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Community Maps

Implications for the Geologic Community

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What is a community map?

- It includes the basic information that the community uses most often to build its maps and do its work
- A small number of basic components, nicely presented
- A tiled, raster service at multiple scales
- Available free and all the time for desktop, web and mobile
- Is it a basemap? Yes and no



Community maps = a new level of collaboration

Many users from many organizations contributing data



...that is harmonized via shared standards, data models, and templates



...into a comprehensive, multi-scale online map

Community maps enable and connect many things



The benefits of community maps

- They save time and money
- They help make beautiful maps
- They cross boundaries and scales
- They encourage and enable collaboration

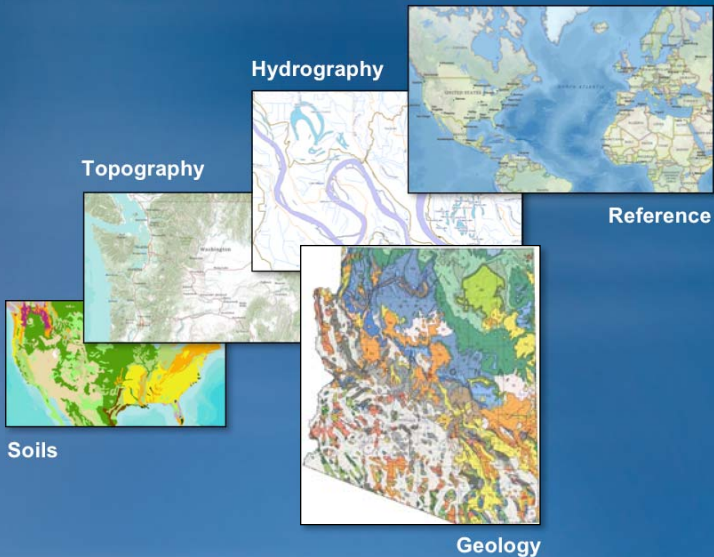


Community Map

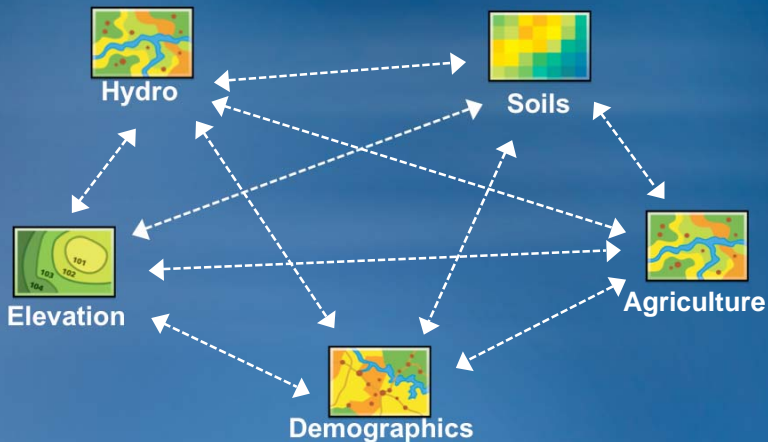
They can connect to citizens via apps and stories



There will be many community maps



Community maps can connect to one another






Geologic Community Maps

ArcGIS Explorer Online Demo

Click to run:



A satellite-style map of North America, showing the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The map uses natural colors: green for forests, brown for mountains and plains, and blue for water bodies. The text is overlaid on the central part of the map.

What is a Community Map?

