

Why of Where Project Worksheet

Contact Information

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Project Information

Project Name:

Project Description (brief overview of the project):

Preparation for the Why of Where Training

To prepare for a Why of Where training, you should review the [Geographic Inquiry Process](#) and begin applying the process to your project by answering the questions below.

Step 1: ASK geographic questions

What is the question that this project will address? What makes it “geographic”?

Step 2: ACQUIRE geographic resources

What kind of information do you need to answer the question? List all the information that you can think of that needs to go into your map. Each type of information in your map will have to help you answer your question so you want to make sure it has the right attributes. (For example, road data may contain road names, speed limits, address ranges, type of road, and much more.) Using your list above, make a note of what things you need to know about each set of information. Note where you think you might get it (online, from your partner, create/collect it yourself, etc.)

Step 3: EXPLORE geographic data

We'll be doing this during the training, but it pays to look ahead. What types of patterns and relationships do you think you might see when you add your data to the map?

Step 4: ANALYZE geographic information

Again, we'll be working on this during the training, but you can start by answering questions like: "Why does this matter? Who does this matter to? Is this related to other problems and how?"

Step 5: ACT upon geographic knowledge

Who is going to use this information and how? What is the most effective way to share it? What do you want to happen as a result of this project?