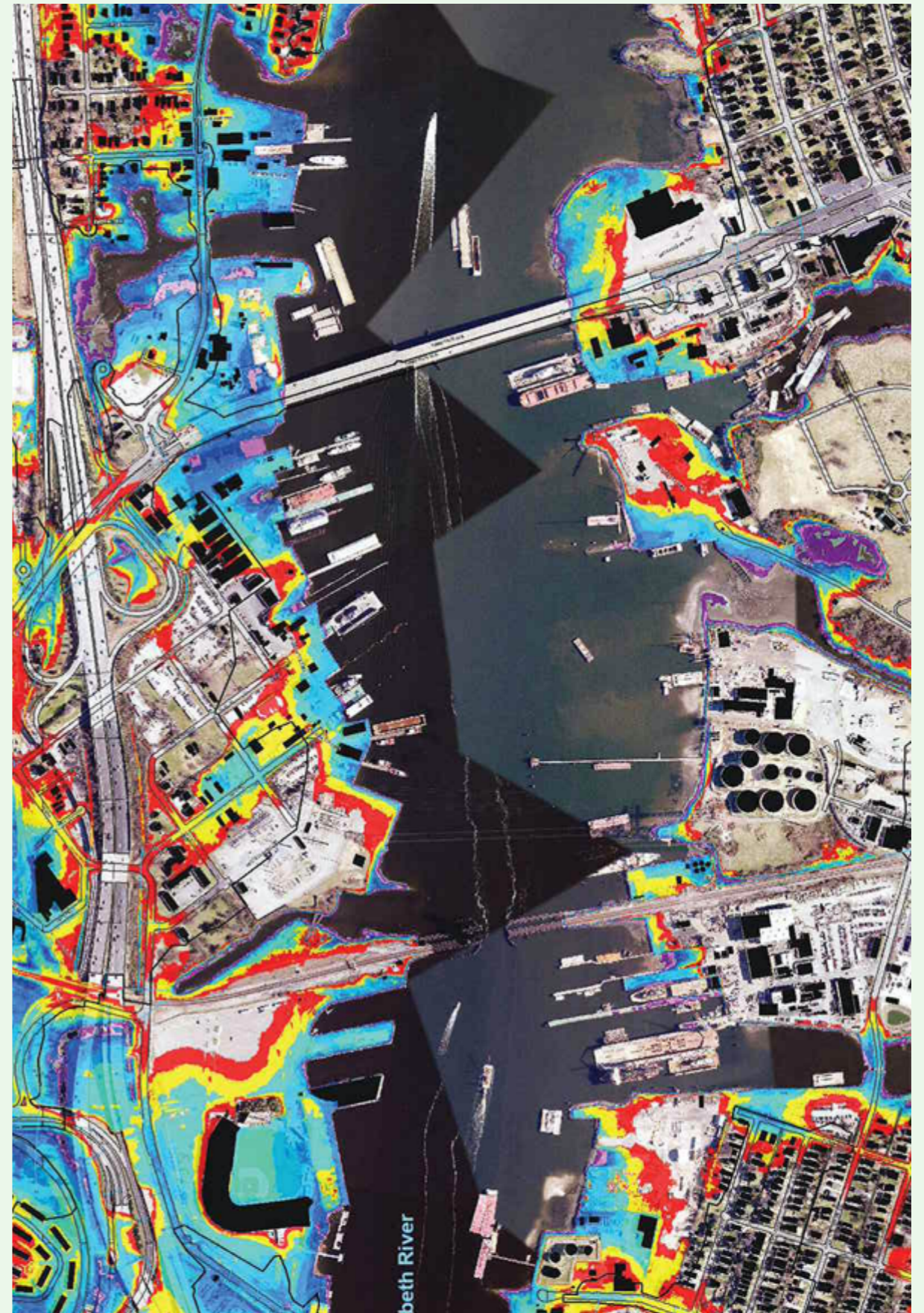


GEOG 358: Introduction to Geographic Information Systems

GIS Overview



GIS Overview

Topics

- What is GIS?
- Components of GIS
- Why use GIS?
- A brief history
- GIS in action
- GIS resources

What is GIS?

Geographic Information Systems

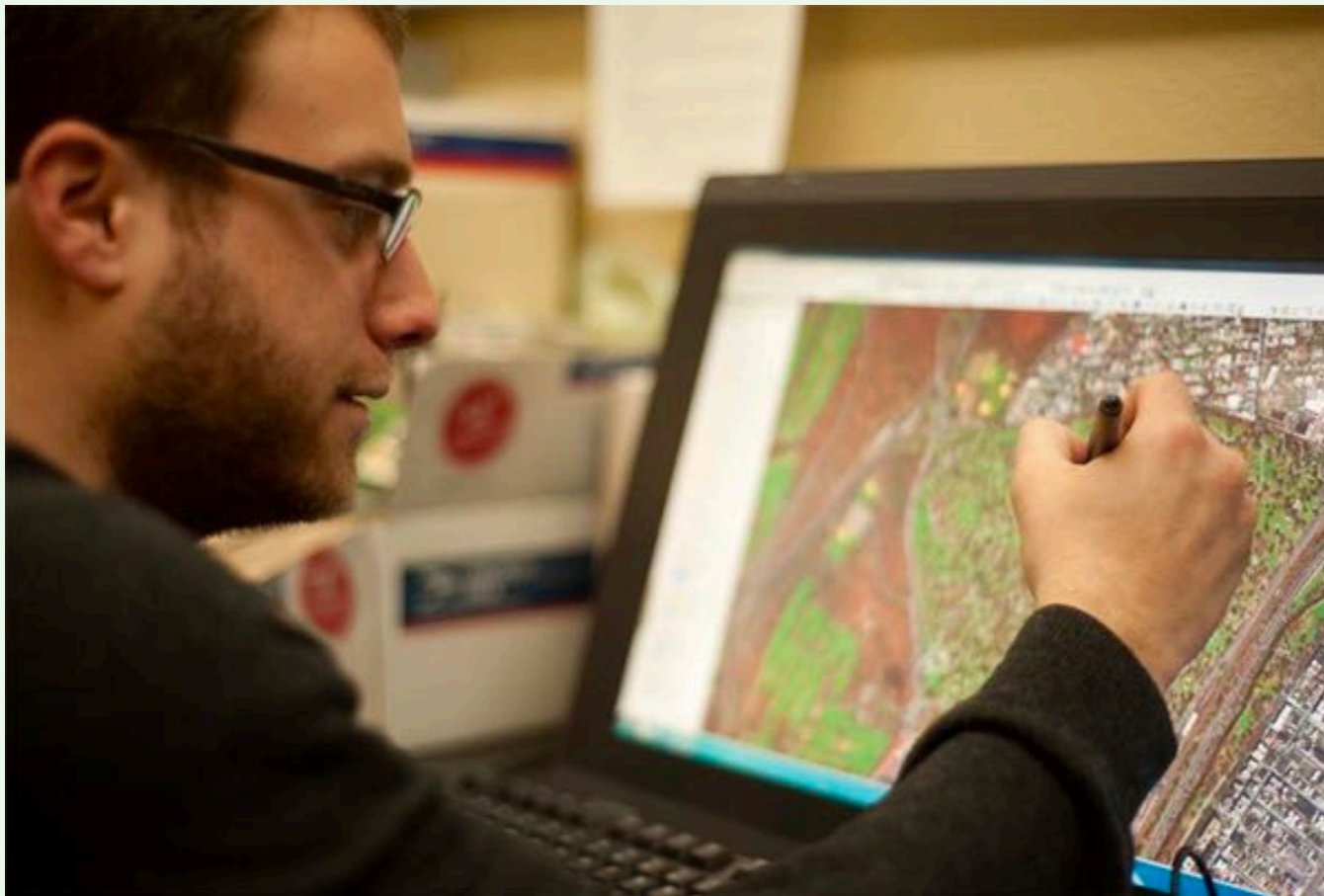
- Location on Earth's surface
- Occurring in space—relational
- What, **where**, when
- Knowledge derived from data
- Integrated group of elements that form a whole

