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[Federal Geographic Data Committee](#)

The FGDC develops geospatial data standards for implementing the [National Spatial Data Infrastructure](#) in consultation and cooperation with state, local and tribal governments, as well as the private sector, academic community and international community (when feasible).

Below is a listing of FGDC Standards and links:

- [Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata](#)
 - “The objectives of the standard are to provide a common set of terminology and definitions for the documentation of digital geospatial data.” (FGDC, ‘Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata’, pg. iv.)
- [FGDC Endorsed Standards](#)
 - This link will take you to the FGDC-endorsed standards page, which is a table of the FGDC-endorsed standards, various attributes for each standard, and a link for more information per standard.
- [FGDC Standards in Development](#)
 - This link will take you to a table of standards projects in their various stages of development, including: proposal, working draft, public review draft, final draft, etc.
- [FGDC Standards, Discontinued](#)
 - This link will take you to a table of projects that have been discontinued and which did not result in FGDC-endorsed standards.

FGDC Policy Statements for Federal Geographic Data Sharing: Data managers have a responsibility to plan for information resources management as an integral part of overall mission planning. Federal, national and international standards shall be used to the greatest extent for data content, processing, and dissemination of data sets. *The NPS, like all Federal Agencies, must make data available and accessible to Federal users and the general public at an equitable cost not to exceed the cost of distribution.*