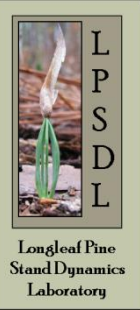# Mapping and Data Management

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Spatial Opportunities

- Emerging technology

- Basic navigation

- Identify site and stand locations

- Planning and management activities

- Storing and sharing information

- Tools often available online and free

Why Are You Interested in Maps?

- Online mapping and spatial resources
  - Simple Monitoring and Planning
  - Natural Resource Management

- Property searches
  - Tax and appraisal information

- Historical information
  - Land patents
  - Survey notes

- Data management and record keeping
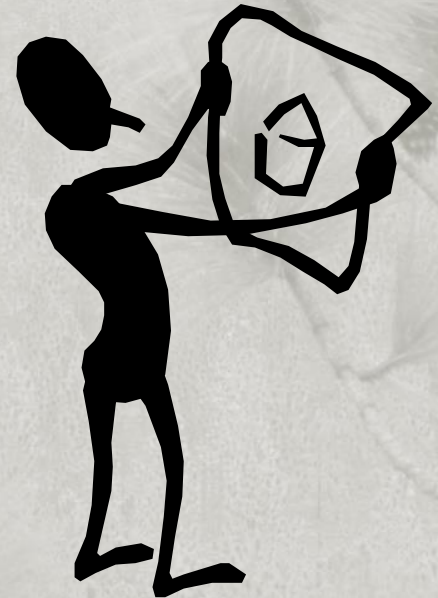
Identify Areas of Interest

- Property boundaries
- Timber stands
- Roads
- Gates
- Streamside Management Zones (SMZs)
- Stream Crossings
- Logging decks and hazards
- Wildlife food plots
- Burn plans
- Pastures
- Hunting leases
- Agroforestry/silvopasture areas
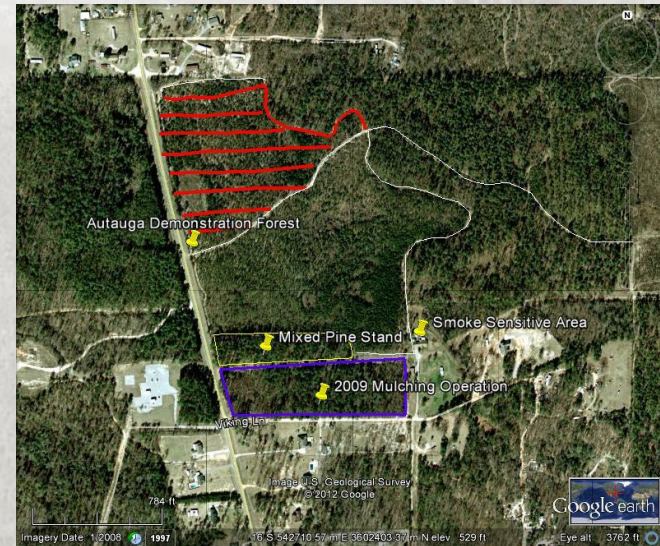
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Basic Types of Maps

- Stand map

- Aerial photography

- Topographic

- Soils information
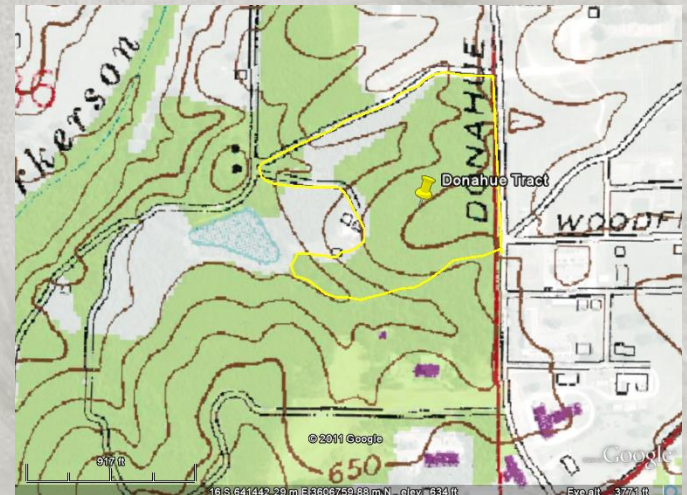
Other Types of Information

- Parcel data and tax information

- Historical aerial photographs

- Land patent or surveyors notes

Mapping Opportunities

- Have you ever been interested in making maps for your property?

