







IMPROVING AVAILABILITY AND APPLICATION OF GEOSPATIAL INFORMATION THE BAHAMAS PERSPECTIVE






**GIS WAS INTRODUCED TO THE BAHAMAS BACK IN THE LATE
1980's
BY A SMALL GROUP OF TOWN PLANNERS**


**THROUGH THEIR DETERMINATION AND ADVOCACY A
NUMBER OF SMALL PROJECT WERE CONDUCTED
AND IN 1999 A IDB FUNDED PROJECT PROVIDED US WITH
OUR FIRST NATIONAL GIS DATASETS
SINCE THEN WE HAVE HAD OUR CHALLENGES
BUT WE WERE ABLE TO UPDATE AND INCREASE OUR
AVAILABLE GEOSPATIAL DATA ON NASSAU AND GRAND
BAHAMA ISLAND.**



CHALLENGES

- 1. GOVERNMENT SUPPORT**
- 2. AGENCIES SUPPORT
HOARDING**
- 3. LACK OF PUBLIC PRESSURE
PUBLIC AWARENESS
USER CONFERENCES
GIS IN SCHOOL PROGRAMS**





BAHAMAS SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE ACT, 2014
AN ACT TO ESTABLISH

THE BAHAMAS NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS CENTRE AS
A DEPARTMENT OF
GOVERNMENT WITHIN ARTICLE 127(C) OF THE CONSTITUTION;
TO DEFINE ITS SPECIAL PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT;


TO ESTABLISH THE BAHAMAS SPATIAL DATA
INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM & PROGRAM

AND THE
GEOSPATIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL;

TO DEFINE THE FUNCTIONS
AND OBJECTIVES OF THE SYSTEM, THE PROGRAM AND THE
COUNCIL AND FOR CONNECTED MATTERS

[Date of Assent – 1st May, 2014]

Enacted by the Parliament of The Bahamas



The Legal framework For
The Commonwealth of The Bahamas
(as it relates to Geospatial Technologies)
Mechanism, Standards, Administrative
Procedures and Protocols for data sharing
between different stakeholders to assist with
Comprehensive Planning, (Terrestrial, Marine,
Air) Economic Development, National Security,
preparedness, mitigation, response and
recovery from various incidents





BASIC SDI INFRASTRUCTURE AND ONLINE PORTAL

NOW POPULATING THE DATABASE WITH AVAILABLE DATA

ACCESSIBLE TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

PLANS TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

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GOING FORWARD

GEO – STATISTICS WORKING GROUP

2020 ROUND OF CENSUS

2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



