



**WEB MAPPING
ROADMAP 2023-2026**


York Region

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ROADMAP ON A PAGE

WEB MAPPING ROADMAP | 2023-2026

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Access and Data Sharing



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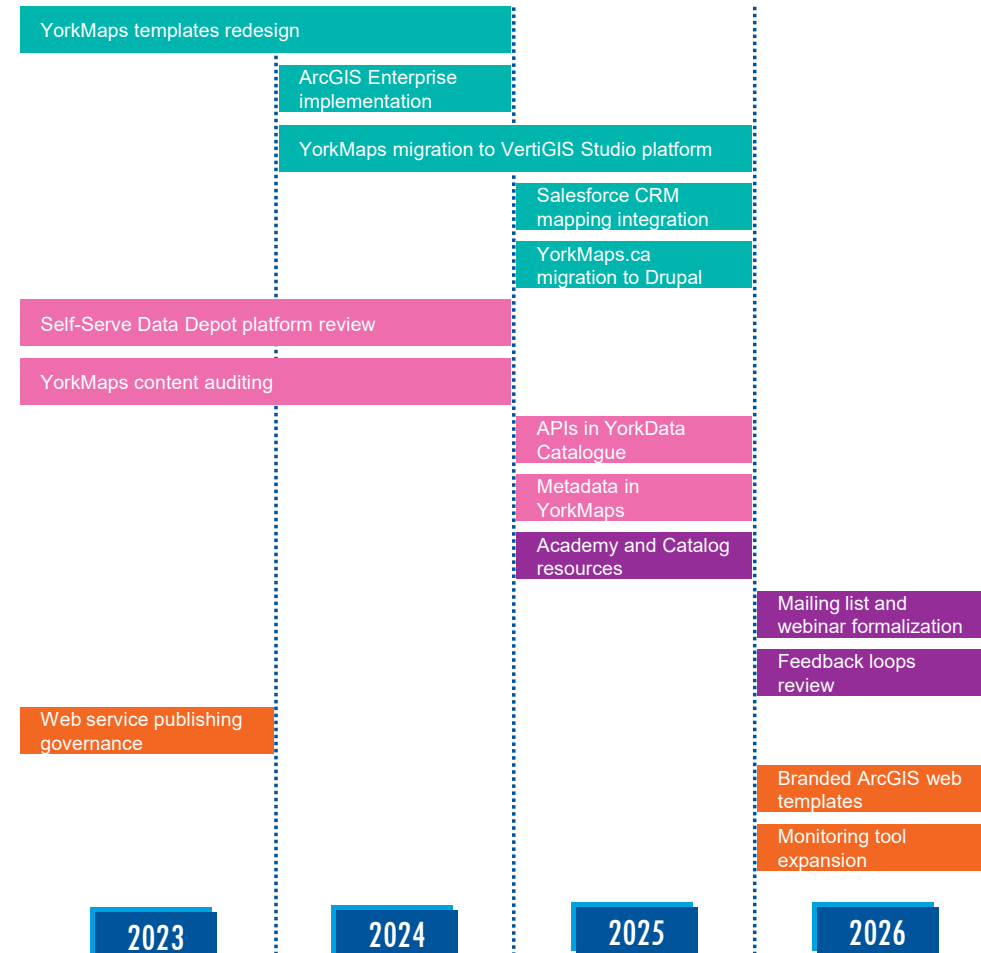
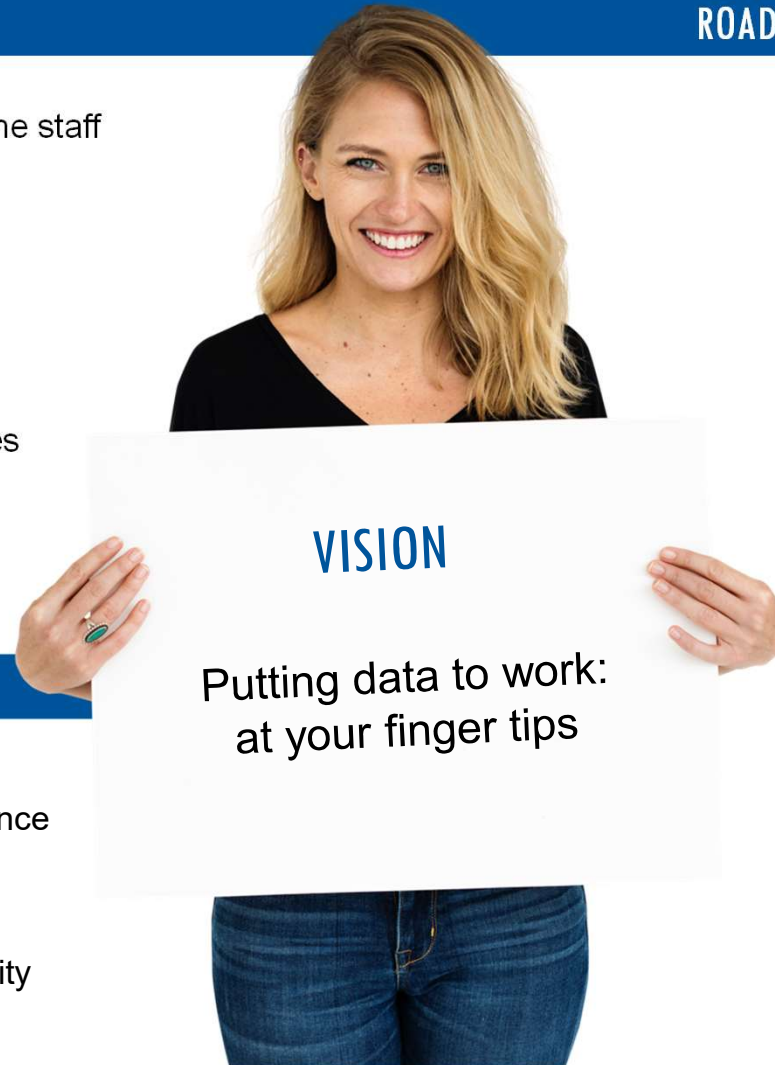


