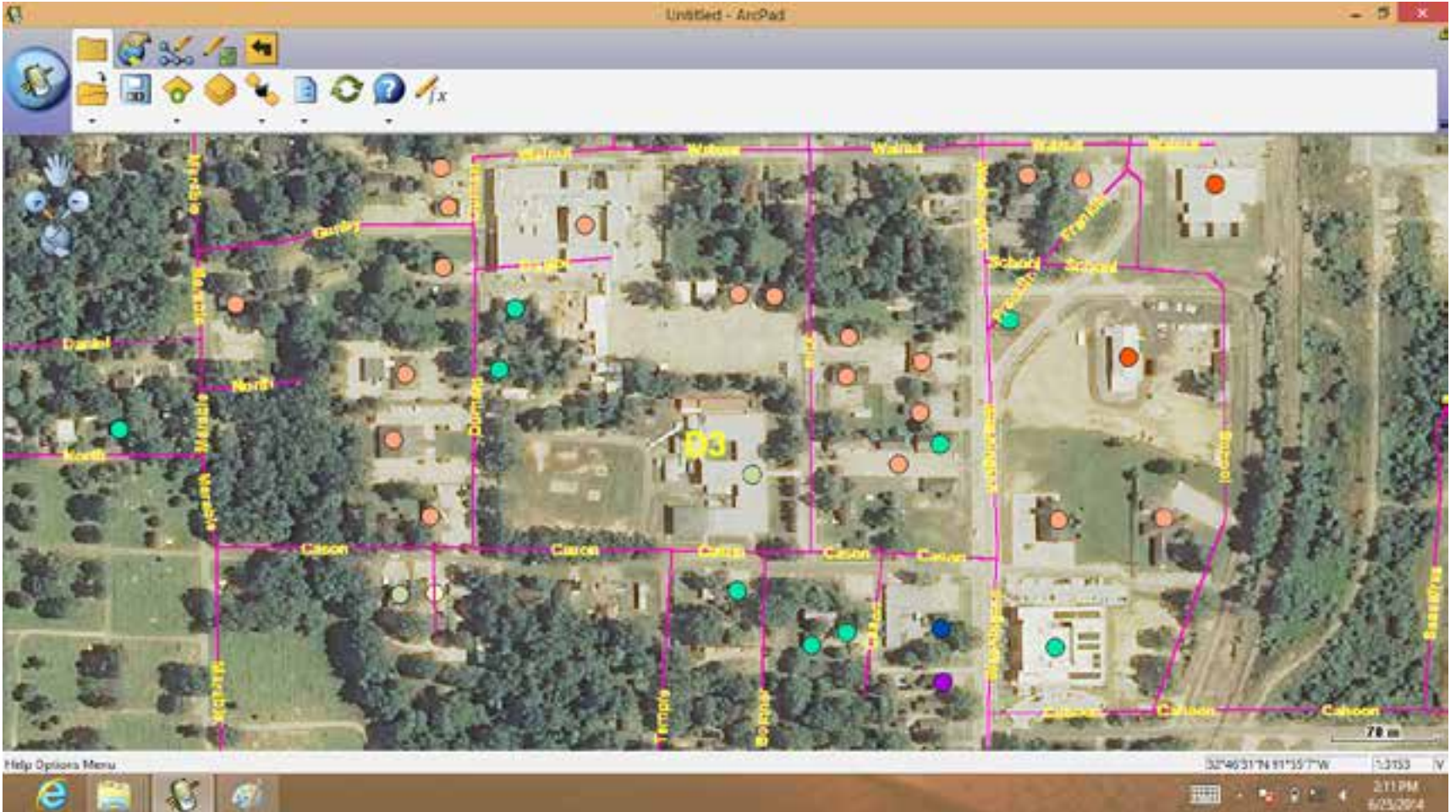
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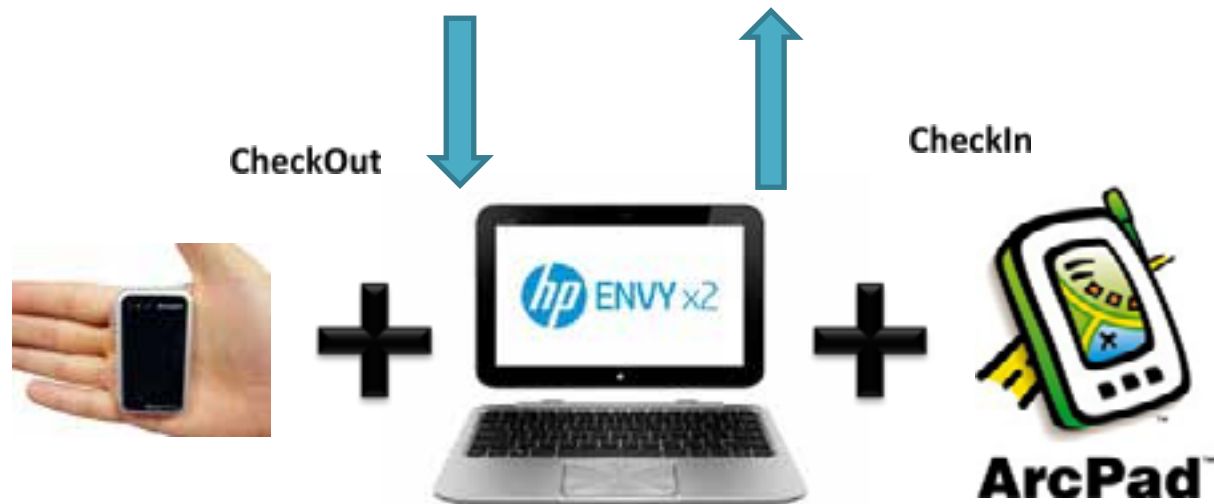