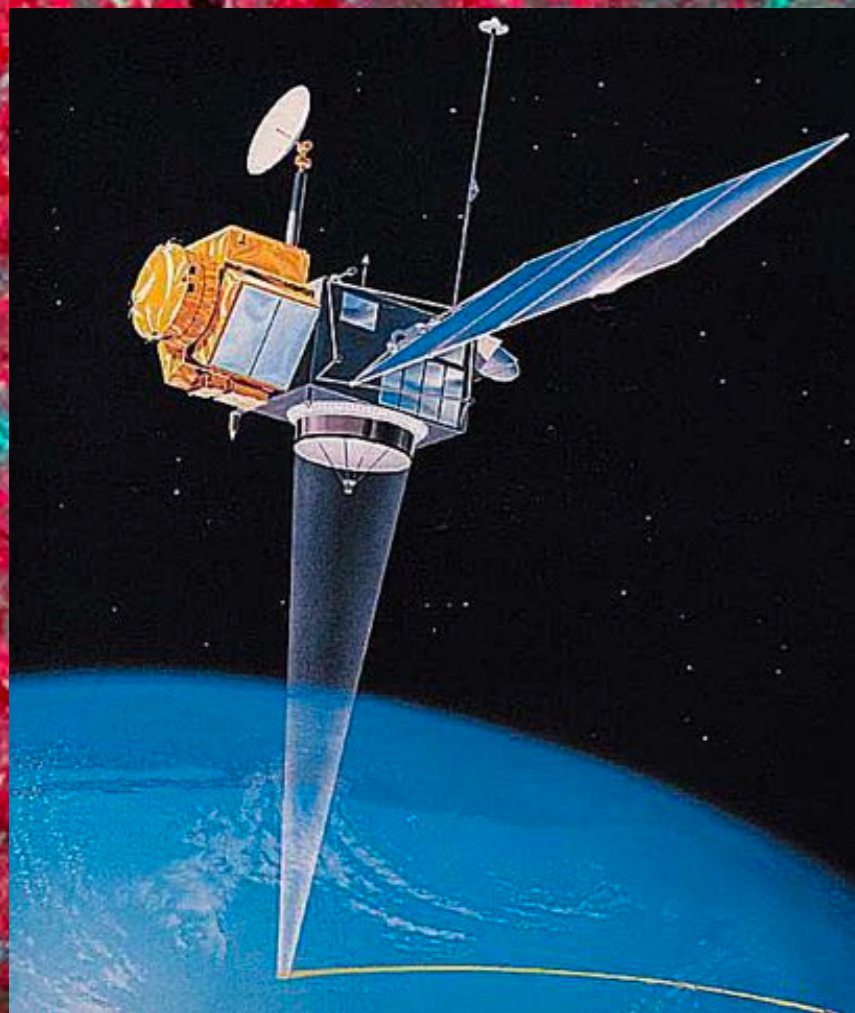
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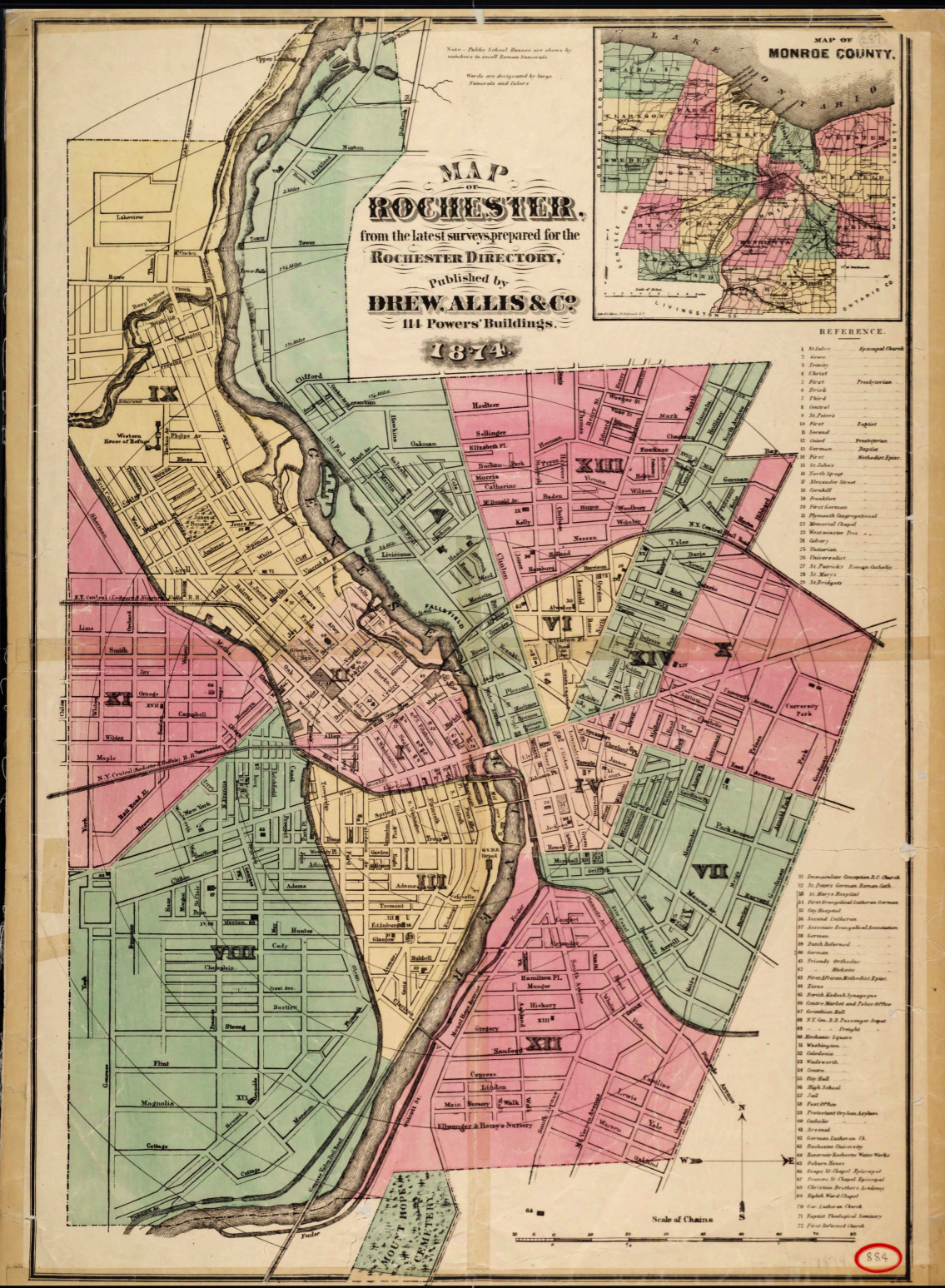
A computer-based system used to collect, store, analyze, display, and distribute geospatial data.



Data collection

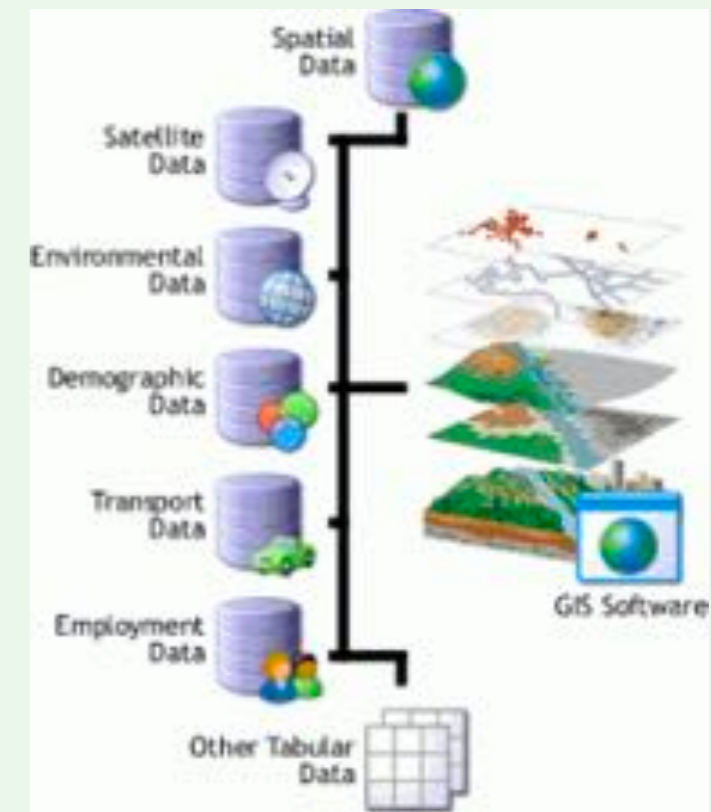
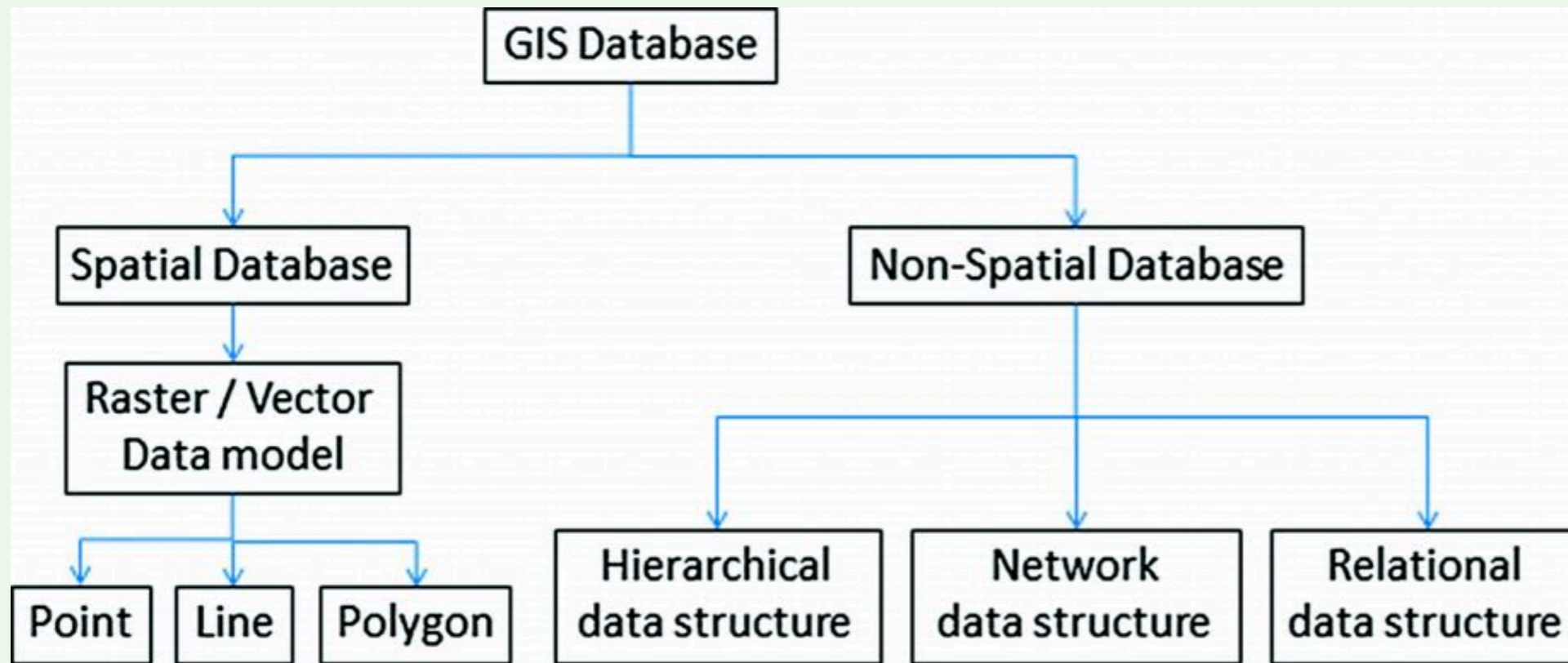




