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GIS for Public Gardens: **Tools & Techniques** for **Collection Management & Research**

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Curriculum Vitae

- **Education**
 - Ph.D. Candidate in Geography
 - BS in Landscape Architecture
 - AS in Computer Science
- **Research & Professional Experience**
 - Alliance for Public Gardens GIS
 - Arnold Arboretum
 - UC Davis Arboretum
 - UCD LASR Laboratory
 - UCD ICE
 - BRBNA



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Living Plant Collection Mapping



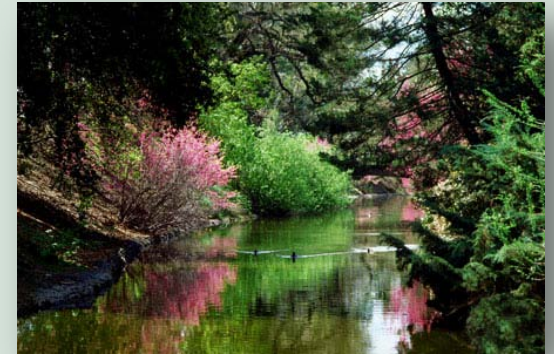
UC Davis Arboretum

- Located on the University of California, Davis campus
- 100 acre botanical garden
- Living museum with over 30,000 specimens
- Used by students, staff, and faculty for research and education



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Arboretum Waterway



Ruth Risdon Storer Garden

Why Map Plant Collections?

- Collection curation
- Teaching and research
- Planning and maintenance
- Visitor-based information and applications
- Biodiversity informatics
- Everyone loves maps!



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Arboretum Tour



Student Botanist

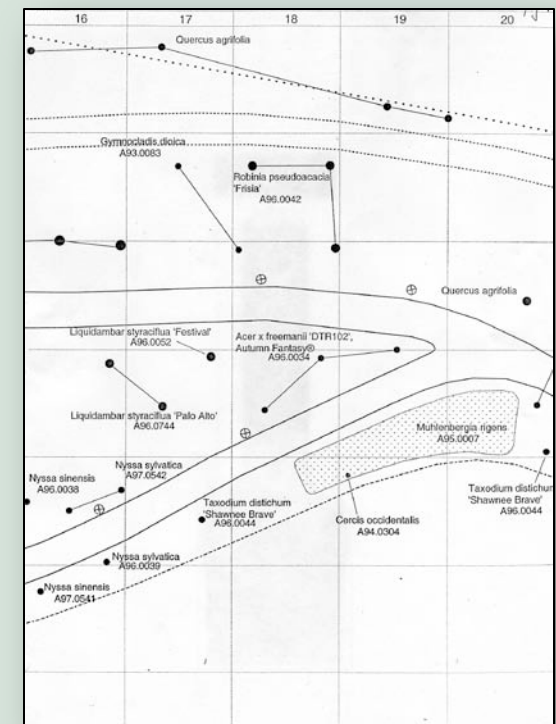
Original Collection Maps

- Geo/Navigator maps created in 1989
- Collections mapped by students over five years
- Maps only contained relative locations
- Software company is now out-of-business



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Geo/Navigator Collection Map

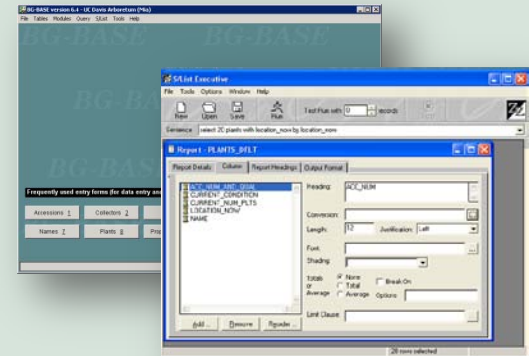
IMLS Museums for America Grant

- Plant records to BG-BASE
- Collection maps to Esri ArcGIS
- \$150,000 over two years
- Student and staff salaries
- GPS and computer equipment

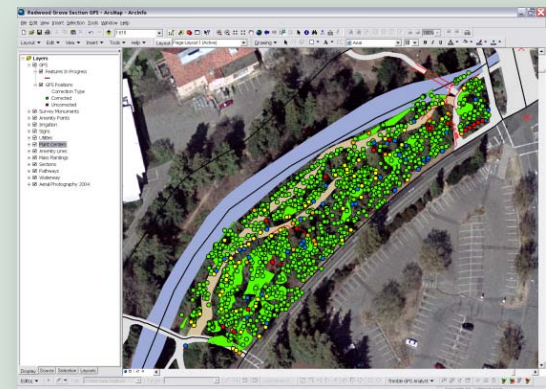


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BG-BASE Software



T. Elliot Weier Redwood Grove GIS

Equipment Considerations

- Volunteer and student labor
- Tree canopy, bridges, and buildings
- Measurement accuracy
- Operating time
- Purchase and maintenance costs



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Trimble Data Collection Equipment

Equipment Configuration

- Started with Trimble Pathfinder ProXR GPS (sub-meter)
- Upgraded to Trimble Pathfinder ProXH GPS (sub-foot)
- LaserCraft XLRic laser rangefinder
- Trimble Nomad ruggedized PDA
- Tripod and reflector pole



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Data Collection Equipment

Software Environment

- Esri ArcPad 10
- Trimble GPSCorrect 3.14
- Esri ArcGIS Desktop (ArcInfo) 10
- Trimble GPS Analyst 2.3
- MapLogic Layout Manager 4



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Esri & Trimble Software

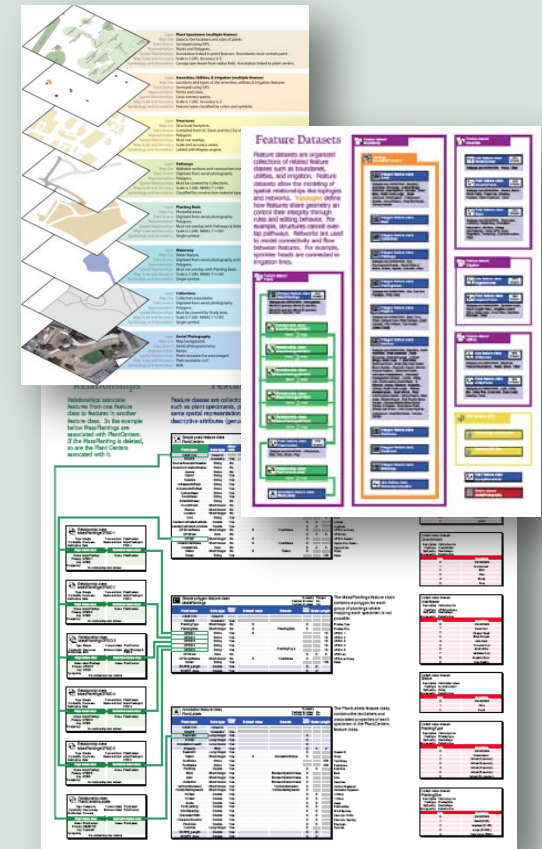
Geodatabase Design

- Visited and discussed with other gardens and zoos
- No existing GIS standard
- Designed, tested, and revised based on institutional needs
- Groundwork for data model project



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Geodatabase Diagrams

Field Mapping

- Two mapping teams of two students
- Equipment operator
- Map maintenance and prism holder
- Record plant center, accession number, taxonomy, growth habit, radius, and perimeter for masses
- Map amenities, irrigation, utilities, signs, etc.



