

# Open Data: Open Geospatial Data and Libraries

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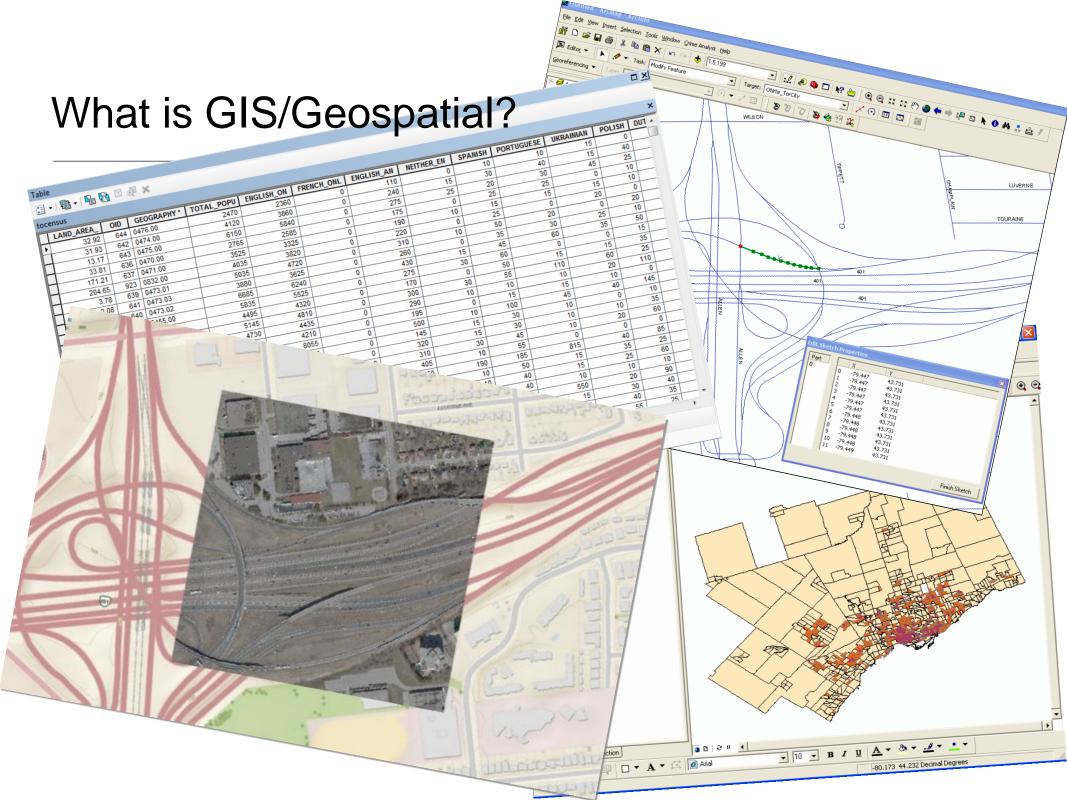
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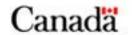
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### Data Liberation Initiative (DLI)

What is the Data Liberation Init



The Data Liberation Initiative effective program for improving access to data resources at Canadian dary institutions. Colleges and universities pay an be DLI and gain unlimited access to numerous annual subscription fee to pa Statistics Canada data and geogr mation system products for their faculty and students. More than just a co ata resources, membership in the DLI includes access to service tructure and partnerships to ensure the effectiveness of member in services. The DLI offers dedicated research cools to improve client service and expert training assistance, support for data sen and advice.

Please consult the list of <u>member institutions</u>. If your institution is already a member, please contact the person listed to gain access to products available through the DLI.

For more information about the DLI program, please contact dli-idd@statcan.gc.ca

#### **Spatial Data**

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Availability of spatial (vector) map data for Canadian census geography									
in the University of Toronto Data Library Service									
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Census metropolitan areas/ census agglomerations (CMA/CA)	X	X	X	X		X			
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#### **Project Report**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### GEOSPATIAL DATA POLICY STUDY

#### Prepared for

GeoConnections Policy Advisory Node

#### Submitted by Garry Sears

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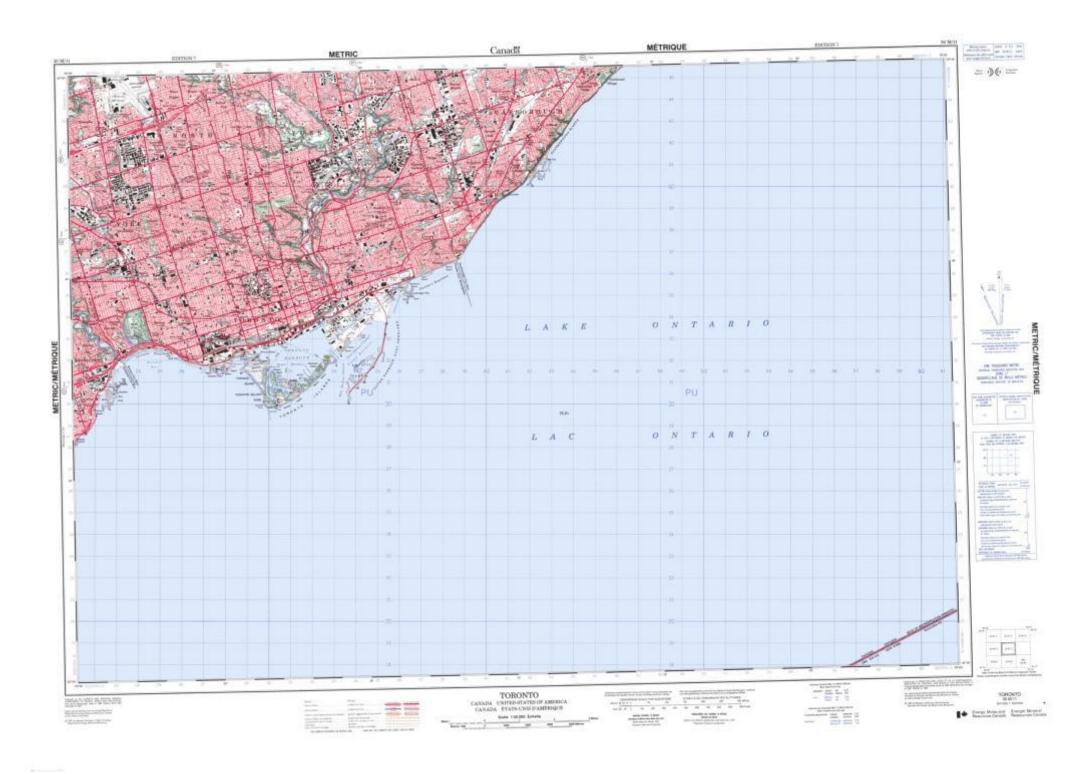


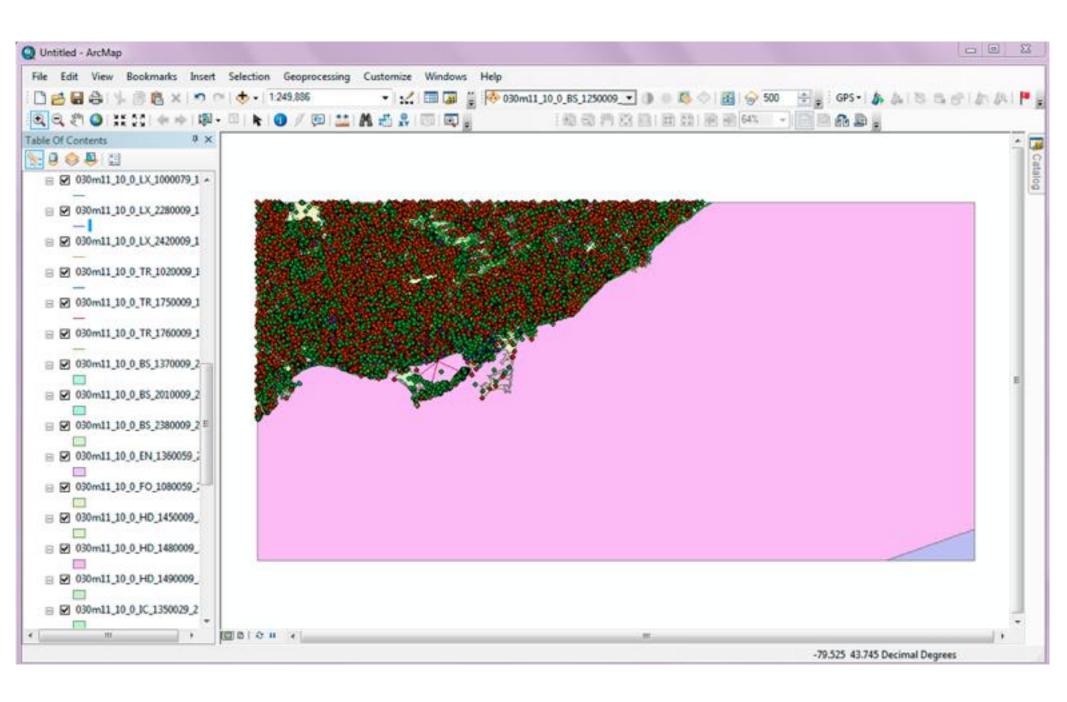
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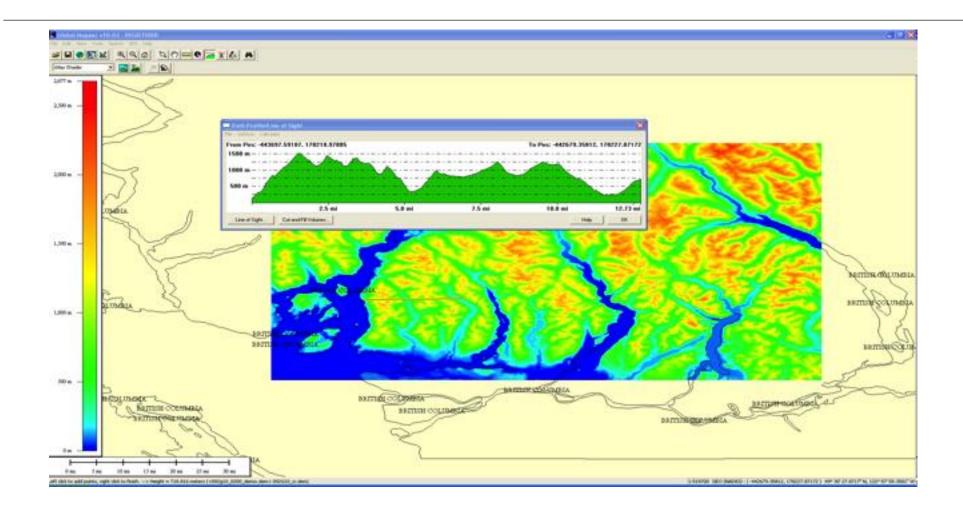


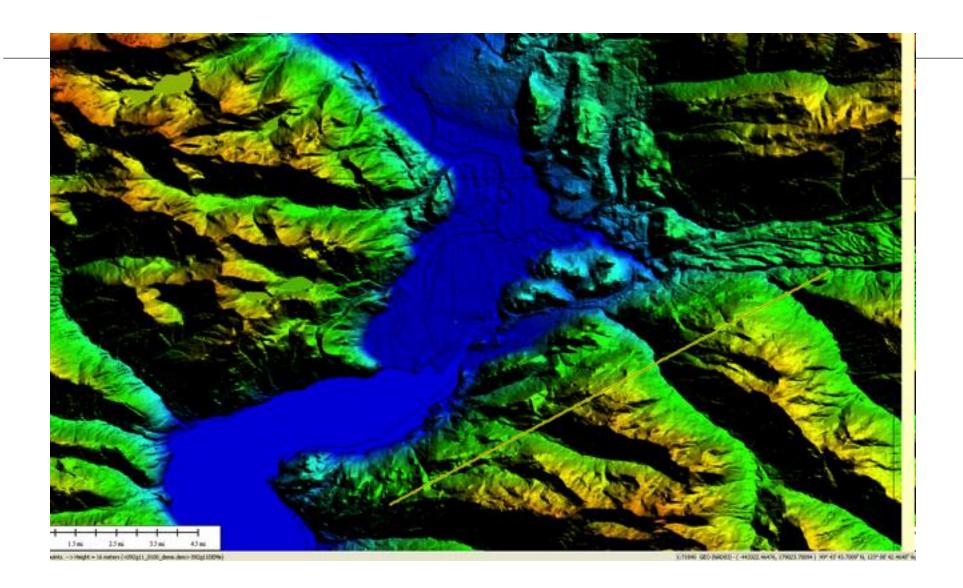
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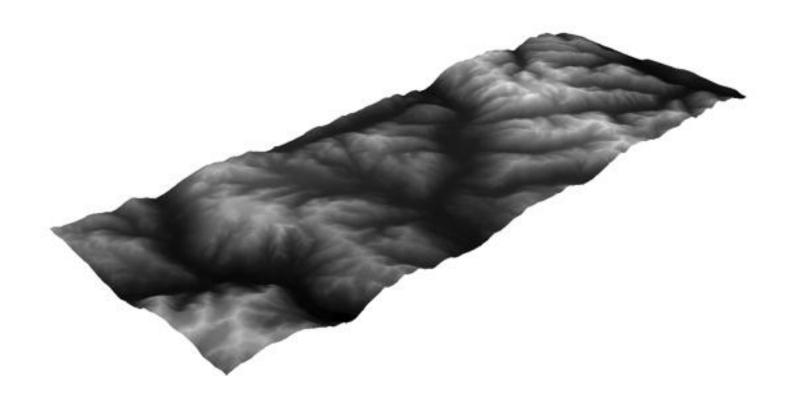
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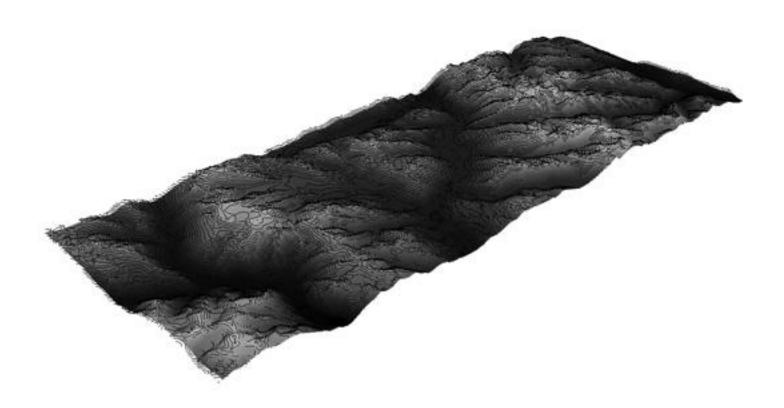