**It's a constellation of government and
citizen communities across the nation**

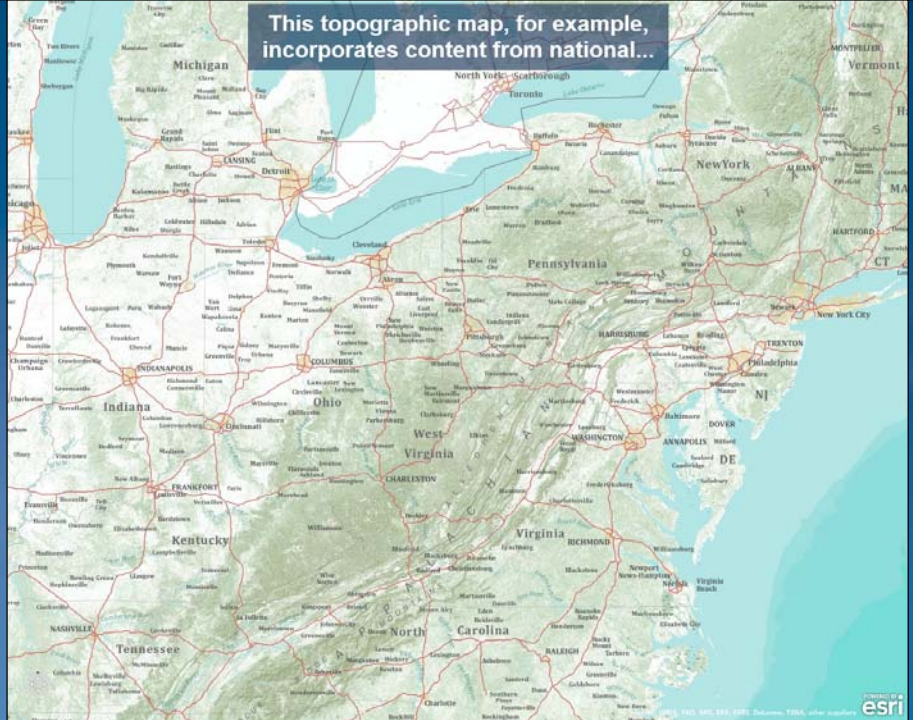
A Community Map includes online maps featuring authoritative information...



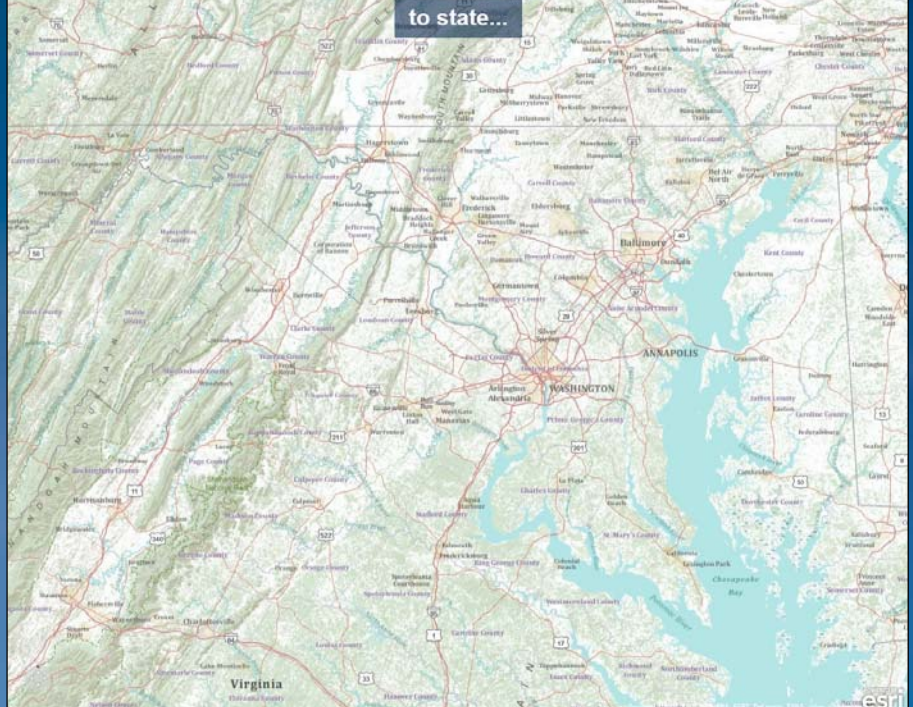
...compiled and shared by many federal, state and local agencies.