Operations and Sustainability

OBJECTIVES

- Advance self-serve mapping and analytics for front-line staff
- Deliver a modern and personalized user experience
- Integrate advanced visualization capabilities
- Expand web-based data collection and editing
- Increase integration with business systems
- Revitalize trust in web mapping data and systems
- Increase data and information discoverability
- Introduce new learning and development opportunities
- Increase two-way public communication
- Reinforce a federated service delivery model
- Streamline maintenance processes

ROADMAP OF PRIORITY PROJECTS



INDUSTRY TRENDS



Multiexperience



Artificial Intelligence



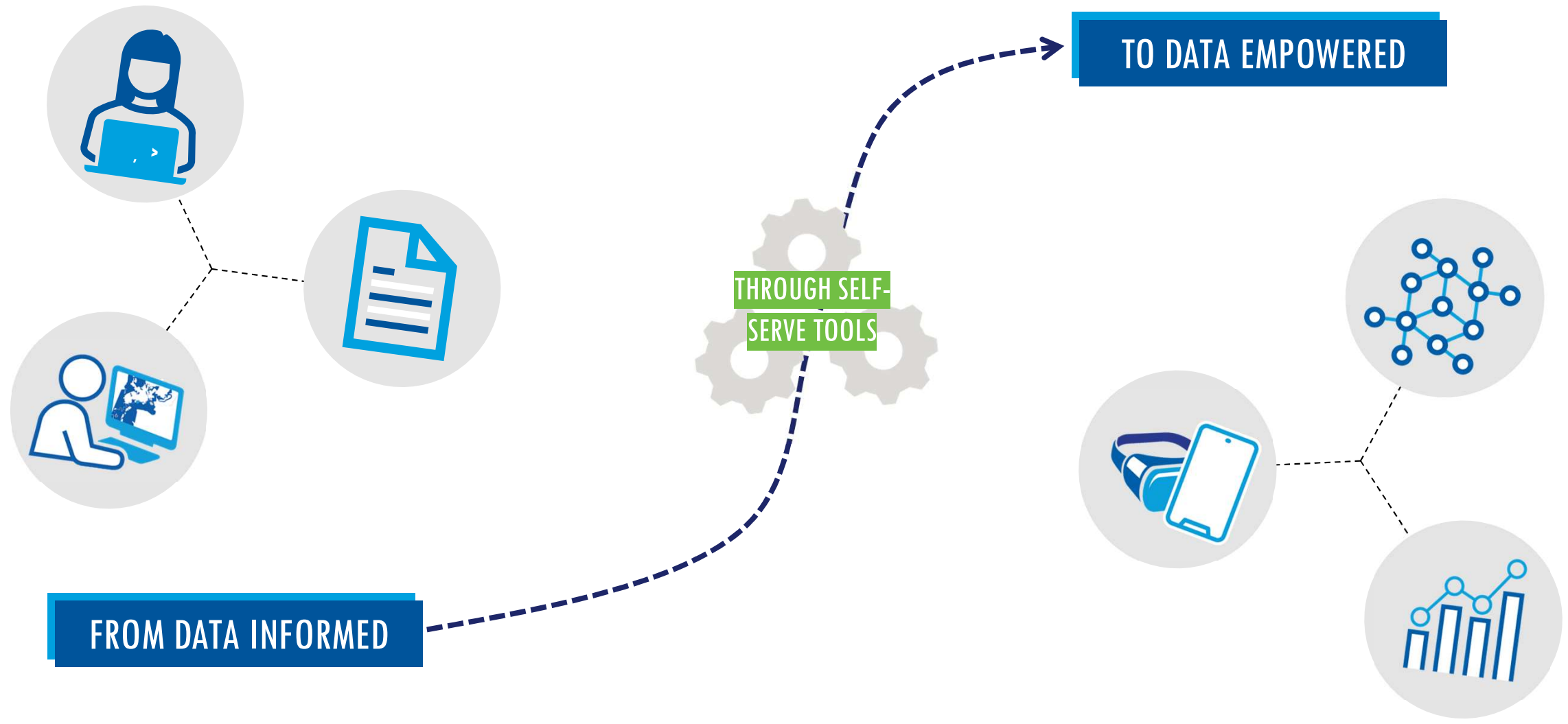
Data Collection



Expanded Reality

WHY A ROADMAP MATTERS

CHANGING LANDSCAPE



WEB MAPPING AS A PRODUCT

HELLO
my name is

Web Mapping
Product

1

Accountability and
stewardship

4

A culture of
experimentation

2

Customer and
outcome focused

5

Prioritization
frameworks

3

Feedback loops and
continuous
improvement

6

Performance and
metrics

WEB MAPPING STAKEHOLDERS

ADMINISTRATORS



CREATORS



CONSUMERS



Product/Program Manager

System Administrator

Data Publisher

Staff

Application Administrator

Dashboard Creator

Public (G2C, G2B, G2G) *

Solution Architect

Partner

Public Site Administrator

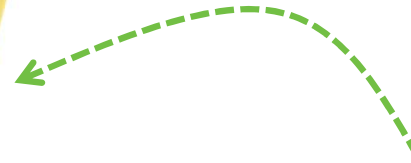
Application Steward

Application Creator

Solution Integrator

HOW THE ROADMAP WAS CREATED

APPROACH



BEST PRACTICES

The roadmap incorporates industry best practices and trends

COLLABORATIVE

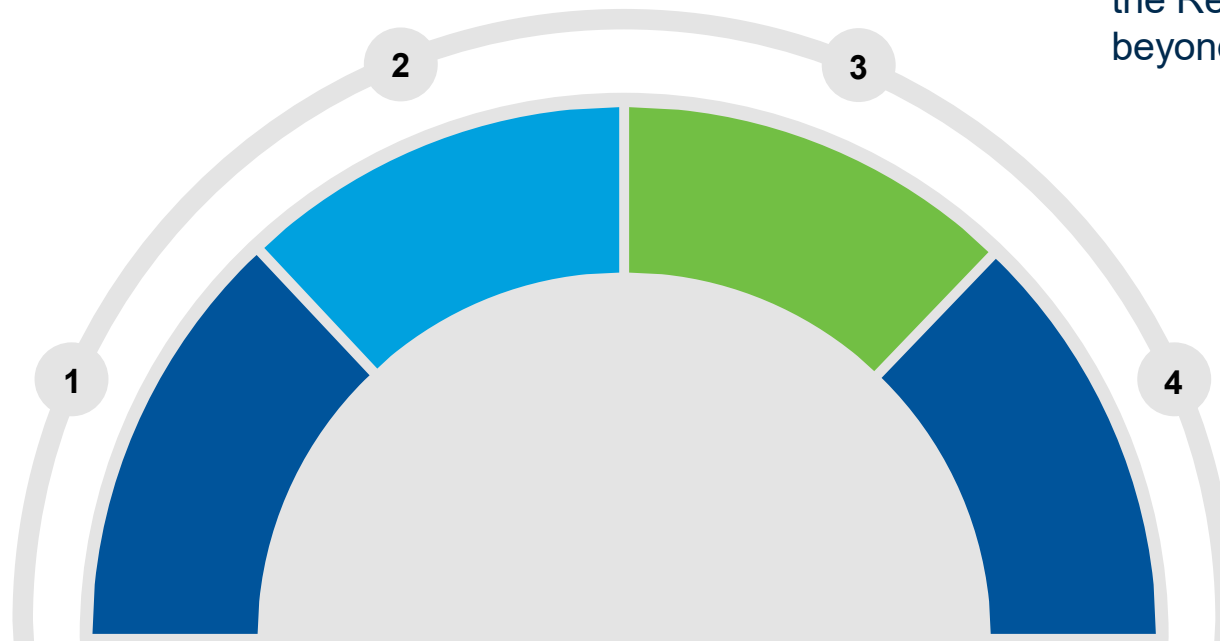
The roadmap was developed with stakeholders across the Region and beyond