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GPS and Laser Rangefinder



2005 Field Mapping Team

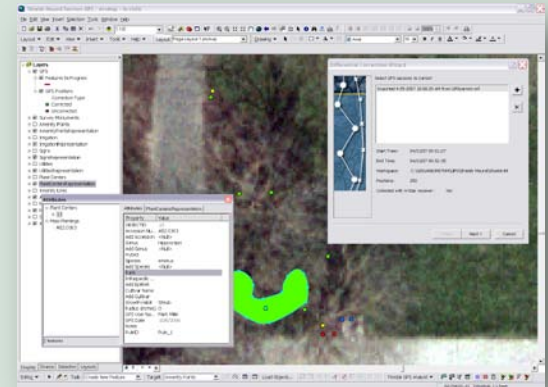
Post-Processing

- Import to geodatabase
- Differential correction
- Filter out inaccurate GPS positions
- Verify geometry and attributes
- Remap invalid features

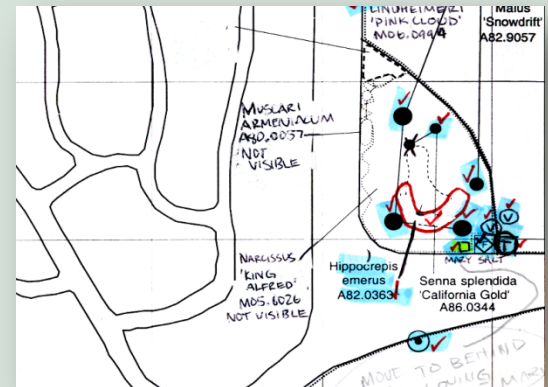


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ArcGIS with GPS Analyst



Field Map

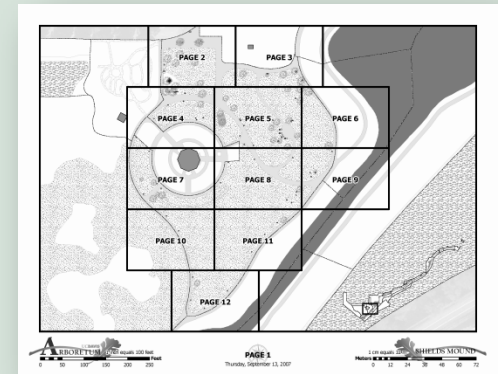
Map Books

- Thomas Brother style map books
- Overview, detail maps, and index
- 1" = 20' scale with 20' grid
- Grayscale for reproduction
- Realistic landscape plan symbols

