



## **DORCHESTER COUNTY ASSESSOR & GIS**

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### **Data Distribution and Exchange Policy**

Dorchester County reserves the right to limit agreements to those organizations which can adequately demonstrate that it is in the public interest to provide digital data in regular or non-standard format.

Users requesting data will be required to enter into one of three types of agreements, a project exchange agreement, an ongoing exchange agreement or an end user digital data purchase agreement. All request are subject to one hour processing charge and or minimum fee. Agreements will be handled on a case by case basis, with the following general provisions:

- Project Exchange: A project exchange agreement is a fixed-length agreement. End users must provide Dorchester County with return data in digital form showing all updates, changes, or modifications made to original data for the purposes of the designated project. Or the end user can provide data of equal worth for the County to use in joint projects. End users shall not resell or redistribute data provided or derived from Dorchester County data in digital form to third parties. .
  - Repackaging / Reseller: A repackaging agreement is a long term or indefinite-length agreement. End users and Dorchester County will enter in to an agreement specifying rates, update frequency, use and costs. The end user must establish why it is in Dorchester County's interest to provide ongoing updates, and agree to areas of responsibility which will be made part of the agreement. End users may make any use of the data they desire, including redistribution or sale to third parties, provided the end user notifies Dorchester County of such redistribution. In addition, the end user must notify the third party that the data may be available directly from Dorchester County.
  - End User Digital Data Purchase: An end user digital data purchase agreement will allow the end user to utilize Dorchester County data for reference and updating. End users shall not resell or redistribute data provided or derived from Dorchester County in its original form to third parties.
- Agreements are available for review from Assessor and GIS Office by request.
  - Violations: In addition to other legal action, violation of data exchange Agreements will result in the violator(s) being barred from Dorchester County contracts for a period of five (5) years.
  - Requests for information in non-standard format must be made in writing to the Dorchester County GIS Department Director. The GIS Director, in conjunction with the other division heads, will determine if the request is in the interest of Dorchester County. If not, the data will be provided in standard web based form. Otherwise, an agreement will be developed between Dorchester County and the requestor and submitted to the County Assessor for approval.