- Are you worried it will be too technical or complicated?

- Do you have a computer and internet access?

Online Mapping and Spatial Resources

Mapping Your Land: An Overview for Landowners

Online Mapping and Spatial Resources for the Private Forest Landowner

LPSDL
Longleaf Pine
Stand Dynamics
Laboratory

AUBURN
UNIVERSITY

www.auburn.edu

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ALABAMA
OUR FOREST...OUR FUTURE

Online Mapping and Spatial Resources for the Private Forest Landowner

- Funding from an Alabama Forests Forever Grant

- 225 copies printed

- See Longleaf Pine Stand Dynamics Lab website: http://www.lpsdl.auburn.edu/

- Booklet available online at: http://www.lpsdl.auburn.edu/pdfs/MappingBook_FINAL.pdf

How to Use this Booklet

- Designed for private landowners and conservation professionals

- Provides tutorial information with to help users to make maps, acquire, and store data for an area of interest

- Focus on stand maps, aerial photography, topographic, and soils information

- 5 sections, each with keywords, homepage links, tutorial information, examples, screen-shots, and tips

Section 1: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Web Soil Survey

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- Online application

- Locate a piece of property or an area of interest

- Create a boundary for the area of interest

- Display soil information with aerial photographs and/or topographic layers as backgrounds

- Create maps

- Create basic or detailed soil reports

Map Scale: 1:3,150 if printed on A size (8.5" x 11") sheet.

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Meters
0   40   80   160   240

Feet
0   150   300   600   900

Soil Map—Lee County, Alabama   Donahue Tract

Map Unit Legend

Lee County, Alabama (AL081)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
24	Marvyn loamy sand, 1 to 5 percent slopes	17.6	79.8%
25	Marvyn loamy sand, 6 to 10 percent slopes	4.5	20.2%
Totals for Area of Interest		22.0	100.0%