This topographic map, for example, incorporates content from national...



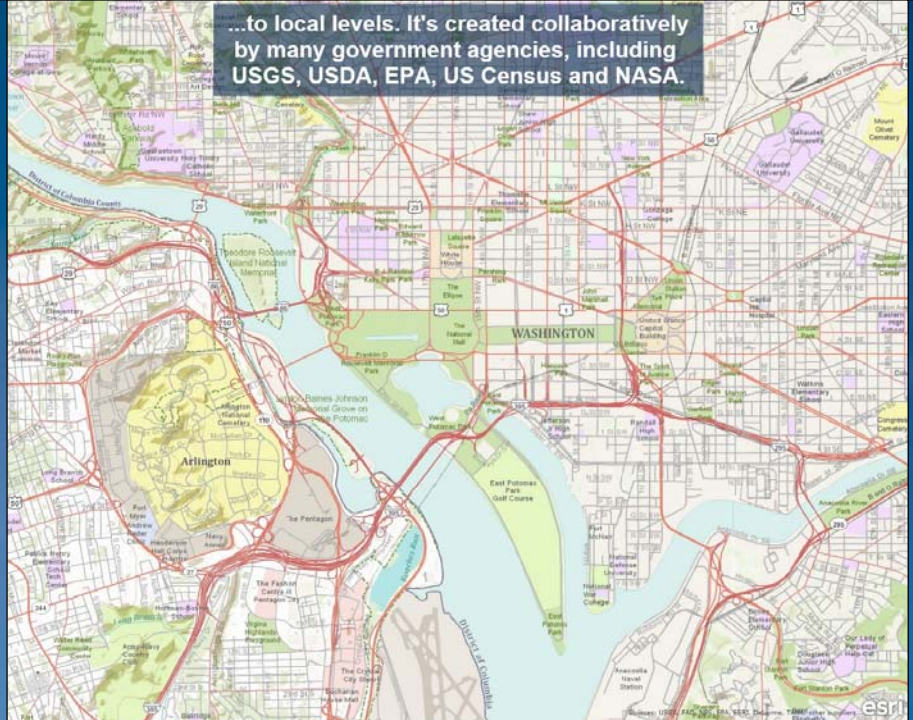
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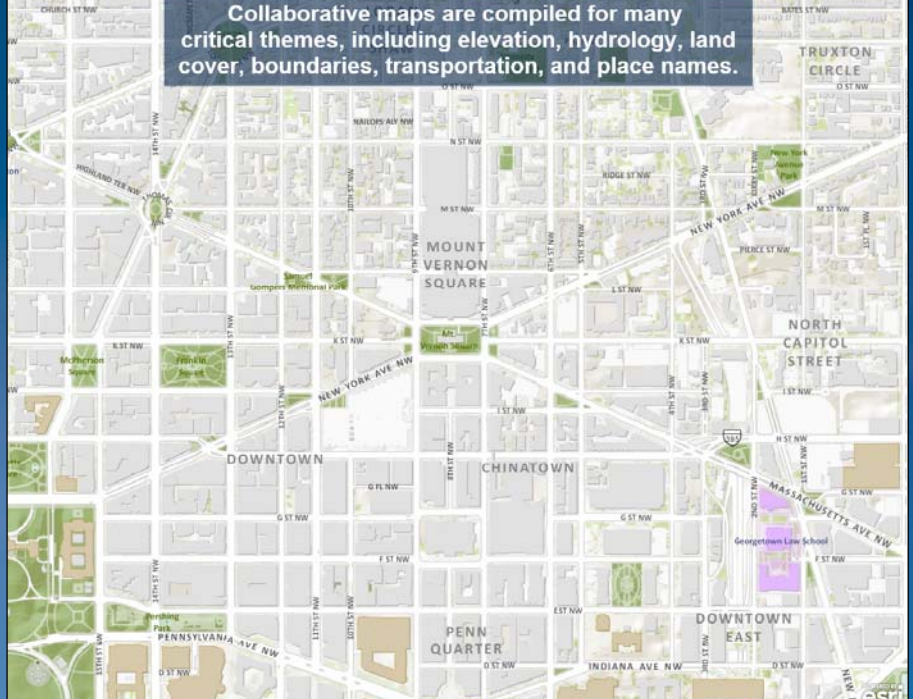
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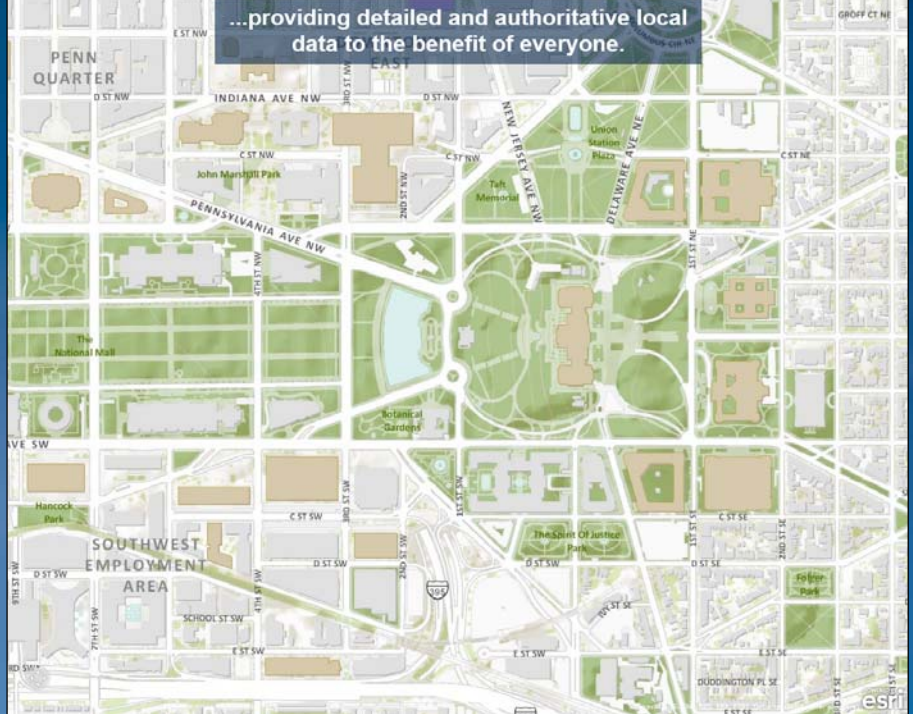
...to local levels. It's created collaboratively by many government agencies, including USGS, USDA, EPA, US Census and NASA.