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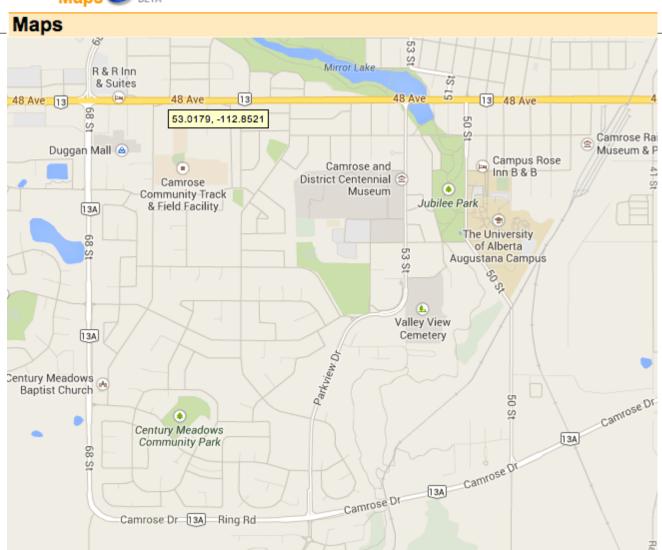
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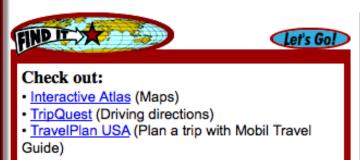
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Posted: Wednesday, June 29, 2005

Posted by Bret Taylor, Google Maps Product Manager

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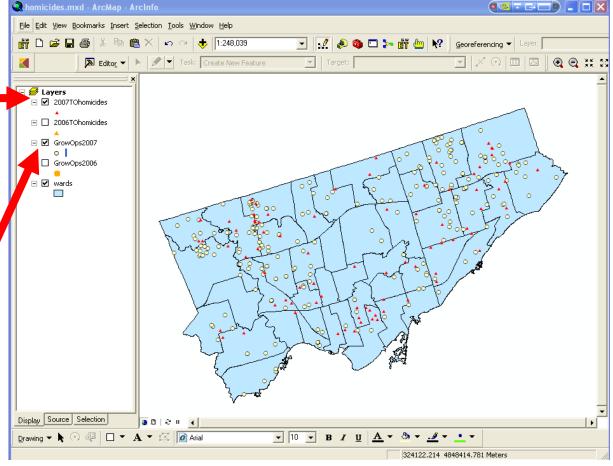


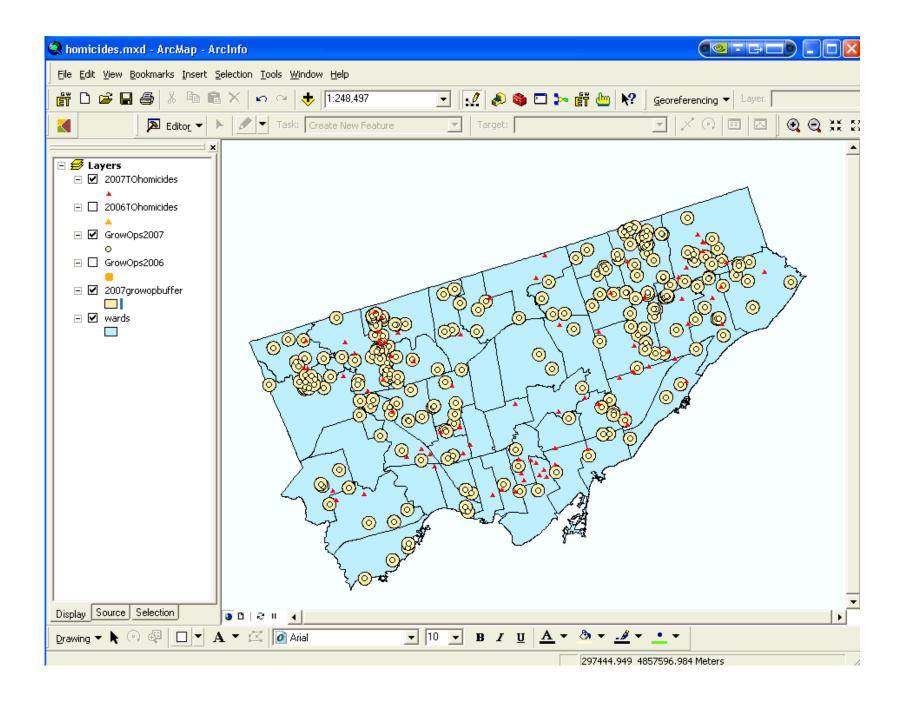


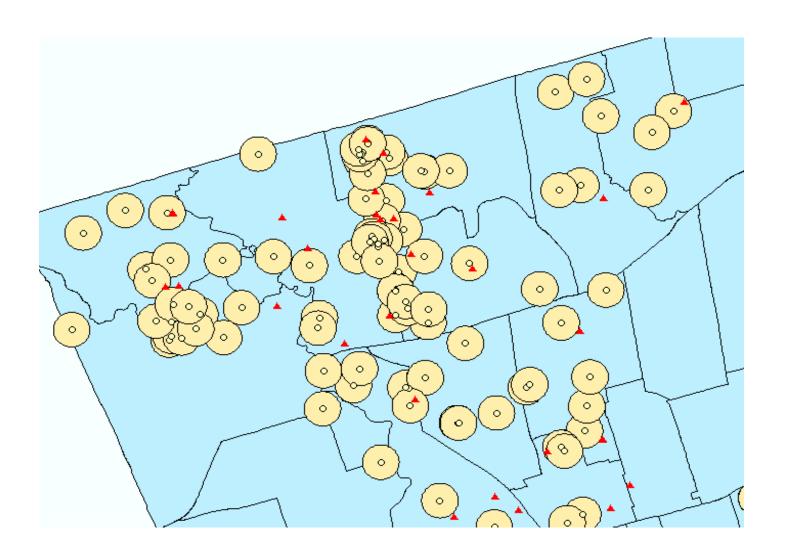


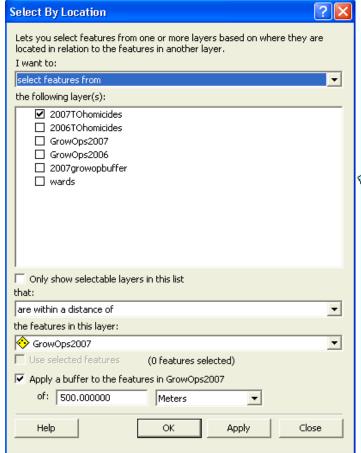


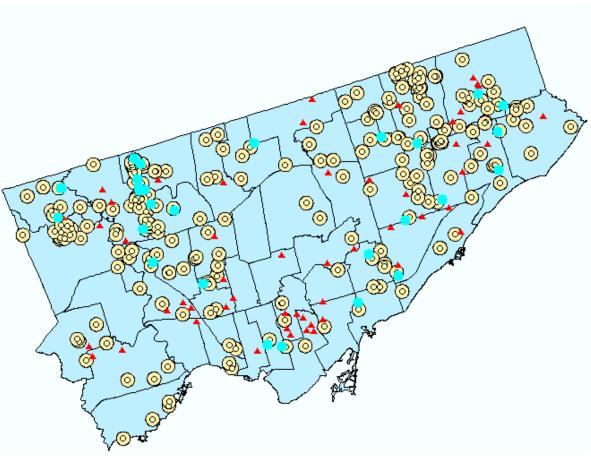




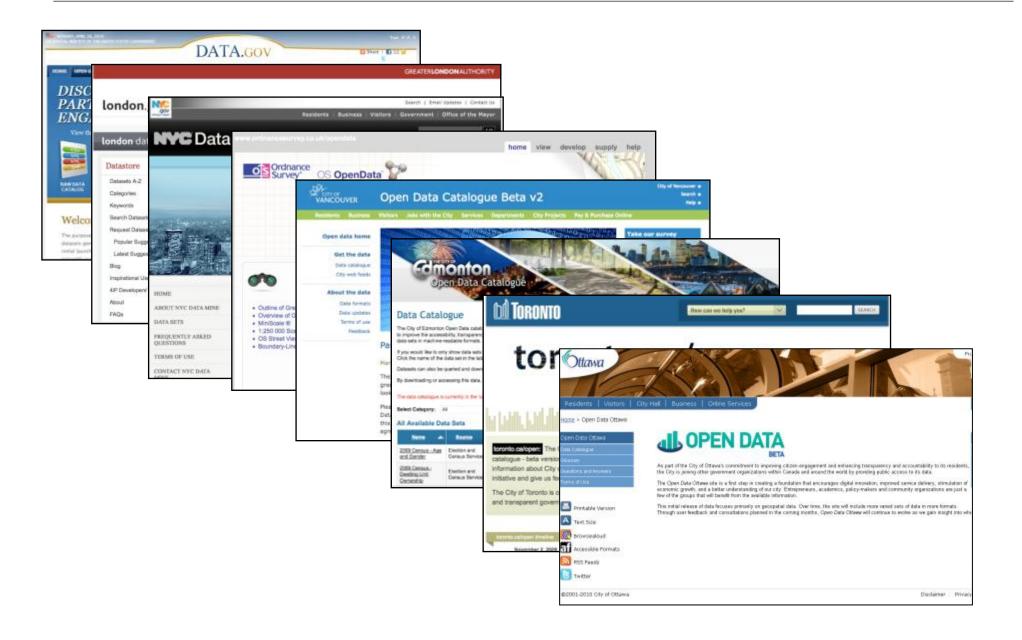








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#### Toronto Maps



### **Property Data Maps**

The City's Property Data Map (PDM) Series is a hybrid product, combining elements of topographic, parcel mapping, the One Addres Repository (OAR) and Toronto Street Centreline (TCL). The PDM series provides a base for thematic mapping services and other published hardcopy products.

The PDM depicts the following features: building envelopes, railway lines, major watercourses, curbs, catchbasins, hydrants, streetlights/poles, municipal addresses, street names, park names, property lines, street lines, and right of way boundaries

Tiling Scheme: Concession

Sub-Block Map Area: Varies up to 1.18 km2

Total Map: 921 maps

Coordinate System: MTM NAD 27

Black and White Map

#### Format:

DGN, DXF, DWG

PDF (11"x17") (1:4000)

Price

\$100.00 /map

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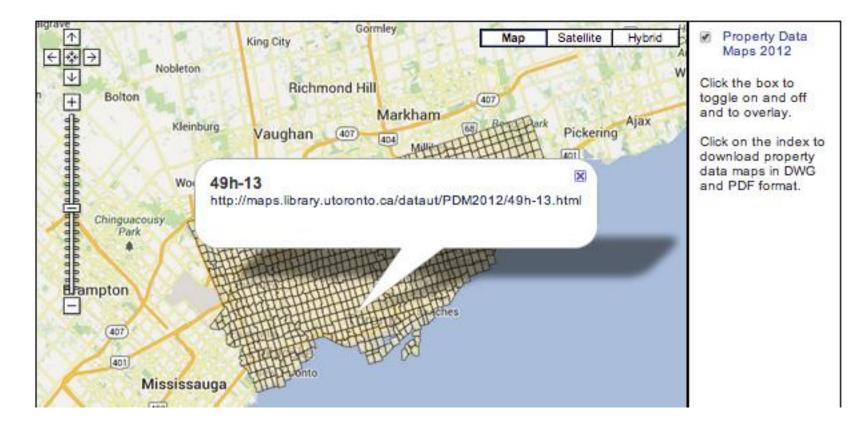
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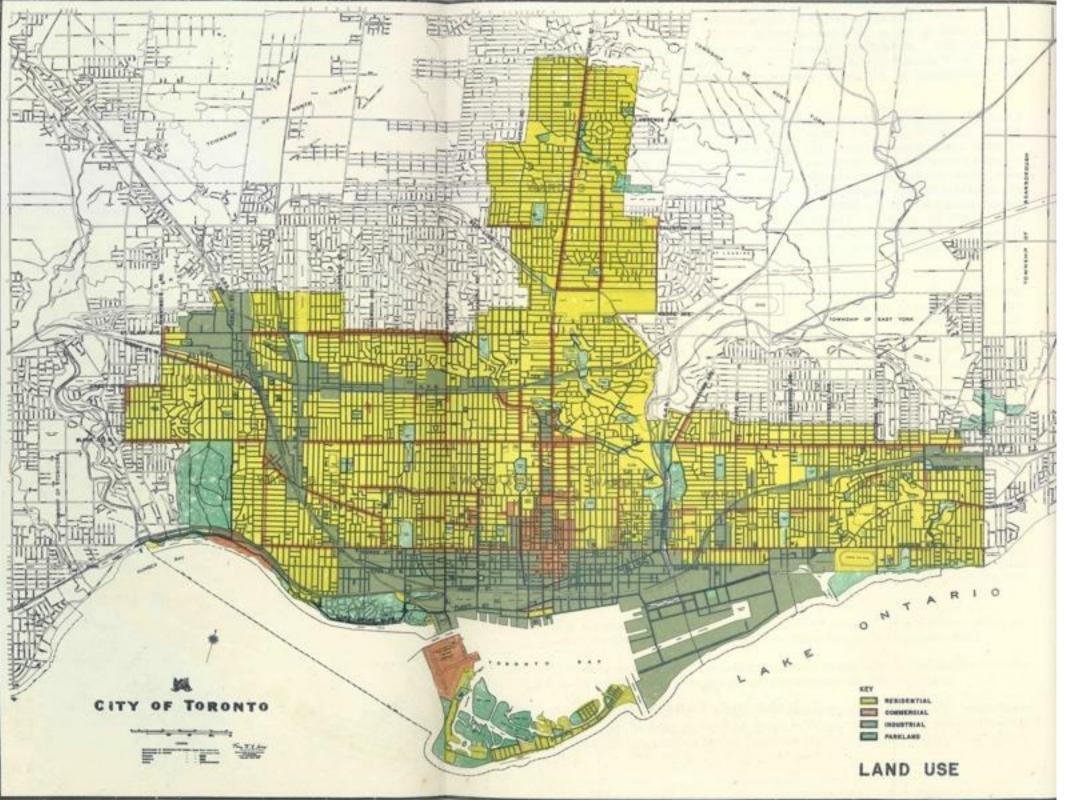
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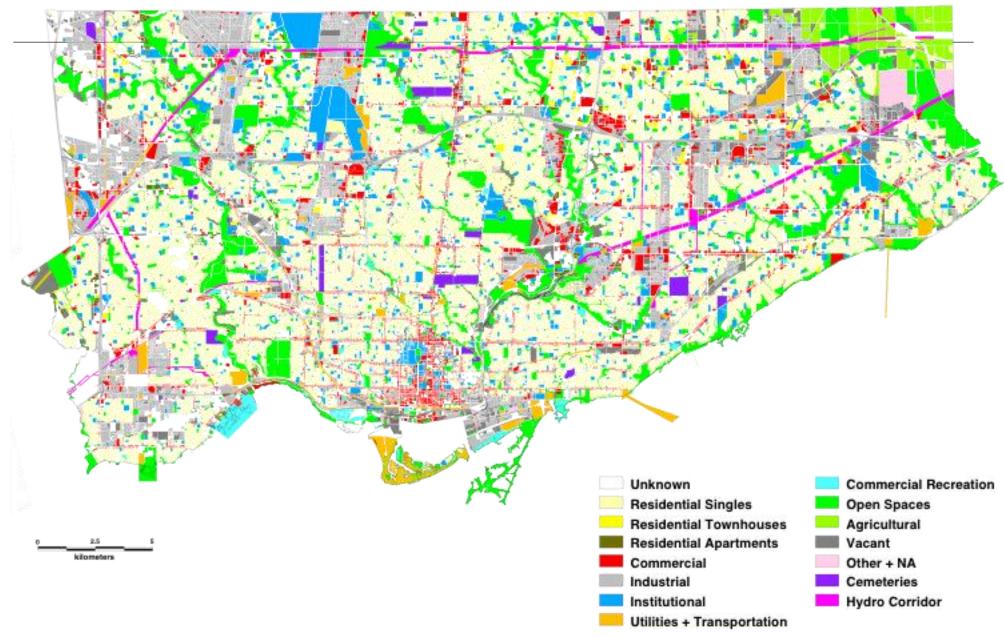
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This data set provides a point representation for addresses within the City of Toronto ESRI Shapefile, WGS84 April 2012