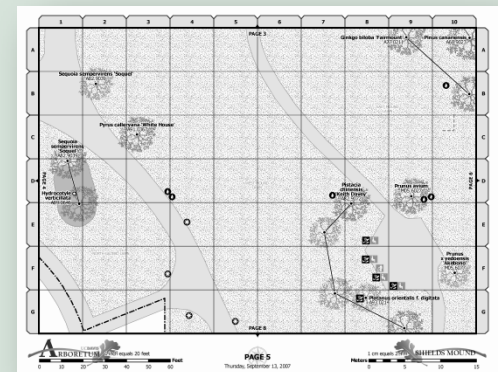


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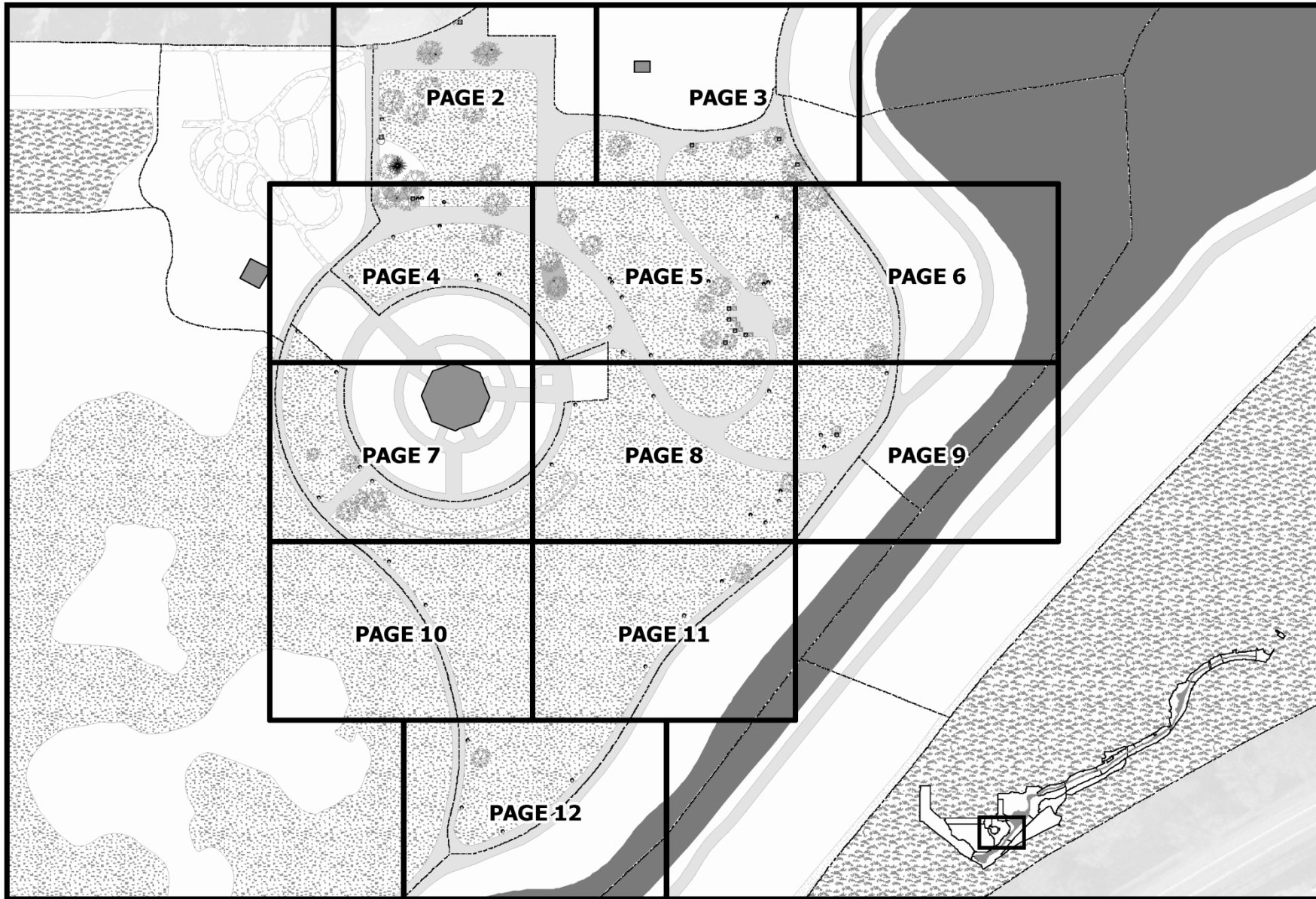
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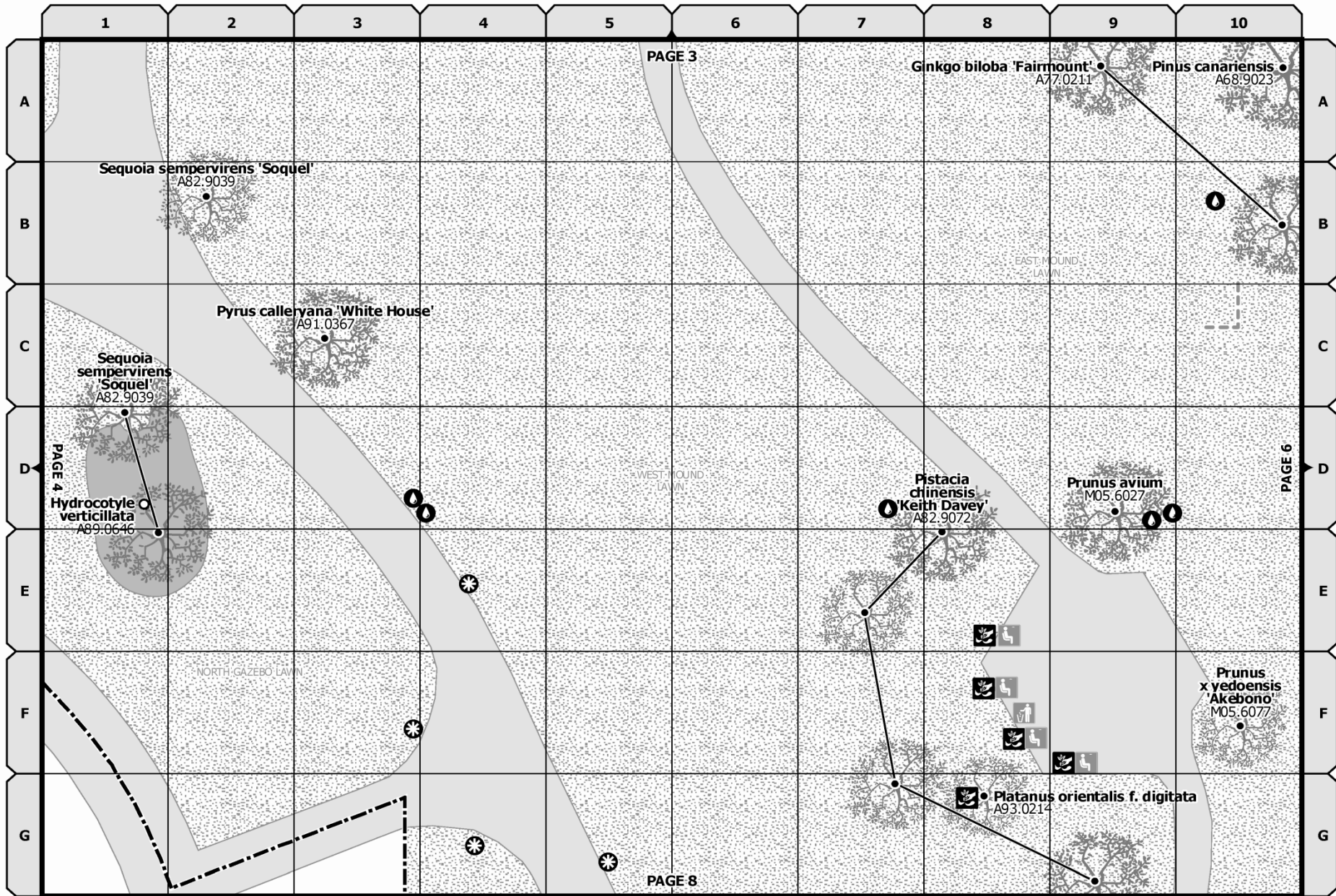


Shields Mound Section Overview



Shields Mound Section Detail





Specimen Name	Page	Specimen Name	Page	Specimen Name	Page	Specimen Name	Page	Specimen Name	Page
Acacia karroo A64.0601	2 E-7	Carex comans A90.0131	5 C-2	Correa pulchella 'Port Lincoln' A96.0417	4 B-4	Grevillea 'Poorinda Constance' M02.0256	4 D-1	Hardenbergia violacea 'Happy Wanderer' M02.0159	3 A-10 4 B-2
Agonis flexuosa A92.0133	2 E-5	Casuarina glauca A67.0148	5 D-8	Correa pulchella A96.0712	4 D-1 4 E-1	Grevillea 'Poorinda Royal Mantle' M02.0260	4 C-2 4 C-3	Hardenbergia violacea 'Icicle' A98.0143	5 D-5 5 D-6
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Baeckea virgata UNKNOWN	3 E-9	Cistus albidus UNKNOWN	2 C-5	Dianella revoluta A96.0671	3 B-5 3 B-7 3 B-8 3 B-9 4 B-1 4 B-2	Grevillea 'Red Glow' A96.0716	5 F-6	Hibbertia aspera A96.0636	4 C-2
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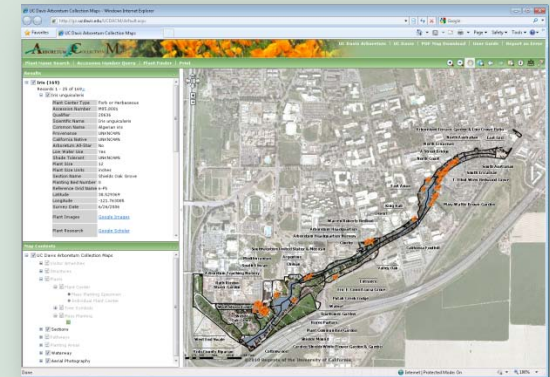
Collection Maps Online

- Esri ArcGIS Server 9.3.1
- Customized web application
- Plant searches and queries
- Customizable print pages
- Google Images and Scholar searches
- Detailed user guide
- <http://gis.ucdavis.edu/ucdacm.aspx>

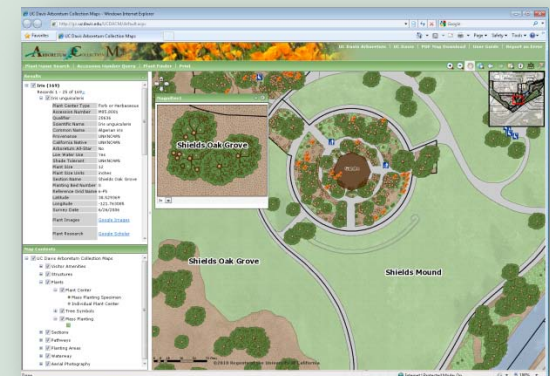


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Collection Maps Web Application



Collection Maps Web Application

Results

Iris (169)

