

Geographic Information Systems Exploration and Applications

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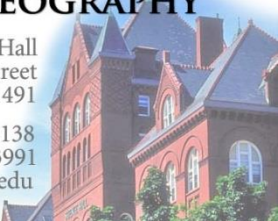
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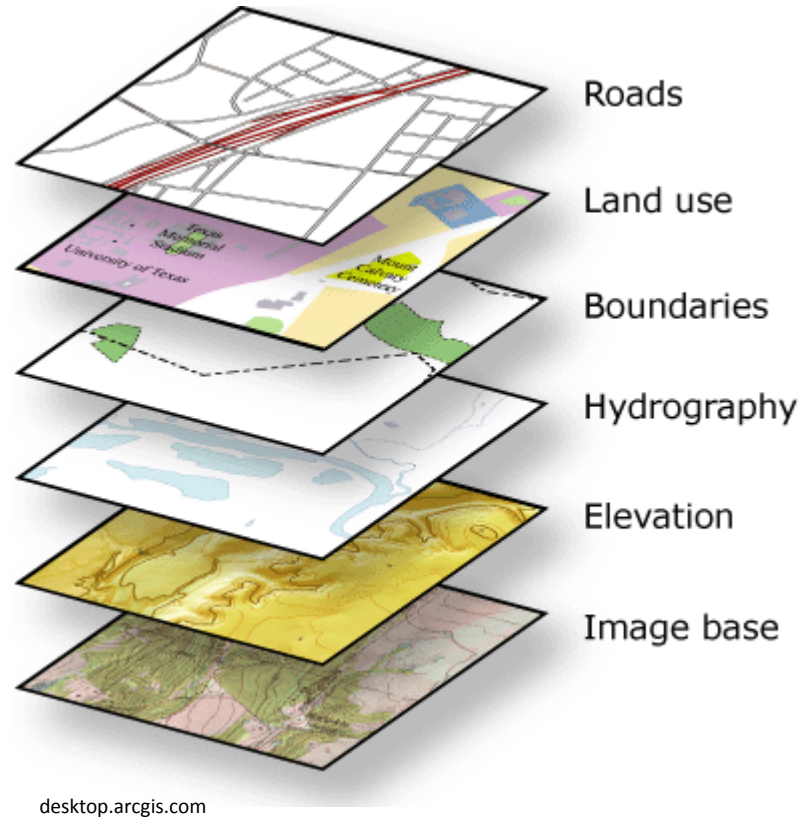
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- Social Science Application

What is GIS?

