

## **Act 178 of 2014, Reauthorization Initiative**

Act 178 of 2014, which established the State Geospatial Coordinating Board, was signed into law by Governor Tom Corbett on October 22, 2014. This Act expires June 30, 2020; which allows for approximately fourteen months in which to have the Act reauthorized.

Some of the accomplishments of the State Geospatial Coordinating Board as noted in the 2017 Annual report are as follows:

Development of a comprehensive geospatial strategic plan with the following goals

1. Create a sustainable business model
2. Facilitate the development of statewide authoritative datasets
3. Ensure and promote public access to geospatial data and services
4. Enhance collaboration, cooperation, and coordination

In particular, the Geoboard has been directly engaged in developing a State-wide data sharing agreement; acquiring \$2.15 million for LiDAR capture; coordinating and advancing Phase I of the PA base map which includes 12 state-wide themes; creating a Geospatial Strategic Plan for Pennsylvania; monitoring geospatial-related legislation; communicating and coordinating with PEMA as the Imagery Acquisition Project moves forward.

It is recommended that the reauthorization discussion be passed to the Governance Task Force. It is further recommended that the following be engaged in the process:

Original Bill Sponsors and their associated contacts

CCAP

PSLS

GISPros

Others as recommended by the Board

In summary, the State Geospatial Coordinating Board has played a conspicuous and positive role in advancing and coordinating geospatial initiatives within the Commonwealth since its formation. Reauthorization of Act 178, of 2014 will allow the GeoBoard to continue in this role.

Therefore, the Board is asked to formally initiate this action and pass this Task to the Governance Task Force for discussion and action. The Governance Task Force will report back to the Board on the discussions and progress with the Act 178 of 2014, Reauthorization Initiative.