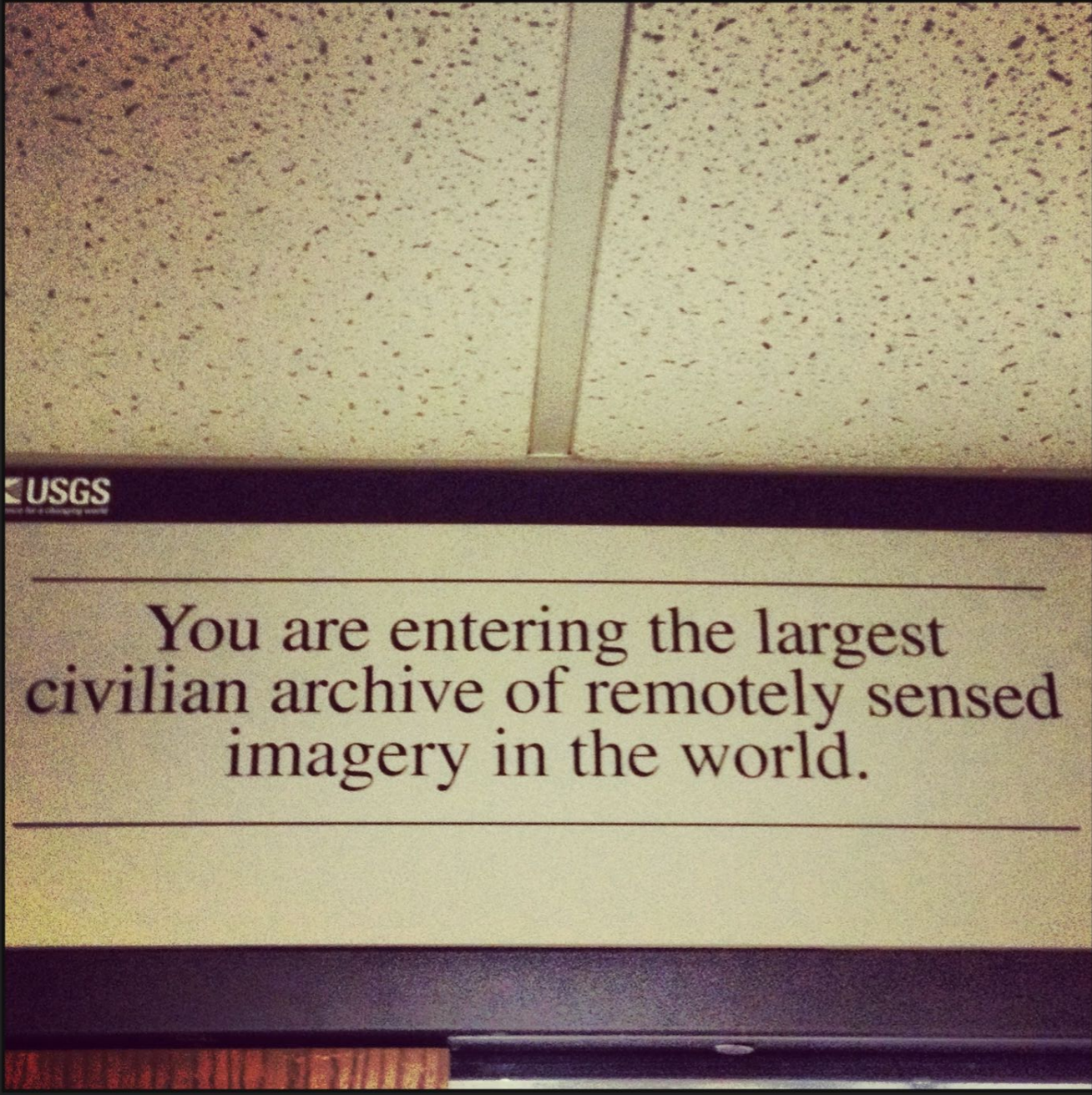


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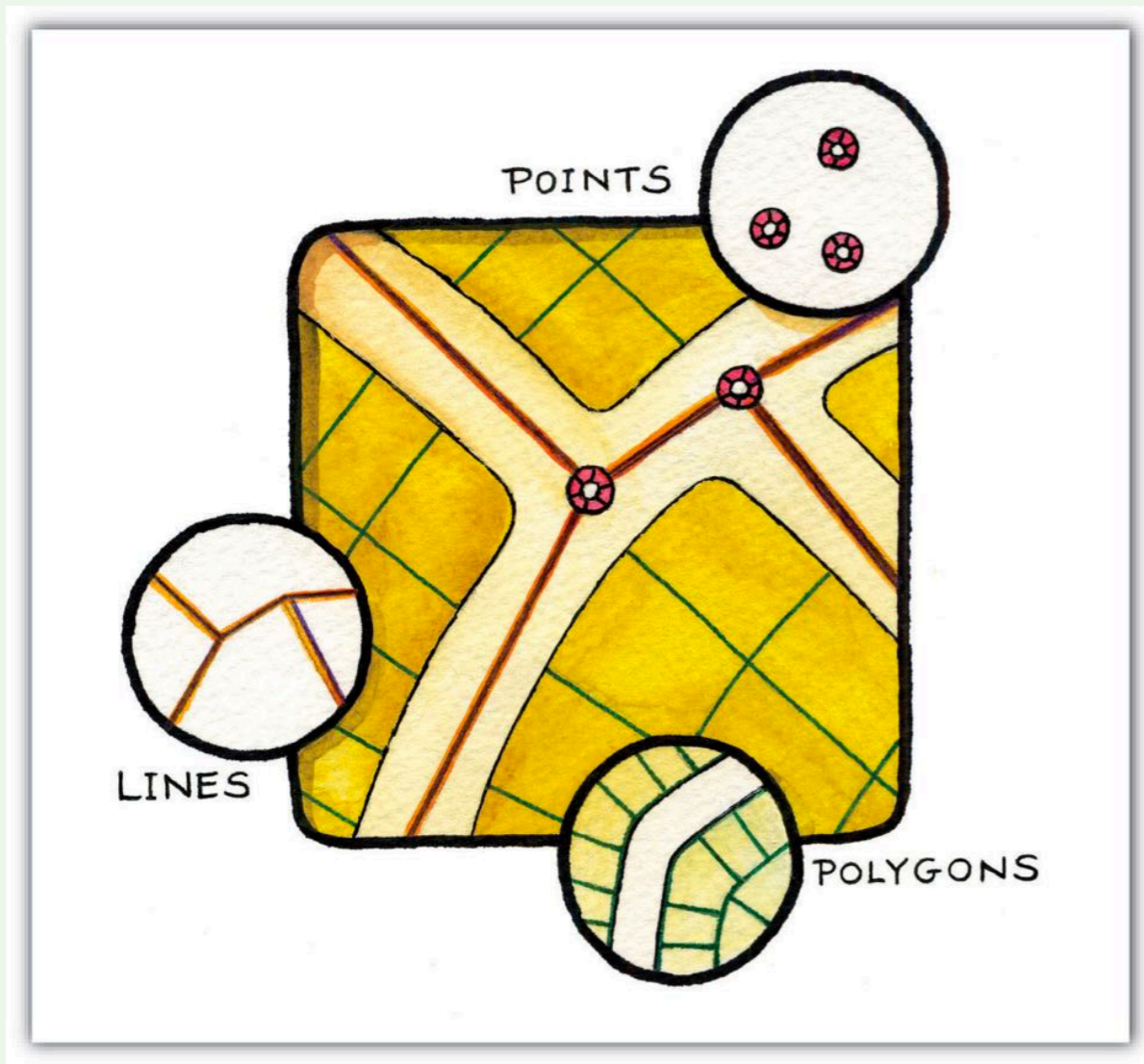
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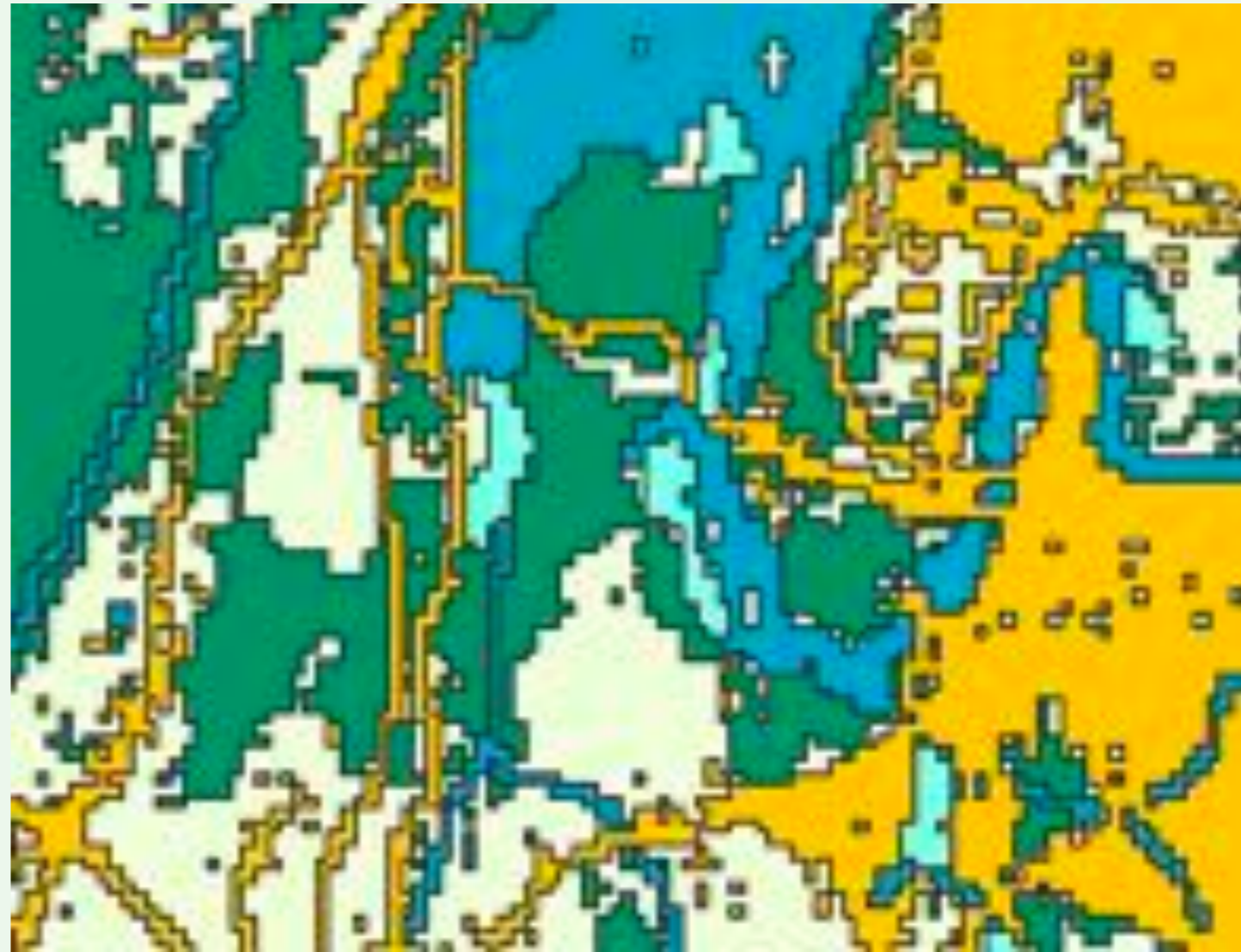
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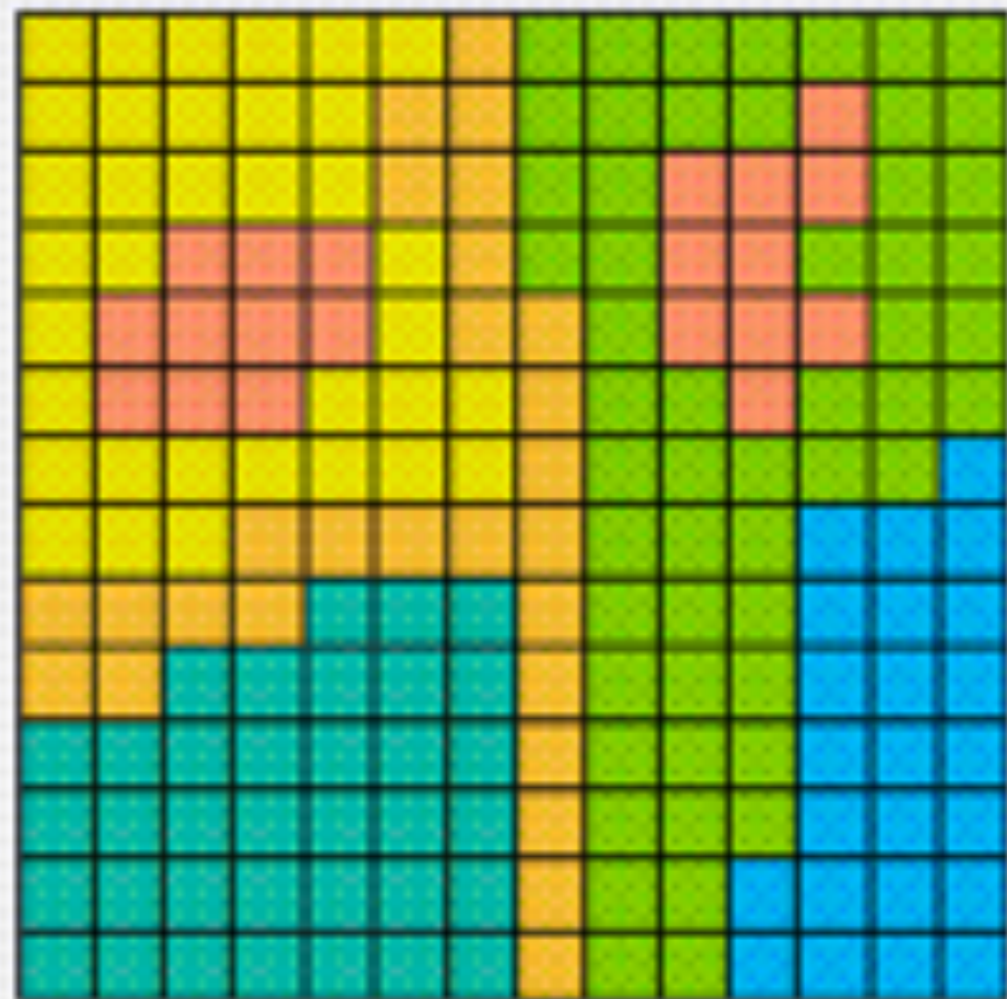
Data model



