



# WV Association of Geospatial Professionals

## Who are we?

The West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals (WVAGP) is a growing non-profit organization for geospatial professionals involved in digital cartography, geographic information systems (GIS), Global Positioning Systems (GPS), land information systems, remote sensing, and other related geospatial technologies. Members of WVAGP include representatives from local, state and federal agencies, educational and research institutions, the private sector, and other professional organizations.



*Geospatial Professional*

## What is geospatial?

Geospatial is a term widely used to describe the combination of spatial software and analytical methods with geographic datasets. The term is often used in conjunction with geographic information systems and geomatics.

## Why geospatial?

This exciting technology creates intelligent maps and databases that enable public and private decision makers to make better informed decisions in diverse areas as public safety and economic development. Geospatial technologies are rapidly becoming principal tools in the government and private sectors because they are visual, integrative, and analytical.



*WVAGP Charter Members (March 15, 2007)*

## Our Mission

The mission of the West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals is to bring together and build the geospatial community into a cohesive, recognized coordinating body that facilitates the use, development, sharing, and management of geospatial data and communicates the value of geospatial information to citizens and decision-makers.

## Membership Benefits

**REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP:** Members have an opportunity to represent a unified state voice on geospatial information and technology issues. Members assist in the development of geospatial strategic and business plans.

**COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION:** Members network with other professionals through meetings, workshops, newsletters, listserv, etc.

**RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** Members are provided opportunities for professional development, continuing education, and certification.

**EDUCATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH:** Members promote the understanding of geospatial information and technology to organizations and the public in West Virginia.

## Join the Association

You are invited to join with others to advance geospatial information and technologies in West Virginia. Please visit the association's website to learn more about our organization and to become a member.

**WVAGP Website**

<http://www.wvaggp.org>

*Promoting and sharing geographic information and mapping technologies in the Mountain State*

*"Everyone knows the old adage, 'location, location, location', but few people probably realize that 80% of all business data has some sort of geographic component to it."*