

## Data Sharing Agreement Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

### Agreement FAQs

1. Where and how do we submit the signed copy of the data sharing agreement? *The signed copy of the data sharing agreement can be submitted via e-mail to [RA-PAGEOCOORDBOARD@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PAGEOCOORDBOARD@pa.gov) or via fax to 717-425-5554.*
2. Do we need to provide a “hard” copy of the signed data sharing agreement? *No hard copy is required. A copy submitted electronically via e-mail or fax is sufficient.*
3. The agreement states “participating parties”. Who are the participating parties? *Anyone or any entity that signs the agreement becomes a participating party.*
4. If a requestor would ask for additional data beyond what my organization is providing under this agreement, can I require the requestor to sign a different agreement? *Yes.*
5. Is there a list of all entities who have signed the data sharing agreement? *There is a public facing map showing the status of signed data sharing agreements that can be accessed at <https://pasda.maps.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=64d2c828f7254947927e56afa5678772>.*

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1. How can we publicly share our geospatial data? *PA Spatial Data Access (PASDA) is the public GIS clearinghouse for Pennsylvania. Please feel free to reach out directly to PASDA and contact them at [pasda@psu.edu](mailto:pasda@psu.edu).*
2. Who determines what data can be shared? *The County makes the decision on what they want to share, how often they want to share, and how they want to share it. Participation is voluntary, but the State Geospatial Coordinating Board is hopeful that Counties will share their publicly available geo-enabled data either through their own data portal or through PASDA.*
3. Where can we access other entities shared data? *Access to publicly shared geospatial data from other organizations can be found on the public GIS clearinghouse site at [www.pasda.psu.edu](http://www.pasda.psu.edu).*
4. Is geospatial information that an entity may have protected by copyright or otherwise? *Each participating entity determines the definitions of protected data. Additional details can be found within the data sharing agreement at <https://www.oa.pa.gov/Programs/Information%20Technology/Pages/Data-Sharing.aspx>*