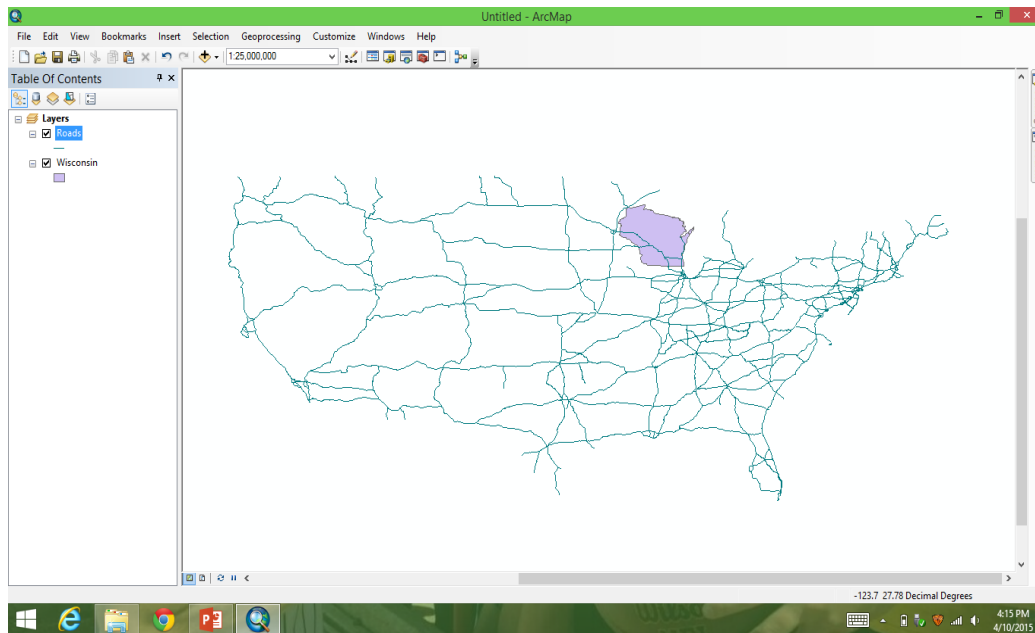
Geographic Information Systems

- Geography Discipline
- Computing techniques to represent, manage, and analyze geographic data
- More than just computer software:
Process:
 - Conceptualization
 - Implementation
- Layers of Data

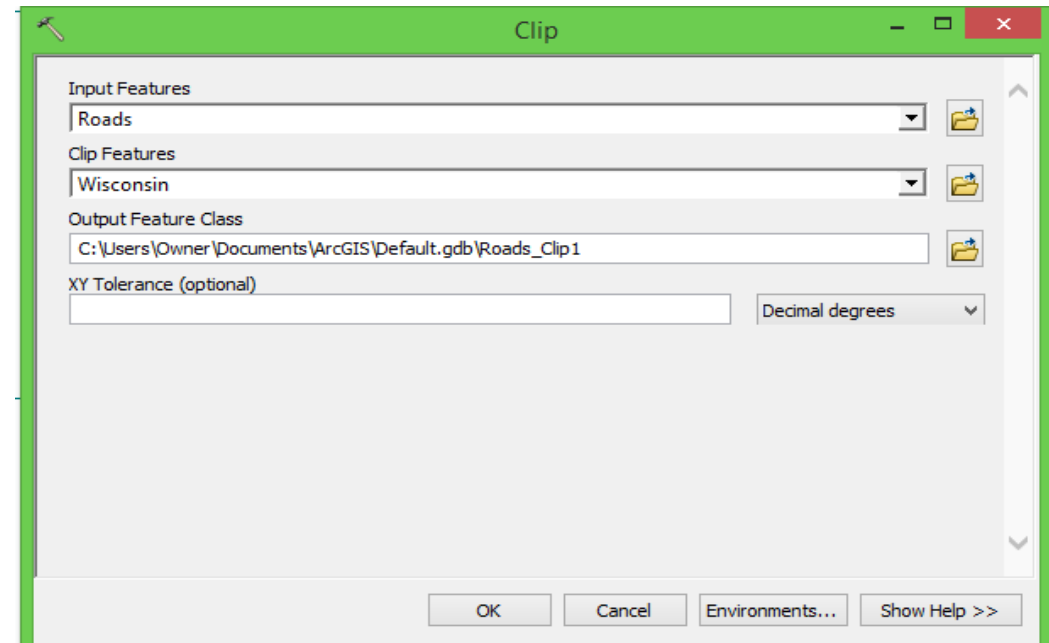


What is GIS?