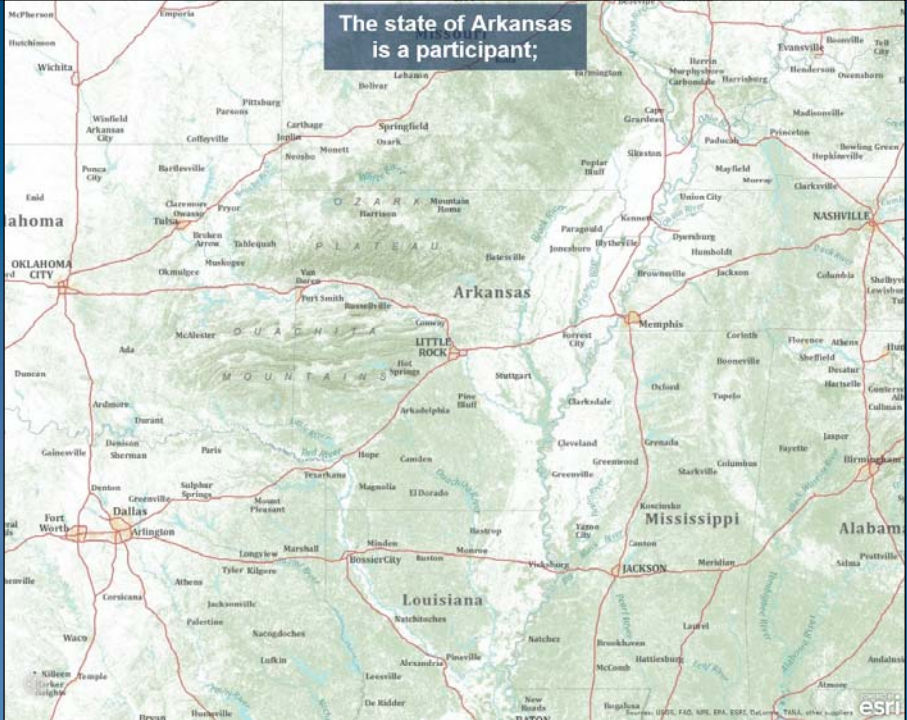
Collaborative maps are compiled for many critical themes, including elevation, hydrology, land cover, boundaries, transportation, and place names.



