GPS: GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM

What is GPS?

Satellite-based navigation system

- •Designed to provide positioning and timing information:
 - •24 hours/day, 7 days/week
 - •under any weather conditions
 - •anywhere in the world



What makes GPS work?



Travel time of signal from satellite used to calculate distance



GPS unit triangulates to determine position of the receiver



Navigation 10-3 meter accuracy light-weight, \$100-\$500 navigation, basic mapping

Types of GPS units



Mapping ~1 meter accuracy portable, ~\$10,000 resource mapping



Geodetic centimeter accuracy bulky, ~\$30,000 high-precision applications

Differential GPS correction

Correction of errors related to atmosphere and satellite errors (ex: WAAS)

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GIS: GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM

What is GIS?

- Geographic data converted to digital format and georeferenced
- Developed by national, state and local sources
- · Can provide information on a many types of features
- Combines geographic information with tabular data

What makes GIS work?

- GIS SOFTWARE Stack different data layers
- GIS <u>SOFTWARE</u> Knows how features are related to each other spatially





How do you make GIS data?







Types of GIS data in NH

Topographic mapsGrouGeologyLandHydrography: Lakes, Ponds, Rivers, StreamsDigitDemographic (Census)WateWetlands: NWI, USGS, Remote SensingAeriaInfrastructure: Roads, Rail, Trails, Water, Sewer, Phone lines

Groundwater resources Landcover/Landuse Digital Elevation Models Watershed delineations Aerial Photographs

NH GIS Database - http://www.granit.unh.edu Map NH Online - http://mapper.granit.unh.edu