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#### Glossary & FAQ

Have a look through the Open Data glossary

We also have answers to a series of frequently asked questions

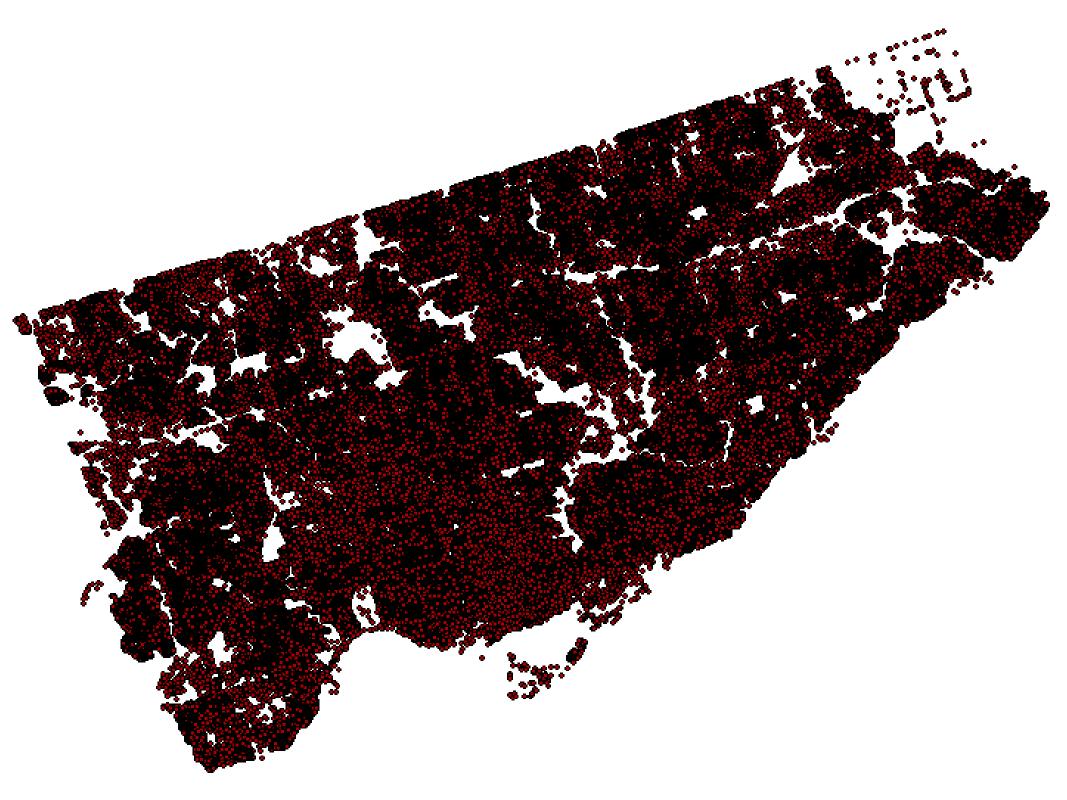
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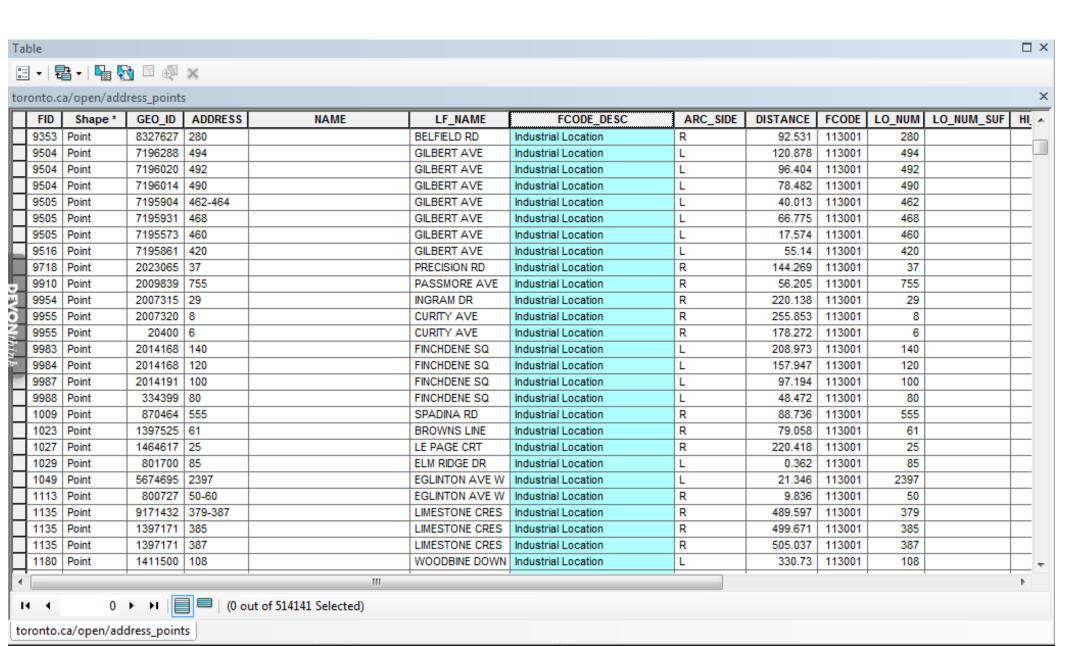
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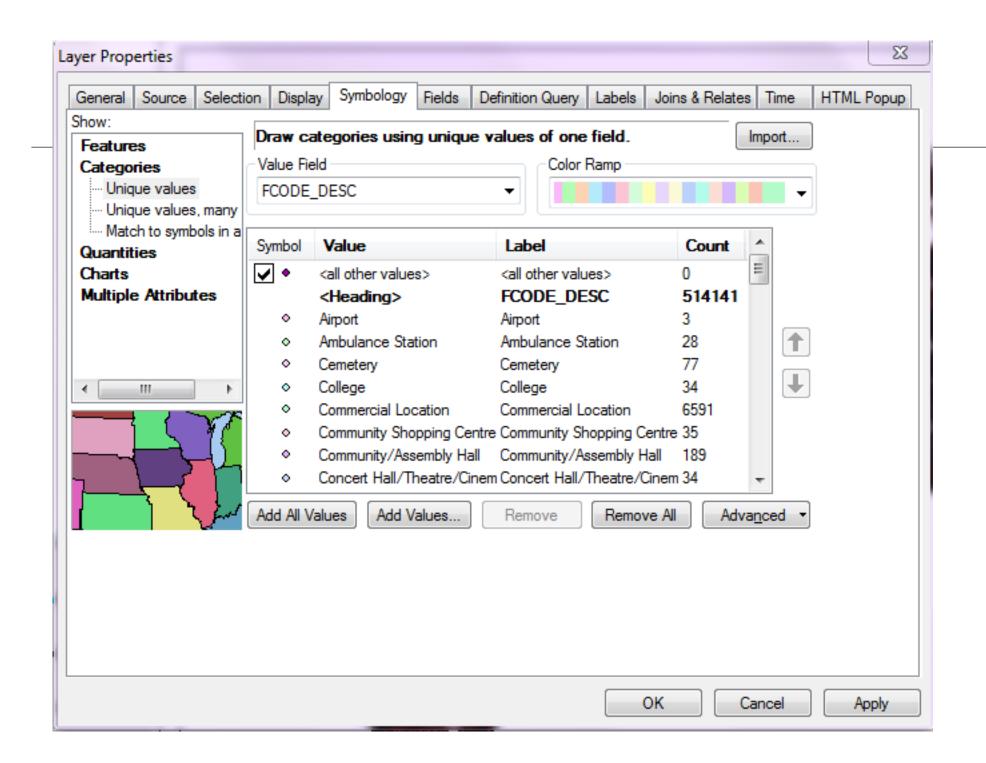
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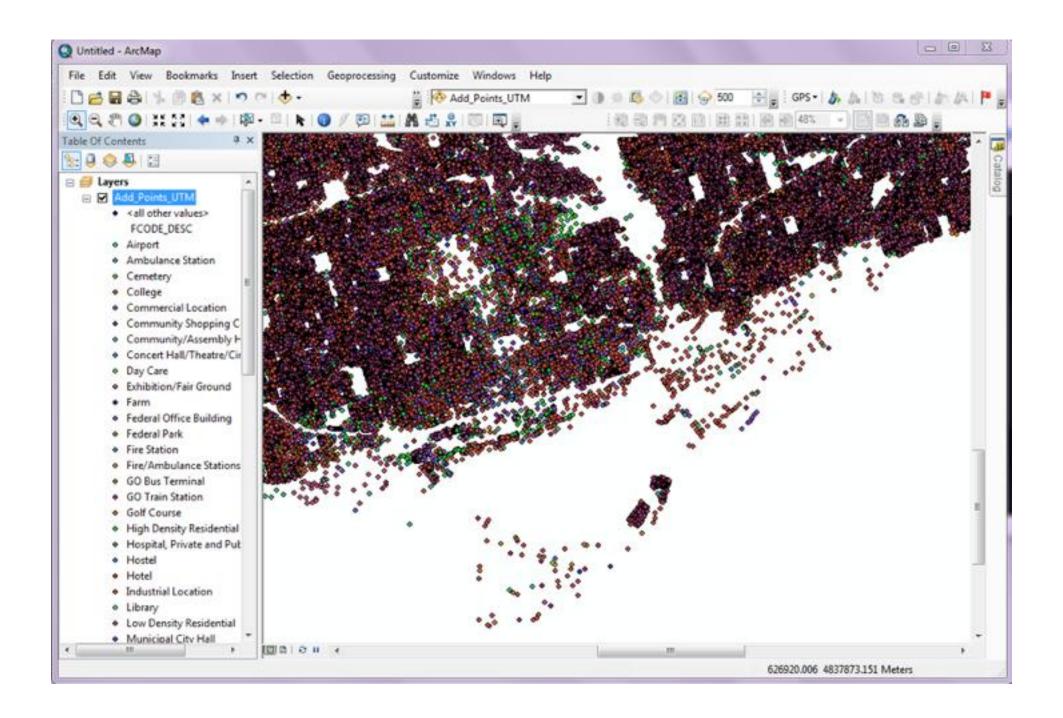
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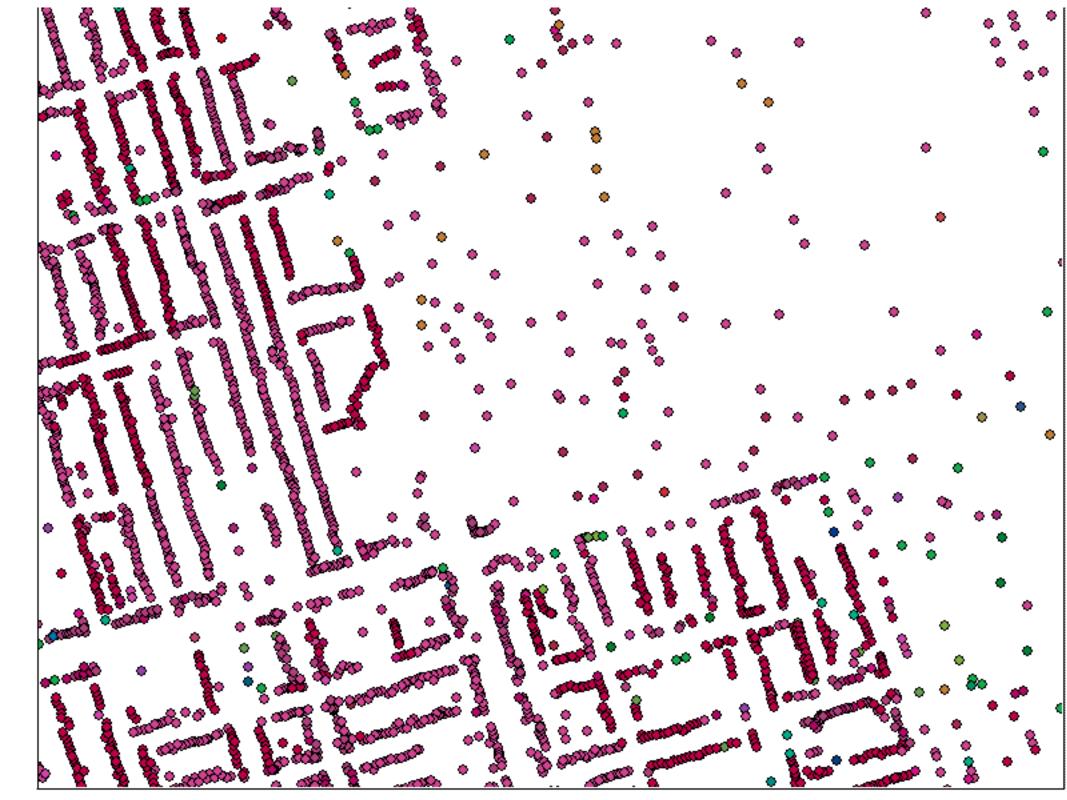
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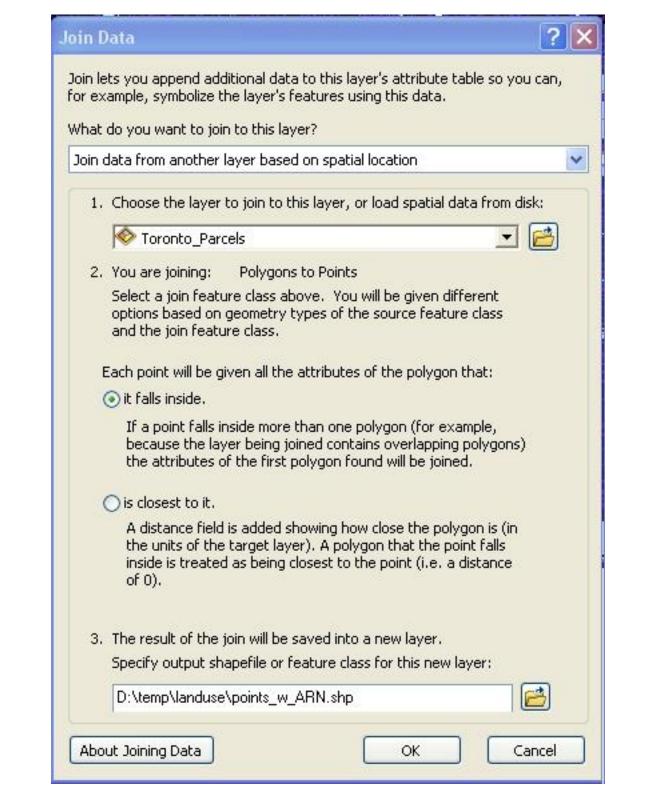


