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Legislative District Maps

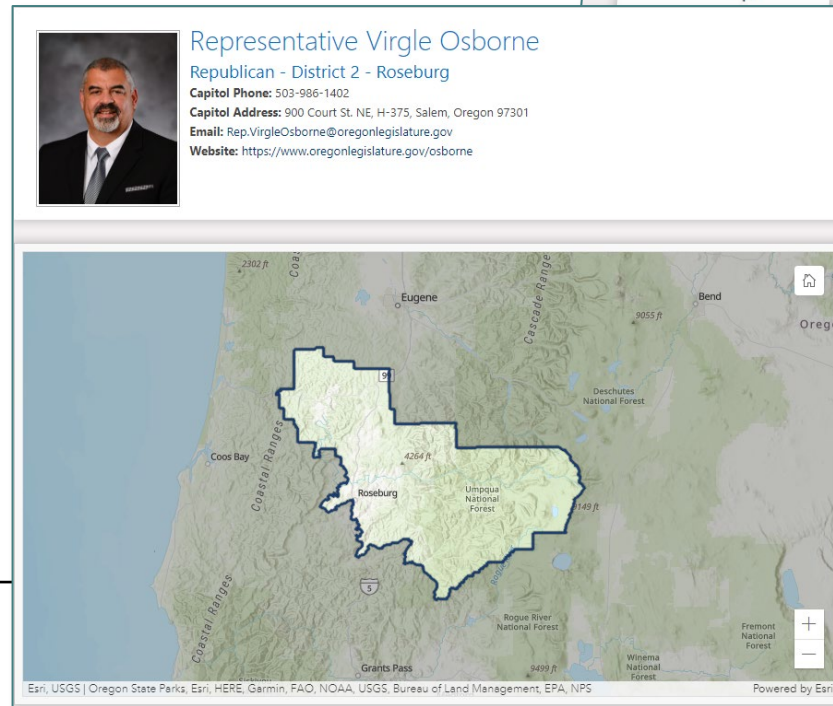
A Story of Framework Data Use

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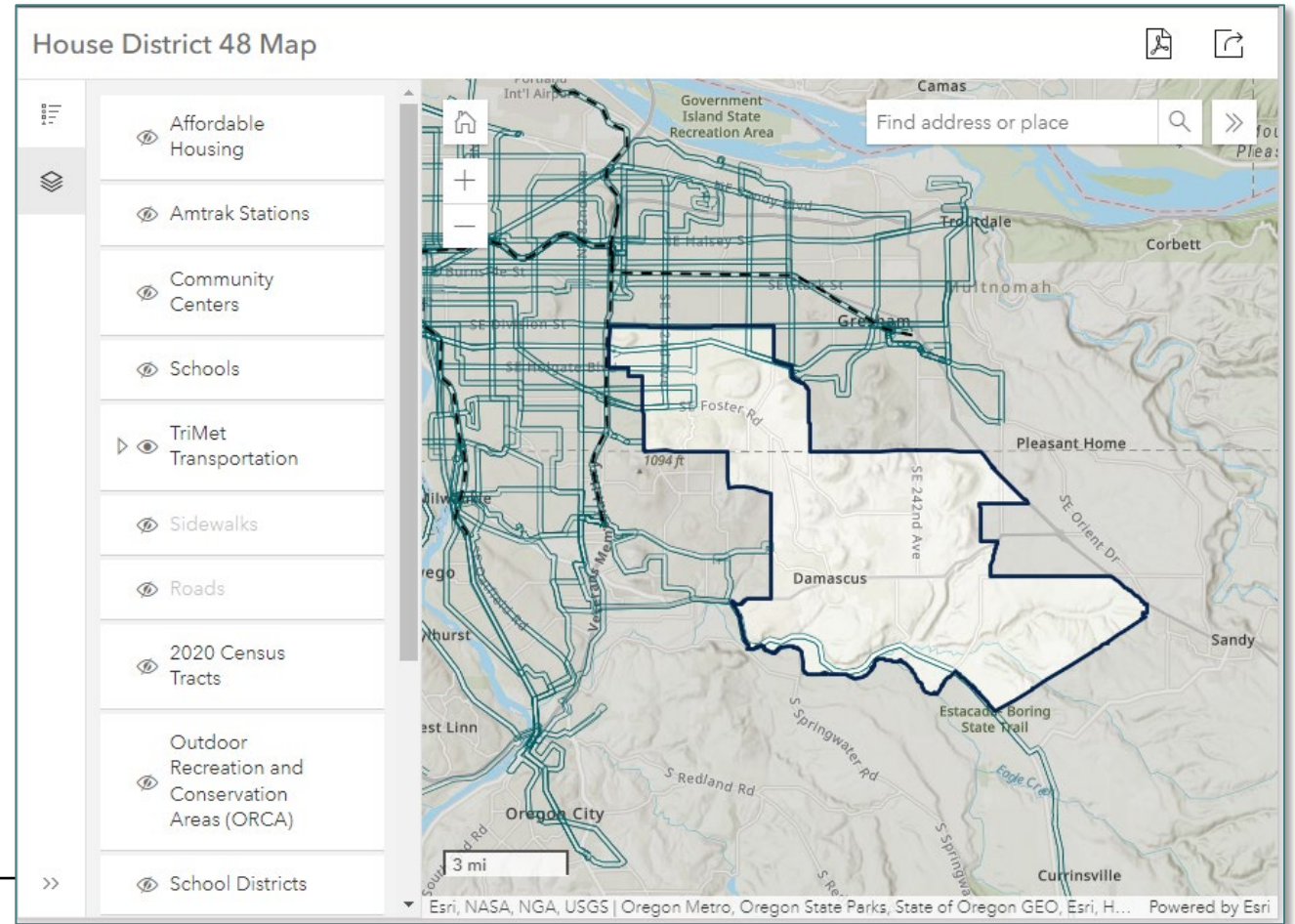
Maps are Part of the Legislature's Website