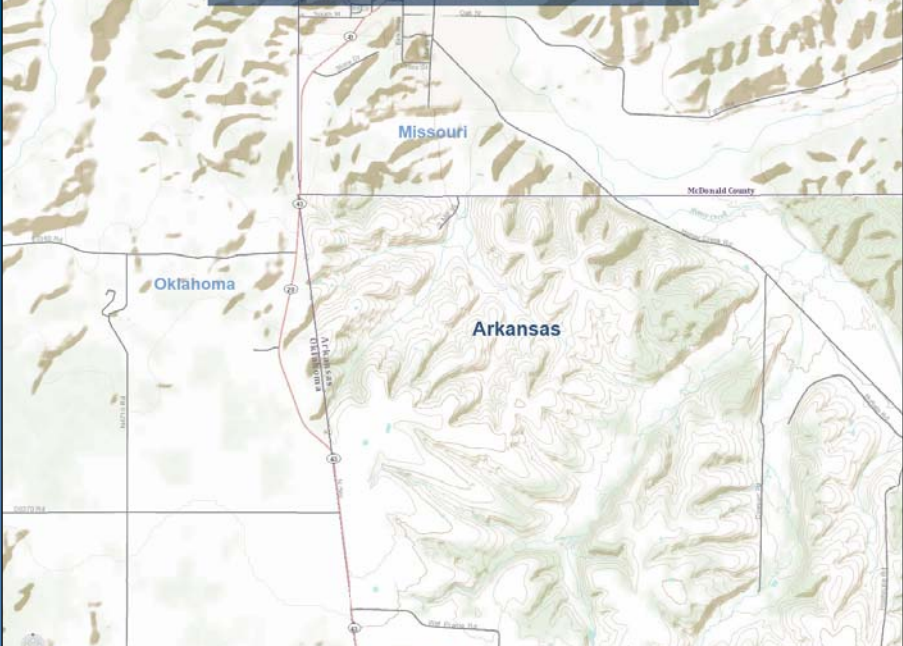
...providing detailed and authoritative local data to the benefit of everyone.