VECTOR



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Analysis

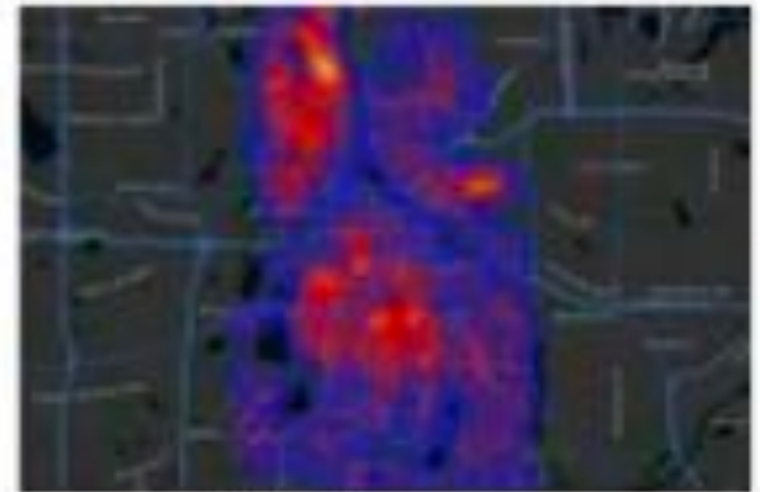
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Buffering



Network Analysis



Heatmaps



Route planning



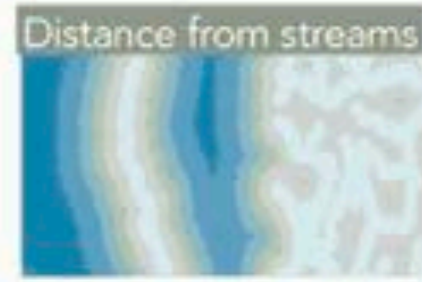
Density analysis



Interpolation/kriging

Collect source layers

Data is first digitized into either polygon or raster layers. This housing suitability data is raster.



Analysis

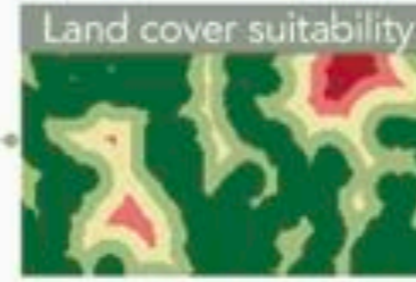


Reclassification

Source layers composed of continuous values (such as slope and distance layers) are first reclassified into meaningful ranges of values.

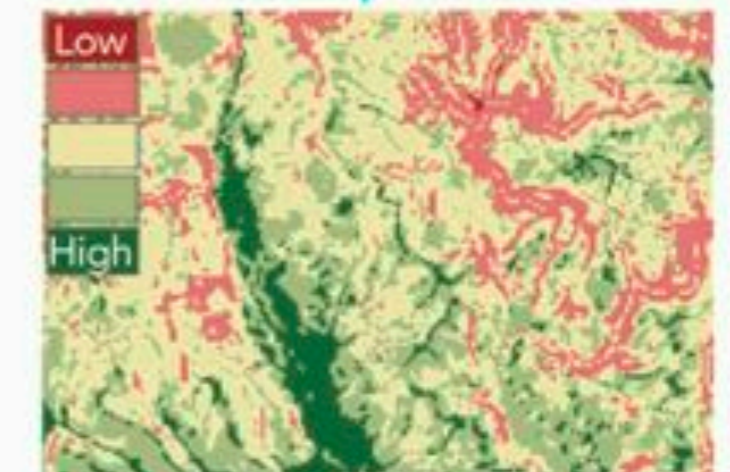
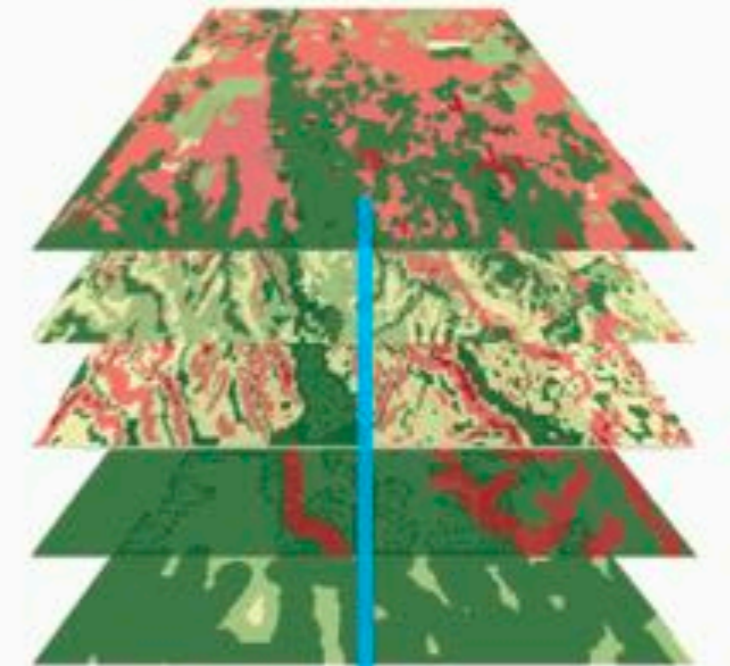
Create suitability layers

Each layer is now classified to use a common suitability scale: for example, low suitability could be assigned a value of 1 (dark red) and high suitability a value of 5 (dark green).