- Originally 90 Web Maps
- Switched in 2022 to two ArcGIS Dashboards
 - URL Parameters



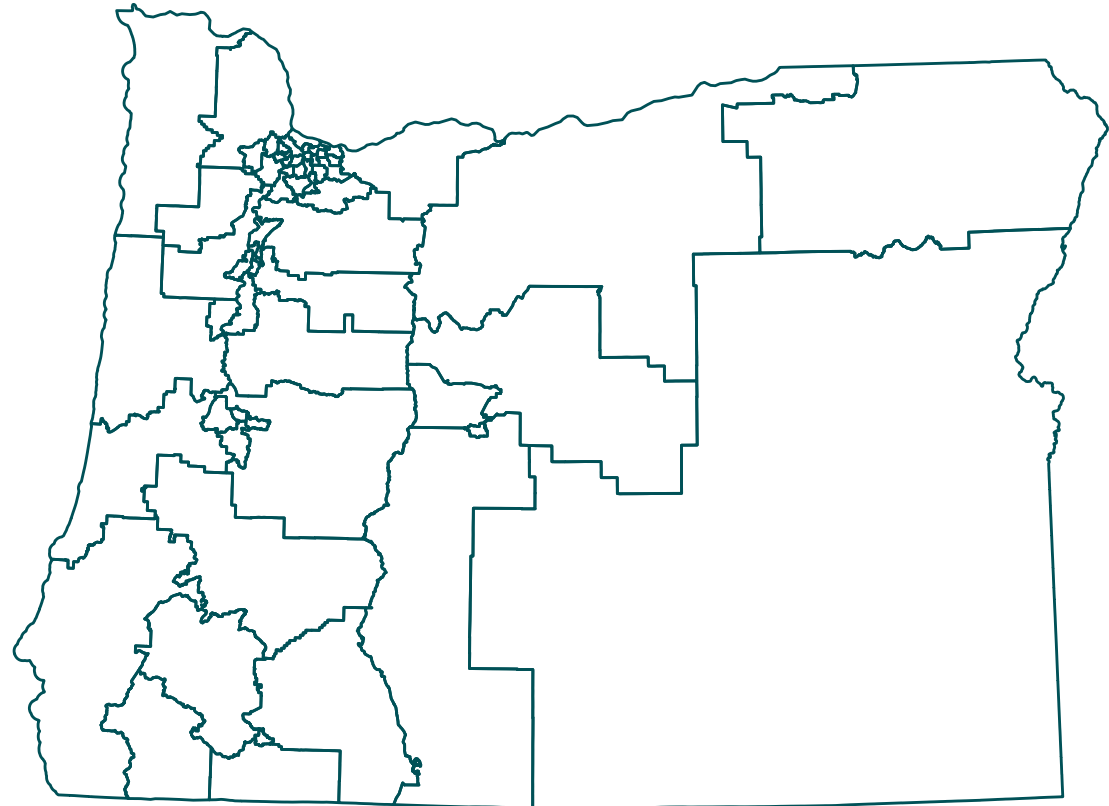
The Start of a New Idea

- One request for layers in district map led to many more