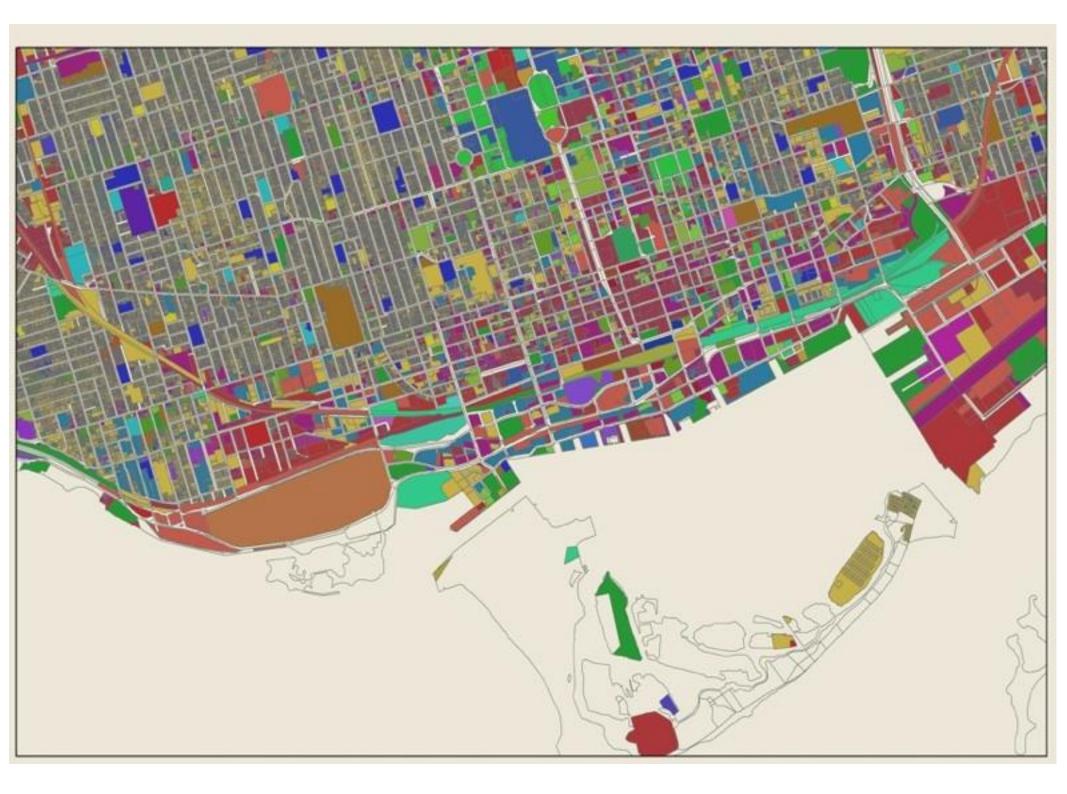




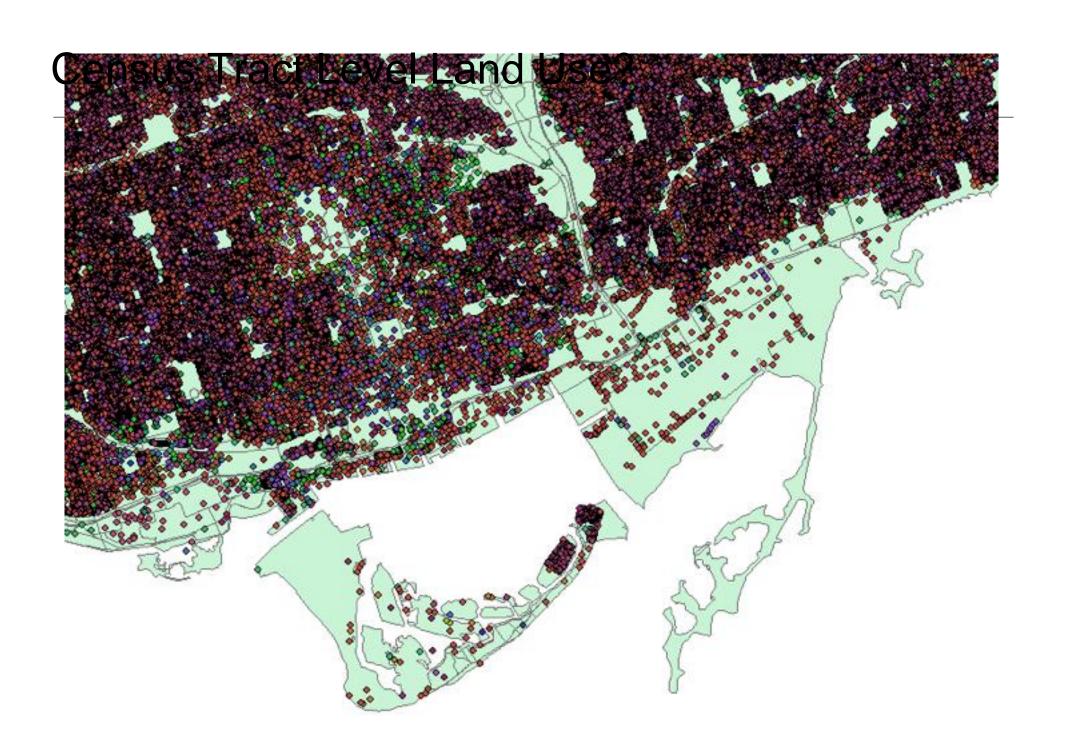


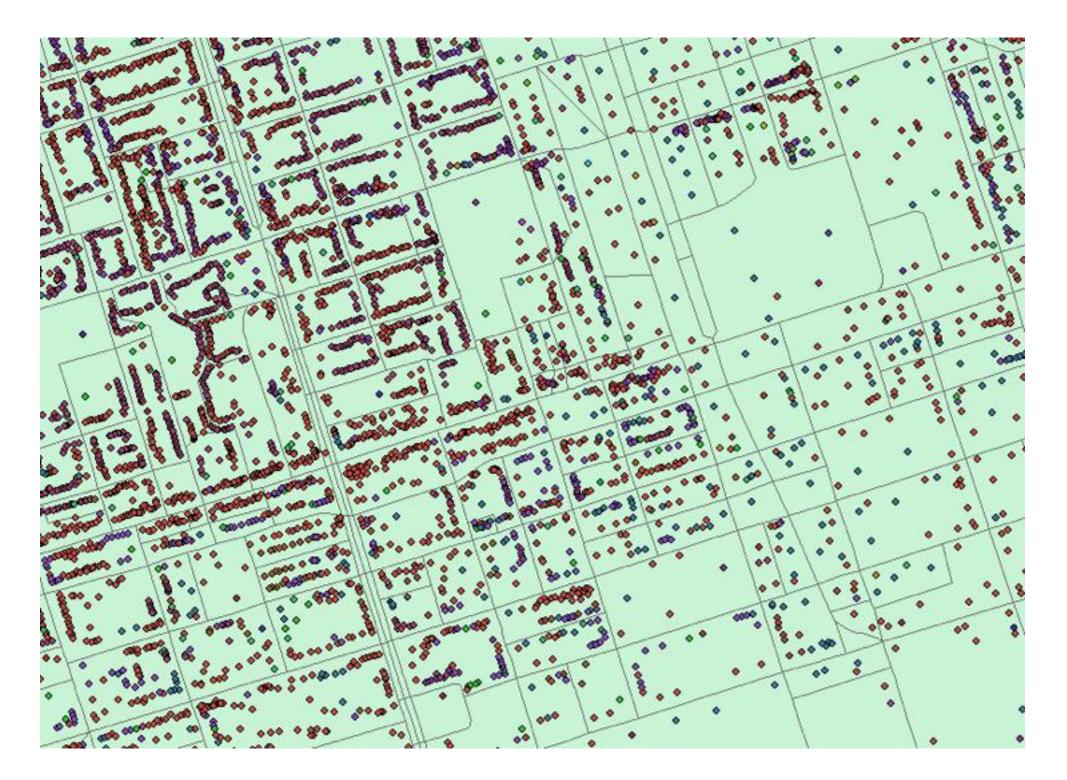


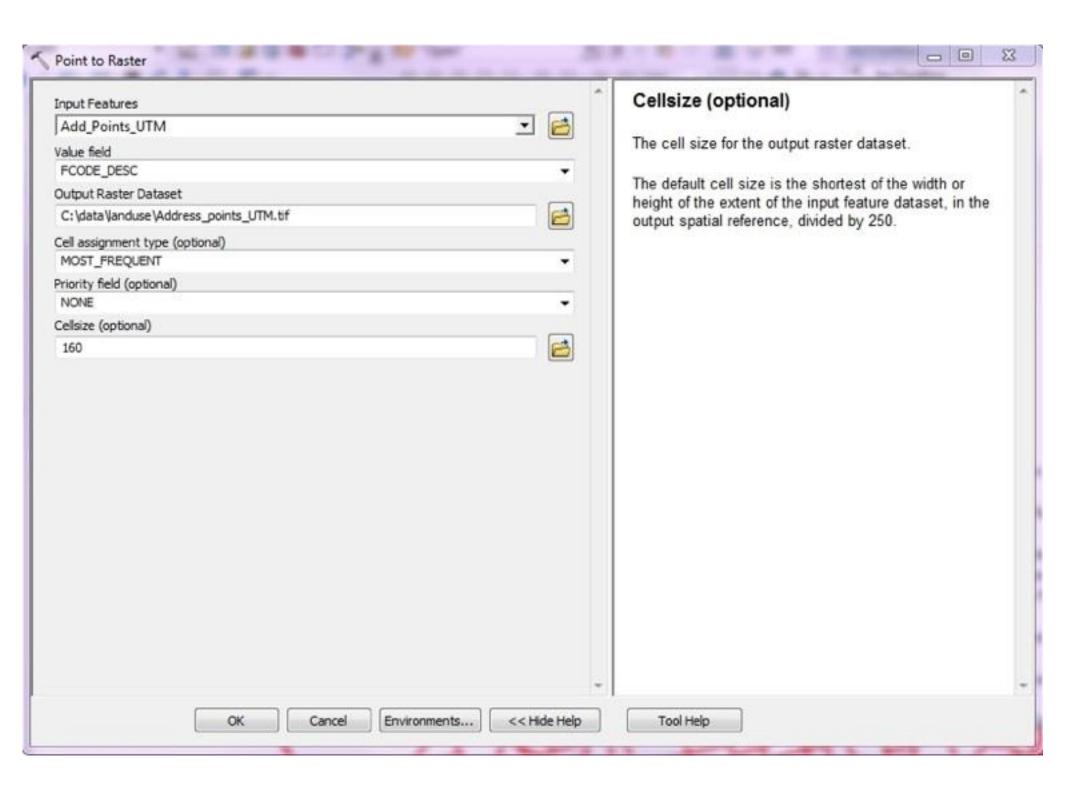


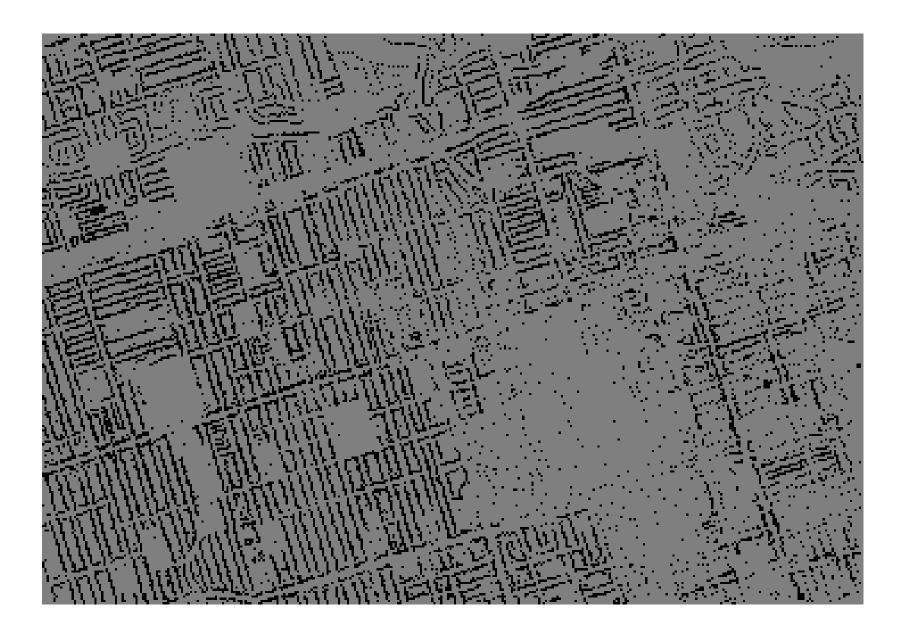


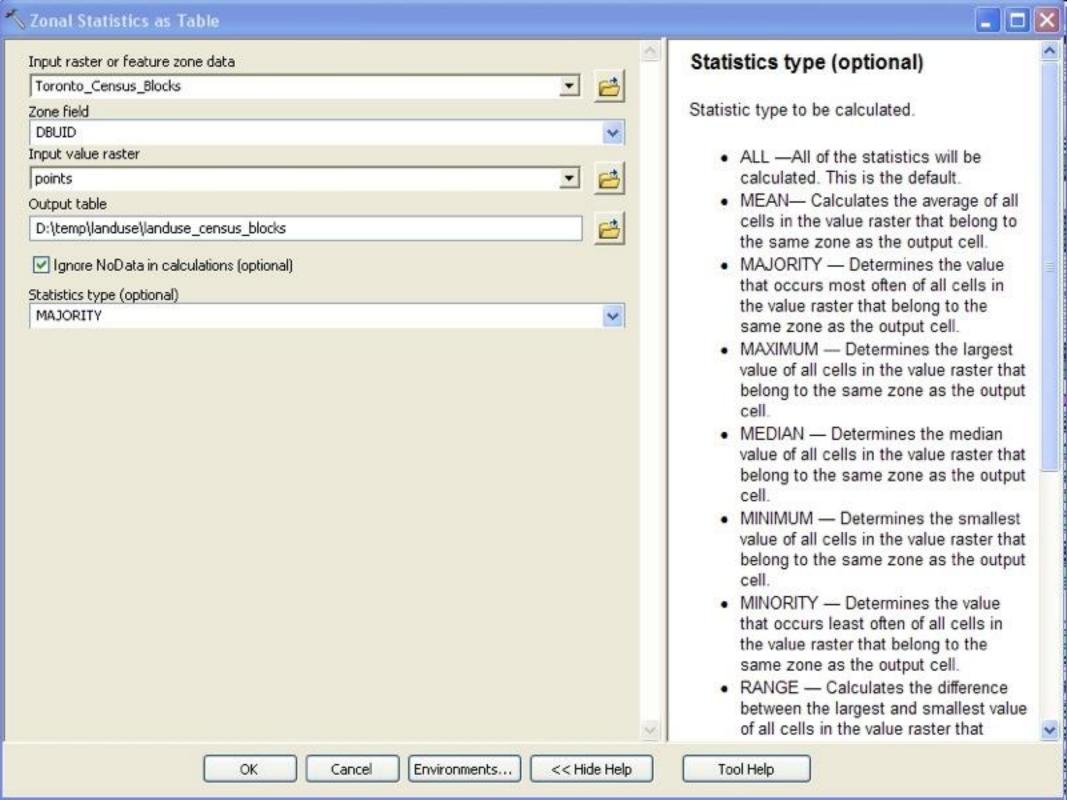




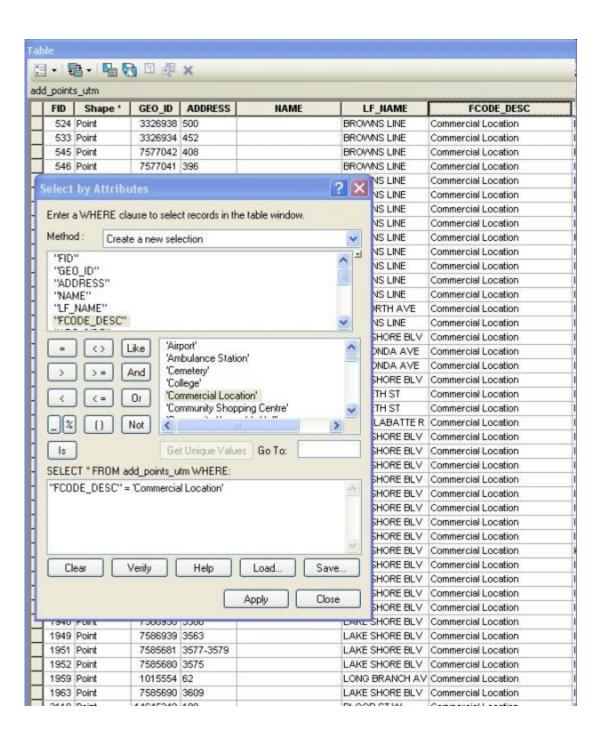




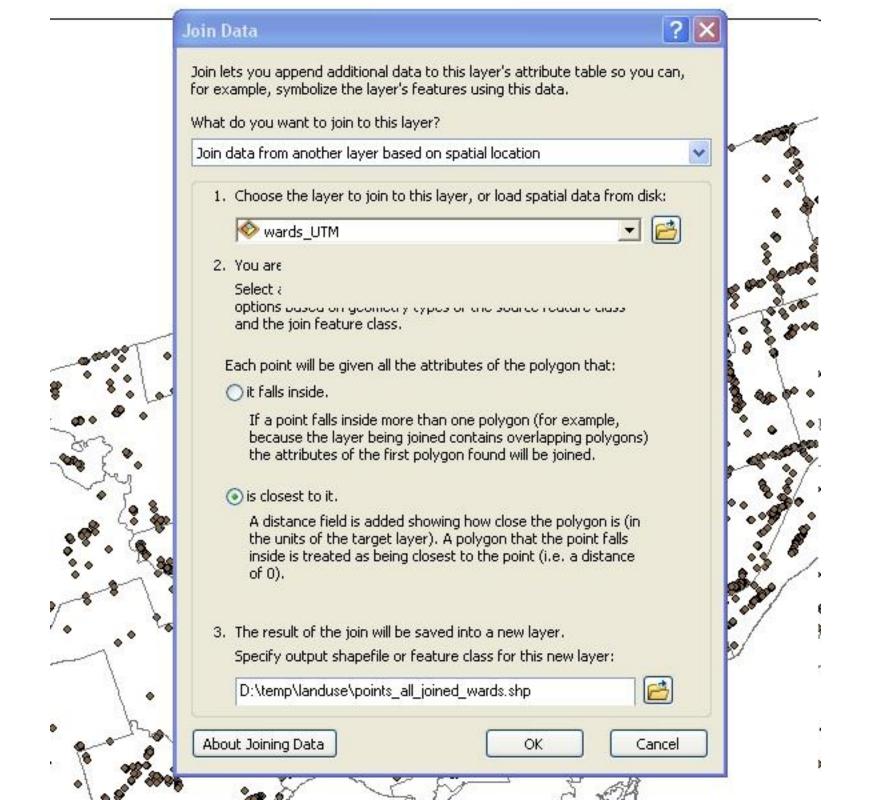










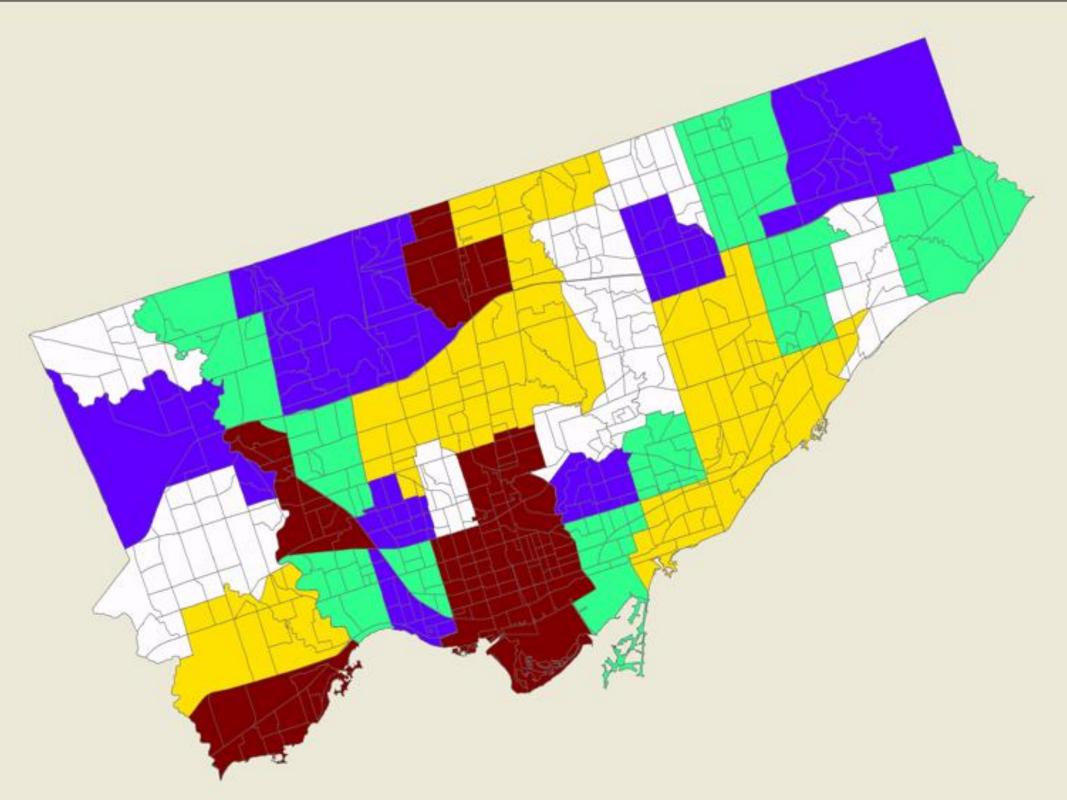


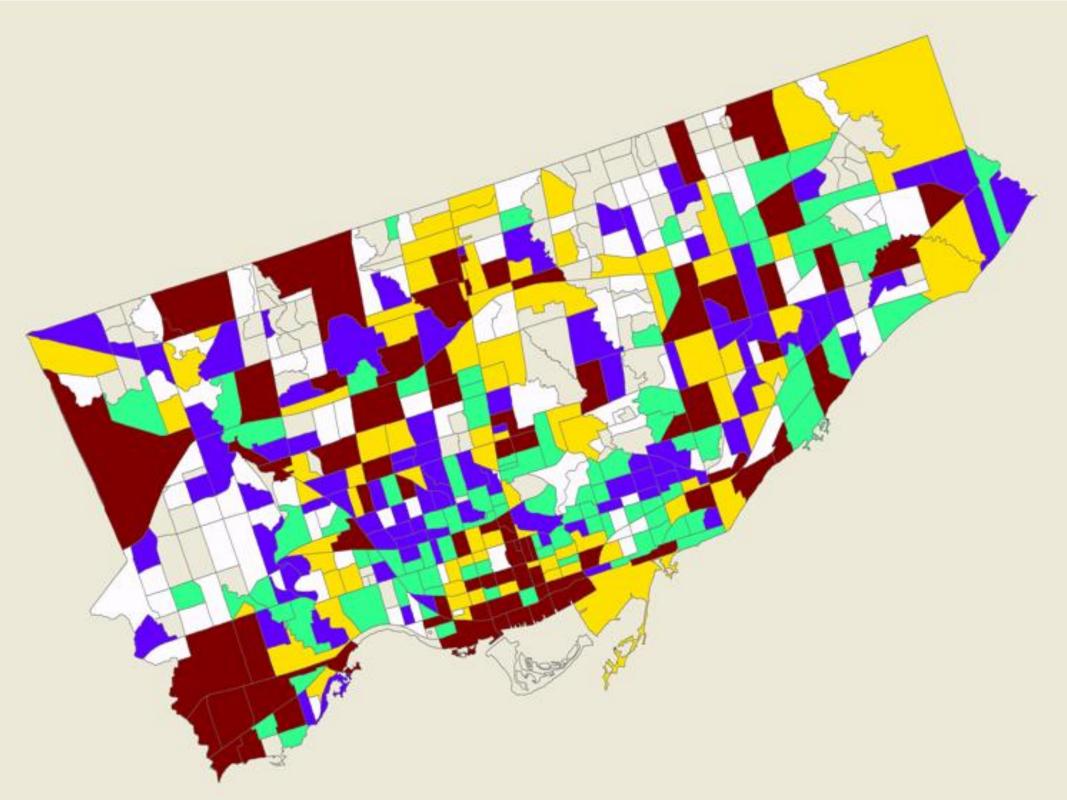
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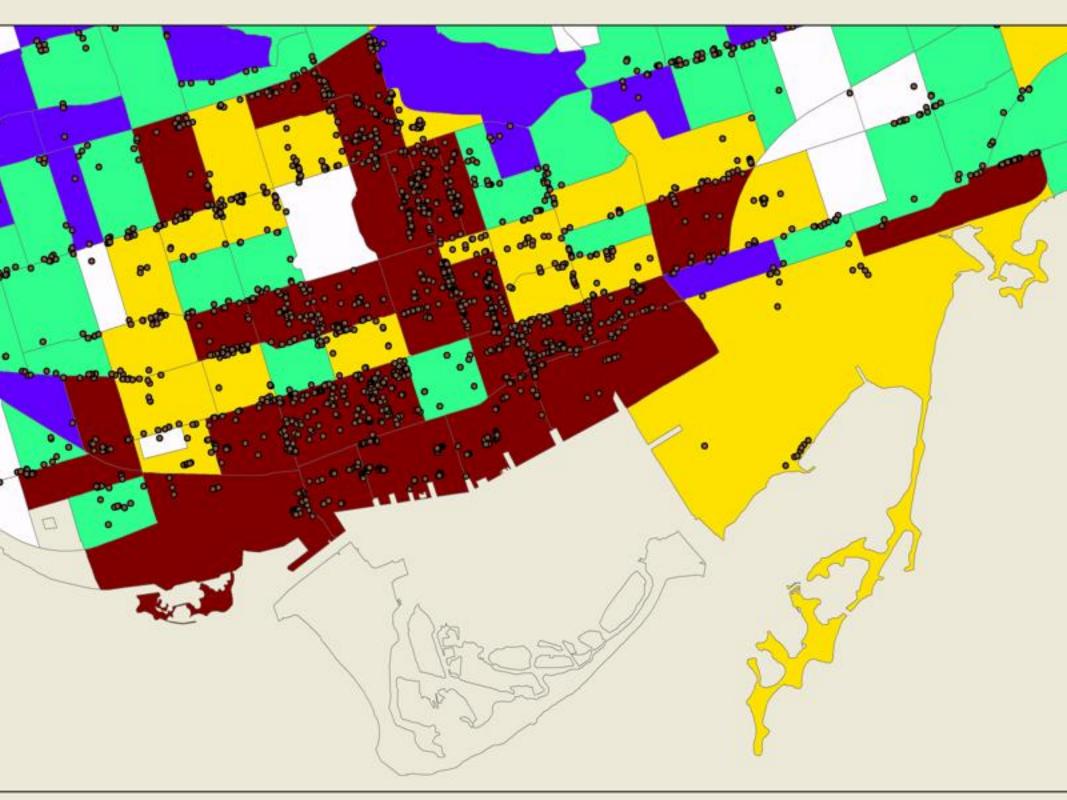
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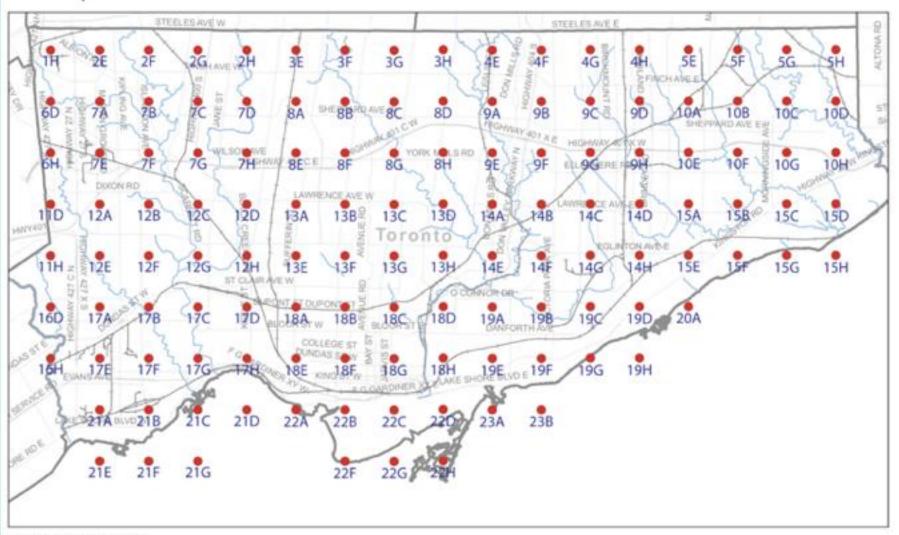
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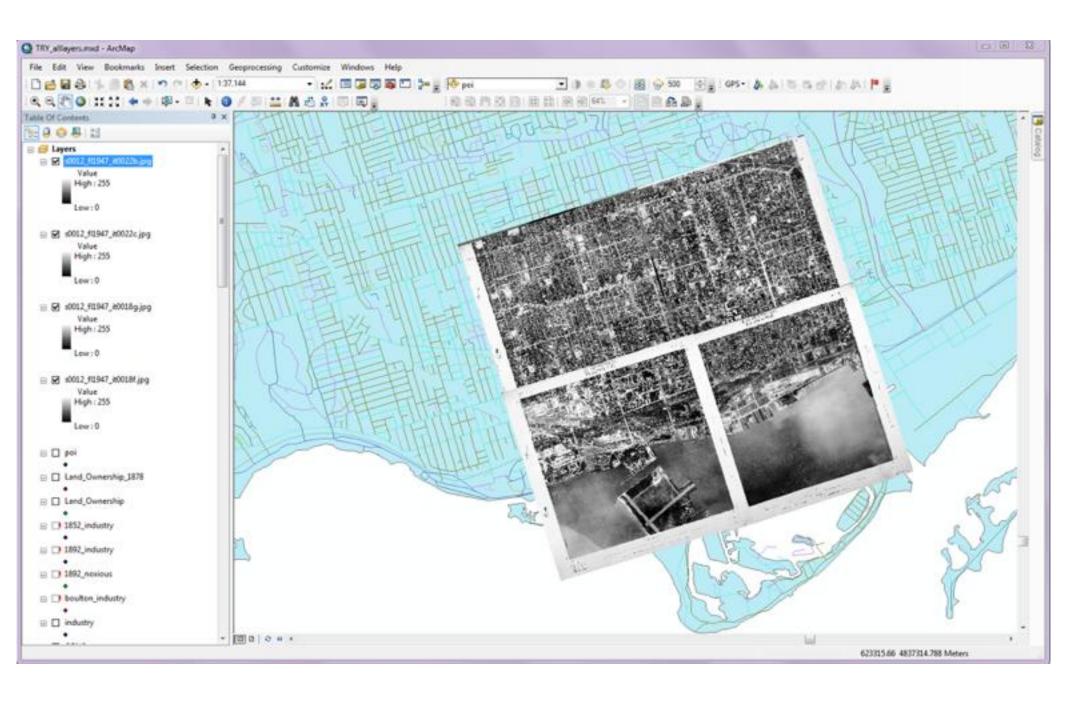
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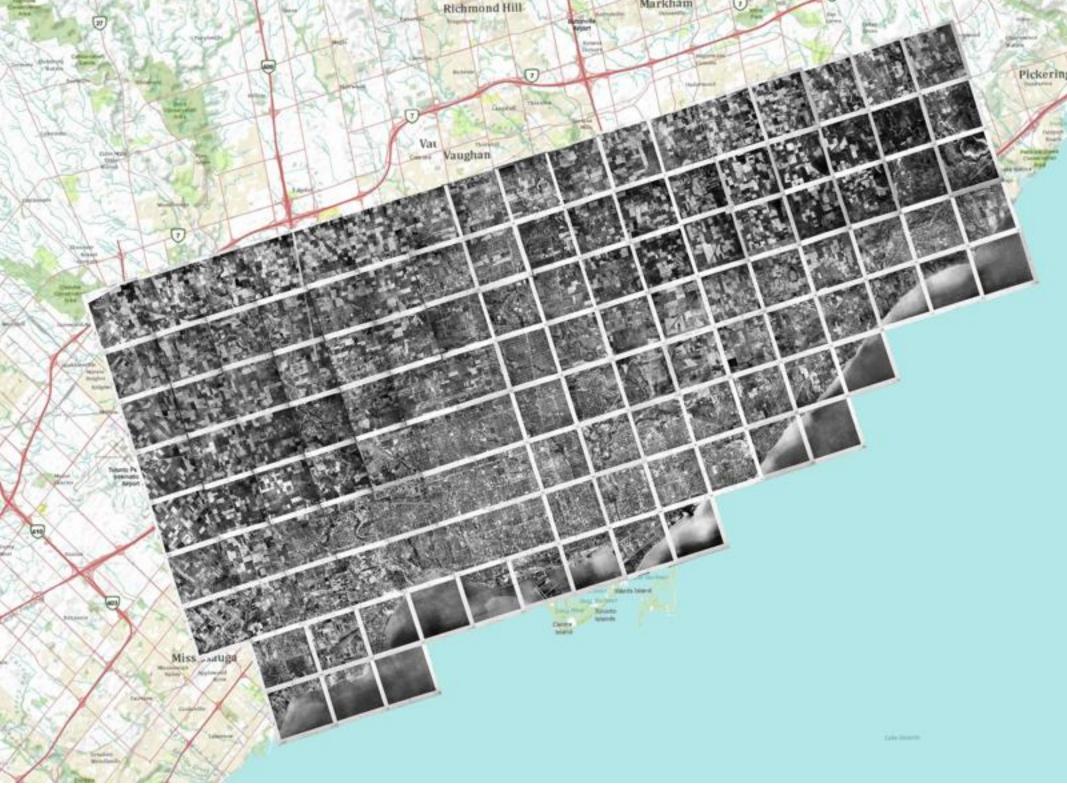
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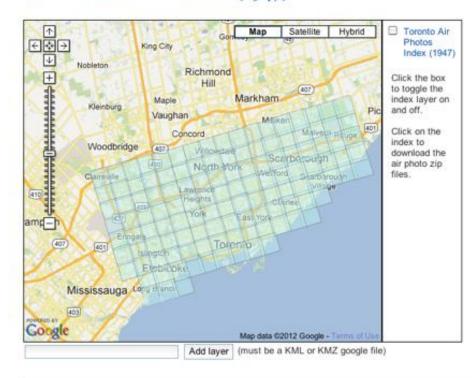