Records 1 - 25 of 169 >

Iris unguicularis

Plant Center Type	Forb or Herbaceous
Accession Number	M05.8001
Qualifier	20636
Scientific Name	Iris unguicularis
Common Name	Algerian iris
Provenance	UNKNOWN
California Native	UNKNOWN
Arboretum All-Star	No
Low Water Use	Yes
Shade Tolerant	UNKNOWN
Plant Size	12
Plant Size Units	inches
Section Name	Shields Oak Grove
Planting Bed Number	0
Reference Grid Name	6-F5
Latitude	38.529369
Longitude	-121.763085
Survey Date	6/26/2006

Plant Images [Google Images](#)

Plant Research [Google Scholar](#)

Map Contents

UC Davis Arboretum Collection Maps

- Visitor Amenities
- Structures
- Plants
 - Plant Center
 - Mass Planting Specimen
 - Individual Plant Center
 - Tree Symbols
 - Mass Planting
- Sections
- Pathways
- Planting Areas
- Waterway
- Aerial Photography



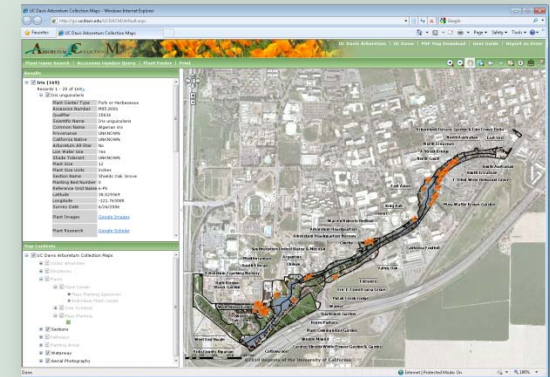
Collection Maps Online

- Requires little GIS experience
- Reduces curation staff work load
- Provides staff quick answers
- Provides researchers powerful tools
- Little overhead to maintain
- Prototype for current web app project

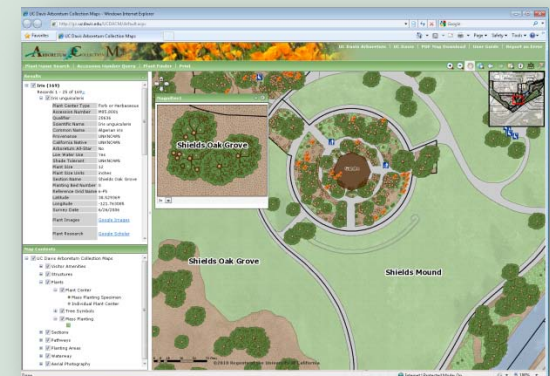


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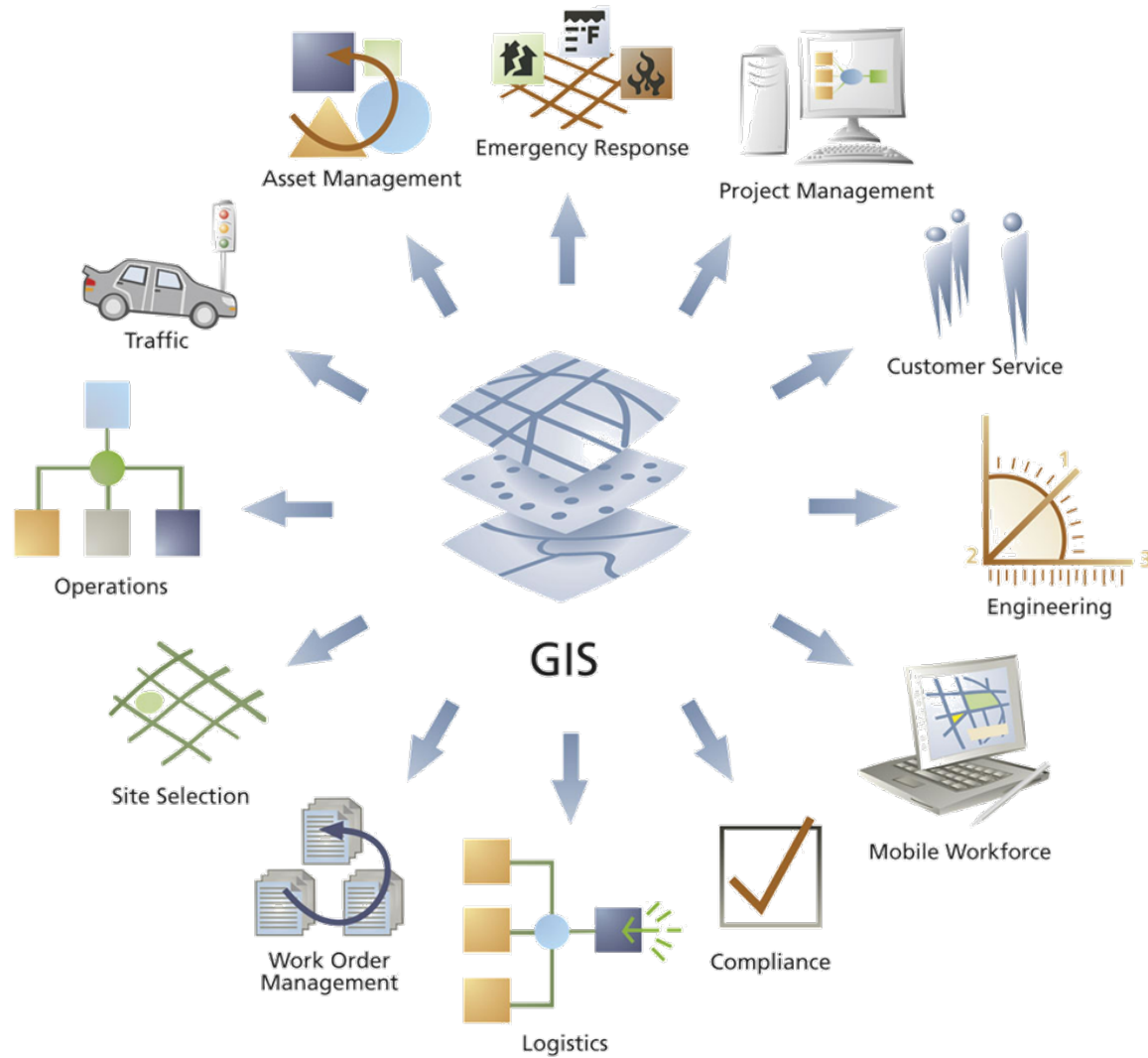
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ArcGIS Public Garden Data Model



Enterprise GIS



GIS at Public Gardens

- Mission to exhibit wildlife, educate visitors, conserve biodiversity, and perform scientific research
- Range in sizes and operating budgets
- GIS used to manage living collections, facilities, and perform research
- Without an industry data model each institution needs to design their own GIS