- ArcGIS Sidebar Instant App
- Data Sources:
 - Metro
 - State of Oregon
 - Federal Government



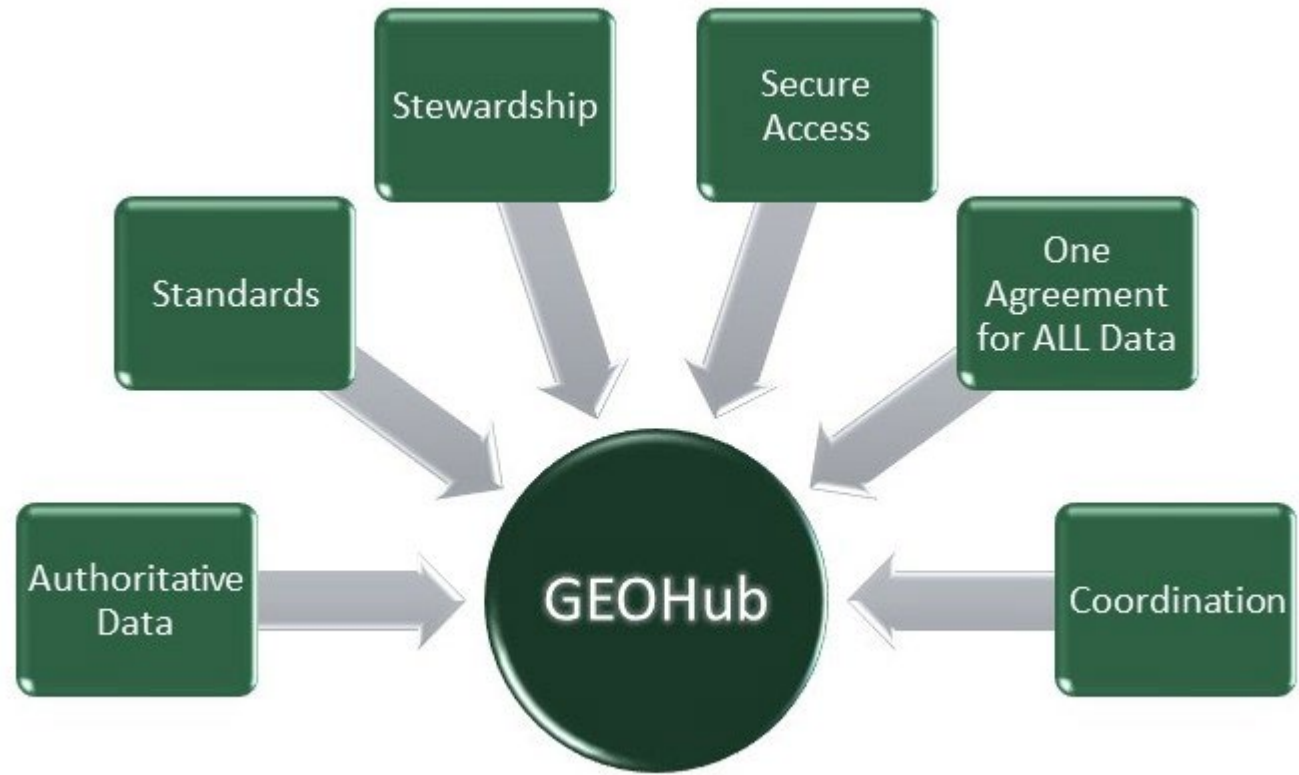
Could We Do This For All Districts?