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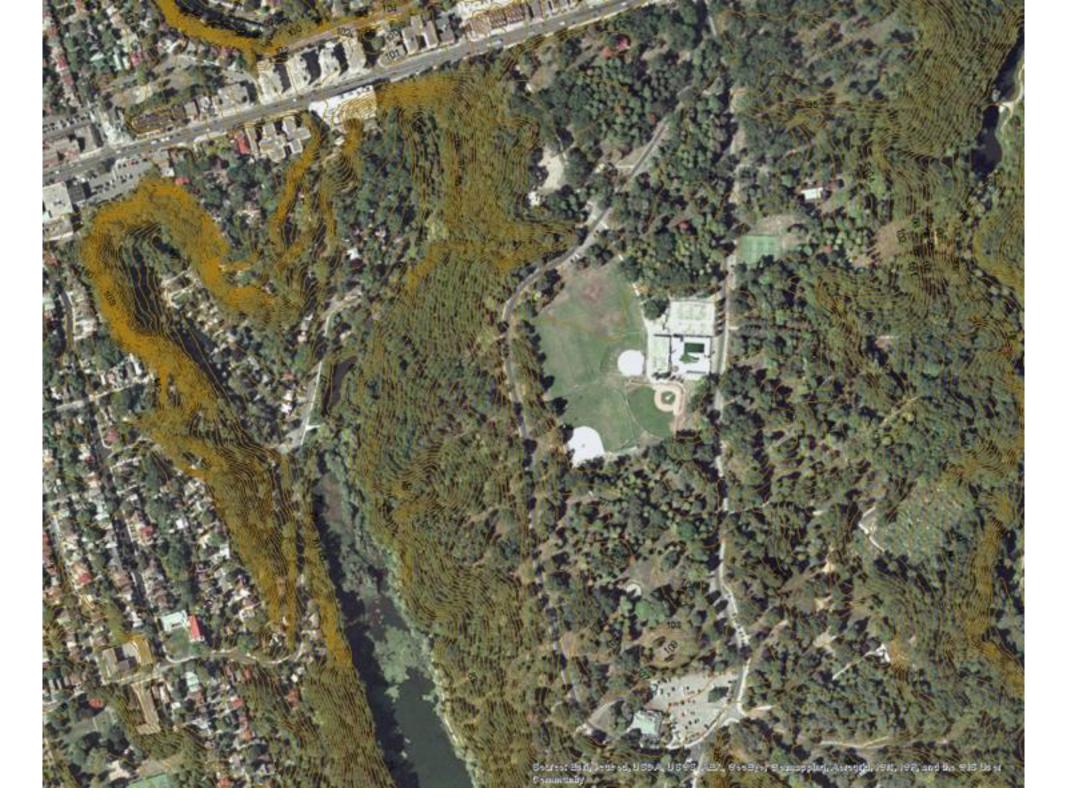
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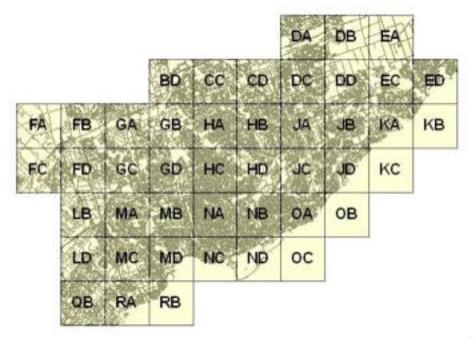
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Data/Image Set

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Access

Listing in

Geoportal?

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Index Page web link

Contact gis.maps@utoronto.ca Datum D North American 1983 Projection GCS North American 1983

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Description

Historical Toronto Streets in: 1818, 1834, 1842, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1884 Based upon Mapping early Toronto: a preliminary historical atlas, 1793-1871 by Alan M. Craig Original data can be found on CD(312) and the Local Intranet in the MDL -

