

Ohio Department of Administrative Services
Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program Council
Sunset Review Committee

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Chairman Roegner and members of the Sunset Review Committee, my name is Mariah Halleck and I am the Legislative Liaison for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS). Thank you for the opportunity to present information in support of the OGRIP Council.

The OGRIP Council provides advice and recommendations on geospatial data and mapping activities that enhance the development and use of reliable digital geospatial data by fostering communication and coordinating the activities of federal, state and local government partners.

OGRIP was established by an Executive Order in 1993 and continued through subsequent Executive Orders until its codification in 2008. OGRIP currently has its authority under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 125.901.

The OGRIP Council consist of 15 members, with representation from state and local governments, as well as members from the academia community. A DAS representative serves as chair of the Council and provides support services necessary for Council functions. The Council meets quarterly to review initiatives and provide guidance to the OGRIP Program Office within DAS. Further, OGRIP does not have a budget. Administrative and program support are provided by DAS. Support amounts to approximately 8 hours per meeting for two staff members.

Through the Council's efforts, the OGRIP Program Office within DAS has established partnerships to develop statewide geospatial data projects that reduce redundant data collection among agencies, improve the accuracy and currency of the data, and provide access to authoritative spatial data assets that support the efforts of GIS professionals at all levels of government.

Chairman Roegner and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. DAS supports the continuation of the OGRIP Council, as it plays a crucial role in assisting several government entities with important issues surrounding geospatial data, mapping activities, data accuracy and efficiency, and more. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.