- Need datasets that are:
 - Authoritative
 - Statewide
 - Regularly Updated
 - Span policy areas



Enter GeoHub

GeoHub “is built to organize authoritative data by Framework themes and provide users a searchable catalog to locate and access data.”



The New District Map

- One Sidebar ArcGIS Instant App
 - URL Parameters
- Data Sources:
 - State of Oregon
 - Federal Government

The screenshot displays the Oregon State Legislature website. At the top, the navigation bar includes links for Senate, House, Bills and Laws, Committees, Get Involved, and Capitol Offices. The main content area features a profile for Senator Daniel Bonham, a Republican from District 26 - The Dalles. Below the profile is a section titled "Review Frequently Asked Questions" and an "Interactive Legislative District Map". The map interface includes a search bar, a list of layers on the left (such as Senate Districts, House Districts, and City Limits), and a map view showing the state of Oregon with District 26 highlighted in black. The map also shows major cities like Portland, Salem, and The Dalles, as well as geographical features like the Willamette Valley and Mt. Hood National Forest.



Reflections on Using GeoHub

and Areas for Improvement as a Data Steward



My Initial Questions

- Who is this data coming from?
 - Steward versus Custodian
- How is it compiled?
- When was the data last updated?
- How often is it updated?

City Limits
OR FRAMEWORK

Summary

The use of city limits information was identified as a need for general planning purposes within ODOT. It was determined that this would be a frequently used data set that needed to be both spatially referenced and attributed in a GIS base layer. The decision was made to create a statewide coverage of the boundary outlining the city limits for each of the 241 incorporated cities. An incorporated city may have multiple areas that are not contiguous. Each such area is represented separately with its own polygon. The area of the city limits will be calculated from the polygons created.

This data represents the State of Oregon city limit boundaries. Each city limit is defined as a continuous area within the statutory boundary of an incorporated city, which is the smallest subdivision of an annexed area. It is represented as spatial data (polygon with label point).

[Admin Boundaries](#)

Looking for something else? See other datasets nearby →

Attributes

[Learn about charts](#)

abc	City	▼
abc	Description	▼
abc	Instance Code	▼
abc	Unit Owner	▼

Details

- Dataset**
Feature Layer
- October 12, 2022**
Info Updated
- Annually**
Data Updated: October 3, 2023
- 2022**
Published Date
- Records: 241**
[View data table](#)
- Public**
Anyone can see this content
- Custom License**
[View license details](#)

I want to...

- Create a Map**
Start a map with this data
- Create a Story**
Open in ArcGIS StoryMaps
- View API Resources**



Does the Metadata Help?

Yes...

But wow it is dense...

And not all process elements are easily understandable

Oregon Metadata Standards

State or Province: OR
Postal Code: 97301-4178
Country: US

Contact Voice Telephone: 503.986.3154
Contact Facsimile Telephone: 503.986.4249
Contact Electronic Mail Address: odotmaps@odot.oregon.gov
Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
Contact Instructions: Call, email, or write.

Data Set Credit: Geographic Information Services Unit (GIS), Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)

Data Quality Information:

Attribute Value Accuracy Information:

Attribute Accuracy Report: Attributes that have derived values have not been tested to determine the accuracy. Attributes with software assigned values are assumed to be accurate. Attributes with keyed in values are filtered by database design to accept only certain formats of information. This does not preclude errors, it does, however, minimize them. Additional, in-house, review is conducted to identify errors.