Web Soil Survey
National Cooperative Soil Survey

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Section 2: Google Earth
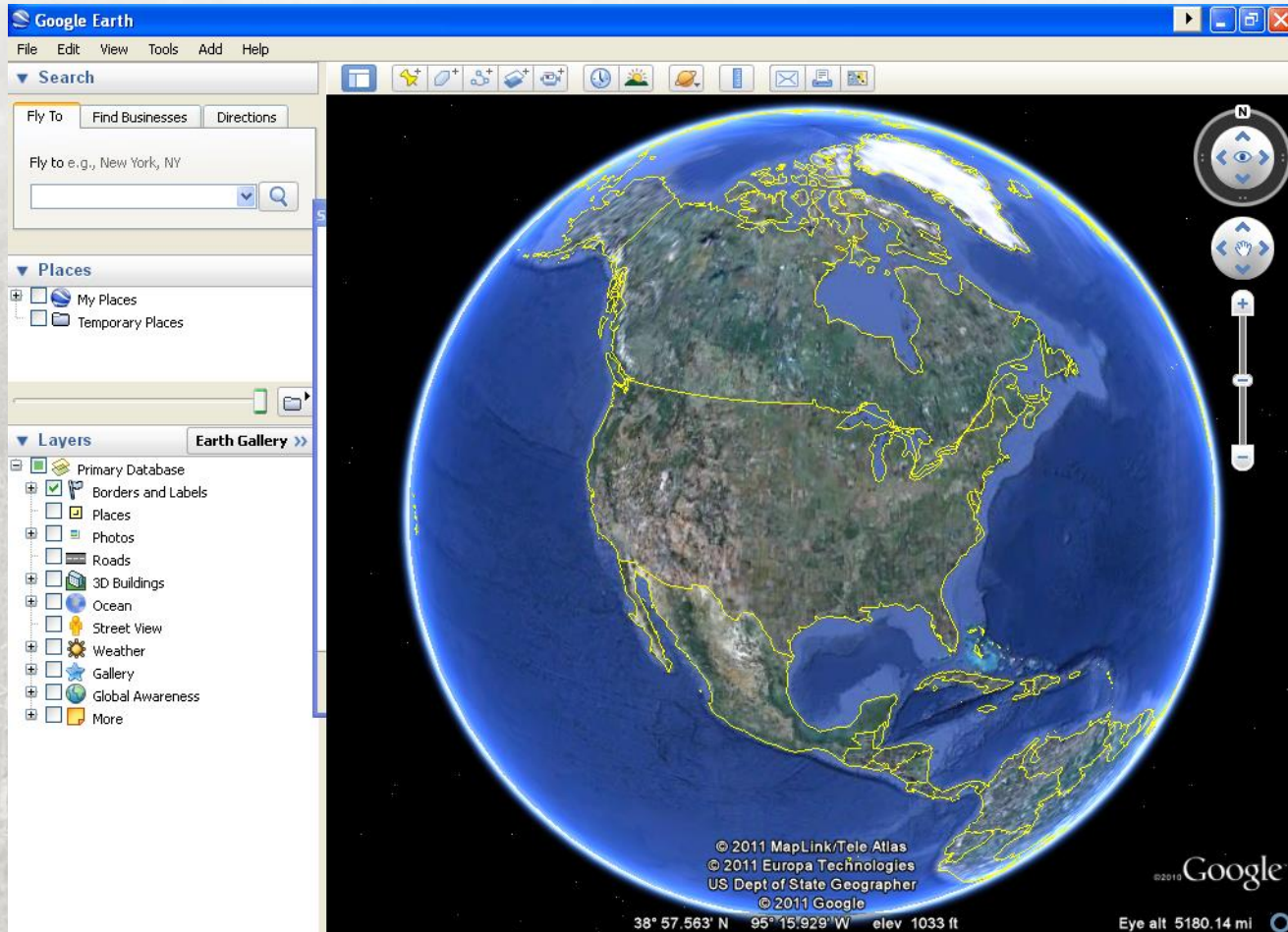
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Section 2: Google Earth

- Requires downloading a program

- Locate a piece of property or area of interest

- Store location and description information

- Create maps

- Opportunities for improved communication

Section 2: Google Earth Developing a Database
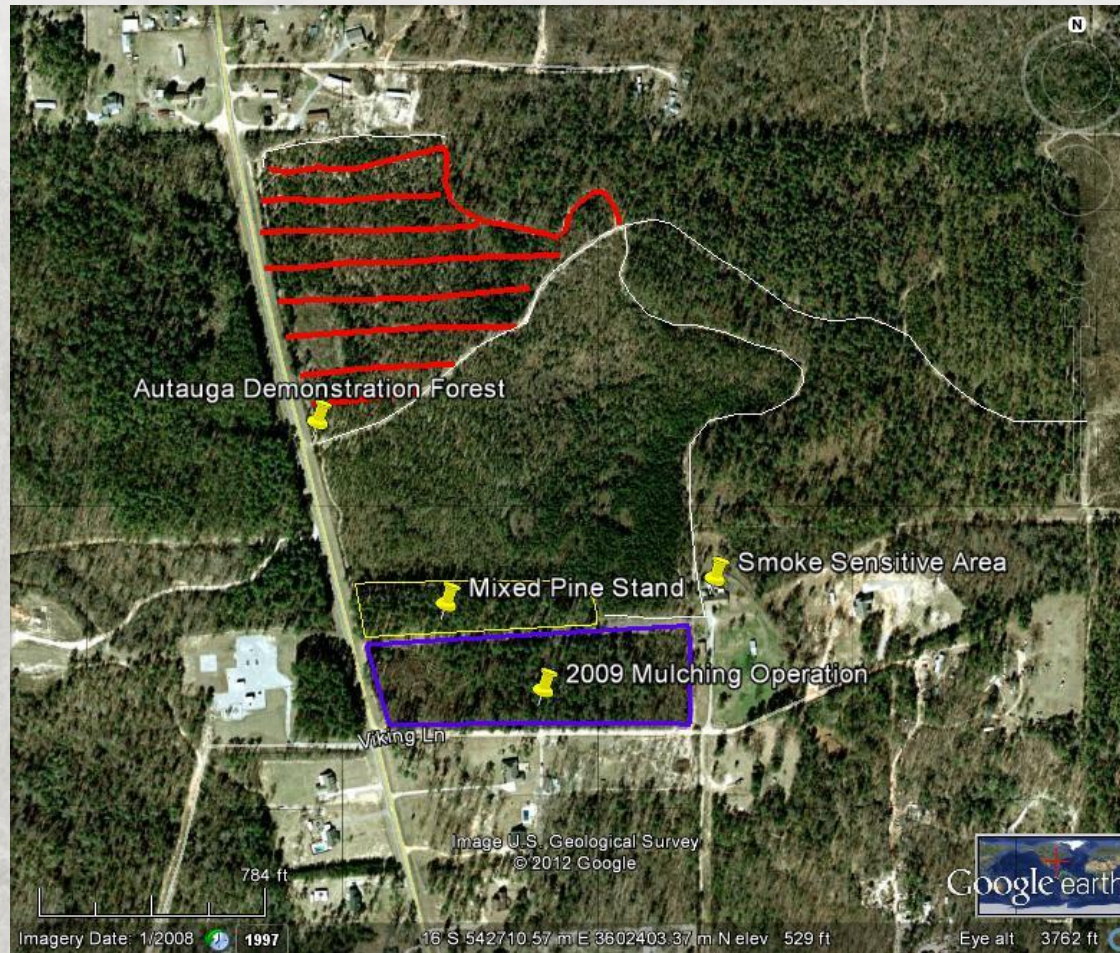
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Section 3: Alabama Historic Aerial Photo Archive