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- Enterprise GeoDatabase (SDE/  
MS SQL)
- 52 Feature Classes (Sectors)
  - Domains for dropdown
- Laptop with ArcPad
  - Puck GPS
- Basemap
  - 6" imagery MrSID
  - 1m NAIP



# ArcPad Data Collection

## Design considerations

No Internet Rural Areas

- Offline capability

Touch Screen Capability for simplicity

- Larger symbology for fat fingers J
- Domains for quick data selection

Data Entry

- Detachable keyboard
- Touch screen keyboard
- Stylus not accurate enough, and ArcPad is not designed for touchscreens
- Custom forms for multiple images, colors for sunny conditions, and single screen



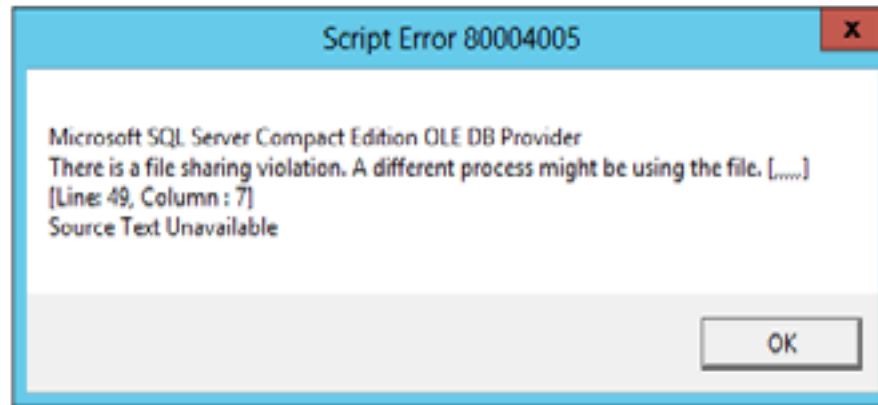


# Issues/Improvements

- ArcPad does not support Attachments
  - Pictures have to be handled separately (ArcPad Check-in copy images to folder does not work)
  - Limits AGO integration, b/c AGO does not natively support attachments not stored in geodatabase (blob)
- ArcPad 10.2.2 does not support Mr. Sid MG4

# Issues / Improvements

- GetData for ArcPad
  - Works, but gives error when opening in ArcPad



- Error can be ignored, but prevents from checking in through cloud from field (AGO or ArcGIS Server)

# Pros/Cons of using Tablets over Trimble Yuma's for field data collection

## Pros

- Greater GPS stability and no need to wait for signal triangulation for each point
- Spatial correction takes place on the spot because of the availability of imagery on tablet, which insures accuracy
- Ability to see which points you have taken which reduces duplicate points
- Data management is much more user friendly (editing of information associated with each point)
- Physical keyboard makes inputting data quick and less prone to errors than using touch screen and stylus
- Much lighter and easier to handle
- Fewer accessories needed to collect points (Tablet and GPS receiver vs Yuma, GPS Receiver, Camera, and laser range finder)
- System stability is less prone to crashes
- Processing power decreases time needed to run software
- Much bigger screen

## Cons

- Does not give a total number of points taken each day
- Battery Life is half that of Yuma
- Much more fragile when exposed to outside elements
- Glare on screen can get bad



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