Quantitative Attribute Accuracy Assessment:

Attribute Accuracy Value: Digitizing Accuracy

Attribute Accuracy Explanation: One of the main considerations we have when placing new line-work is the probable inclusion of the line-work into a GIS base layer. For this reason we need to take extra measures to assure that newly placed lines are snapped to end-points, and that every intersection is broken and no overlaps or open intersections exist. Duplicate line-work is also a problem. What do we do to resolve anomalous line-work? Perhaps we find an overlap or a gap exists between existing line-work and the new parcel, or maybe a given legal description shows that one leg of a parcel adjoins a highway right-of-way for which a readily available description does not exist. One method for resolving this is to obtain a copy of the county property assessment map from the Oregon Department of Revenue (DOR). If existing records don't resolve the anomaly, an estimated resolution is employed. This method is not ideal, but experience and an informed idea of what the city intends, helps to minimize error (Educated guesswork). If an obvious overlap occurs with a new annexation and the existing city limits, we assume (guess) that the overlapped area is intended to be included in the revised boundary. It doesn't matter that it overlaps, the intent of the city is to include it. If a sliver or gap between parcels becomes apparent to us, we call the city planning dept. and ask for a clarification. Many of these anomalies occur by mistake, and aren't supposed to exist. We ask for what the city intends. We have found that these types of problems occur more often in communities that have limited resources. The number of occurrences varies from year to year, but a figure of 5% is probably close to the average. For clarity, unless the boundary follows the centerline of a street or highway, an offset is employed to an estimated right of way. This offset averages 10 feet, and merely indicates that the line follows a right of way. Rights of way are seldom an even number of feet. Exceptions to the 10 foot offset placement will occur when the placed line is between two converging or parallel highways or roads, and it seems reasonable to split the difference which may be less than or more than 10 feet. Another exception may occur when the line parallels a feature that has many vertices and it's reasonable to use fewer to place the boundary. As annexations are entered, we print out scale plots of newly annexed areas and transfer that information onto our counter maps. Printed records of the annexations are placed in Current City Map Corrections file drawers.

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Quantitative Attribute Accuracy Assessment:



How Am I Doing?

- Short description
- Data updated date
- Missing license
- No attribute labels
- Attribute descriptions

Senate Districts OR FRAMEWORK

Summary
Adopted Senate districts from SB 882 (passed September 27, 2021)
This data represents the 2021 Adopted Senate districts from SB 882
[Admin Boundaries](#)

Looking for something else? See other datasets nearby →

Attributes [Learn about charts](#)

abc	LONGNAME District ID ("District 1", "District 2", etc.)	▼
abc	SHORTNAME District ID ("D1", "D2", etc.)	▼
123	DISTRICT District ID (1, 2, etc.)	▼
123	COLOR Used in determining which color the ESRI redistricting tool assigned to each district on the map	▼

Details

- Dataset**
Feature Layer
- December 6, 2021**
Info Updated
- October 25, 2023**
Data Updated
- September 27, 2021**
Published Date
- Records: 30**
[View data table](#)
- Public**
Anyone can see this content
- No License Provided**
Request permission to use

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Where Are These Dates Set?

Published Date

- Published Date (Resource- Citation- Titles & Dates)
- Creation Date (Resource- Citation- Titles & Dates)
- Date item created

Data Updated

- Revision Date (Last modified if editor tracking enabled, for datasets only)
- Revision Date (Resource- Citation- Titles & Dates)
- Revision Date (Last opened or edited in ArcGIS Online)
- Date item modified

Info Updated

- Custom date (Metadata- Metadata Date, date metadata last edited)
- Date item modified

Data Update Frequency

- If frequency is set and a revision date is present, frequency displays (Resource- Maintenance)

Info Update Frequency

- If both frequency (Metadata- Maintenance) and a Custom date (Metadata- Metadata Date) are set, both display.
- If frequency is set (but not Custom date), frequency displays.
- If neither are set, the date that the metadata was last modified displays.



Attribute Names and Labels and Descriptions, Oh My

← Adopted District Plans / Oregon Senate (SB 882) Data ▾

Table Fields

OBJECTID	LONGNAME ✕
LONGNAME	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>Description ✎ Edit</div><div style="border: 1px solid #add8e6; padding: 2px 5px;">Create List</div></div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>District ID ("District 1", "District 2", etc.)</div><div style="border: 1px solid #ff4500; padding: 2px 5px; color: #ff4500;">Delete</div></div>
SHORTNAME	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"><div>Field Value Type ? ✎ Edit</div><div>Details</div></div> <div style="font-size: small;">Field Value type is not available.</div> <div style="font-size: small;">Type: String Name: LONGNAME</div>
DISTRICT	Settings
COLOR	
TOTAL	
TARGET_DEV	

Attribute:

Attribute Label: LONGNAME
Attribute Definition: District ID ("District 1", "District 2", etc.)