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Living Collection Mapping

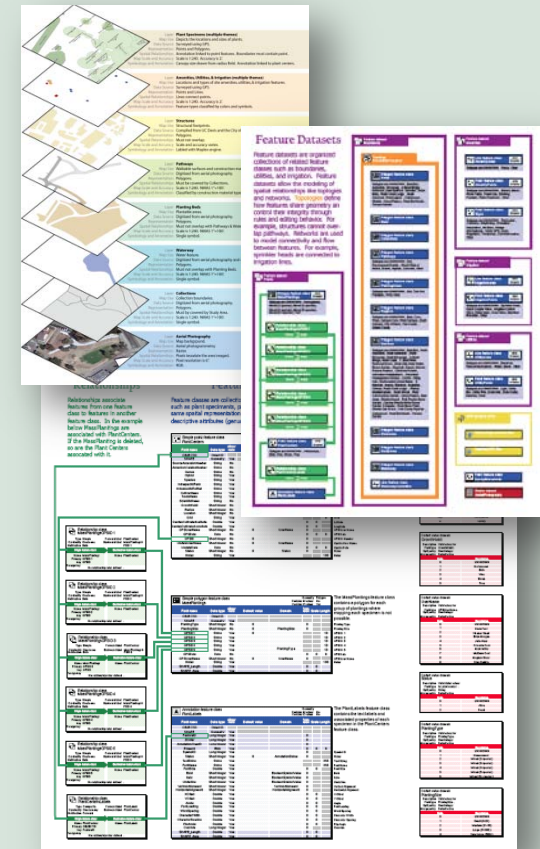


Animal Education



What is a Data Model?

- “...a description of the rules by which data is defined, organized, queried, and updated within an information system.”
- Database schema
- Practical template and starting point for implementing GIS projects
- Over 30 industry models for ArcGIS



GIS Data Model Diagrams

IMLS Conservation Program Support Grant

- Design GIS standard for botanical gardens and zoos
- Community build process
- \$230,000 over two years
- \$390,000 match from Esri
- Salaries, travel, and software



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Project Partners

Project Goals

- Create a free open source template with documentation for starting a GIS project
- Light, Medium, and Extra Strength
- Focused on features that provide the greatest benefit
- Designed to work with plant records systems, not replace them

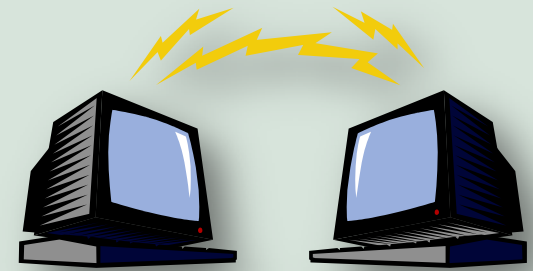


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Light, Medium, & Extra Strength



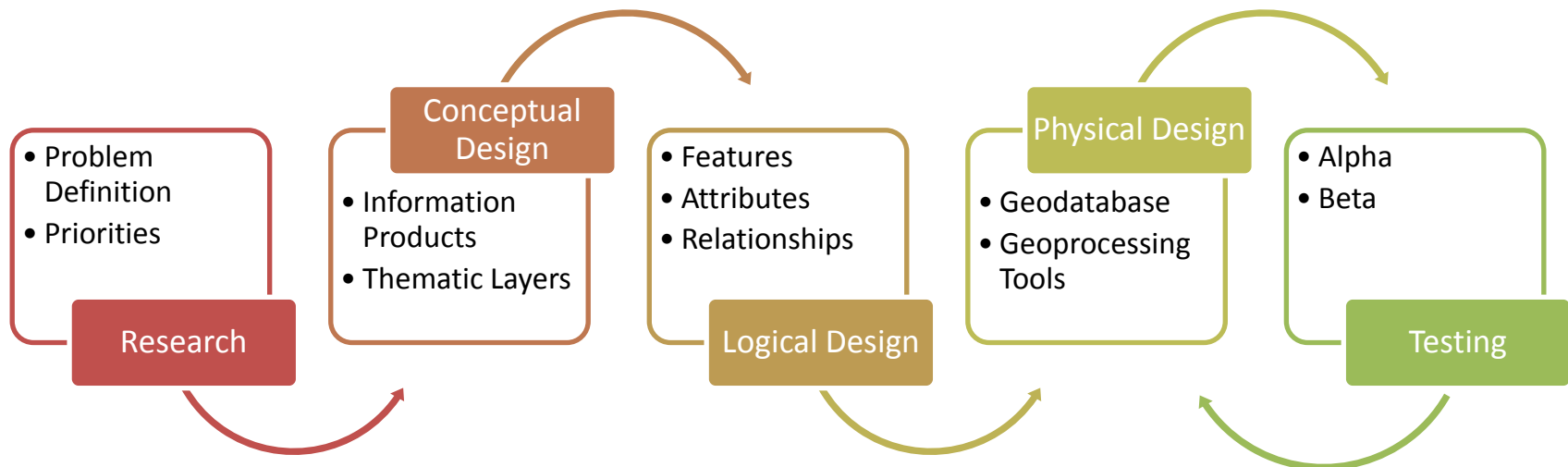
Linked Databases

Design Process



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Project Timeline

- Project planning meetings and community survey in Fall 2007
- Conceptual & logical design meetings in Spring 2008
- Physical design in Summer 2008
- Alpha testing and review through Summer 2010
- Beta testing and documentation in progress