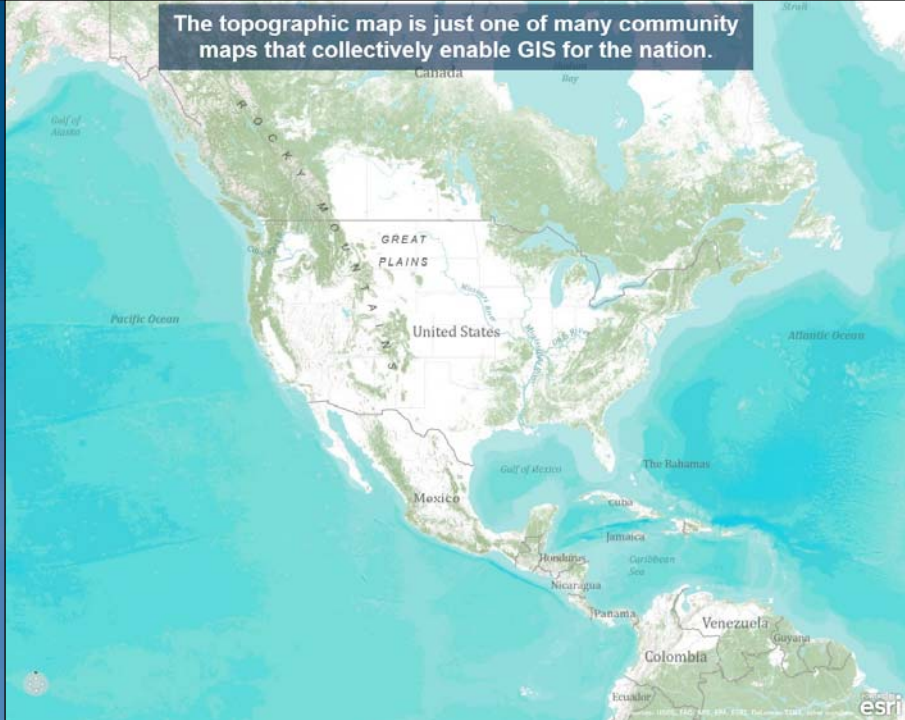
The state of Arkansas
is a participant;




note Arkansas' more detailed contour data.




The topographic map is just one of many community maps that collectively enable GIS for the nation.



A geologic community map of the Pacific Northwest region, showing various geological units in different colors. The map includes the coastline of the United States and Canada, with major cities like Seattle, Portland, and Vancouver visible. The map is overlaid with a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The text "Geologic Community Map" is centered on the map.

Geologic Community Map

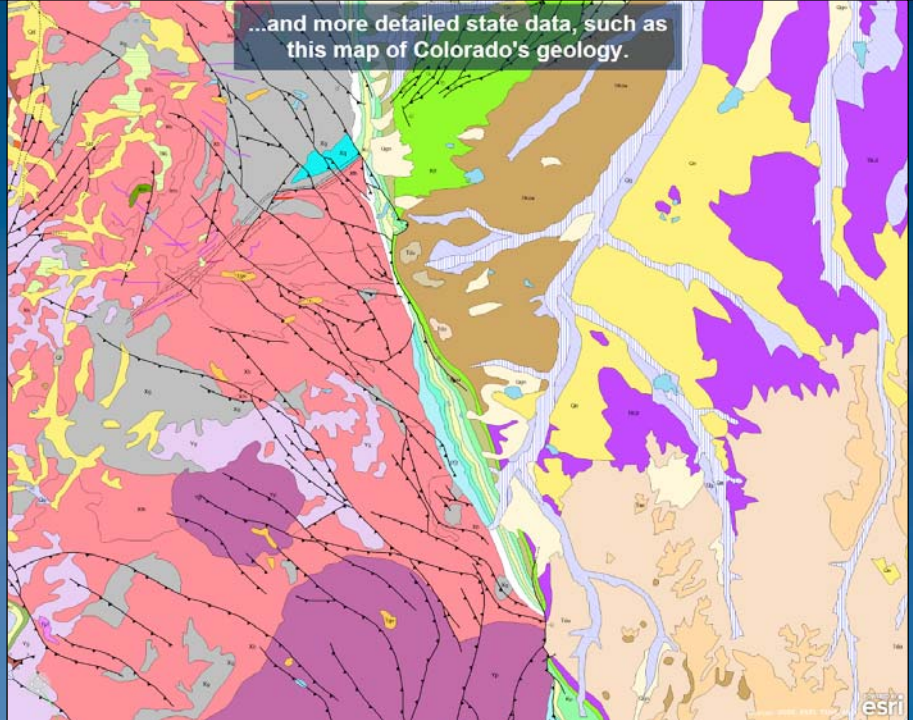
A satellite-style map of North America, showing the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The map uses natural colors: green for vegetation, brown for arid/semi-arid regions, and blue for water bodies. The Great Lakes are visible in the central-eastern part of the continent. The text is centered over the northern United States and southern Canada.