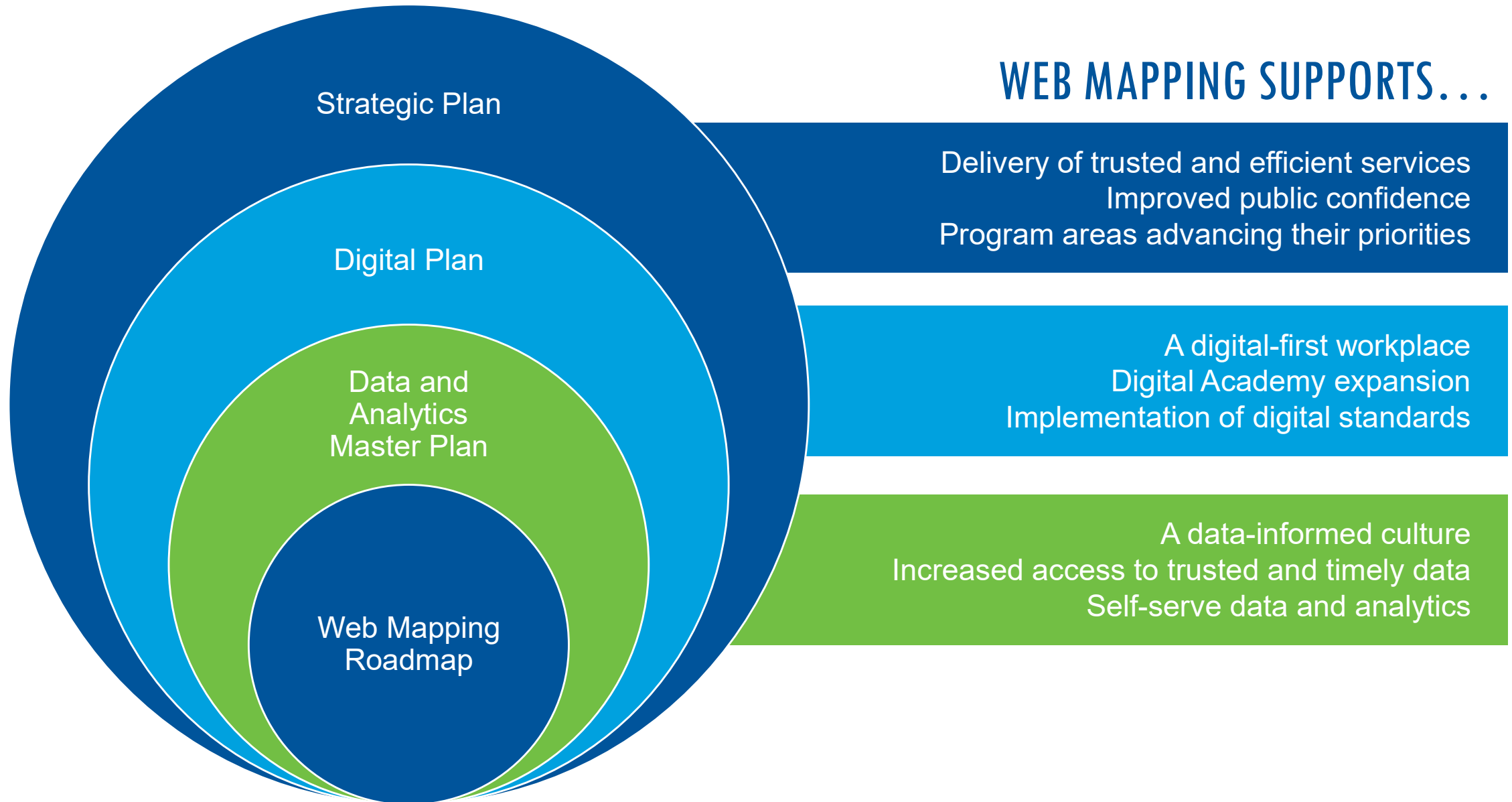
OUTCOME-FOCUSED

The roadmap prioritizes actions that deliver value to the Region

ALIGNED

The roadmap aligns with Corporate plans and initiatives





WEB MAPPING SUPPORTS...

The background is a solid blue color with several overlapping, semi-transparent geometric shapes in various shades of blue, creating a layered, abstract effect. The shapes include large triangles and circular segments.

WHERE THE INDUSTRY IS GOING

MULTIEXPERIENCE



PERSONALIZED

Simplified and tailored experiences and insights



INTERACTIVE

Making data and information more interesting, understandable, and relatable



ANY DEVICE

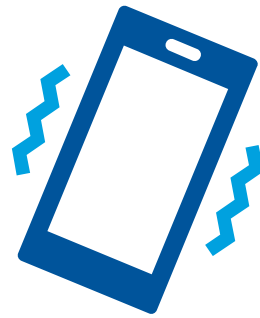
Expand access to different digital technologies and therefore to a wider community

DATA COLLECTION



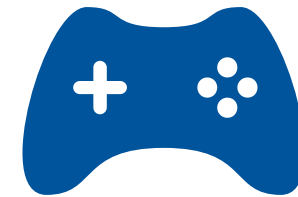
SENSORS & LIVE DATA

Sensors can capture data from movement, vision, feel, hearing, and even smell