U.S. INTERSTATE EXAMPLE

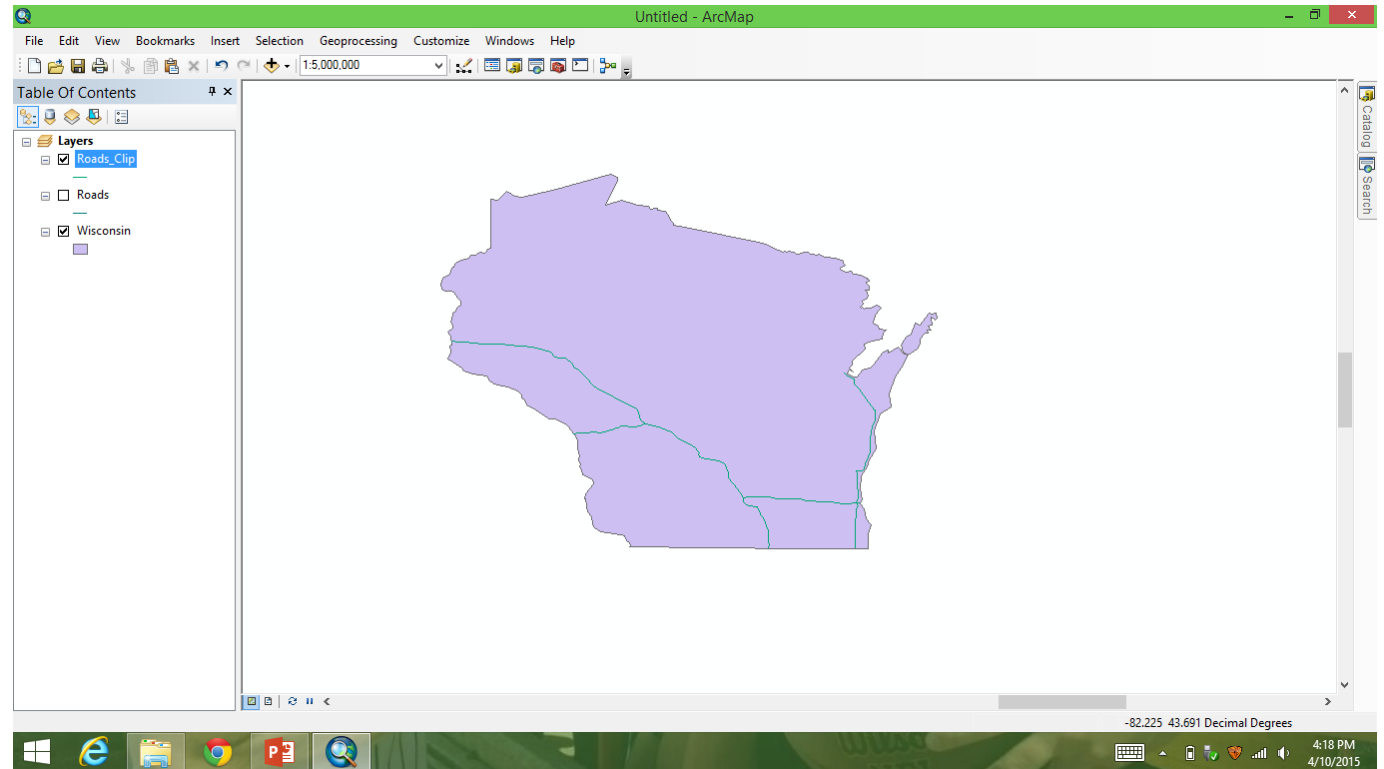


CLIP FUNCTION



What is GIS?