Attribute:

Attribute Label: SHORTNAME
Attribute Definition: District ID ("D1", "D2", etc.)

Attribute:

Attribute Label: DISTRICT
Attribute Definition: District ID (1, 2, etc.)

Attribute:

Attribute Label: TOTAL
Attribute Definition: Total district population (Census 2020)



Creating a Better Summary

- Most important elements of the metadata
- Accessible to any type of user
- Look at [examples](#)

Description

This feature service depicts the [National Weather Service \(NWS\)](#) watches, warnings, and advisories within the United States. Watches and warnings are classified into well over [100 categories](#). See [event descriptions](#) for full details.

- A warning is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely. A warning means weather conditions pose a threat to life or property. People in the path of the storm need to take protective action.
- A watch is used when the risk of a hazardous weather or hydrologic event has increased significantly, but its occurrence, location or timing is still uncertain. It is intended to provide enough lead time so those who need to set their plans in motion can do so. A watch means that hazardous weather is possible. People should have a plan of action in case a storm threatens, and they should listen for later information and possible warnings especially when planning travel or outdoor activities.
- An advisory is issued when a hazardous weather or hydrologic event is occurring, imminent or likely. Advisories are for less serious conditions than warnings, that cause significant inconvenience and if caution is not exercised, could lead to situations that may threaten life or property.

Source

- National Weather Service RSS-CAP Warnings and Advisories: [Public Alerts](#)
- National Weather Service Boundary Overlays: [AWIPS Shapefile Database](#)

Sample Data

- See [Sample Layer Item](#) for sample data during Weather inactivity!

Update Frequency

- The services is updated every 5 minutes using the [Aggregated Live Feeds methodology](#).
- The overlay data is checked and updated daily from the official [AWIPS Shapefile Database](#).

Area Covered

- United States and Territories

What can you do with this layer?

- Customize the display of each attribute by using the [Change Style](#) option for any layer.
- Query the layer to display only specific types of weather watches and warnings.
- Add to a map with other weather data layers to provide insight on hazardous weather events.
- Use ArcGIS Online analysis tools, such as Enrich Data, to determine the potential impact of weather events on populations.

Revisions:



Making a Map

Consider feature layer:

- Symbology
- Pop-ups

The screenshot displays a GIS interface. On the left, a legend panel titled 'Legend' shows a feature layer named 'City Limits' with a yellow dashed line symbol. The main map area shows a topographic view of the Baker City region, with several city limits boundaries highlighted in yellow dashed lines. A pop-up window titled 'City Limits: Halfway' is open over the map, displaying the following information:

City Limits: Halfway	
Acres	239.04
City	Halfway
Description	Incorporated City Limit Boundary
Effective Date	2023
GIS Process Date	10/5/2023
Instance Code	31650
Unit Owner	2410686



How to update?

- Keep in mind impact to users
- Notify Geo team of changes

Contributing Data

If you are in the Oregon and are interested in contributing data to the Oregon GEOHub, we would love to hear from you. We are looking for geospatial datasets that are considered the "best available" and needed for government public bodies* in the state. These data providers coordinate with the Geospatial Enterprise Administration.

If you have geospatial data to GEOHub, please read the [Terms of Use](#) and complete the Data Readiness Form



Data Readiness Form



Questions Going Forward

I Built a Map... Now What?

- Will the data automatically update?
- Will I have to swap in a new layer?
- Will things break due to updates?
- Is there a way to be notified about changes?



What Does User Engagement Look Like?

- How do we know who is using a dataset?
- Is there a way to enable sign-ups?
 - ArcGIS Hub
 - List-serve
- Are there public bodies that already do this well?



Questions



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