DIGITAL DATA COLLECTION

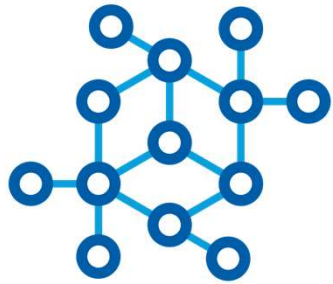
Moving away from paper, to mobile phones, to image and voice driven collection



GAMIFICATION

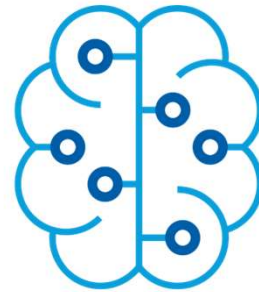
Engage the community and collect crowdsourced data at the same time

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



AUTOMATION

Automating tasks, machine learning, and assistive systems



EXPERIENCE

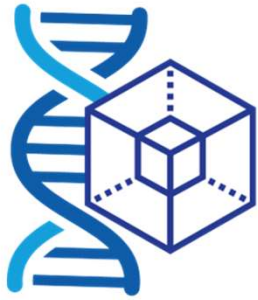
Humanizing data and interpreting needs



DATA

Processing and mining data to improve accuracy

EXPANDED REALITY



DIGITAL TWINS

Virtual models designed to accurately reflect physical objects



DIGITAL ASSETS

Virtual assets are being recognized as real assets – no longer treated as a copy

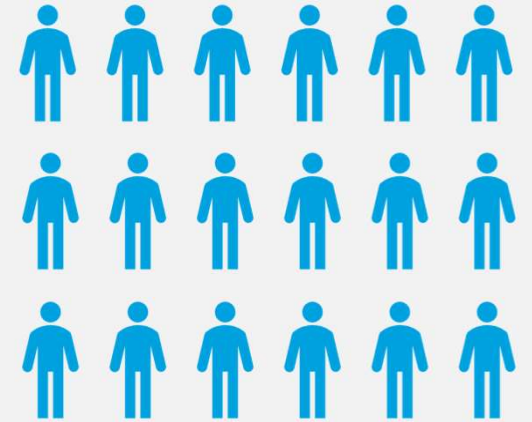
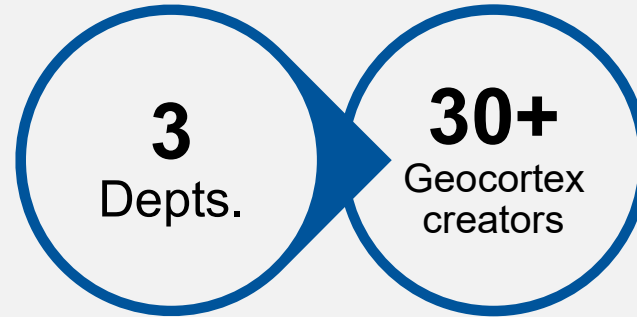


IMMERSION

It is predicted that partial immersion technology will dominate over the next 20 years