**Geologic Community Maps
can be constructed from
multi-agency, multi-scale
groupings of geologic maps**

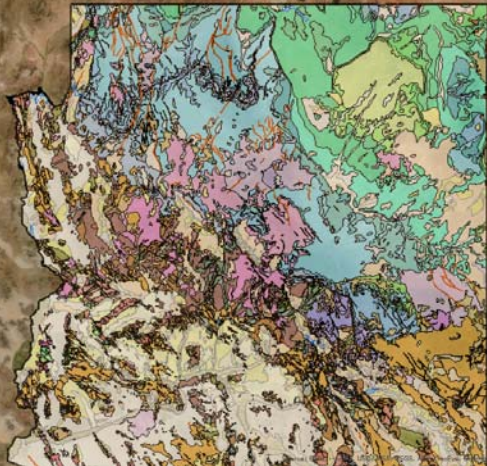
A geology community map
can include national-level data...



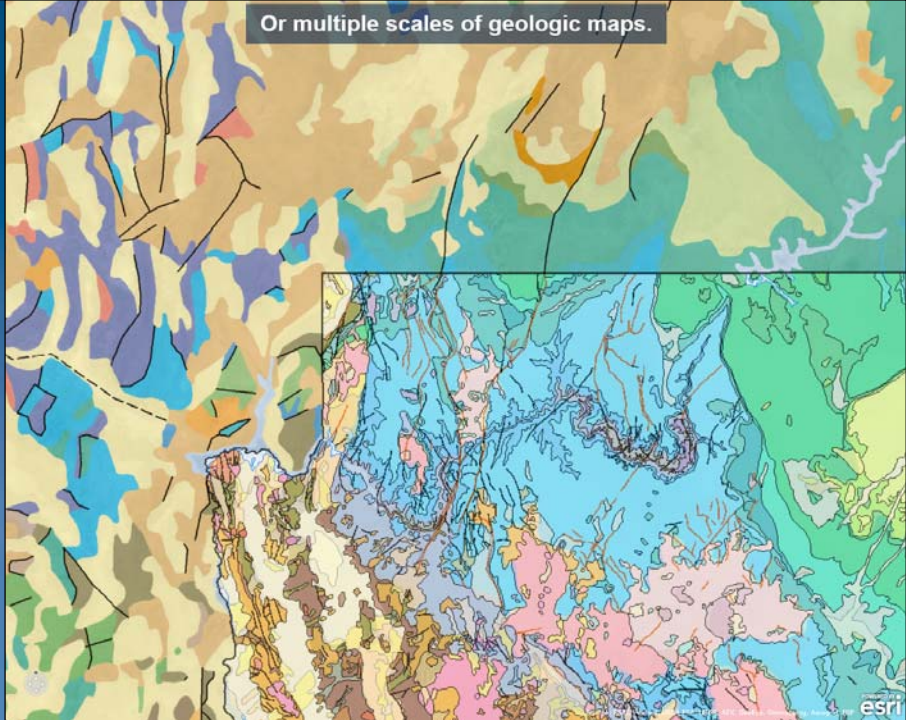
...and more detailed state data, such as this map of Colorado's geology.




Other data may be combined with geologic information.



Or multiple scales of geologic maps.



A satellite-style map of North America, showing the United States, Canada, and Mexico. The map is centered on the continent, with the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west. The text is overlaid in the center of the map.

