Geocoding

Practical Applications Beyond Regulatory Compliance

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- Telecommunications Mapping and Records Conversions
- Telecommunication Route Survey/ Construction Planning
- Right-of-Way Acquisition
- Construction Management Services
- Geographic Information Services (GIS)

What is geocoding?

- Geocoding is the process of transforming the description of a location, such as an address or a name of a place, to a location on the earth's surface.
- Your company has likely made a significant investment in developing geocoded data for current and potential service locations to satisfy HUBB requirements.
- When this information is combined with other georeferenced data, you have a powerful tool to help face challenges quickly and economically.

Recap of Regulatory Requirements

USIC HUBB (New Reporting for Most as of 3/1/2018)

- The USAC HUBB report requires filing the latitude and longitude coordinates, with six (6) digit accuracy, for all <u>locations</u> where service is available. Various programs (A-CAM, CAF-BLS) required filing differing deployment data within different windows of time.
- Six (6) digit accuracy represents a spatial resolution of four (4) inches.

FCC 477 (Legacy Reporting)

- The FCC 477 report requires filing the maximum upstream / downstream bandwidth available to both consumers and businesses, as well as the technology of delivery, for each census block (CB) within the provider's serving area.
- Using HUBB data to update FCC 477 information can aid in filling in "gaps" in previous reporting.

Georeferenced Information

Your Facility Records (OSP, Access Equipment Sites, Serving Area Boundaries) – THE MOST VALUABLE

Political / Tax District Boundaries

Subdivision Plats

Commercial Databases (D&B Hoovers, etc.)

Satellite Imagery

Surface Responsibility Data

Topography / Geology Data

Watershed Data

Wetland Maps

Threatened and endangered species habitat locations

True or False?

Six (6) digit resolution (xxx.xxxxxx) in a GPS coordinate represents accuracy of within approximately one (1) meter

True

False

True or False?

<u>False</u> - Six (6) digit resolution (xxx.xxxxxx) in a GPS coordinate represents accuracy within approximately four (4) inches

Accuracy comes with a cost! Unless driven by a regulatory requirement, select an accuracy level that best fits your requirements. Normal handheld GPS accuracy is approximately ten (10) meters, or thirty three (33) feet.

How Can I Use This Information?

- Evaluate Data Graphically
- Operations
- Marketing
- Planning and Monitor/ Control
- Implementation Efficiency

Data Evaluation Customer Location and Facilities

THE DATA IN A SPREADSHEET.....

THE SAME DATA GRAPHICALLY.....

| | | House | Street | Fiber | | Fiber | |
|----------------|----------|---------|----------|-------|-----------|--------|--|
| Customer Name | Fiber SA | No. | Name | Route | Fiber Ped | Assign | |
| Non Subscriber | RNCH | Unkonwn | FRY BLVD | B5 | 2 | 165 | |
| JOHN ULRICH | RNCH | 238 | CR 142 | B5 | 4 | 160 | |
| Non Subscriber | RNCH | 165 | FRY BLVD | B5 | 4 | 161 | |
| RICKY GOMEZ | RNCH | 159 | FRY BLVD | B5 | 4 | 162 | |
| CHARLES CLAY | RNCH | 214 | CR 142 | B5 | 3 | 163 | |
| STACY STARNZ | RNCH | 222 | CR 142 | B5 | 3 | 164 | |
| RUSSELL JARED | RNCH | 133 | FRY BLVD | B5 | 2 | 166 | |
| CARROL STEVEN | RNCH | 174 | FRY BLVD | B4 | 3 | 182 | |
| Non Subscriber | RNCH | 150 | FRY BLVD | B4 | 3 | 183 | |
| Non Subscriber | RNCH | 142 | FRY BLVD | B4 | 2 | 184 | |
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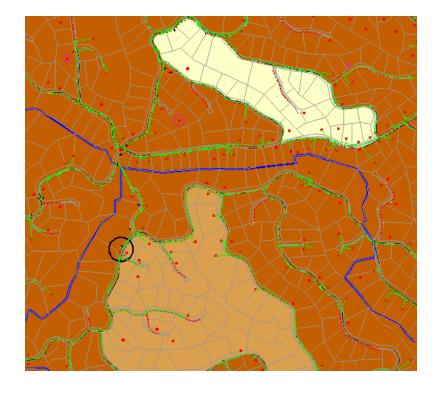


Data Evaluation Census Blocks and Bandwidth

THE DATA IN A SPREADSHEET.....