WHERE WE ARE

SELF-SERVICE AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE



5-7
Systems visited to close Access York case



110+ Web mapping apps



Access with mobile devices

SELF-SERVICE AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE - FEEDBACK

Include interactive location data in York.ca, MyPortal, and the Mobile App

Not the most intuitive platform to explore and determine what is available

Less processing at the start of an application - slow to load

Enabling business units to maintain their own data in SDW

More self-serve options for querying data

Look at integrating data/services into other departmental systems

The flexibility of different analyses is lacking

Templated solutions for different patterns of use

Use of open source mapping and modern frameworks such as React and Azure

Suggestions for what layers to add based on layers you are using

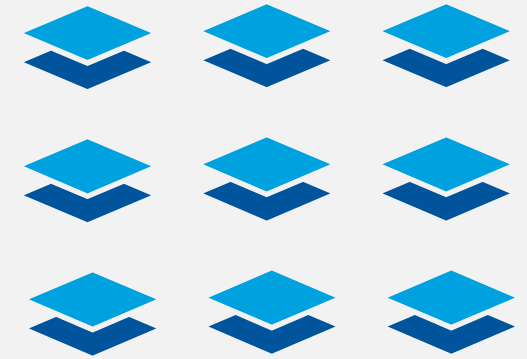
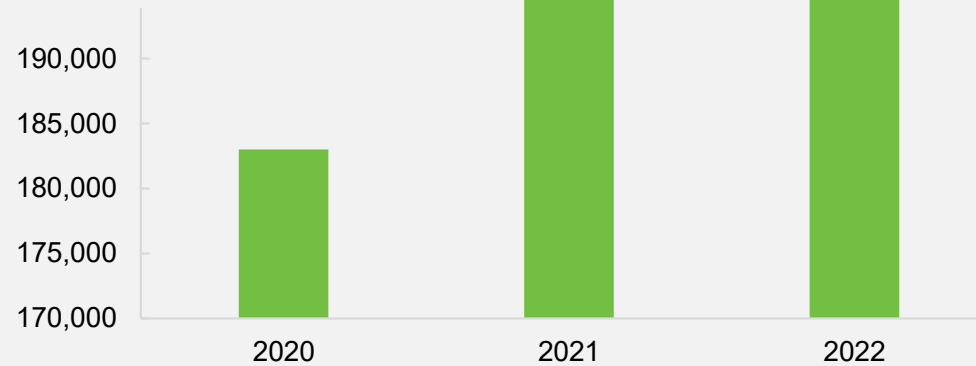
Live tracking of all available sensors

ACCESS AND DATA SHARING



400+
ArcGIS
Server web
services

200,000+ YorkMaps visitors
in 2022



1,112
Layers in the Spatial
Data Warehouse



WCAG 2.1 AA
compliant



Interactive maps
available **publicly**



Interactive maps
display or link to
metadata



ACCESS AND DATA SHARING - FEEDBACK

It's hard to understand what we have, how old it is, and when to expect the next update

Library of APIs for people to use

Assurance that data is up to date and accurate

Point to a facility and access associated reports, manuals, permits, data, as-builts, etc.

We should all know how to use the accessibility features

Search for opportunities to collaborate with 3rd parties

Credential storage - not having to input each time

Exchanging data with local municipalities

Establish wanted data sets

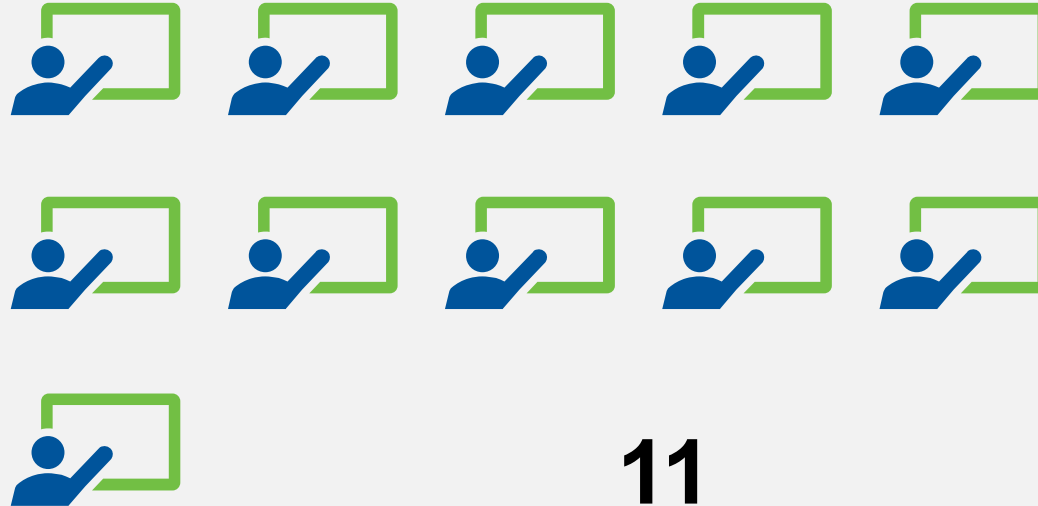
Move off network drives for data and into servers or services

Front line staff having to go to multiple places to gather information

TALENT AND COMMUNICATION



5
Feedback
surveys
conducted



11
App demos delivered



10
Trained in Geocortex
administration /year

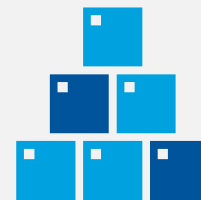
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GIS Community of
Practice members

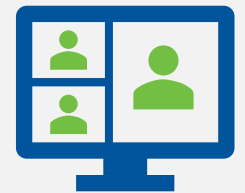


1.5-hour quarterly meetings

0
Toolkits
available on
the Digital
Services
Catalogue



6
Maintenance
emails sent



0
Live webinars
Hosted

TALENT AND COMMUNICATION - FEEDBACK

There are many features I do not know how to use or the possibilities

Web mapping as a communications tool

More awareness of products and services

Segmented training – show what is most relevant

Decision trees to know what to use when

Targeted instructional videos and webinars

Walk the user through all features of the app (i.e. WalkMe)