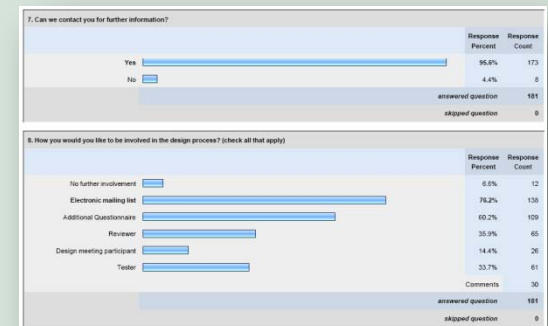


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Technology Seminar

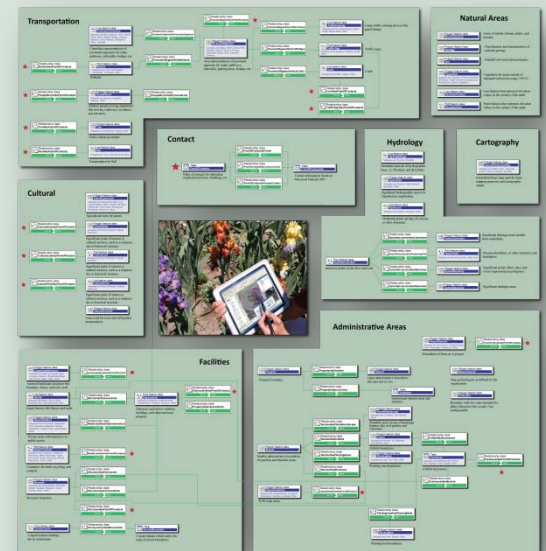


Online Survey

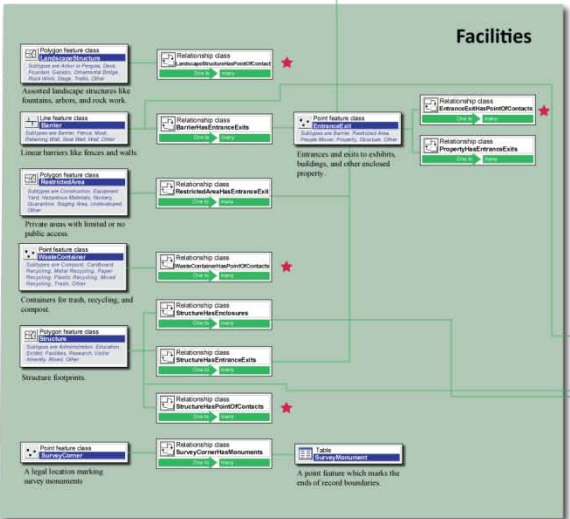
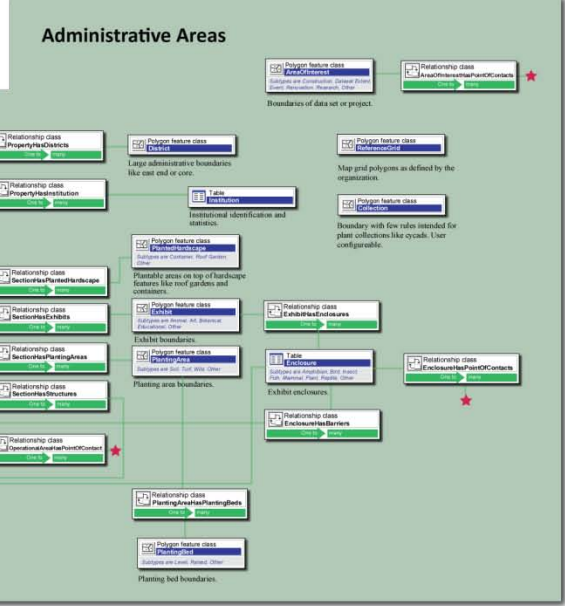
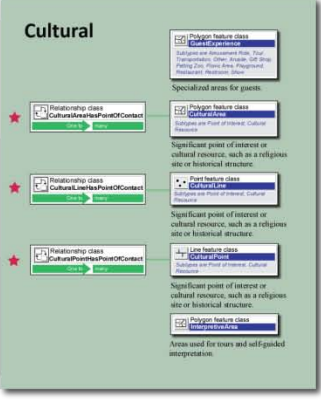
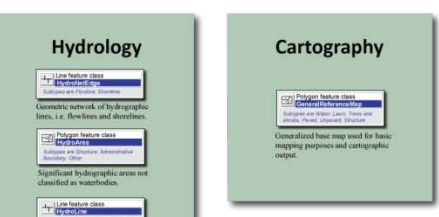
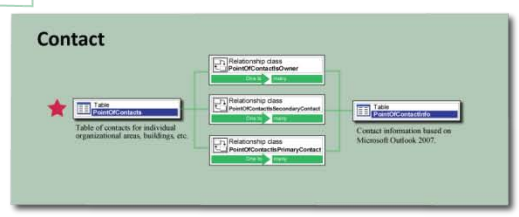
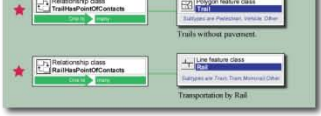
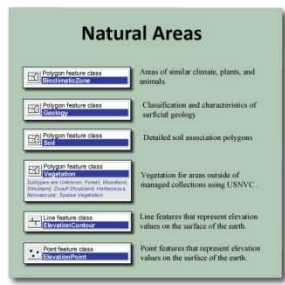
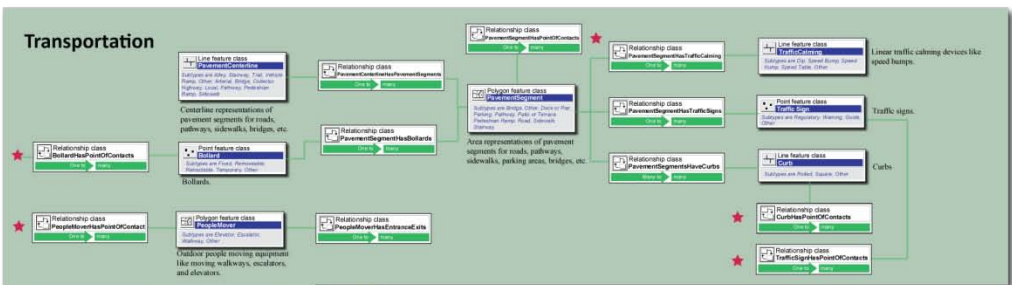


Data Model Design

- Similar to modeling an entire city
- Community survey indicated that plant records, base map, and facilities & infrastructure most important
- Created base map and facilities & infrastructure foundation with basic plant collections module
- Currently over 100 objects in model