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Price for Use? None **PUBLIC** Who Can Use

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## Toronto Historical Ward Boundaries

Data Date 1834-01-01 - revised 1914-01-01

Listing in Geoportal? YES

Method of Access Web and

Index Page web link

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Data Creator University of Toronto Map and Data Library

Publisher University of Toronto Libraries

Description Historical Ward boundaries of Toronto during the 19th and 20th Century.

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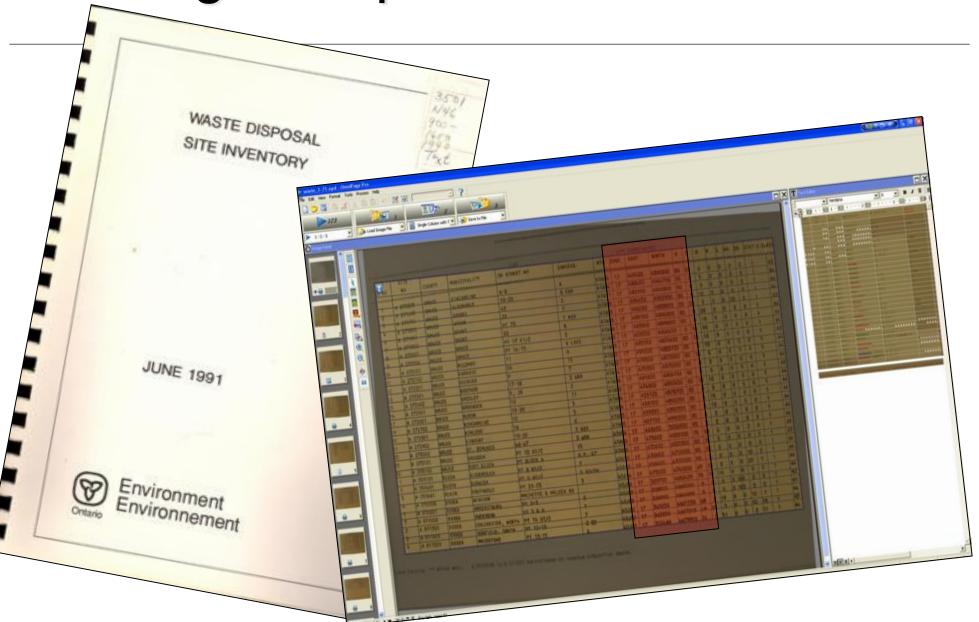
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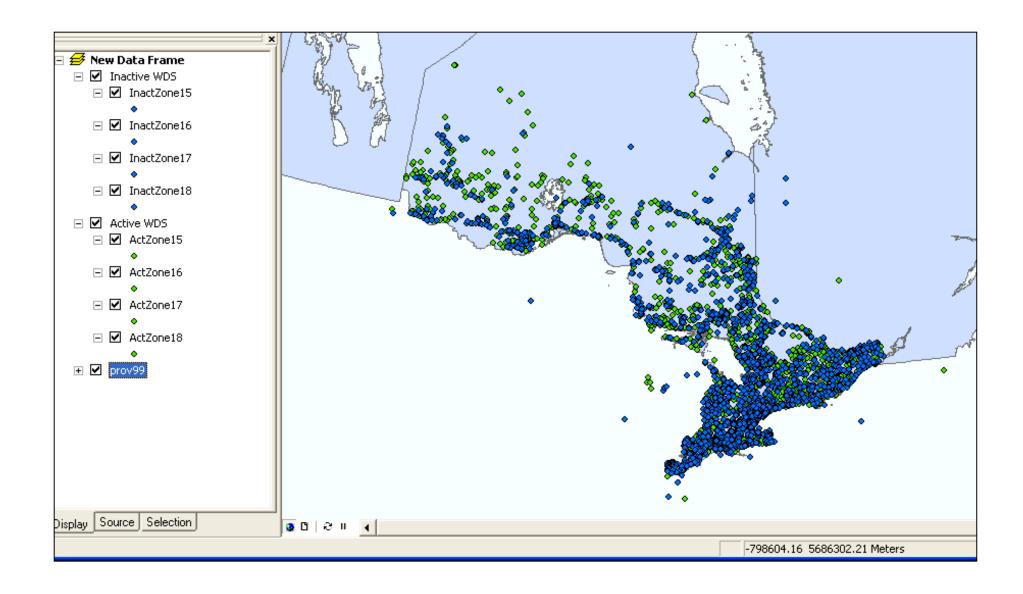
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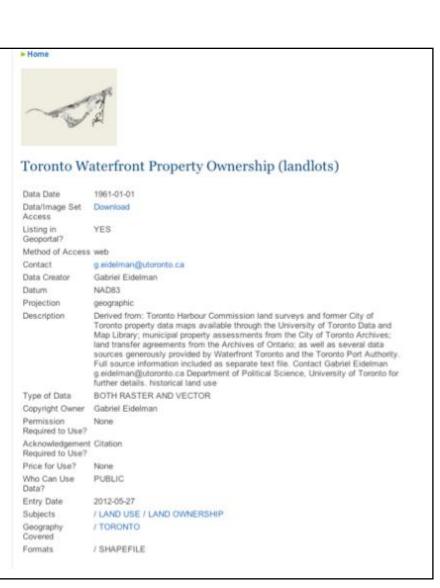
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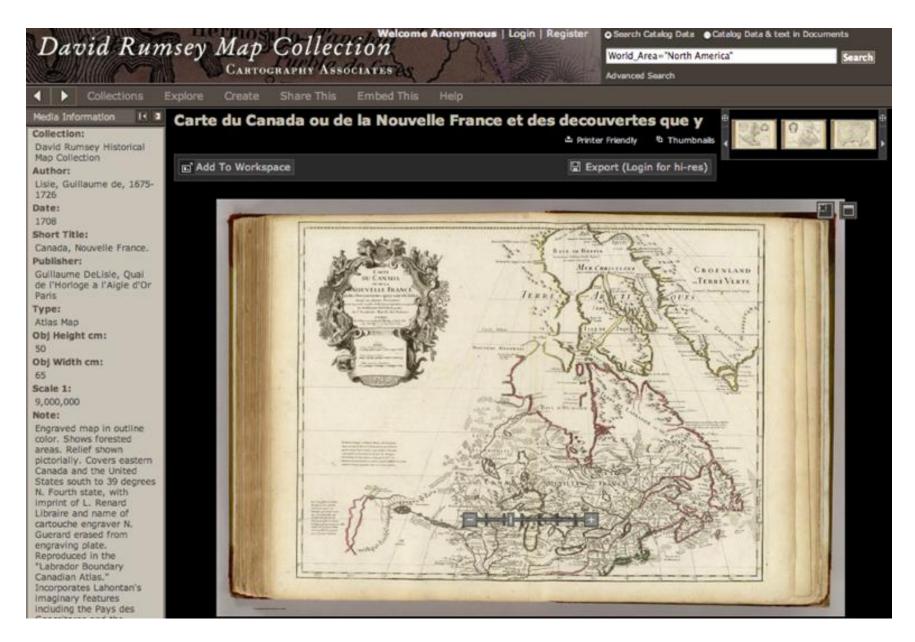