It is difficult to get feedback from the public

Where do we put our literacy efforts

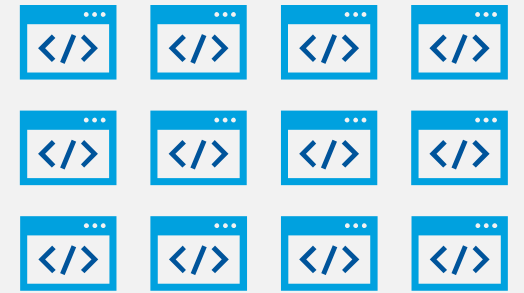
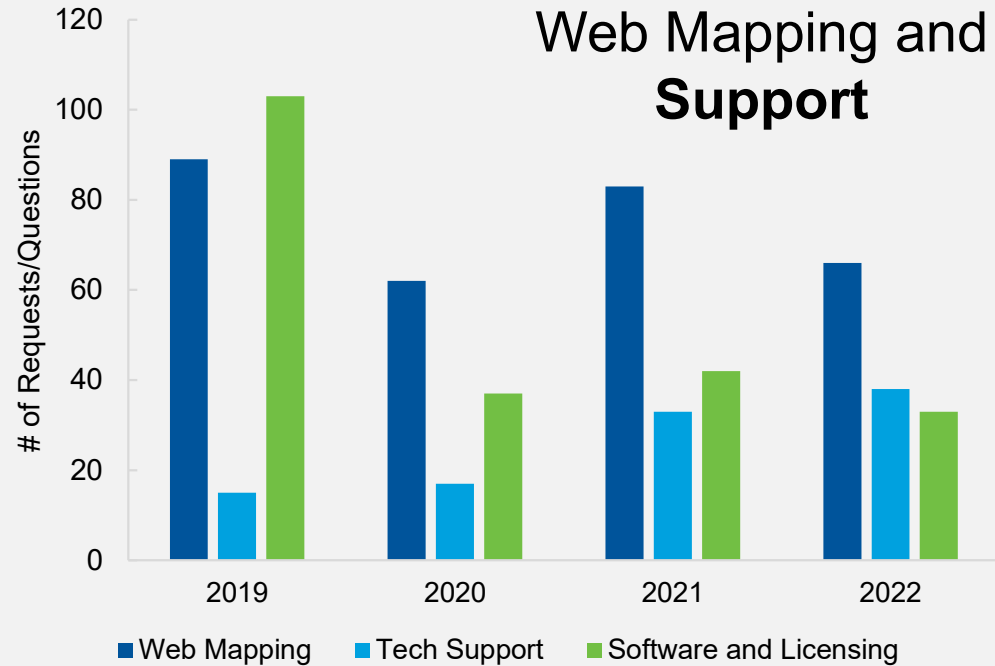
Limited resources for mapping

Notifications for things other than disruptions

OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY

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Software Upgrades /year



45

Scripts running regularly

35%

Interactive Maps (YorkMaps) with a sponsor or steward



4

Monitoring Dashboards

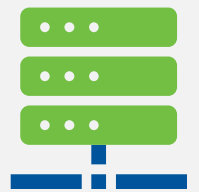
Servers



17
DEV



23
STG



48
PROD

OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY - FEEDBACK

Need more governance as we expand product and service creation

Sustainment and stewardship model for maintenance

Review analytics on a regular basis to find trends and inform decisions

More application/solution documentation

More auditing that happens regularly

Who does what?

More automation in web mapping maintenance

I think we need a process for retirement

Pop up asking if you are enjoying your experience

Templated requirement gathering could be an addition

Different groups for different things – confusing when trying to implement solutions

OUR SOLUTIONS

5 Integrations

110+ Interactive Maps

150+ Dashboards

5+ Map Images

- 1 East Gwillimbury Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Depot
225 Garfield Wright Boulevard, East Gwillimbury, ON, Canada 0.00km
- 2 Elgin Mills Community Environmental Centre
1124 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Hill, ON, L4S 1M4, Canada 0.00km
- 3 Georgina Transfer Station, Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling Depot
23068 Warden Avenue, Georgina, ON, L4L 1L4, Canada 0.00km

2 Form Validations

Please enter round trip total between your Home and Regional location

Daily commute time in minutes

Please enter round trip total between your Home and Regional location

Designated York Region Location

17

- 13175 Yonge Street
- 170 Millway Avenue
- 1700 Major Mackenzie Drive
- 171 Major Mackenzie Drive West
- 17150 Yonge Street
- 17250 Yonge Street

OUR STRATEGY

**PUTTING DATA TO WORK:
AT YOUR FINGERTIPS**



FOCUS AREAS

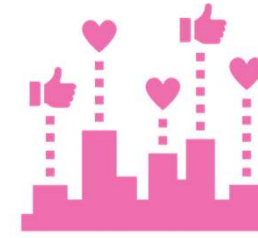
SELF-SERVICE AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Design modern mapping experiences for customers and staff



ACCESS AND DATA SHARING

Further data discoverability, access, and sharing for all



TALENT AND COMMUNICATION

Develop customer and staff awareness, understanding, and capabilities



OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Streamline service delivery and maintenance processes