Data Model Diagram

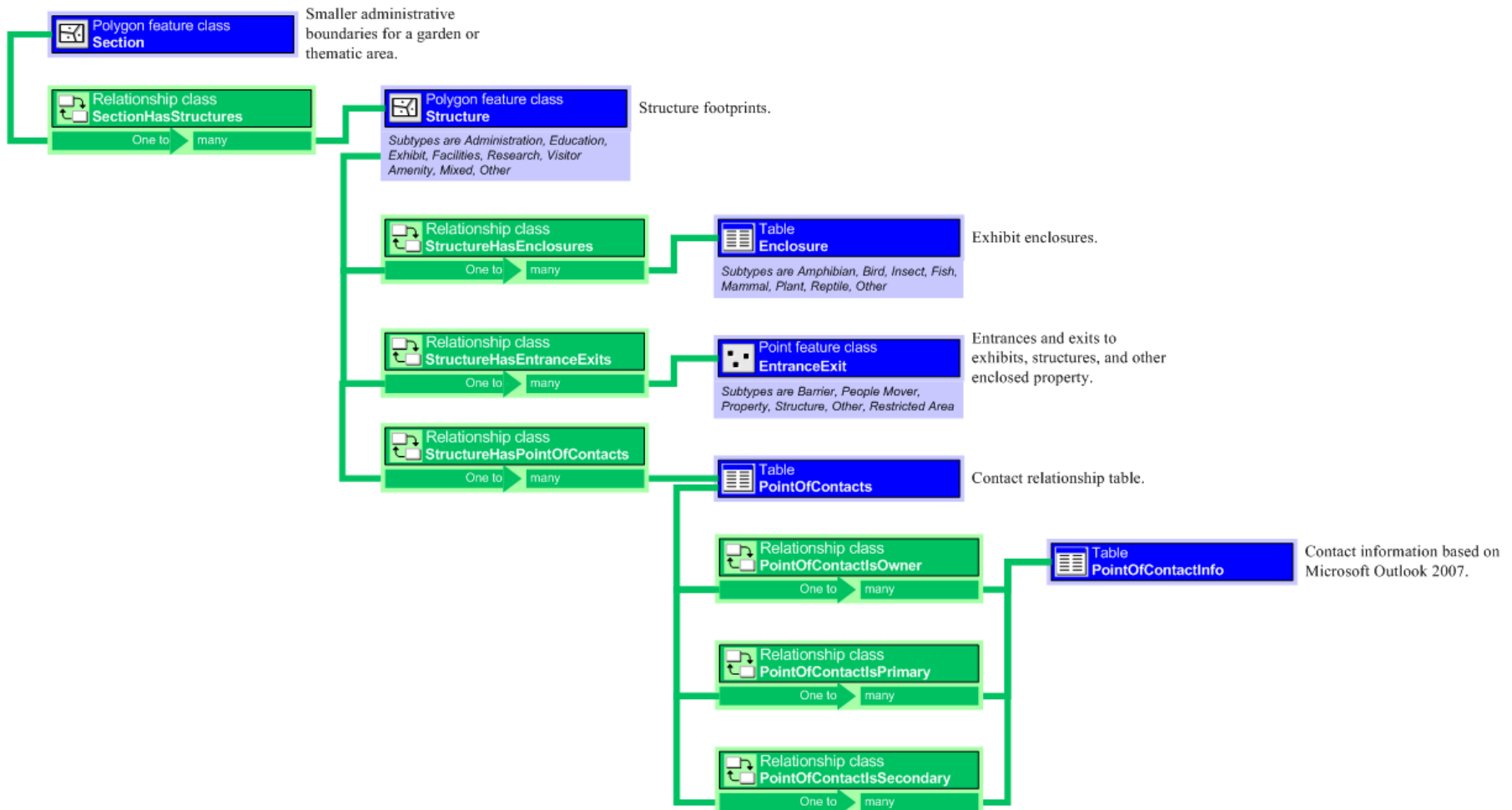


Geodatabase Structure



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Geodatabase Schema



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Simple feature class		Geometry		Polygon			
Structure		Contains M values	No	Contains Z values	No		
Field name	Data type	Allow nulls	Default value	Domain	Prec-ision	Scale	Length
OBJECTID	Object ID						
SHAPE	Geometry	Yes					
StructureID	String	Yes					20
Type	Short integer	No	3		0		
Name	String	Yes					50
Address	String	Yes					100
ConstructionDate	Date	Yes			0	0	8
ConstructionLifeExpectancy	Short integer	Yes			0		
ConstructionDocumentURL	String	Yes					200
FloorLevels	Short integer	No	1		0		
UtilityWater	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
UtilityGas	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
UtilityTelephone	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
UtilityData	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
UtilitySanitarySewer	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
UtilityStormSewer	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
SystemsHeating	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
SystemsCooling	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
SystemsFireSuppression	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
SystemsSecurity	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
ADA	Short integer	Yes		YesNo	0		
Access	String	Yes					20
EnclosureCode	String	Yes					20
PointOfContactID	String	Yes					20
Comments	String	Yes					100
SectionID	String	Yes					20
SHAPE_Length	Double	Yes			0	0	
SHAPE_Area	Double	Yes			0	0	

Structure footprints.

Structure ID
Structure Type
Structure Name
Address
Construction Date
Life Expectancy (years)
Construction Document URL
Floor Levels
Utility Water
Utility Gas
Utility Telephone
Utility Data
Utility Sanitary Sewer
Utility Storm Sewer
Systems Heating
Systems Cooling
Systems Fire Suppression
Systems Security
ADA
Access
Enclosure Code
Point of Contact ID
Comments
Section ID

Coded value domain

YesNo

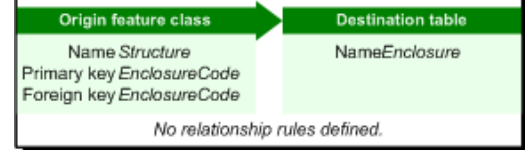
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Split policy Short integer
Merge policy Default value

Code	Description
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1	Yes

Relationship class

StructureHasEnclosures

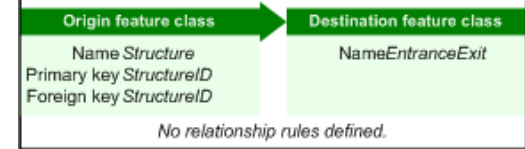
Type Simple Forward label Enclosure
Cardinality One to many Backward label Structure
Notification None



Relationship class

StructureHasEntranceExits

Type Composite Forward label EntranceExit
Cardinality One to many Backward label Structure
Notification Forward



Current Development

- Geoprocessing tools for data loading and common analyses
- Beta Program to begin in March with five major institutional partners and numerous others
- IMLS 21st Century MP Grant for GIS Training (\$302K)
- IMLS CPS Grant for Tree Assessment Module (\$109K)

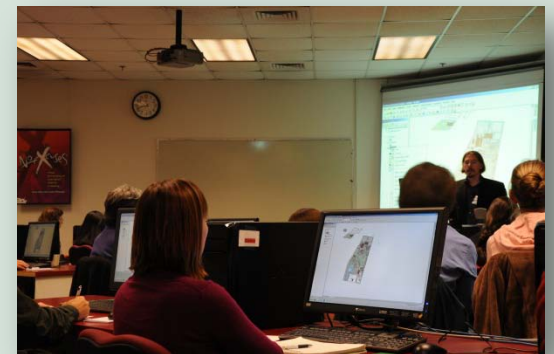


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Tree Assessment



GIS Training Workshop

Tree Assessment Module



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- Create GIS tools for health, hazard, and benefit assessment
- Based on i-Tree and Neighbourwoods
- Includes soil, water, and maintenance history data
- Links to i-Tree Eco, i-Tree Streets, and other analysis models
- Compatible with work order systems



Tree Assessment



Ecosystem Services

Project Partners

Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University

Chicago Botanic Garden

Missouri Botanical Garden

San Francisco Botanical Garden

Santa Barbara Botanical Garden

Smithsonian Gardens

Pukekura Park, New Zealand

UC Davis Arboretum

Zoological Society of San Diego

International Society of Arboriculture

USDA Forest Service

BG-BASE



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GIS Web Application for Living Plant Collection Research



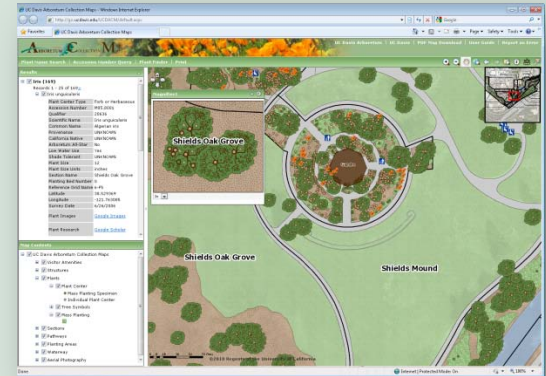
Project Overview

- Develop a web-based mapping application for plant research
- Both in situ and ex situ
- Links Arboretum collections with herbaria, library, and internet biodiversity collections
- Useful to staff, visitors, and researchers



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Prototype Web Application



Proposed Adobe Flex API Interface

Project Details

- Build GIS based on ArcGIS Public Garden Data Model
- Link with plant records system in BG-BASE
- Design application interface and widgets using ArcGIS Adobe Flex API
- Esri support for plant records link and application interface coding



