

GIS and Data Services



The Berkshire Regional Planning Commission (BRPC) is the regional planning agency for Berkshire County, providing assistance to the thirty-two Berkshire cities and towns in a diverse set of topics including GIS and Data Services.

What is GIS?

Geographic Information System (GIS) is a computer-based system for capture, storage, retrieval, analysis, and display of spatial data. The essential elements in this definition for local governments are “spatial” and “analysis”: where are things, why do we want to know about them, and how can our community use this information to make better decisions?

Obtaining GIS Services

Municipalities and organizations can obtain GIS and data services through the below mechanism.

- Municipal projects requiring less than 7 hours—No Charge via Local Technical Assistance
- Municipal projects requiring more than 7 hours —Fee for service
- Outsource—long term projects within a municipality at a reduced rate
- Private / Non-Profit—fee for services

As BRPC is a government entity, local municipalities do not need to go through procurement to contract with BRPC to provide services to them.

Outsource GIS

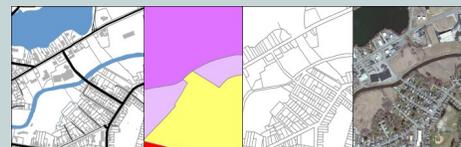
BRPC staff is available to work in town / city halls under contracts with the local governments 1/2 -3 days a week, acting as staff for the town – so-called “Outsource Planner”. Communities can utilize this program to get in-house GIS support in running their own GIS. The Outsource GIS rate is a reduced rate from our normal rate as the community, not BRPC, is responsible for providing workspace, computers and software.

Mapping Services Offered

- Official maps / status of road maps
- Official zoning maps
- Scenic Mountain Act maps
- Community display maps
- Town owned land maps
- Master plans maps
- Open space & recreation plans maps
- Environmental concerns maps, including information such as wetlands, endangered species habitat, biomap, floodplains
- Customized mapping
- Emergency response maps
- Mapping of census data

Additional GIS Services

- GIS planning and setup
- Abutter lists
- Parcel digitization and assessor maps
- GIS organization and management
- Field data collection
- Buildout analysis
- Walkability analysis
- Wind energy suitability mapping



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