**A Geologic Community Map
is a vision that's achievable,
affordable, and essential
in the 21st Century.**



The Geologic Mapping Template

A brief history in DMT time

Evolution of the GMT

- Began as an ESRI project to develop, with USGS guidance, **Cartographic Representations** for the FGDC Digital Cartographic Standard for Geologic Map Symbolization
- Developed into the **Geologic Mapping Template**
- Serves **print and online publishing** model

DMT 2008

Presented an ArcGIS cartographic solution to a geologic mapping problem:

- *Consistent symbology based on the FGDC specifications*
- *Geologic map symbol and labeling automation with ArcGIS*

Introduction to **Cartographic Representations**

DMT 2009

Presented the Geologic Mapping Template, an ArcGIS cartographic solution to a geologic mapping problem:

Demo highlighting recommended **workflow**

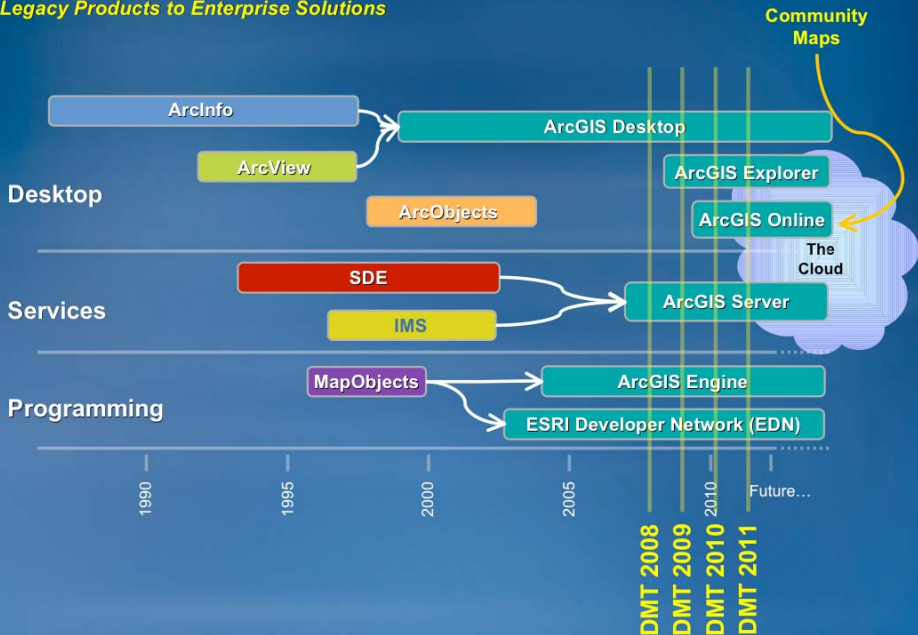
DMT 2010

Presented the Geologic Mapping Template, a solution that supports all evolutionary stages of the geologic map publishing model:

- *Print*
- *Database*
- *Online (as in **ArcGIS Online**)*

Short History

Legacy Products to Enterprise Solutions



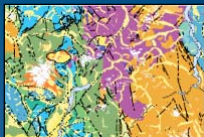
So, what's new in 2011 ?

The Online Geologic Mapping Template



Online Geologic Mapping Template

National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program



- The **esriNCGMP Online Geologic Mapping Template** is a GIS-based cartographic solution that serves as the foundation for publishing key features of traditional surficial and bedrock geologic map to ArcGIS Server, to eventually be registered on ArcGIS.com or compiled as a web mapping application.
- esriNCGMP Online Geologic Mapping Template brings together the cartography and relevant data structures:
 - [FGDC Digital Cartographic Standard for Geologic Map Symbolization](#)
 - [Esri Geologic Mapping Template](#) geodatabase schema
 - [NCGMP](#) schema

esriNCGMP Online Geologic Mapping Template (v.10 SP1)

<http://www.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=bb02aa75305f40ff87fb6106aa297da9>

***FGDC:
Geologic Map Symbolization
Standard***



What are the next steps?