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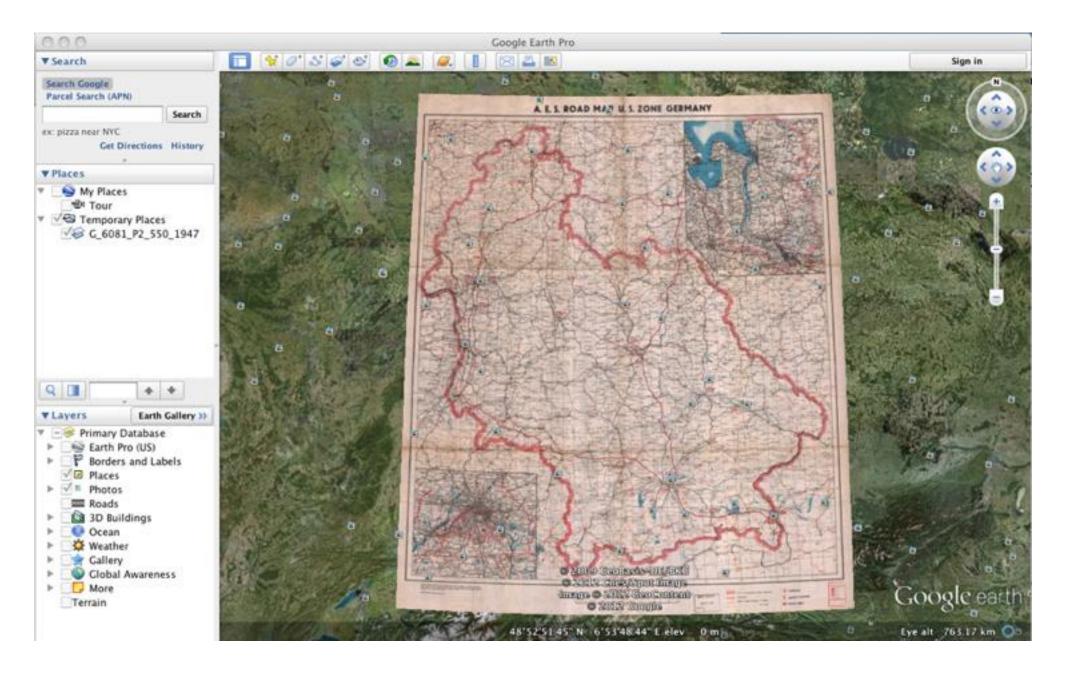
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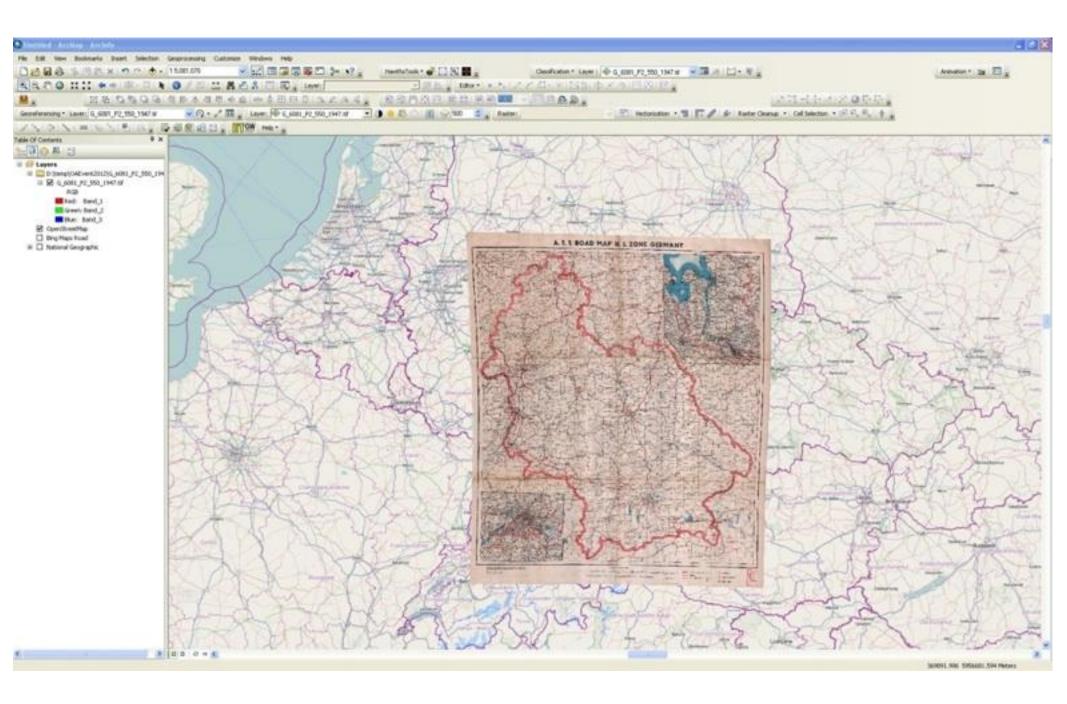
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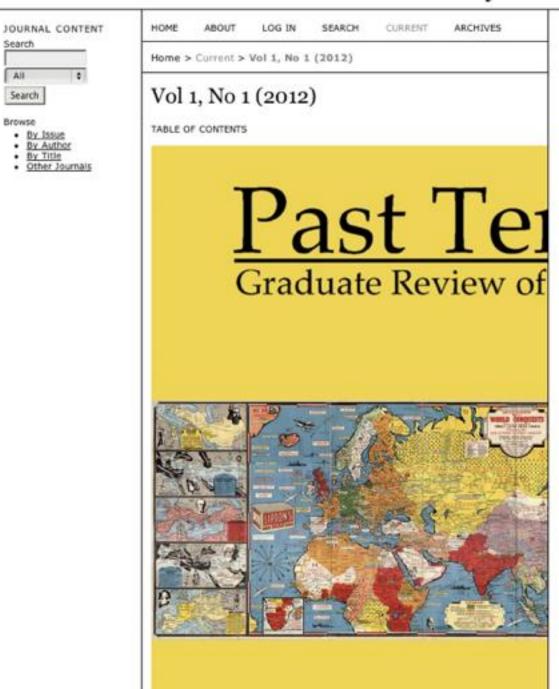
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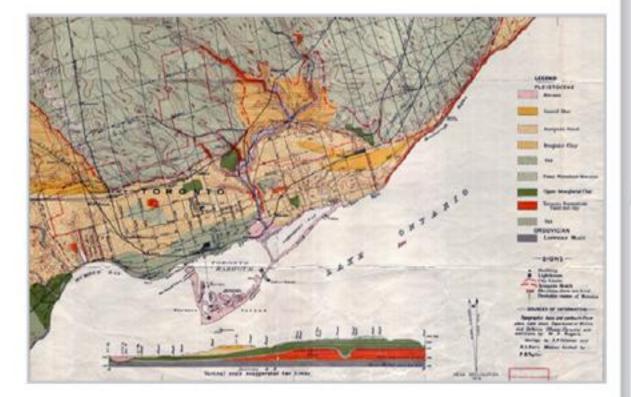




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In addition to poring over old photographs of Toronto on a regular basis, I try to get my hands on historic maps of the city as often as I can. As far as general overviews go, it's tough to beat Derek Haye's Historical Atlas of Toronto, a book that I've lauded on more than one occasion. But, it's not



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P.A. Gross' Lithographic Bird's Eye View of Toronto, 1876.

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At the World Poutine Eating Championship, we put our health on the line for a shot at glory (and free poutine for life).

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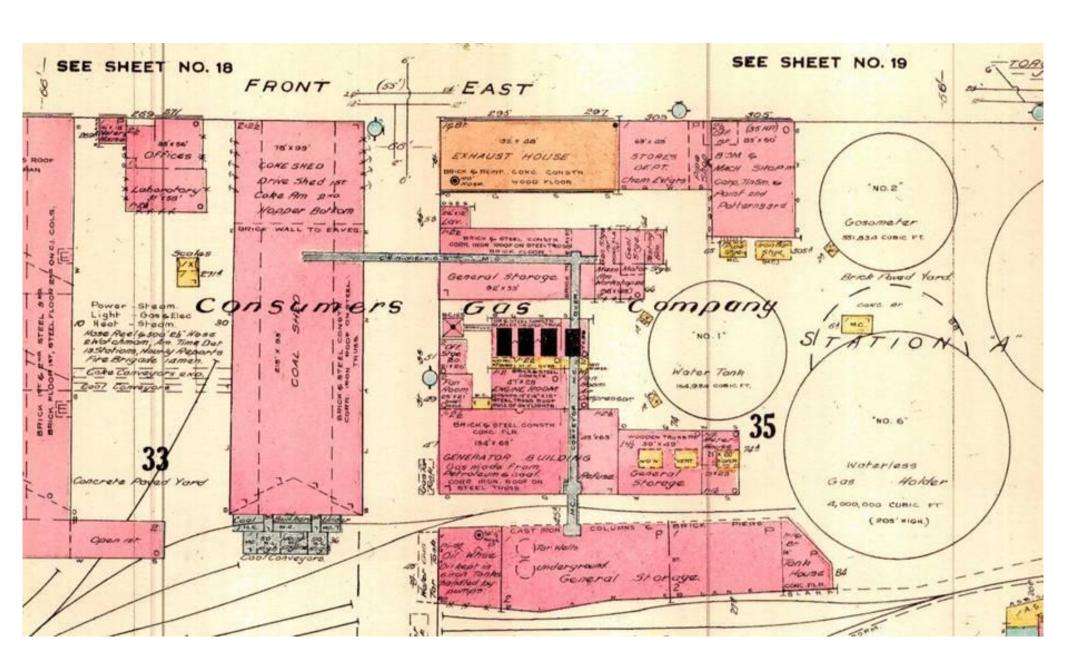
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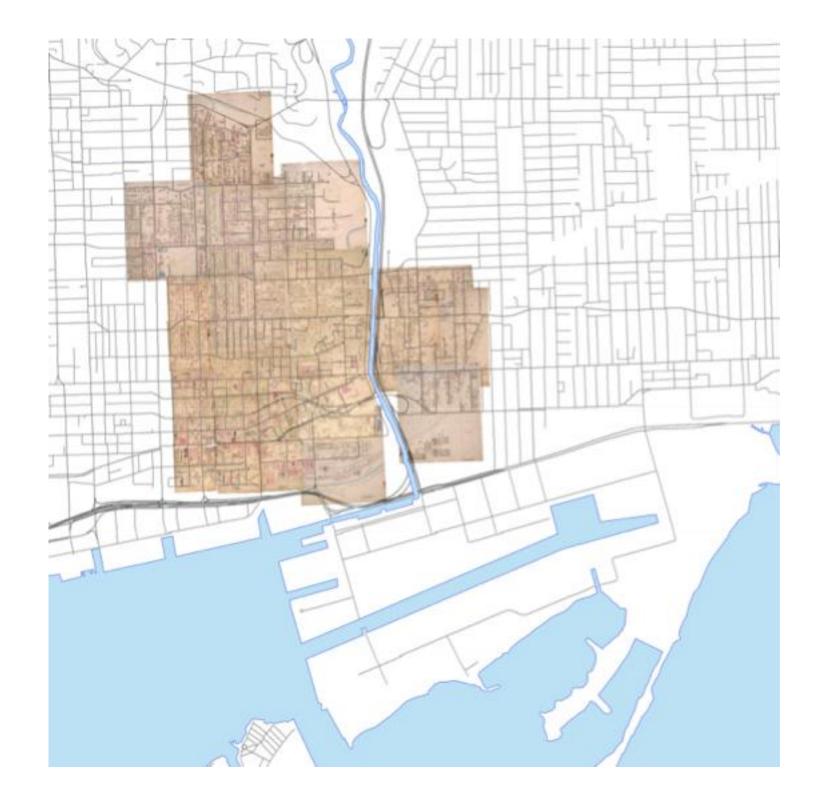
Toronto's Don River Valley is arguably the city's most distinctive physical feature. As a provider of water, power, sustenance, building materials, and transportation, it has played an important role in the city's settlement and development. The river valley has changed dramatically in the years since European settlement, particularly during the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, when the Lower Don River was straightened and channelized and the huge marsh at its mouth drained and filled. Today, the Lower Valley forms the foundation for one of the most densely populated areas in Canada, outlining as it does the eastern portion of Toronto's downtown core and radiating residential areas.

This project documents historical changes in the landscape of the Don River Valley. Drawing from the wide range of geographical information available for the Don River watershed (and the Lower Don in particular), including historical maps, geological maps, fire insurance plans, planning documents, and city directories, the project uses Geographic Information Systems software to place, compile, synthesize and interpret this information and make it more accessible as geospatial data and maps.

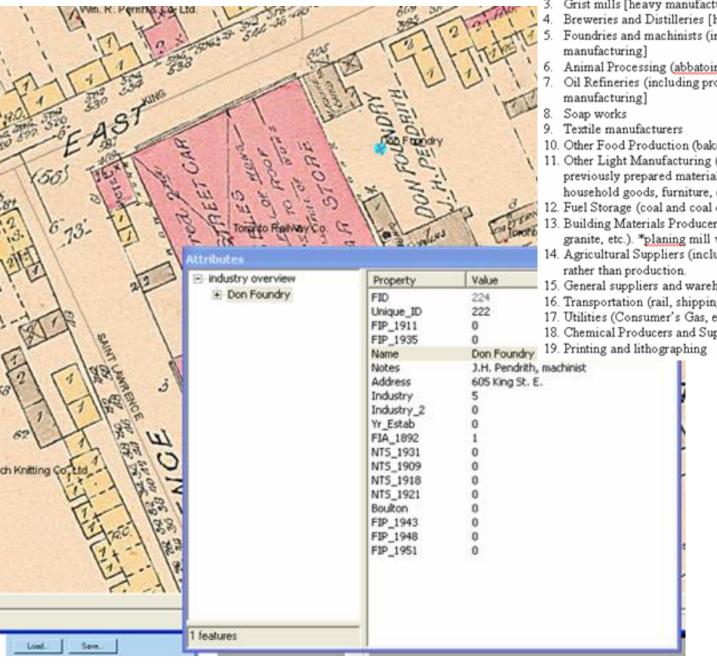
The project is a work in progress. To date, we have scanned several dozen historical maps of Toronto and the Don River watershed, and compiled the following geospatial datasets: 1) changes to the river channel and shoreline of Toronto harbour, 1858-1918; 2) industrial development in the Lower Don River Watershed, 1857-1951 (as points, and in some cases polygons); 3) historical mill sites in the Don River Watershed, 1825; 18524) land ownership in the watershed, 1860 and 1878; and 4) points of interest in the watershed. In the future, we hope to expand the project to include data from other Toronto area watersheds and other parts of the city.











