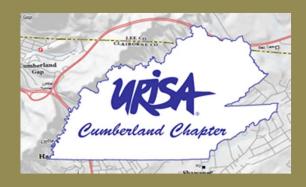
The KGA K-12 GIS Initiative





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- In the Next 30 Minutes
 - Our similar mission
 - URISA
 - Cumberland Chapter
 - Alliance Network
 - Kentucky
 - Tennessee
 - How did we get here?
 - Summer Institute
 - Teacher Training
 - STEM
 - Bringing us together

Melding of Missions

URISA:

- educational experiences
- connected community
- Share essential resources
- multidisciplinary association
- come together to share concerns and ideas.

KGA:

- improving geographic literacy
- provide professional development, networking, model programs, and teaching materials.
- Prepares students to succeed as citizens in an increasingly global society

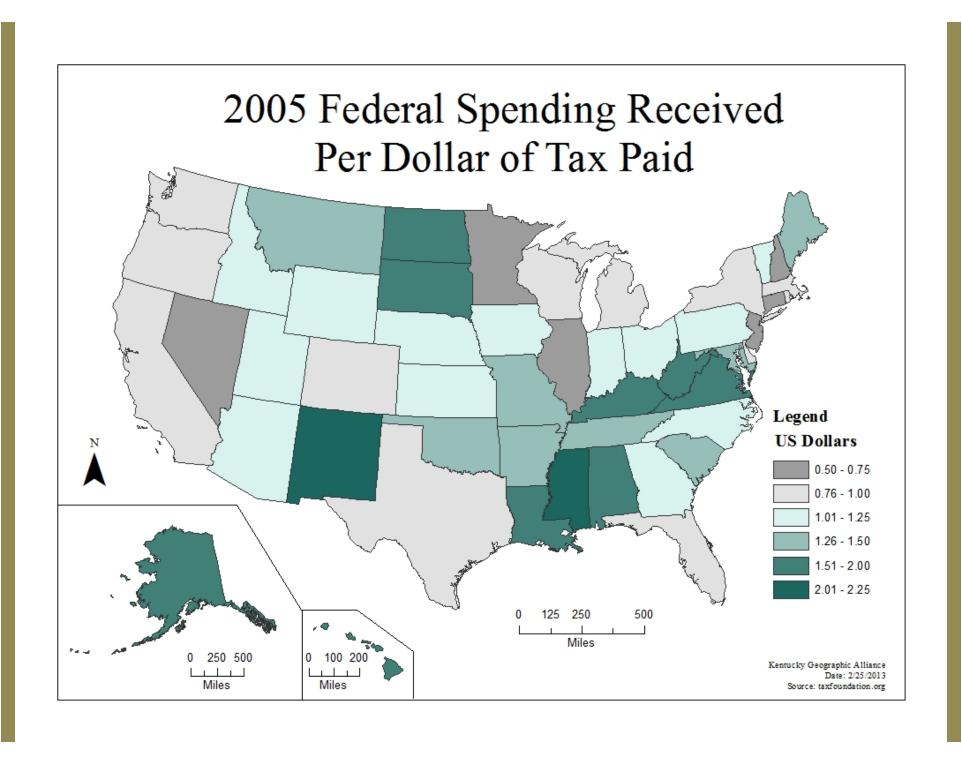
The Linkages

Geoscience Education History

- Education of the Masses vs. education of the elite
- Integration of Geography into Social Studies
- Loss of Geographic Skills
 - Roper Pole (1980's 2000)
- National Geographic
 - Gil Grovesner
 - Geographic Network, KGA
- No Child Left Behind
- Next Generation Science Standards
- C3 Framework (Social Studies)
 - College, career, civic life

Political Context

- NGS, vs. AAG, vs. AGS vs. NCGE
 - Geojournalism
 - Academic Geographers
 - Business and Industry
 - K-12 Education
- Content disIntegration
- Science vs. Politics and GRIDLOCK
 - Climate Change vs. global warming
 - KY: Climate Change, Evolution
- Passing of the Federal Budget
- Teaching Geography is Fundamental legislation
 - Rand Paul meeting
 - Self reliance for each state



Enter Alliance Networks (53)

- Loss of Funding
 - Look for money and ideas

StrategicPlanning

- Creation of GeoAdvocates
 - Who understands Geography?
- KGA: Develop consortium of stakeholders (partnerships)
 - Government, business, education
 - ESRI
- Serve as advocate for GeoEd
 - State meetings
 - Policy Reform
 - Public Awareness
 - Geog of KY
 - KY in the News, Geography News
- Secure funding
 - Grants
 - Atlas project
 - GIS applications
 - Sign MOA with Esri

Change in How Geography is implemented

- GEO Literacy
 - Interactions
 - How Systems Interact
 - Interconnections
 - Geographic Reasoning of Connection
 - Implications
 - Decision Making

FED EX example





KGA Summer GIS Institute, 2013

- Esri: ArcGIS Online
 - Limited issues
 - Easily applicable
 - STEM ready
 - Works seamlessly with students

- 7 Teachers
 - K-12, Multiple disciplines
- 3 day meeting
 - Team building
 - Technology introduction
 - Field experience
 - ID of local project need
- Outcomes

Follow up with training





KGA MOA with Esri

- Lessons learned
- Pros
- Works well with mission
- Use of ArcGIS Online
 - Limited issues
 - Easily applicable
 - STEM ready
 - Works seamlessly with students
 - Crowd sourcing

- Cons
 - Only 8 qualified support personnel
 - Bureaucratic nightmare for small shop implementation
 - Teachers need supervision/training
 - (lots of it)





KGA Summer GIS Institute, 2014

- *Integrate* GISP network
 - Use local expertise to identify potential training sites
- Find remote sights throughout state
- Advertise for participants
- Search for \$ to support training



Why are we here together?

 Use of the Alliance network to drive Geo advocacy • Others?

- Teaching Geography is Fundamental Legislation
- Provide opportunity to work together for leverage
- Uncover potential opportunities to work on real-world communitybased issues.

Questions?

Science Standards

- Next Generation
 Science Standards
 - Conceptual shift
 - College Career readiness
 - Sci. and Engineering practices
 - Crosscutting concepts
 - STEM
 - Math connections
 - Literacy
 - Interdisciplinary

- Topical Arrangement
- ESS2A: Earth Materials and Systems
- ESS2D: Weather and Climate
- ESS3B: Natural Hazards
- ESS3C: Human Impacts
- ESS3D: Climate Change



