Ohio Sunset Review Committee
Agency Questionnaire

Agency Name Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program Counci

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

ORC 125.901 establishes the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP) Council to coordinate the property owned by the state and to promote the effective use and sharing of geographic data of value between government entities throughout the state. OGRIP determines the existence of geographic data, ensures it is made available and is easy to access for all entities including Ohio's citizens in many cases.

OGRIP strives to:
1. Coordinate GIS activities within the State that provide for the efficient collection, management and use of spatial data.
2. Assist in the coordination of GIS activities and to encourage access and consistency with other GIS systems to the maximum extent possible.
3. Represent the interests and concerns of State and Local government agencies with regard to spatial data development, discovery and distribution.
4. Provide leadership in the establishment and maintenance of a system for the collection and dissemination of spatial data.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff

The full Council meets quarterly to review initiatives and provide guidance to the OGRIP program office within the Department of Administrative Services.

The Council has two standing committees, State Owned Real Property (SORP), and Geospatial Data Governance tasked with developing guidelines for agency SORP reporting and spatial data maintenance, respectively. These committees meet monthly and report to the Council.

The OGRIP program office provides administrative support for the Council as part of their normal job duties. No additional staff or budget is required for this purpose.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding

The Council does not have a budget or draw from the appropriation. Council activities and initiatives are funded through the creation of partnerships among State, local and federal agencies.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any

The Council consists of 14 members consisting of the designees of: the State Chief Information Officer (chair); directors of Natural Resources, Transportation, Environmental Protection, Development Services, Public Safety; Attorney General; Chancellor of Higher Education; Chief of the Division of Oil & Gas Resources Management within DNR; executive directors of County Auditors' Association, County Commissioners' Association, County Engineers' Association, Ohio Municipal League, and Ohio Townships Association.

Members serve without compensation.

Additional notes

OGRIP has implemented several GIS initiatives to develop key framework layers for the Ohio Spatial Data Infrastructure and maintains the GeOhio Spatial Information Portal as a spatial data discovery and distribution site for state and local government, providing access to data through hosted online data and mapping services and applications. OGRIP establishes partnerships with federal, state and local government to support its data development activities and leverage funding to reduce both costs and redundant data development activities, improve the quality and accuracy of Ohio's spatial data and improve the accessibility of the data. Examples of funding partnerships include the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) that produced enhanced elevation data to support critical decisions at all levels of government and most recently the 3D Hydrography Program (3DHP) which is creating a highly accurate and up-to-date hydrographic data to support decision makers.

The OGRIP Council is a valuable resource for collaboration and communication among state and local government to the benefit of data sharing and for this reason we recommend its reauthorization.