Calculate weighted overlay

Suitability layers are overlaid so that each cell gets an overall suitability rating. Weights of relative importance are assigned to each layer.



Display

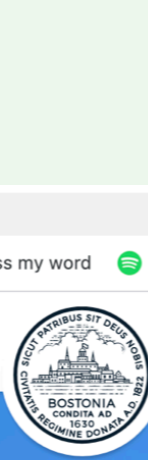


<https://datascience.blog.wzb.eu/2021/04/16/interactive-visualization-of-geospatial-data-with-r-shiny/>

Display



Distribution



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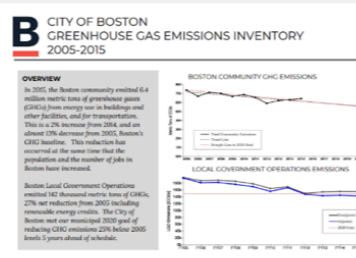
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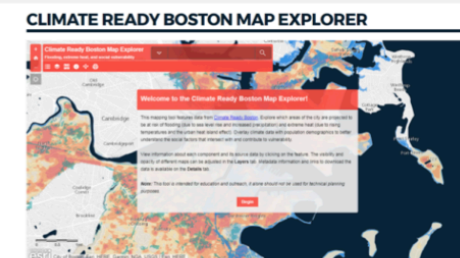
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Our Progress Toward Carbon Neutrality



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Climate Ready Boston Map Explorer

Components of a GIS



The physical world



Define protocols



Decide and act



Collect and edit spatial data



Report results



Analyze



Software

- **ESRI—Environment System Research Institute, Redlands, California**
 - **ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online...**
 - **The largest GIS company**
- **Many others**
 - **GeoMedia, Mapinfo, AutoCAD Map, IDRISI, Manifold, Microimages, ...**
- **Remote sensing software with certain GIS functions**
 - **ERDAS, ENVI, ...**
- **Free and Open Source Software (FOSS)**
 - **QGIS, GRASS (raster)**
 - **Google Map, Open Street Map, Google Earth**
 - **Libraries (APIs)—application programming interfaces**
 - **R, Python, Javascript**
 - **Google Earth Engine**

Open Street Map

Lawrence, KS | OpenStreetMap x Google Earth x +

openstreetmap.org/search?query=Lawrence%2C%20KS#map=10/38.9721/-95.2359

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Lawrence, KS Go

Search Results

Results from OpenStreetMap Nominatim

- City Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, 66044, United States
- Railway Station Lawrence, 413, East 7th Street, East Lawrence, Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas, 66044, United States
- Residential Road Lawrence, Liberal, Seward County, Kansas, 67901, United States
- Residential Road Lawrence, Sedgwick County, Kansas, 67210, United States
- Railway Stop Lawrence, East 7th Street, East

Map showing Lawrence, Kansas, and surrounding areas including Topeka, Tecumseh, Olathe, and various highways (I-70, I-35, US-75, US-59, US-169, US-24, US-40, US-50, US-7, KS-5, KS-10, KS-7).

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Google Earth

The image shows a browser window with two tabs: 'OpenStreetMap' and 'Google Earth'. The active tab is 'Google Earth', with the address bar showing the URL `earth.google.com/web/@0,0,0a,22251752.77375655d,35y,0h,0t,0r`. The browser's bookmark bar contains several items: 'Apps', 'Bookmarks', 'KU', 'Google Earth Engine', 'NASA Earthdata', 'Pangeo', 'Python', 'TrendySnow', 'Water-Snow', and 'Other bookmarks'. The main content area displays a 3D satellite view of Earth, centered on the Americas. A vertical toolbar on the left side contains icons for home, search, settings, layers, location, and a keyboard icon. In the bottom right corner, there are controls for 3D mode, a person icon, a compass, a zoom in/out button, and a globe icon. The bottom status bar includes the Google logo, a 100% zoom level, data sources ('Data SIO, NOAA, U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO IBCAO Landsat / Copernicus'), and camera information ('Camera: 22,252 km 7°16'24"S 24°13'27"W').

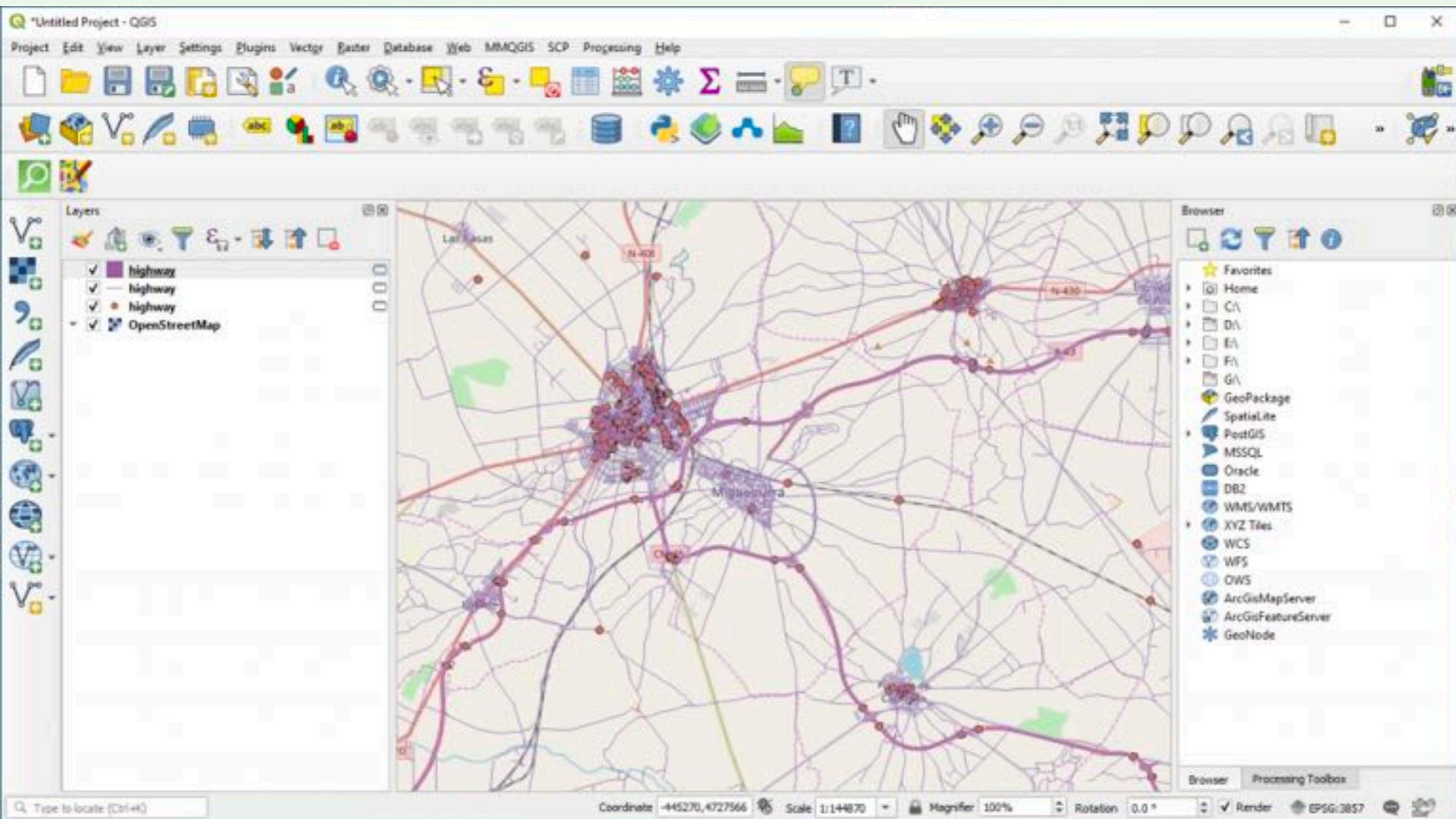
Google Earth Engine

The screenshot displays the Google Earth Engine web interface. At the top, there is a search bar and navigation tabs for Scripts, Docs, and Assets. The main workspace is divided into three panels:

- Scripts Panel:** Shows a JavaScript file named "Landsat - Phenology Model.js". The code defines two functions: `createLinearModelInputs` and `predictNDVI`. The first function sets up a design matrix for regression, adding bands for the original NDVI and a fitted model. The second function uses the fitted model to predict NDVI values for a given date.
- Inspector/Console Panel:** Displays a line graph titled "Original and fitted values". The x-axis represents time from April to October 2014. The y-axis represents NDVI values from 0.00 to 1.00. The graph shows two data series: "NDVI" (blue line with markers) representing the original data and "fitted" (red line with markers) representing the model's predictions. The fitted line follows the general trend of the original data, showing a seasonal cycle.
- Map Panel:** Shows a satellite view of a landscape with a semi-transparent overlay of the NDVI data. The overlay is color-coded, with green and yellow representing higher NDVI values and blue representing lower values. The map includes standard navigation controls like zoom in (+) and zoom out (-) buttons.