| | | | Tech | | Con | Con | | Bus | Bus |
|------|-------------|-----------------------|------|----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|
| Ce | nsus Block | DBA Name | Code | Consumer | Down | Up | Business | Down | Up |
| 6138 | 35928357194 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 0.768 | 0.384 | 1 | 0.768 | 0.384 |
| 6138 | 35928357708 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 0.768 | 0.384 | 1 | 0.768 | 0.384 |
| 6214 | 15923356223 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 6214 | 15923356254 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 6214 | 15923356875 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 3 | 0.384 | 1 | 3 | 0.384 |
| 6214 | 15923356878 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 6214 | 15923356880 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 3 | 0.384 | 1 | 3 | 0.384 |
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| 6214 | 15923356884 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
| 6214 | 15923356885 | The Telephone Company | 10 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 |
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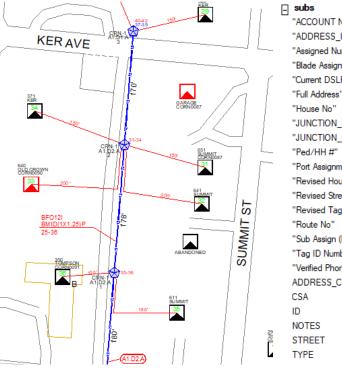
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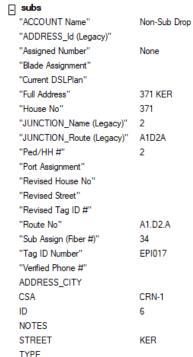


Operations Support

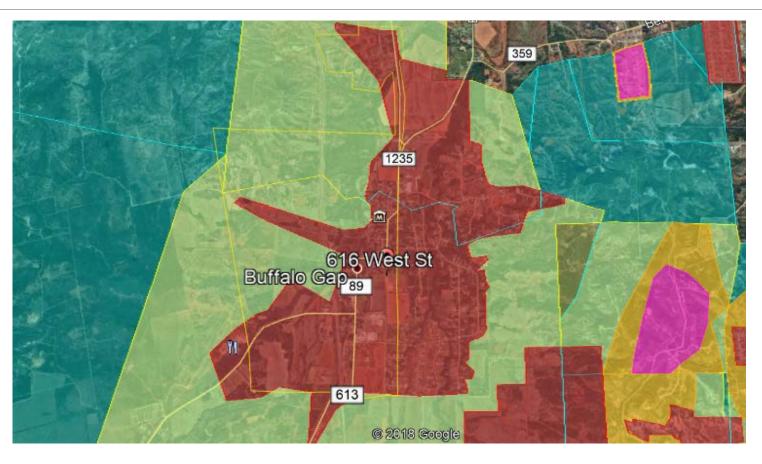








Marketing – CSR Tools



Planning

Efficient Preparation of Budgetary Designs

- Simplified layouts based on potential service locations
- Development of budgetary costs from historical models
- Be ready for funding opportunity

Targeting Upgrades for Maximum Impact

- Targeting funded areas (A-CAM Companies)
- Planning and Tracking Maximum Allowable Loop Limits (CAF-BLS Companies)
- Quickly Analyze Deployment Methodologies

Simplified Design Process



Development of Budgetary Costs

Identify Target Areas for Upgrade

- A-CAM
 - Identify areas with eligible passings
 - Prioritize based on maintenance needs, high growth areas, and lowest cost per eligible passing.
- CAF-BLS (Rate of Return)
 - Look as far into the future as possible to allow balancing low and high cost areas
 - Prioritize based on maintenance needs, high growth areas, and not exceeding the maximum allowable loop limit.
- Develop a Plan for Future Funding Opportunities
 - \$600M earmarked for rural broadband included in recent spending bill.
 - Could represent up to \$2B in loan/ grants
 - RUS is analyzing and will be providing guidance as soon as possible.

A-CAM Capex Forecast Workbook

CAF-BLS Capex Forecast Workbook

True or False?

Many data sources that could be of value to my company are free of charge.

True

False

True or False?

<u>True</u> – Many data sources are prepared by federal, state and local agencies for use by the public.

Implementation Efficiency

- Construction maps built upon preliminary design deliverables.
- Surface responsibility data can be used for preliminary path selection for planning or avoidance of state or federally managed lands
- Environmental data is used to address mitigation planning for T&E species, historic properties, and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Planning (SWPPP) requirements.
- New facility information is integrated with existing subscriber/ passing data for records updates, cutover planning, and marketing activities.

In Summary...

- Geocoded data you created for HUBB reporting can be used for many other purposes.
- Other georeferenced data is available to you for little or no cost.
- The combination of the two is a powerful tool for operational and planning purposes.
- Information developed for planning tasks can form the basis for detailed engineering tasks. Nothing is wasted!

Questions?

For Further Information....

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