

Library of Congress Grant NDIIPP Award to multi-state Initiative with North Carolina, Kentucky and Utah

In January 2008, the Library of Congress awarded the states of North Carolina, Kentucky, and Utah a multi-state grant as part of the Library of Congress's National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP). Titled "**Multi-state Geospatial Content Transfer and Archival Demonstration**", this initiative will catalyze collaborative efforts to preserve important geospatial content that only exist in digital form.

As technology moves forward, many entities use geospatial technology to create maps containing valuable information. Unlike paper maps, these maps are digital and can be created from different data layers depending on the map needed. As such, maps in a traditional sense do not exist but, rather, are created based on client demands. The data to create the maps exists in a database environment. States face formidable challenges in caring for digital records with long-term legal and historical value.

The NDIIPP award partners the geospatial and archives communities in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Utah to focus their efforts on creating a sustainable stewardship of geospatial information. The project focuses on identifying, collecting, and replicating large volumes of geospatial data among several states to promote preservation and access. Focusing on state and local content, the project will work closely with federal, state and local governments to implement a geographically dispersed content-exchange network.

For more information on Library of Congress' NDIIPP program, see www.digitalpreservation.gov