SELF-SERVICE AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Objective	Action	Outcome	Measure
Advance self-serve mapping and analytics for front-line staff	Simplify the mobile web mapping experience	Staff can focus on the task at hand while in the field	↓ time spent on mapping activities in the field
	Introduce simple analytical tools to all web mapping platforms	Analytics and visualization tools are accessible to all staff, regardless of role or experience	↑ # analytics tools available to all staff
	Improve search and query tools	Data is quickly and easily findable for decision making	↓ requests for custom search and query tools
	Identify and implement common mapping requests to be converted to self-serve tools	Time is freed up for GIS Power Users to focus on more advanced data and analytics work	↑ # of common mapping requests available as self-serve tools
	Launch a web map co-designed with Access York	Access York staff have single source for location-based data, contributing to faster case resolution	Launched and used by Access York staff ↑ speed of location-based data capture
Deliver a modern and personalized user experience	Introduce map symbol scaling	Increased readability of map symbols	↓ negative feedback from end users related to map symbols
	Pilot map/layer/template personalization	Greater insight gained on end users, boosting satisfaction and driving usage	↓ questions and negative feedback from end users related to finding relevant content
	Implement ArcGIS Enterprise	Reduced license costs and seamless management of spatial datasets in interactive mapping systems	↓ # of ArcGIS Online licensed users
	Migrate YorkMaps.ca to Drupal MyPortal and York.ca	Interactive maps conveniently discoverable where staff, partners, and the public are already visiting	↑ YorkMaps hits from Drupal platforms
	Migrate YorkMaps to VertiGIS Studio	New features and functionality available through innovative and modern technology	↑ # of YorkMaps sites available on VertiGIS Studio ↑ # new features available to end users
	Research and implement performance best practices and enhancements	End users experience faster loading times, resulting in improved experience and satisfaction	↓ negative feedback from end users related to performance

SELF-SERVICE AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

Objective	Action	Outcome	Measure
Integrate advanced visualization capabilities	Incorporate and visualize time aware data	More easily visualize change over time	↑ # of datasets visualized with time awareness/history
	Support expanded visualization of near real time data	Ability to make decisions at the “speed of business” and quickly detect and mitigate issues	↑ # of datasets visualized in near real time
	Increase visibility of Google Street View integration in YorkMaps	Increased awareness of Google Street View, frequently requested by end users	↑ Google Street View usage
	Pilot small-scale extended reality use case	Better understanding of opportunities and challenges of extended reality and how it may be used in the future.	↑ used of augmented and/or virtual reality technologies
Expand web-based data collection and editing	Identify datasets appropriate for online editing and develop a proof of concept	Business units maintain their own data, freeing up GIS Power Users to focus on more advanced data and analytics work	↑ # of datasets edited online
	Implement offline data collection using VertiGIS Studio Mobile	Data is collected and edited in the field across York Region, regardless of mobile connectivity	↑ # of datasets collected and inspected offline in the field
	Introduce named editor tracking for all feature services using ArcGIS Enterprise	Editor tracking metadata captured during all data collection and editing	↑ tracking of editing metadata
Increase integration with business systems	Create and pilot developer guide for API integration	Developers and system integrators can easily learn about and use location-based APIs	↑ # of staff using web services
	Integrate with work order systems	Authoritative spatial data and automation integrated into more business systems	↑ # of web services used in business systems

SELF-SERVICE AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE — SPOTLIGHT

Layer Bundles

Bundle 1

- Layer 1
- Layer 2
- Layer 3
- Layer 4
- Layer 5
- Layer 6
- Layer 7
- Layer 8

Bundle 2

Bundle 3

Bundle 4

Map Suggestions

Map Suggestions



Liking Map XYZ? You might also like:

[Map ABC](#)
[Map 123](#)

OK

Build Your Own Map

Visualization Options

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OK

ACCESS AND DATA SHARING

Objective	Action	Outcome	Measure
Revitalize trust in web mapping data and systems	Provide access to metadata and maintenance schedules from all web maps	End users are provided with more context around the datasets they are accessing	↑ positive feedback from end users regarding trust of datasets
	Assess YorkMaps content for reach, impact, optimization, and maintenance	Continue to serve valuable and relevant content to staff, partners, and the public	↑ usage of YorkMaps
	Explore web-based options for sharing datasets externally	Large datasets are easily shared with approved organizations	↑ understanding of options for sharing datasets externally
Increase data and information discoverability	Amplify web service discoverability	Developers and system integrators can easily access and use location-based web services	↑ use of location-based web services
	Remodel API architecture	Improved reusability, scalability, and performance of location-based APIs	↓ duplication of data within web services ↑ use within business systems
	Incorporate more datasets into web mapping applications	More data accessible to support decision making	↑ # of datasets available in web mapping applications

