

Status Report of Current Data Collection for Greenprinting in North Central Texas

Greenprinting in North Central Texas presents challenges in GIS data collection. Challenges can be a complete need for data, a need for data in selected areas, or a need to ensure data is current. Existing data for the region is primarily available from three sources

- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
- local and county governments, and special districts
- local, state, and national agencies

Following is a summary of our data gaps as being inadequate, partial in coverage, or unknown

| Inadequate | Partial Coverage | Unknown |
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| Vegetation | Demographic Projections | Community Gardens |
| Mines/Gravel Pits | Land Use | Butterfly Trails |
| Escarpments | Floodplains | Equestrian Trails |
| Brownfields | Parcels | Off-road Access |
| Wetlands | Trails | Preserve Rural Character |
| Tree Canopy | | |
| Birding Zones | | |
| Boating Access Locations | | |
| Historic Trees | | |

NCTCOG collects, creates, and where necessary, purchases GIS data. It relies on cities and counties, for example, to send current roads, parks, trails, and city boundaries on a regular basis. For this reason, some data might only represent areas where cities have the means to send a regular update. In choosing a study area, every effort will have to be made to assure the features in the study area are current and complete. In situations where cities lack GIS staff, data purchase or creation might be necessary. We hope that our GIS Coordinating Council can assist us in meeting some of these regional GIS data needs.

Other data will not be available from local sources and will be requested from special districts, state, and national agencies. This is especially true with environmental features. Some features might be sensitive in nature or just not available from anywhere. In these instances, an attempt can be made to create data if the right experts and tools are available to help.

The Technical Advisory Committee was formed to make the process of Greenprinting in North Central Texas effective. Today, we hope a room filled with experts can help us address some of these data gaps.