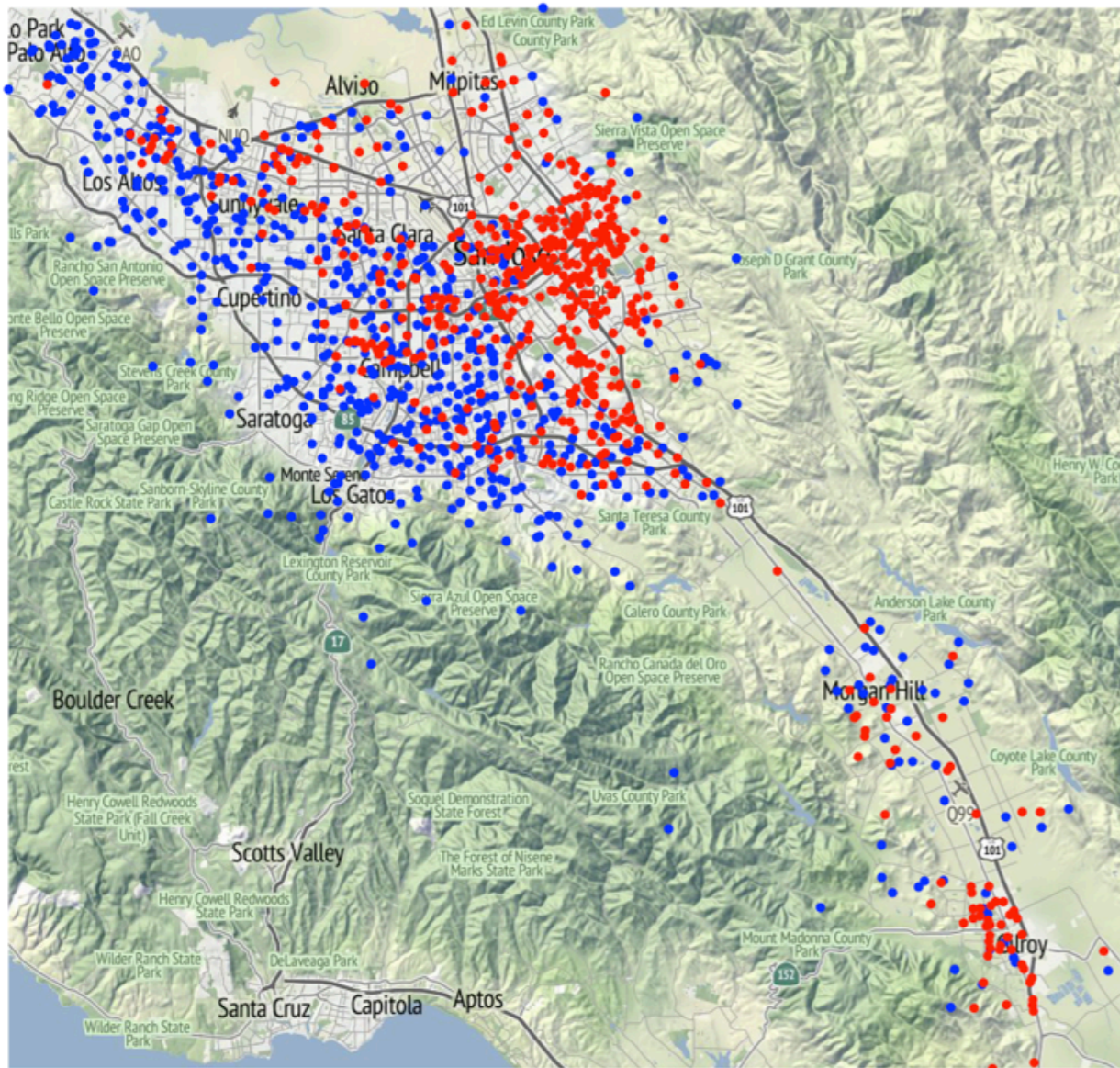
At the bottom of the interface, there is a footer with the Google logo, map data copyright information (©2017 Google), a scale bar (2 km), and links to Terms of Use and Report a map error.

QGIS



R

Demographic Distribution of Santa Clara County



- Hispanic
- White

```
library(ggmap)
# REPROJECT YOUR DATA TO EPSG 3857
to.plot.web.merc <- spTransform(dots.all, CRS("+init=EPSG:3857"))

# COPY AND PASTE SEGMENT 1 Series of weird conversions to deal with
# inconsistencies in units for API.
box <- to.plot.web.merc@bbox

midpoint <- c(mean(box[1, ]), mean(box[2, ]))
left.bottom <- c(box[1, 1], box[2, 1])
top.right <- c(box[1, 2], box[2, 2])

boundaries <- SpatialPoints(rbind(left.bottom, top.right))
proj4string(boundaries) <- CRS("+init=EPSG:3857")
boundaries.latlong <- c(t(spTransform(boundaries, CRS("+init=EPSG:4326"))@coords))

# END COPY-PASTE SEGMENT 1

# SET MAP TYPE HERE, LEAVE OTHER PARAMETERS AS THEY ARE
gmap <- get_map(boundaries.latlong, maptype = "terrain", source = "stamen",
  crop = TRUE)

# COPY-PASTE SEGMENT 2 Create object that sp.layout likes.
long.center <- midpoint[1]
lat.center <- midpoint[2]
height <- box[2, 2] - box[2, 1]
width <- box[1, 2] - box[1, 1]

sp.raster <- list("grid.raster", gmap, x = long.center, y = lat.center, width = width,
  height = height, default.units = "native", first = TRUE)
# END COPY-PASTE SEGMENT 2

# NORMAL PLOTTING TRICKS - HAVE FUN HERE!

# Housecleaning and set colors
to.plot.web.merc$ethnicity <- as.factor(to.plot.web.merc$ethnicity)

my.palette <- c("red", "blue")
point.size <- 0.5

# Plot!

spplot(to.plot.web.merc, "ethnicity", sp.layout = sp.raster, col.regions = my.palette,
  cex = point.size, main = "Demographic Distribution of Santa Clara County")
```

ESRI ArcGIS Software

- **ArcGIS Pro**
 - Latest desktop GIS software
 - Replacing the ArcGIS Desktop suite
- **ArcGIS Desktop**
 - ArcMap, ArcCatalog
- **ArcGIS Online**
 - Web data and maps accessible to desktop applications (ArcGIS Pro or Desktop)
 - Maintained by ESRI
- **ArcGIS Server**
 - Web GIS maintained by organizations

ArcGIS Pro

The screenshot displays the ArcGIS Pro interface for parcel editing. The main window shows a map of Sheboygan County, Wisconsin, with parcel boundaries highlighted in cyan. The interface includes a ribbon with various toolsets: Manage Edits, Records, Selection, Tools, Construct, and Alignment. The 'Tools' ribbon is active, showing options like 'Update COGO', 'Validate All', 'Validate Extent', 'Error Inspector', and 'Fix Error'. The 'Construct' ribbon shows 'Copy Lines To', 'Create Seeds', and 'Build Active'. The 'Alignment' ribbon shows 'Show' and 'Align Parcels'. The 'Modify Features' dialog box is open on the right, showing the 'Update COGO' tool. The dialog has a dropdown menu set to 'Change the selection.' and a list of 'TaxLines (4342)'. Below the list, there are checkboxes for 'Distances' and 'Directions', both of which are checked. Under 'Distances', there are radio buttons for 'Update all values' (selected) and 'Update by a value difference tolerance', with a 'Distance difference' field set to '0 ftUS'. Under 'Directions', there are radio buttons for 'Update all values' (selected) and 'Update by a value difference tolerance', with a 'Direction difference' field set to '0 dd'. A 'Lateral offset' field is set to '0 ftUS'. An 'Update' button is at the bottom right of the dialog. The bottom status bar shows the scale '1:1,128', coordinates '87.7174755°W 43.7231392°N', and 'Selected Features: 4,342'. The left pane shows the 'Contents' window with 'TaxLines' selected under the 'Tax' layer.

Why use GIS?