ACCESS AND DATA SHARING — SPOTLIGHT

API Catalogue

Name

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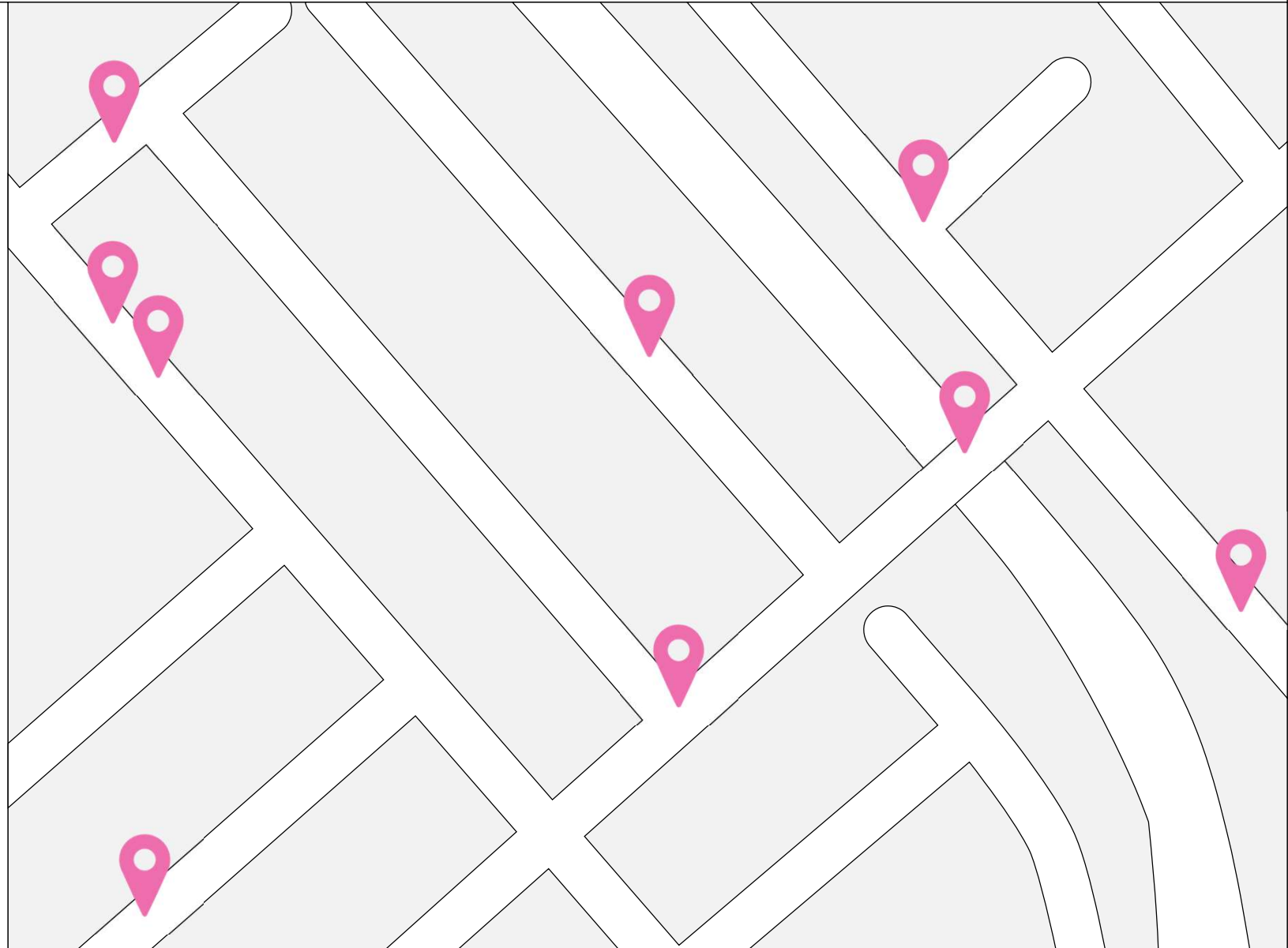
Metadata

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Where is this API Used?

- App XYZ
- App ABC
- Map 123

[How to use this API](#)



TALENT AND COMMUNICATION

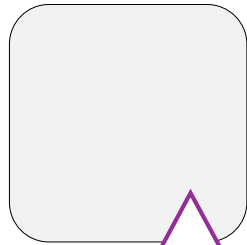
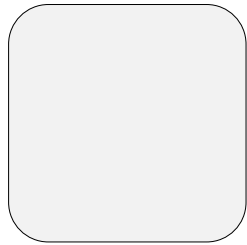
Objective	Action	Outcome	Measure
Introduce new learning and development opportunities	Develop interactive guidance proof of concept in YorkMaps and ArcGIS Online	Increased adoption and usability of web mapping technologies	↑ usage of highlighted tools
	Create interactive decision tree for web mapping technology	Web mapping creators able to identify the appropriate web mapping technology for the job to be done	↓ # of questions related to which technology to use
	Develop and integrate web mapping resources in the Digital Academy and Data Services Centre for self-directed learning	Learning resources available for support and upskilling	↑ # of web mapping resources available in the Digital Academy and Data Services Centre
	Develop persona-based training offerings, including role, department, and application specific	Tailored training that considers the learning objectives, challenges, and preferences of participants	↑ # of training offerings available through the Digital Academy
Increase two-way communication	Design and pilot a crowdsourcing and community engagement template	Consistent method of capturing community sentiment, increasing public engagement	↑ # of public individuals interacting with the Region
	Review existing and create new feedback loops	Web mapping products solve problems experienced by end users	↑ # of end user surveys, interviews, and other user engagement methods
	Formalize mailing lists and webinars for communicating enhancements and maintenance	Staff, partners, and the public are kept up to date, forming connections and promoting trust	↑ # of communications going out to end users

TALENT AND COMMUNICATION – SPOTLIGHT

Interactive Map

Welcome

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OPERATIONS AND SUSTAINABILITY

Objective	Action	Outcome	Measure
Reinforce a federated service delivery model	Create and socialize RACI matrix for web mapping related activities *	Increased clarity around roles and responsibilities, communication, and engagement with stakeholders	↓ # of questions from stakeholders related to responsibilities
	Revitalize web mapping discussions in the GIS Community of Practice	New users and Power users come together to drive strategy, generate best practices, and solve problems	↑ # of agenda items related to web mapping
	Develop app templates for rapid development	Reduced app development time and consistent look and feel experience	↑ # of templates available to web mapping creators
Streamline maintenance processes	Standardize and document maintenance, auditing, information management, and industry research processes	Increased consistency, reduced errors, and focus on continuous improvement	↑ # of maintenance related documentation available for staff
	Formalize after hours system monitoring and support	Business critical web mapping applications are supported outside regular working hours	↑ # of hours offered for technical support
	Improve ability to identify impact of changing data, services, and apps	Reduced issues related to unknown linkages between data and systems	↓ # of issues caused by changing data, services, and apps
	Identify sponsor(s) and steward(s) for all web maps associated with programs	Increased accountability for web maps resulting in timely and	↑ # of sponsors and/or stewards for web maps
	Expand use of monitoring and analytics tools for use in product decisions		↑ # of dashboards created for product decisions

* RACI: Responsible, Accountable, Consulted, Informed

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