Title: Peruse GIS Data Sites

Critical Resources: an internet connected computer.

Purpose:

The purpose of this lab will be for you gain experience and knowledge with web-based resources for obtaining GIS datasets.

You are encouraged to think about resources that may be of potential use for your final project as means to begin building momentum for your final project.

Learning Objectives – After completing the lab, you will know:

- Critically examine a web-based resources in terms of the value it may provide with giving you usable GIS data.

Deliverables:

A write-up of your response to the instruction questions.
Instructions:

Browse the web and find four (4) potential sources of GIS data. You cannot use the New York State GIS clearinghouse or CUGIR. For each source you find, indicate:

- The name and URL of the source
- The types of GIS datasets the source provides
- A brief (25-50 word) description of your opinion of the source in terms of how effective the source might be fulfilling GIS data needs. For example, is comprehensive metadata available? Is the source easy to use and understand?

  Ideas for sources you might look into include GIS clearinghouses of your home state, US Federal Government sites or GIS data distributed by international organizations.

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