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- Paper mills [heavy manufacturing]
- Grist mills [heavy manufacturing]
- Breweries and Distilleries [heavy manufacturing]
- Foundries and machinists (iron works, engine works, boiler makers, etc) [heavy
- Animal Processing (abbatoirs, rendering plants, tanneries); [heavy manufacturing]
- Oil Refineries (including producers of oil-based paints and varnishes) [heavy
- 10. Other Food Production (bakeries, canned and bottled goods, etc)
- 11. Other Light Manufacturing (describes factories that create finished products from previously prepared materials-ie not from raw materials: household appliances, household goods, furniture, equipment (including carriages and ladders), clothing, etc.
- 12. Fuel Storage (coal and coal oil storage): storage and supply rather than production.
- 13. Building Materials Producers and Suppliers (lumber, cement, aggregates, glass, marble, granite, etc.). \*planing mill would also go here.
- 14. Agricultural Suppliers (including animal feeds, fencing and wire): storage and supply
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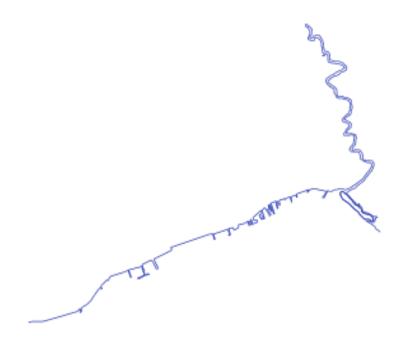


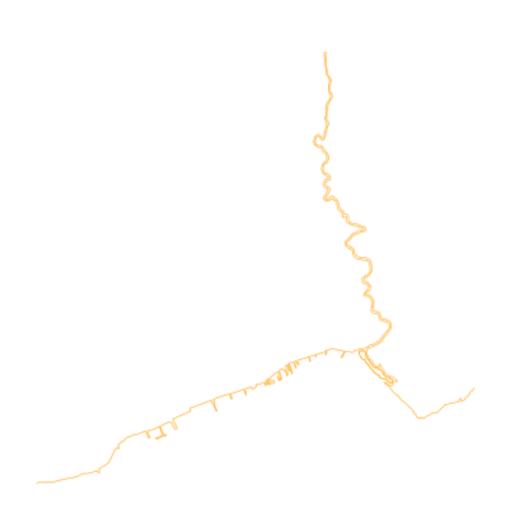


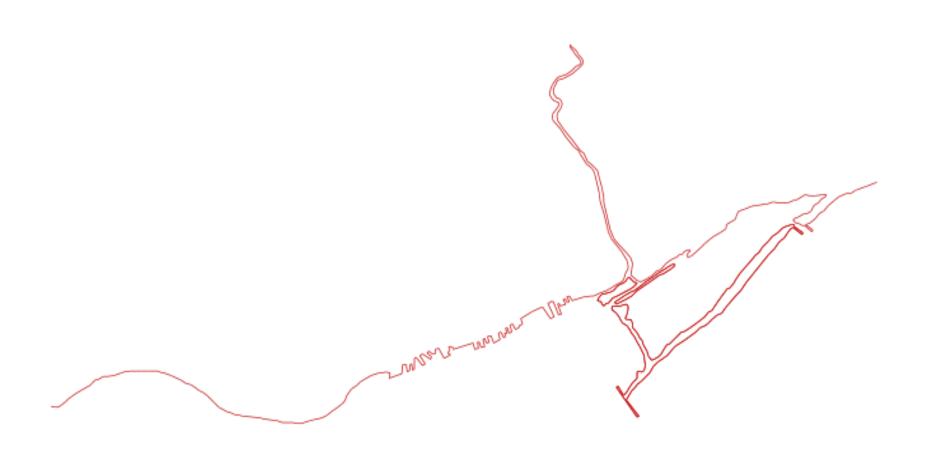










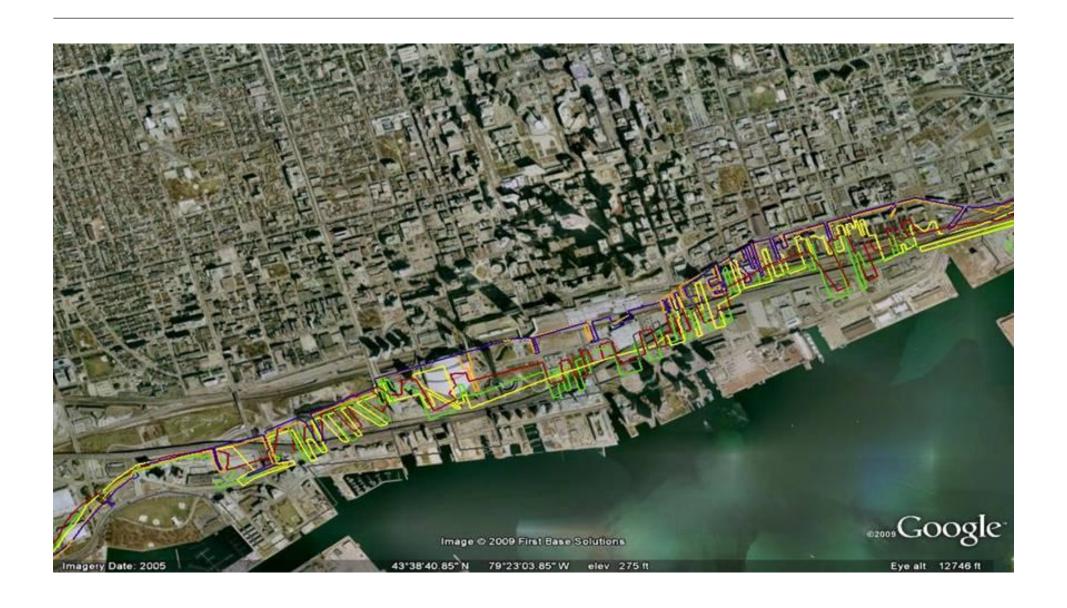


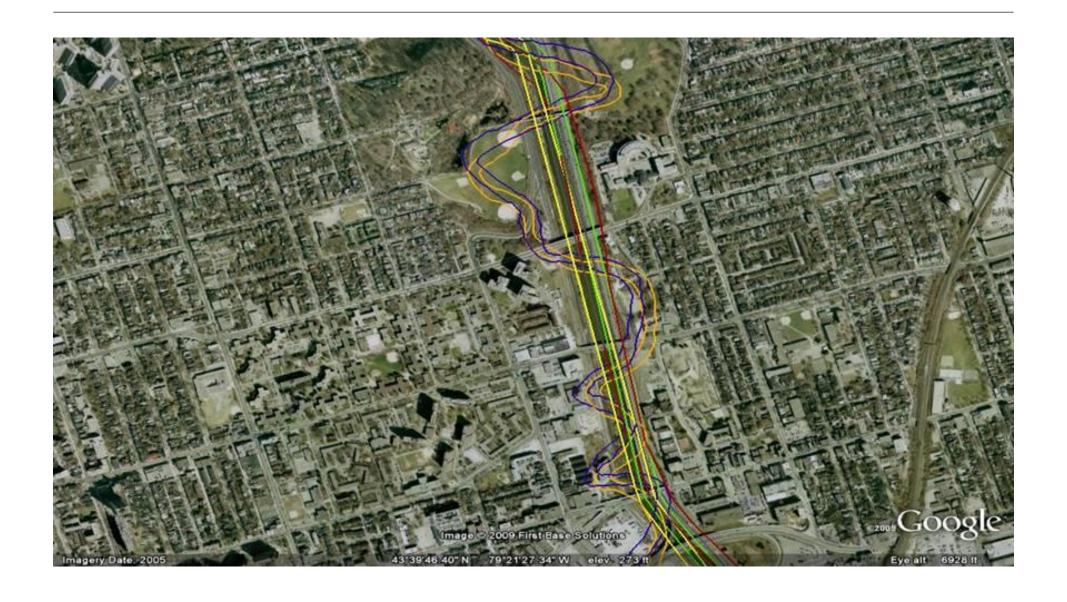


















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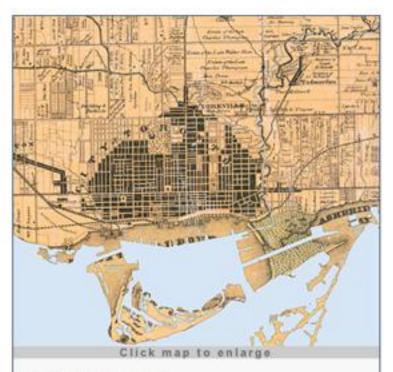
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"In the Don, there's 150 years of history to reverse," says Ontario Ministry of the Environment research scientist Paul Helm. Change on that scale "doesn't happen on a dime."

Enough dimes, however, will soften history's more egregious insults, and a series of successful regreening efforts offer hope for a broader transformation of the river. When Nancy Penny moved to her Scarborough neighbourhood in the 1970s, the local section of Taylor Massey Creek was confined to what she calls a "concrete ditch" running through parkland that was "basically a dog toilet: a grass field with a few trees."

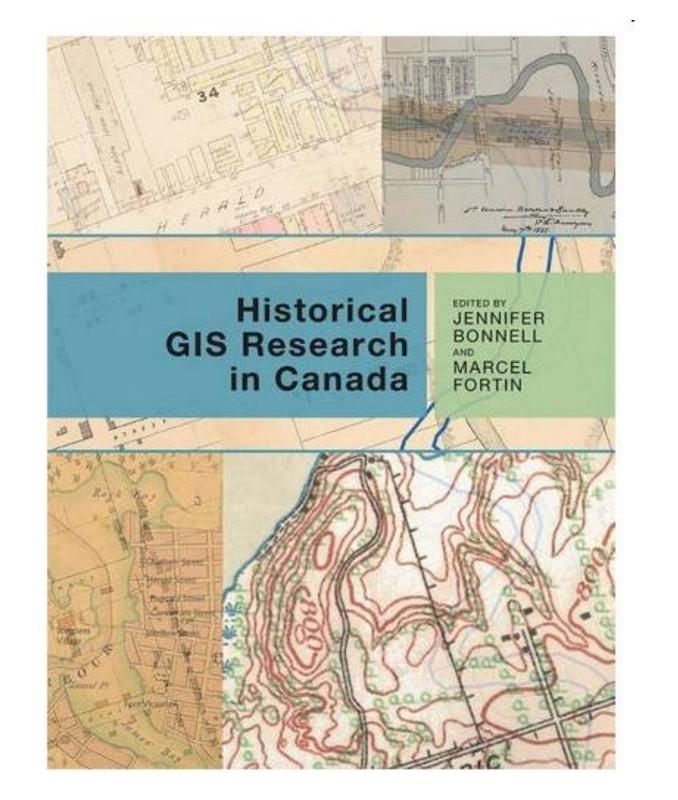
The blunt-spoken daughter of a trapper, Penny grew up on the shores of Great Slave Lake, in the Northwest Territories. Transplanted to Toronto, she was appalled by the state of the Don's easternmost major tributary. "I wanted my kids to be able to walk in the park, where they'd have trees and bushes and ponds and birds and maybe a few foxes and raccoons and squirrels."

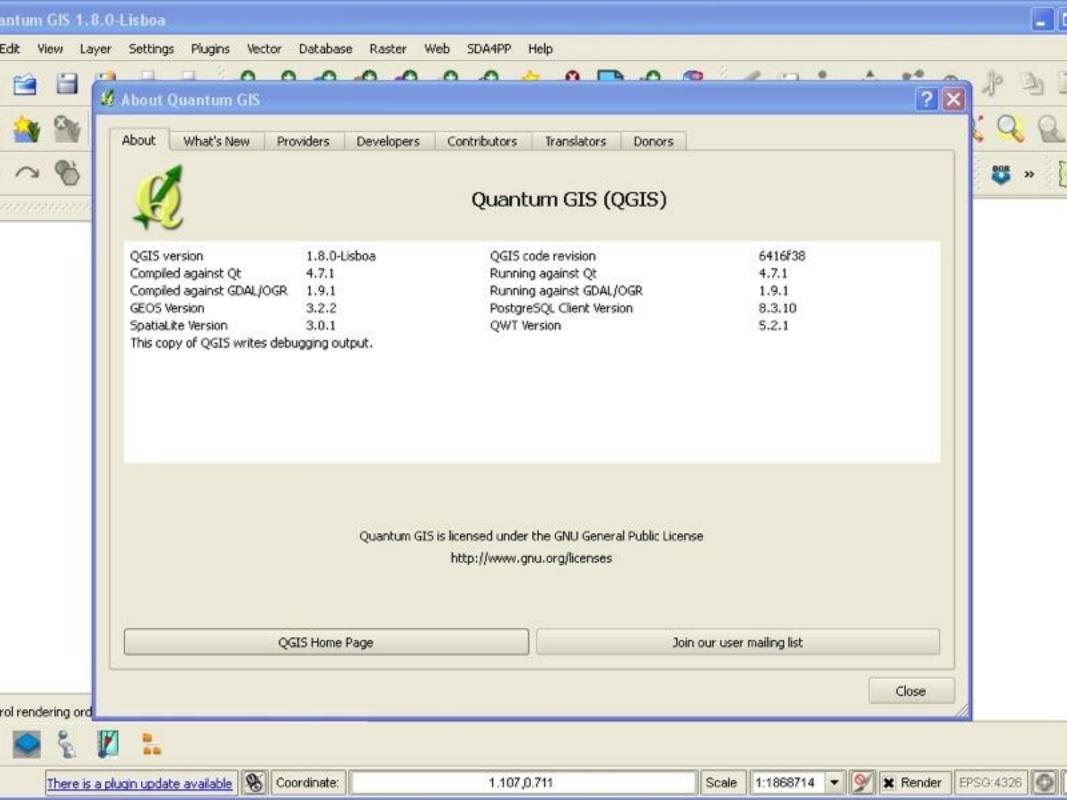
Penny mobilized parents as well as staff and children at local schools, convincing city politicians and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to spend \$1.5



#### Draw me a river

As she assembled a picture of the Don River's industrial past, historian Jennifer Bonnell found herself struggling with 19th-century fire insurance plans, each one bigger than the





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