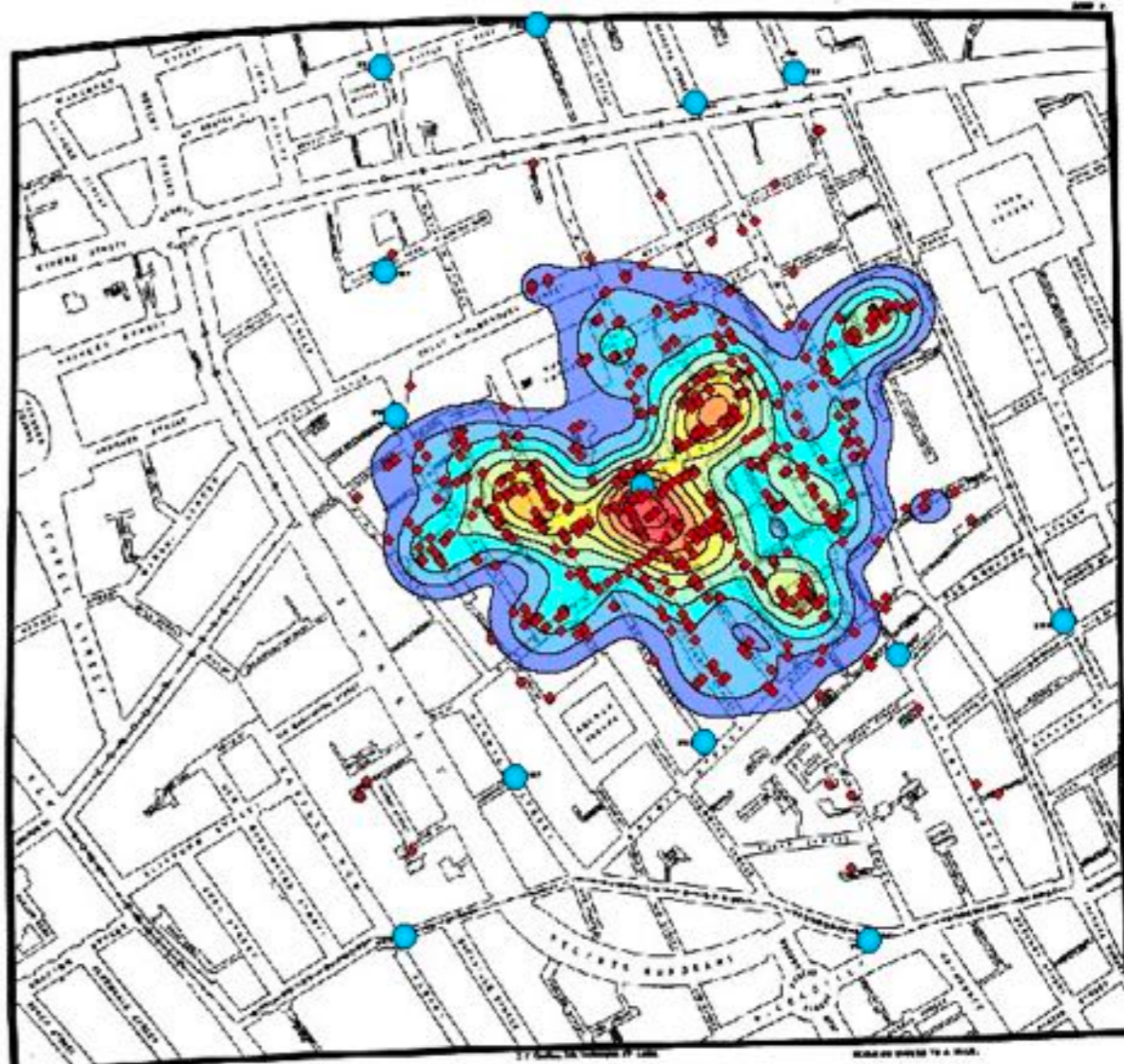
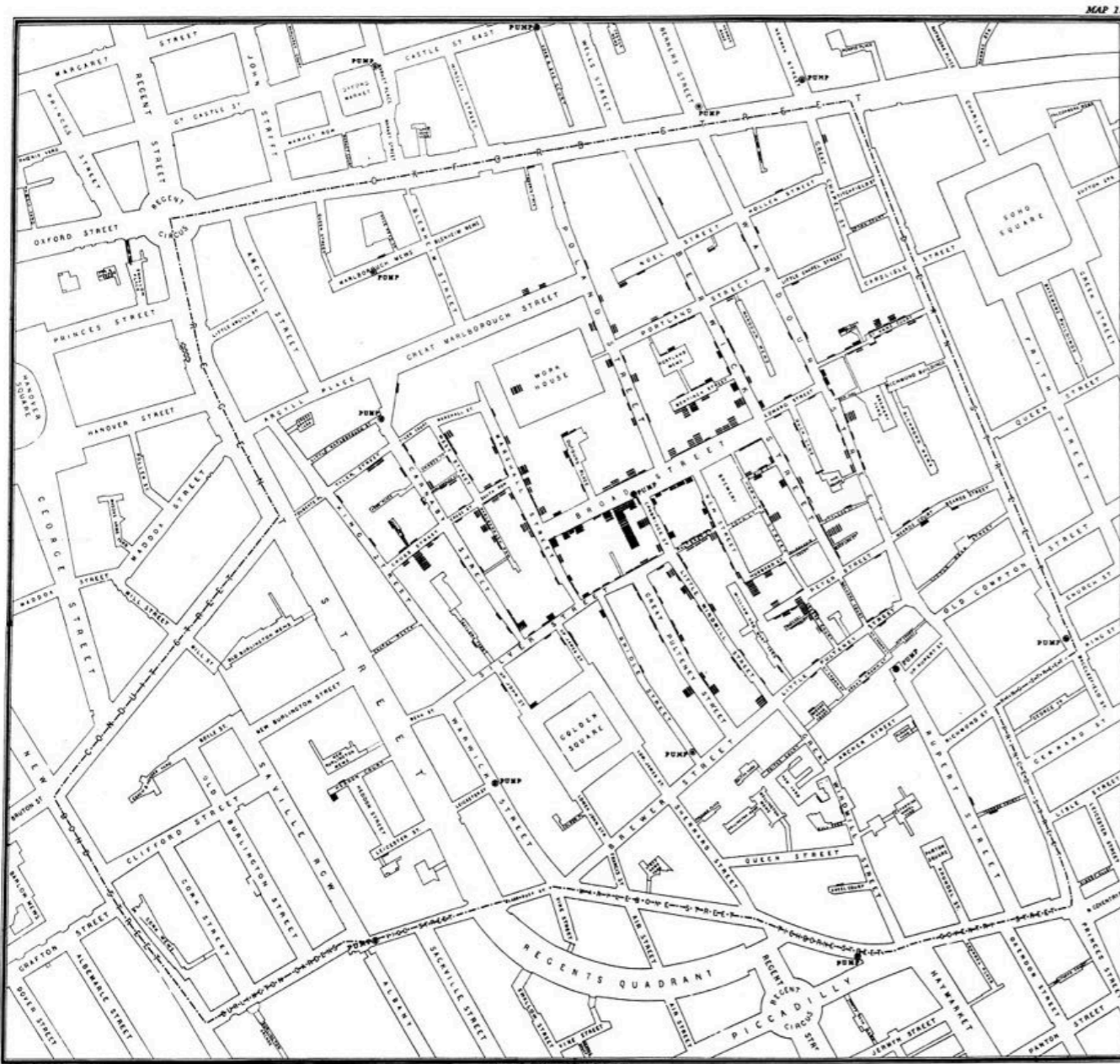
Why use GIS?

- Geographic data is important
 - Life is spatial—geographic information is essential in day-to-day activities
 - Essential for the management of water, food, and energy
- Everything happens somewhere
 - Most information has location associated
- Spatial variation is ubiquitous
 - Knowledge of what is where and when it occurs is important for understanding the world and global change

Manage & Process Geospatial Data

- Mental maps
 - Our brains are geographic information systems
 - Maps of the environment stored in our brains
- Paper maps
 - Printing
 - Preserve and distribute geographic knowledge
- GIS
 - Digital
 - Revolutionize the handling of geographic data (at fingertips)

A Brief History of GIS



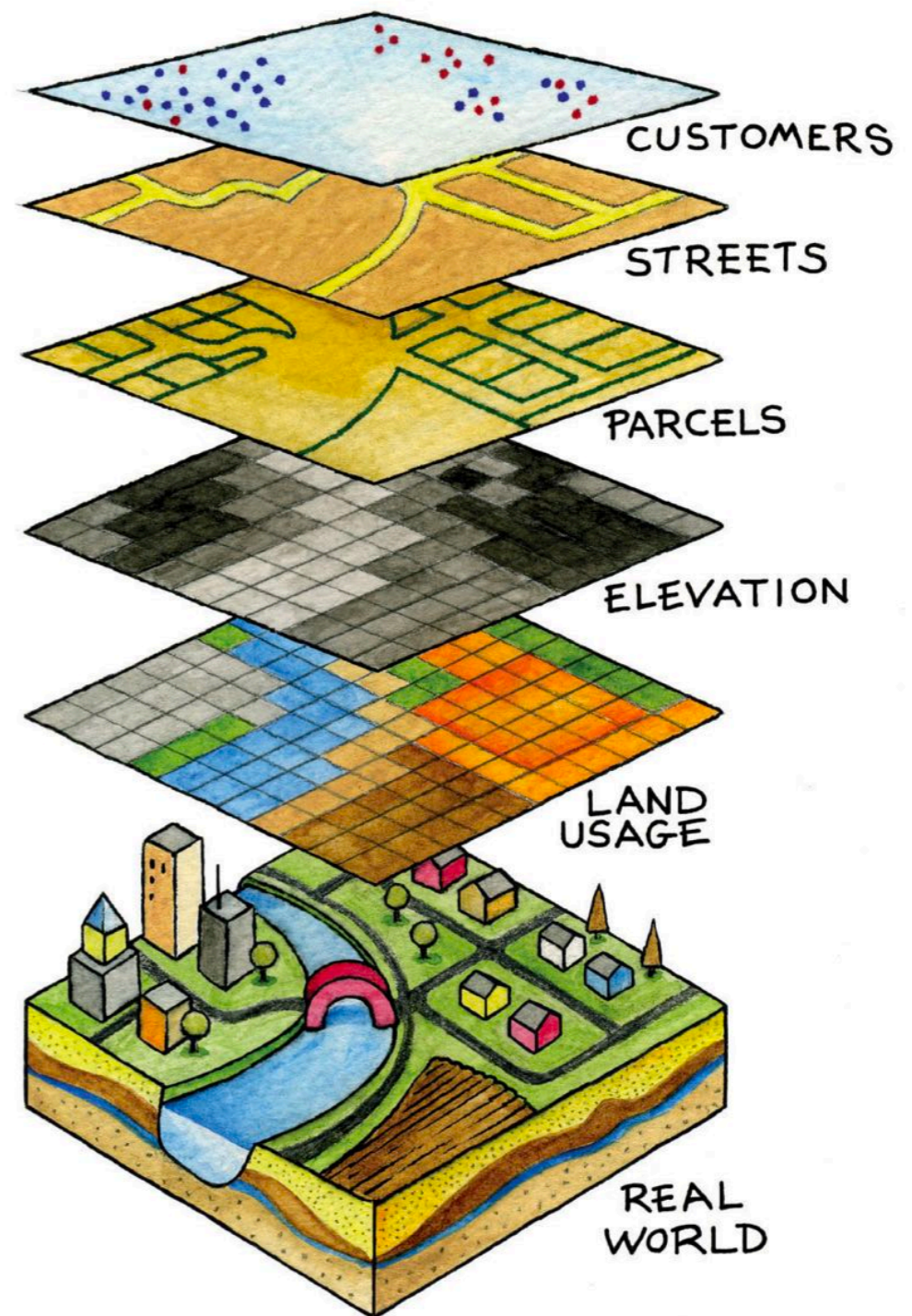
A Brief History of GIS

- Necessity is the mother of any invention
 - Planners, cartographers, resource managers involved in site selection projects (suitability analysis)
 - Computerizing manual processes
- GIS started at universities as research tools
 - Harvard, Minnesota, Yale, Clark University in late 60s and early 70s
- GIS benefit from the development of computing and data collection and distribution technologies
 - Computer hardware (CPU, memory, storage) and software (programming language, operating system, graphic user interface, database)
 - Advancement in sensor technology and availability of geographic data (government and private industries)
 - The Internet and the Internet of Things

GIS in Action

How does GIS answer spatial questions?

GIS allows us to abstract information from the physical world and display it in layers or themes.



How is climate change projected to affect my community?



<https://gisclimatechange.ucar.edu/>

What areas of a community are high risk for children?