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data model

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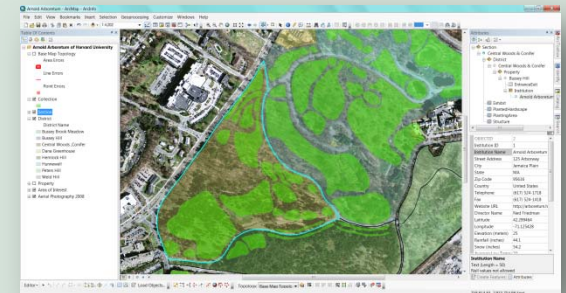
Project Deliverables

- Living plant collection GIS
- GIS web application
- Geoprocessing tools for collection analysis and research
- Plant collection research case study
- Web application template

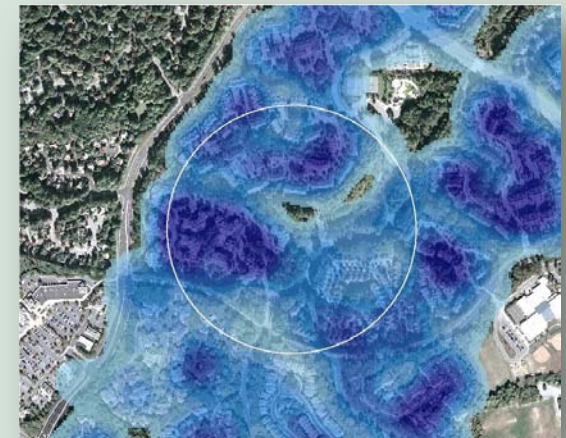


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Geoprocessing Tool Result

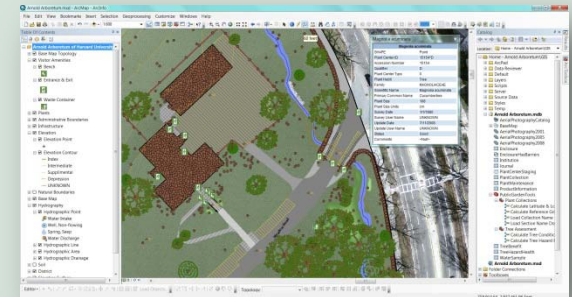
Expected Results

- Well tested and revised data model
- ArcGIS – BG-Base connection
- Web app template will simplify process of providing collection access
- Ability to access multiple collections through one simple interface
- Invaluable to plant biodiversity conservation efforts



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Arnold Arboretum GIS



Occurrences of *Acer cappadocicum*



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- Consortium of collection managers from gardens and zoos
- Promote and assist in the use of GIS for living collections management
- Website under development at www.apgg.org
- Google Group and LinkedIn group for community support
- Develop GIS training resources



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APGG Website

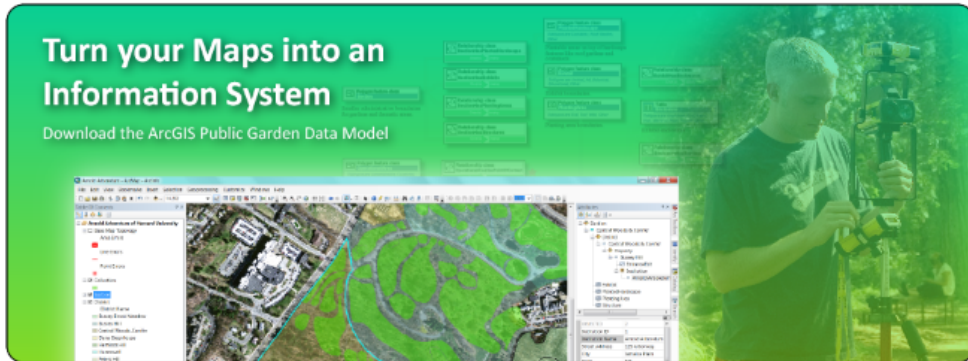


APGG Google Group



Turn your Maps into an Information System

Download the ArcGIS Public Garden Data Model



News

[GIS Training Workshop Videos Available](#)

Learn how to use the ArcGIS Public Garden Data Model to create a GIS for your garden.

[Esri Announces Nonprofit Grant Program](#)

Get Esri's ArcGIS software to start or continue your mapping project at no cost.

[Public Gardens Grow Research Capability with GIS](#)

Read about the UC Davis Arboretum's GIS web application.

[Connect with APGG](#)

Join the Alliance for Public Gardens GIS community.

[APGG to Develop Training Resources](#)

Read about the UC Davis Arboretum's IMLS grant to develop GIS training for museum professionals.

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Resources

Get Funding

[Esri Grant Programs](#) | [IMLS Grant Programs](#)

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Get Started

[Products](#) | [Services](#) | [Community](#)

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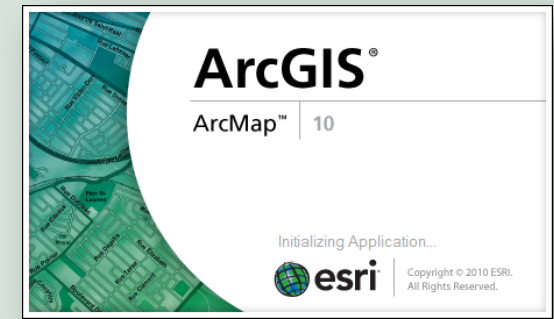
Esri Grant Program

- APGA Members
- Esri ArcGIS, ArcPad, and extensions
- Online training, live training, and books
- Three years of software maintenance and support with renewal options
- Free user conference registration

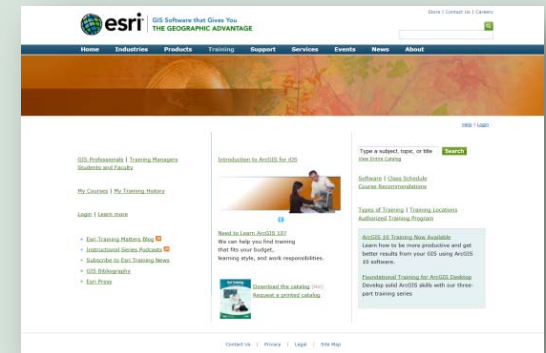


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Esri ArcGIS



Esri Training Website

GIS Training for Museum Professionals



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- Develop APGG website
- Social networking site
- Making the case for GIS materials
- Guide to GIS book
- Model volunteer program
- Professional services program
- Training videos
- Training workshop



APGG Summary

- Resources for getting funding
- Esri software, training, and support
- Data model, cartography, and web app templates
- Specialized instructor-led and self-study training
- Technical support and consulting services



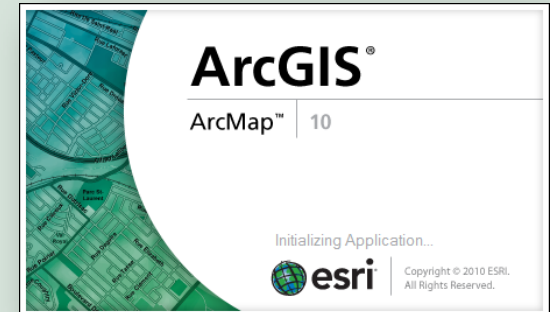
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data model

"The most powerful and efficient tool for creating a public garden GIS."





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GIS for Public Gardens: **Tools & Techniques** for **Collection Management & Research**

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