State of Maryland Open Data Overview

The program, the datasets and how to use the data.



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History of Open Data in Maryland

Open Data Act

Open Data Council

Program Development

Precursors:

- Federal Open Data Policy
- Public Information Act 10-901





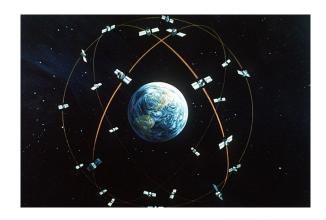
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Sections

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Open Data in Maryland (Today)

Open Data Act

Open Data Council

Program Development

Involves systematic planning, implementation and evaluation of the program and collaboration

Program Staff Responsibilities

- Support Agencies and Council Workgroups
- Quarterly"Open Data Council" Meetings
- Annual Reporting
- Development of the Program



- Strategic Planning
- Data Freshness
- Administration
- Outreach & Training



Benefits of Open Data

- 1. Facilitates citizen engagement
- Increases transparency
- Informs decision making
- 4. Reduces expenses
- Spurs entrepreneurship & application development
- 6. Does the right thing







DolT Open Data Program (initiatives)



Maryland's GIS Data

Maryland's public GIS data is found on iMap, the state's GIS data catalog.

Download data in a variety of formats, or connect directly to a REST endpoint.

https://data.imap.maryland.gov/







Maryland's Open Data Portal





Maryland's Open Data Portal provides access to the state's *non-geographic* data.

Incredibly functional:

- Manage/edit/download datasets
- Create views and subsets of datasets
- Design data visualizations

https://opendata.maryland.gov/



Accessing the State's Data

Everything on iMap is completely open.

- If you wish to dig deeper into the data, an ArcGIS Online account is free.

For the Open Data Portal:

- MD employees: https://imap.maryland.gov/pages/open-data-account-request
- External users: https://opendata.maryland.gov/signup



Data Freshness Initiative

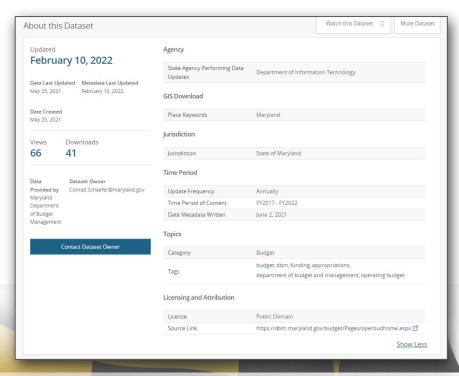
Our goal is to keep Maryland's open data:

- ☐ Clean
- Current
- □ Relevant

Using the Data Freshness Report, we can identify datasets that don't adhere to open data best practices.



How do we maintain Data Freshness?



- Are there missing values?
- Is the metadata in accordance with published standards and policy?
- Is there additional information that should be added?
- Is there data that we are legislatively mandated to publish?

What does success look like?

We have met with 29 agencies to refresh their public data and have supported many of them in adding, editing, and managing their public-facing data (and metadata) in accordance with agency policies and legislative mandates.











...and more!



Open Data Portal Demos

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