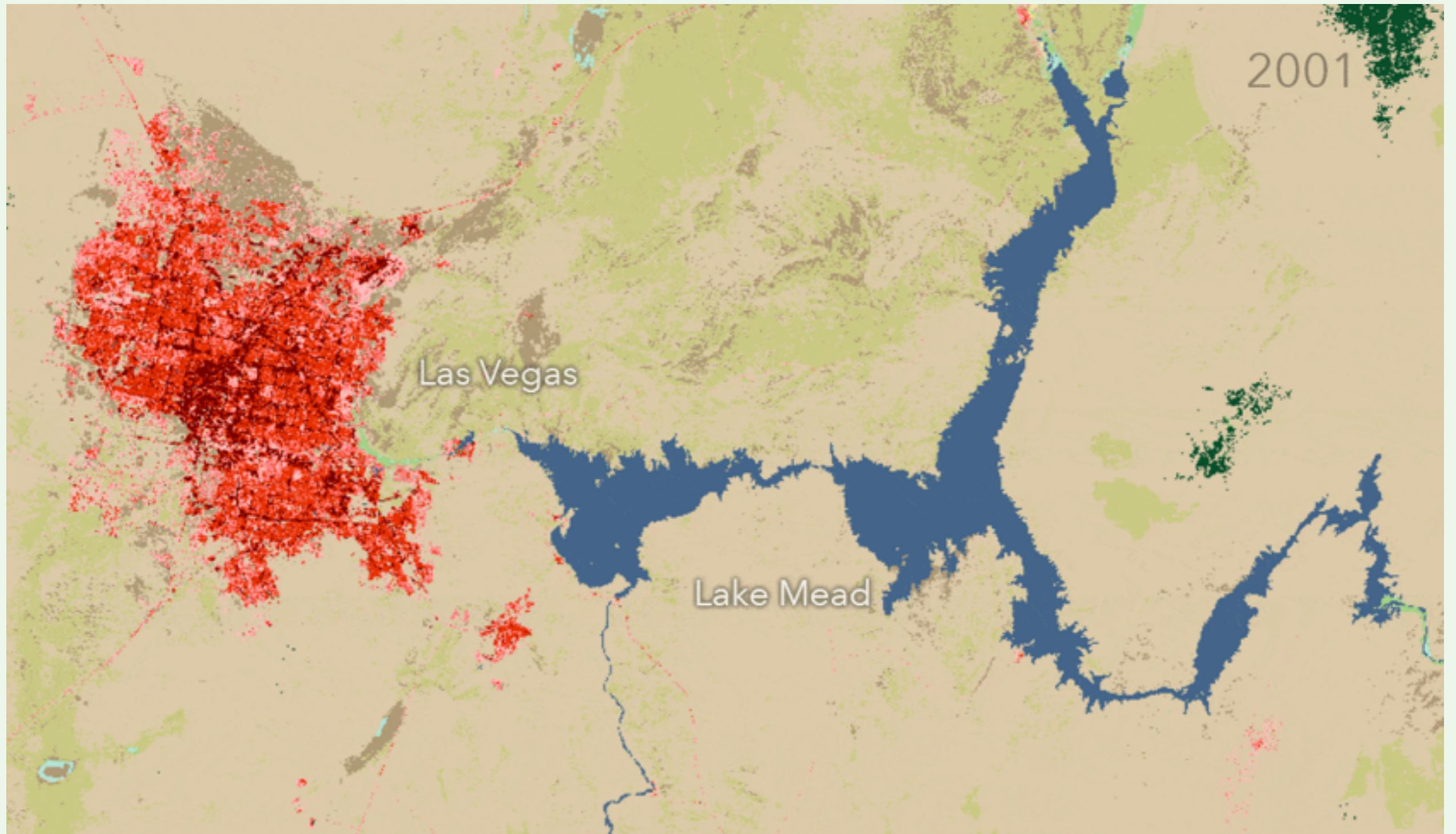
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Living Near a Major Highway Tied to Developmental Delays in Children

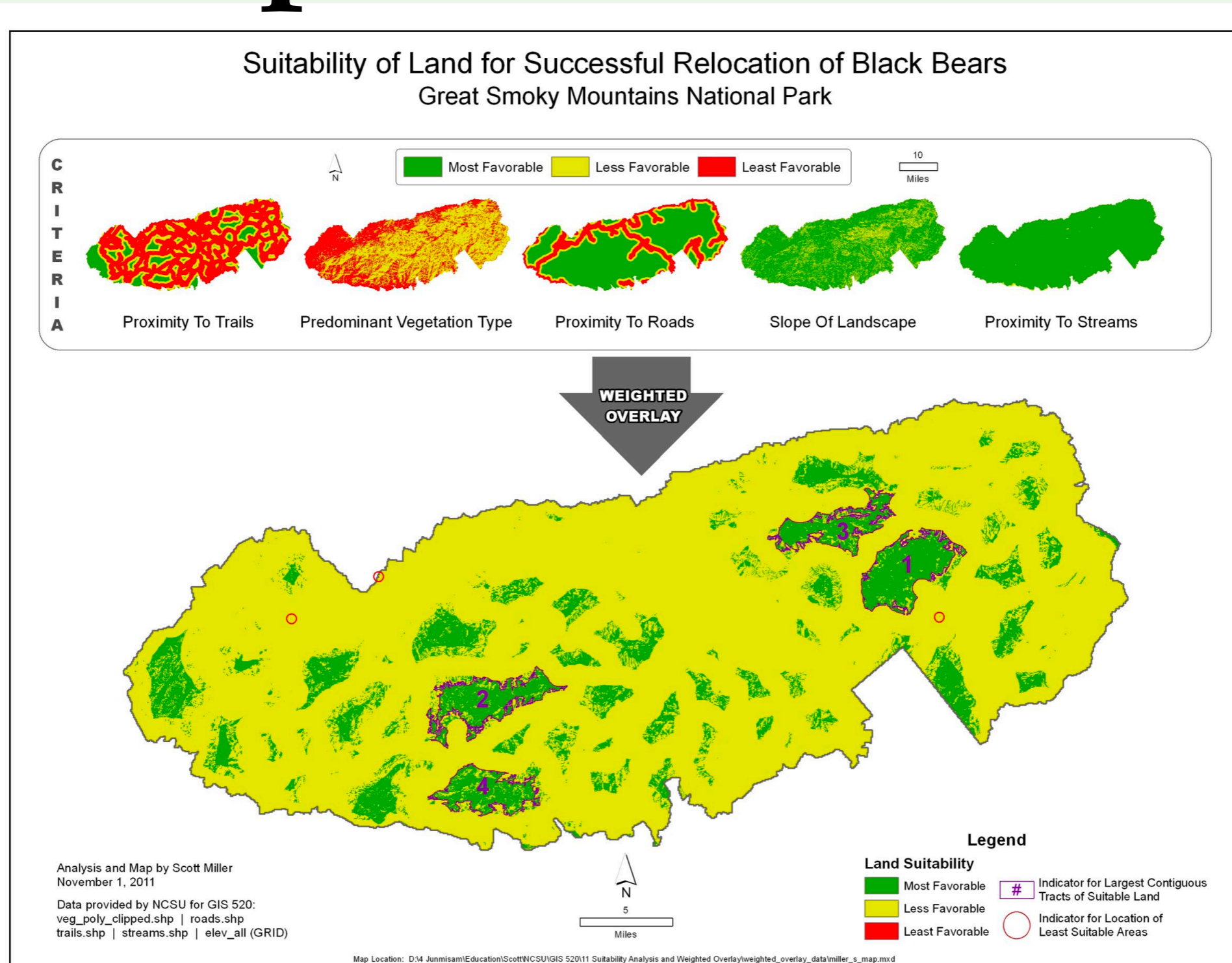
Exposure to air pollution could be a factor, experts suggest.



How is urbanization affecting water resources?



What habitat is suitable for a species of interest?



How is agriculture impacting global forests?

Changing Forests



Resources

GIS Degrees & Programs at KU

- B.S., M.S., and PhD degree in geography with a concentration in geospatial analytics
- B.S. and M.S degrees at KU geography are designated as STEM degree
- Undergraduate and graduate GIS certificate program
 - <https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/geography/geographic-information-science-ucert/>
 - <https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/geography/geographic-information-science-gradcert/>

Jobs in GIS

- Federal Government
 - Federal Agencies – USGS, EPA, USFS
- State or Local Government
 - Natural Resources, Public Works, Tax
 - Public works/infrastructure management (roads, water, sewer)
 - Planning and environmental management
 - Property records and appraisal
- Real Estate and Marketing
 - Retail site selection, site evaluation
- Public safety and defense
 - Crime analysis, fire prevention, emergency management, military / defense
- Natural resource exploration/extraction
 - Petroleum, minerals, quarrying
- Transportation
 - Airline route planning, transportation planning / modeling
- Public health and epidemiology
- The Geospatial Industry
 - Data development, application development, programming

GIS Organizations

- **GITA**—Geospatial Information & Technology Association
- **USGIF**—U.S. Geospatial Intelligence Foundation
- **UCGIS**—The University Consortium for Geographic Information Systems (www.ucgis.org)
- **ASPRS**—American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (www.asprs.org)
- **URISA**—Urban and Regional Information Systems Association
- **AAG**—The Association of American Geographers (www.aag.org)
- **MAGIC**—MidAmerican GIS Consortium (<https://www.magicgis.org/>)

Trade Magazines

- GeoSpatial World
- GIS Lounge
- Imaging Notes
- ESRI ArcNews
- ESRI ArcUser

Academic Journals

- International Journal of Geographical Information Systems
- Transactions in GIS
- Cartography and Geographic Information System
- GIScience and Remote Sensing
- Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing

GIS Conferences

Software User Conferences

- ESRI
- Intergraph
- MapInfo

Professional Conferences

- AAG Annual Conference
- URISA Annual Conference
- ASPRS Annual Conference
- GITA Annual Conference
- UCGIS Annual Symposium
- GIScience (bi-annual)

Readings

- Chapter 2: Introduction
- Chapter 3: Introduction