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- Online application

- View historical aerial photographs

- Order digital copies

Section 4: NRCS Geospatial Data Gateway

- Online application to search for data

- Requires a Geographic Information System (GIS) or viewer

- For more advanced users

- Search for data (examples include aerial imagery, topographic maps, elevation information, soils, land use land cover, geology, climate data, etc.

Section 5: USDA National Agroforestry Center (NAC) CanVis

- Requires downloading a program or requesting a CD or DVD

- Create visual simulations of potential management options using digital photographs

- Excellent online tutorials and help menus

CanVis Examples

Plenty of Additional Options

- Global Positioning System (GPS) Visualizer

- DRN GARMIN/DNR GPS

- Forest*A*Syst

- Use your favorite search engine

Property Searches and Information

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Lee County, AL Online Assessment and Appraisal Record Search

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http://www.leecountyrevenuecommissioner.com/

Lee County, Alabama

Search Page

Welcome to the Lee County, Alabama online Assessment and Appraisal record search. This search engine provides property tax and appraisal information of record in Lee County, Alabama. This information is updated frequently for the current tax year, but may not reflect actual, up-to-date courthouse records.

To begin your search, choose the link below.

Assessment and Real Property Appraisal

Current Year Real Estate Tax Info

Lee County Property Maps

Pay Property Tax Online

Lee County, Alabama

Another Service From:
Oline W. Price, ACTA
Revenue Commissioner

Lee County, AL Online GIS Website
Flagship GIS, Inc.

US Dept of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
General Land Office Records

- Online application

- Information about:
  - Land Patents
  - Survey Plats and Field Notes
  - Land Status Records
  - New Mapping Feature*

Search Documents by Location

Example Land Patent for Lee County

Data Management

Data Management and Record Keeping

- Can be very overwhelming!

- Definitely time consuming

- Spending time early in the process can help you in the long run (entropy!)

- Planning for the future

Data Management and Record Keeping

- Determining information needs
  - Questions to answer
  - File types
  - Conversions

- Organization
  - Paper and digital storage
  - Linking data
  - Backup data
  - Security
  - Planning for the future

Breakout Session

- Presentation and discussion topics
  - Online mapping applications and programs
  - Tax Assessor and Alabama GIS
  - US Dept of the Interior BLM Land Record Searches
  - Data Management

- Handouts
  - Copies of the Mapping Booklet
  - Handout of Links and Keywords

Questions?