- End result: Interstates in Wisconsin
- Many other functions can be performed



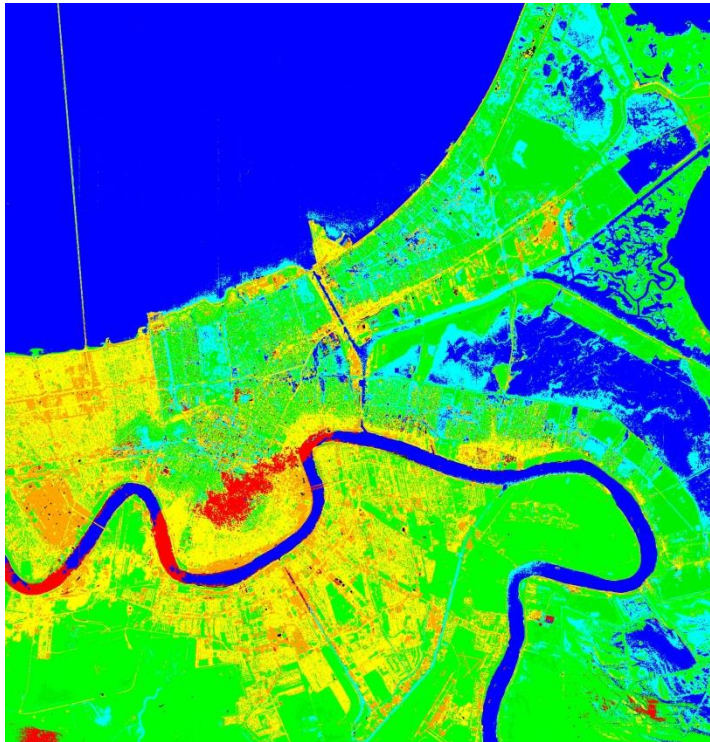
GIS Certificate Program

UW-Madison Geographic Information Systems Capstone Certificate Program

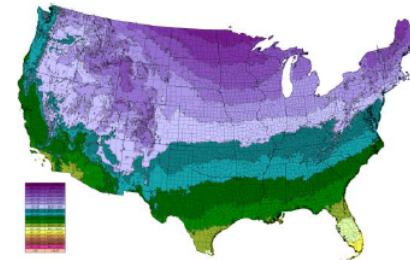
- A one year (post-Bachelor Degree) program
- Enhance Bachelor Degree
- Classroom Experience
- Workplace Experience with Capstone Project/Internship
- Workforce or Grad School

Course Work

ENVIRONMENTAL REMOTE SENSING



ADVANCED QUANTITATIVE METHODS



So, using January temperature, fit a quadratic surface

$$\hat{JANO} = b_{00} + b_{10}X + b_{01}Y + b_{20}X^2 + b_{02}Y^2 + b_{11}XY$$

[Hint: The linear regression procedure can be used again, but this time the model equation is $JANO \sim X + Y + X^2 + Y^2 + X*Y$]

What is R^2 ? Compared to the linear model, what is the percentage change in R^2 ? Did R^2 increase by 1%, or 25% or by some other value?

$R^2 = 0.9312$, which is an increase of 8.9% from the linear model.

Course Work

GEO-COMPUTING

Code Sample

Buffer Example (Python Window)

The following Python Window script demonstrates how to use the Buffer tool:

```
import arcpy
arcpy.env.workspace = "C:/data"
arcpy.Buffer_analysis("roads", "C:/output/majorroadsBuffered" "100 Feet", "FULL", "ROUND"
```

Buffer Example (Stand-alone Script)

Find areas of suitable vegetation that exclude areas heavily impacted by major roads:

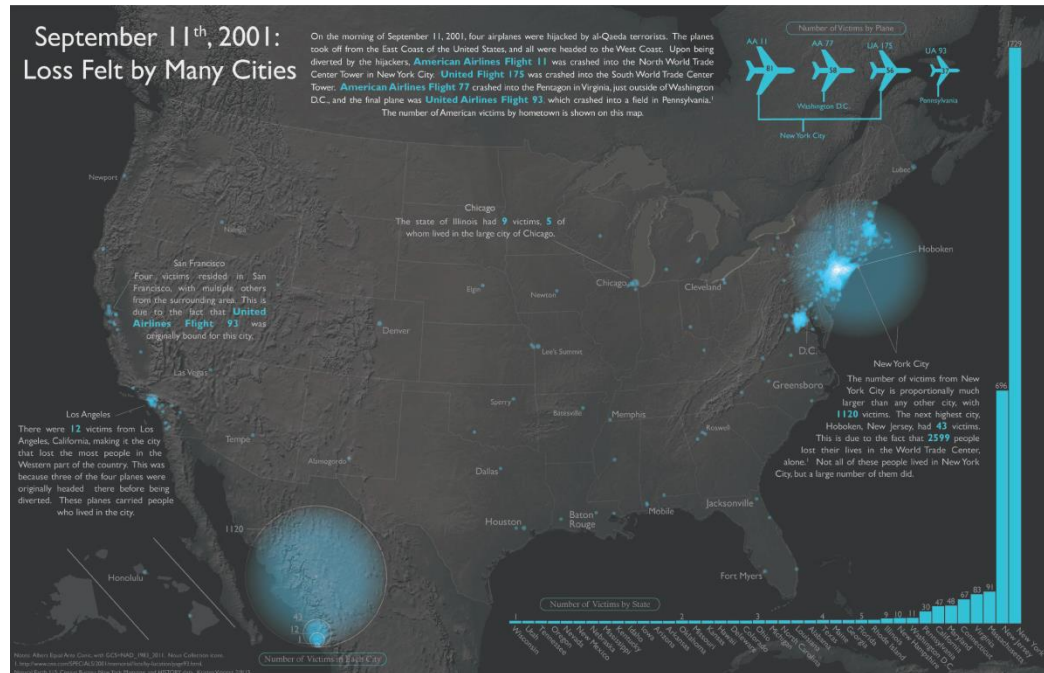
```
# Name: Buffer.py
# Description: Find areas of suitable vegetation which exclude areas heavily impacted by
# Author: ESRI

# import system modules
import arcpy
from arcpy import env

# Set environment settings
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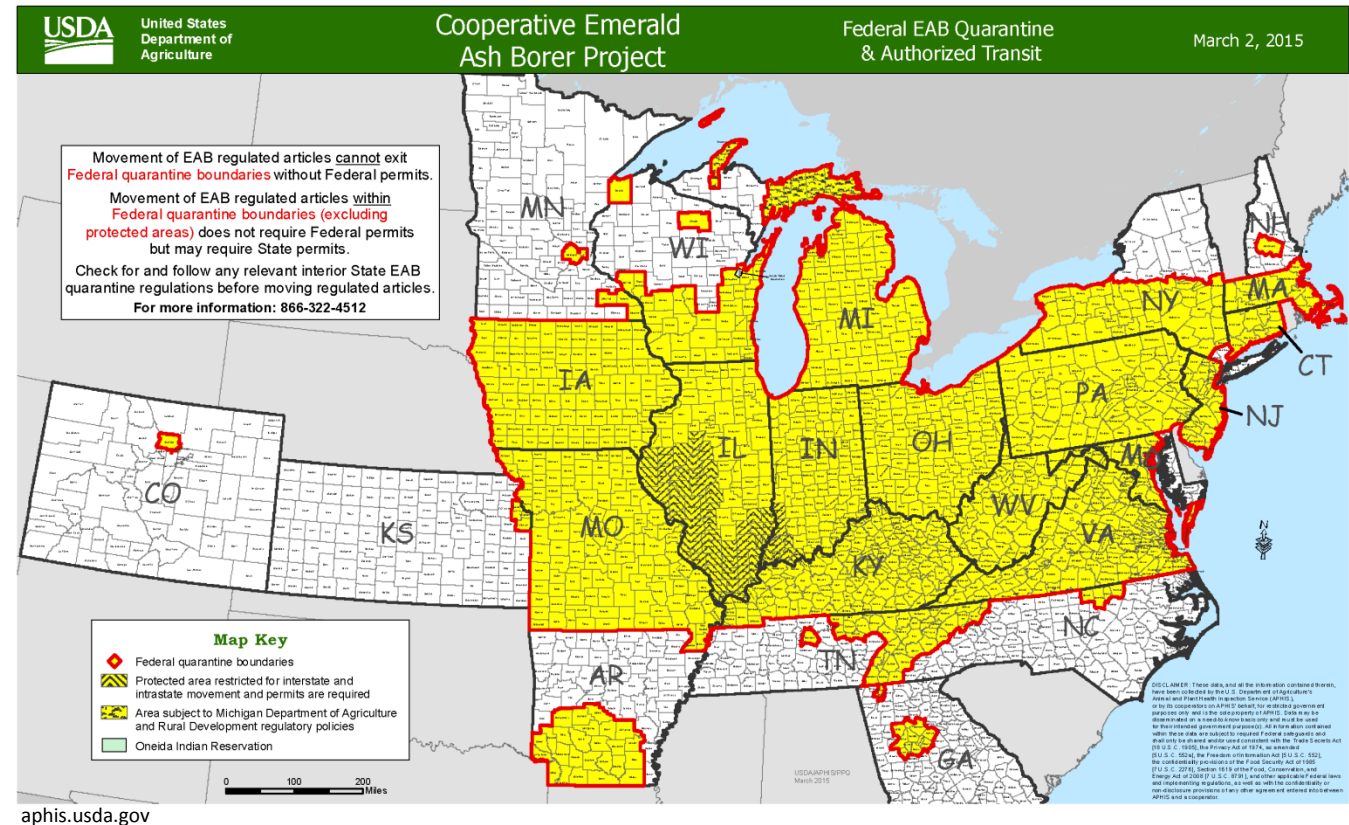
CARTOGRAPHY



Natural Science Application

Spread of the Emerald Ash Borer

- Native to Asia
- Came to the U.S. in 2002
- Feed on inner bark of ash trees, hindering their ability to transport water and nutrients (USDA)
- Environmental and economic effects



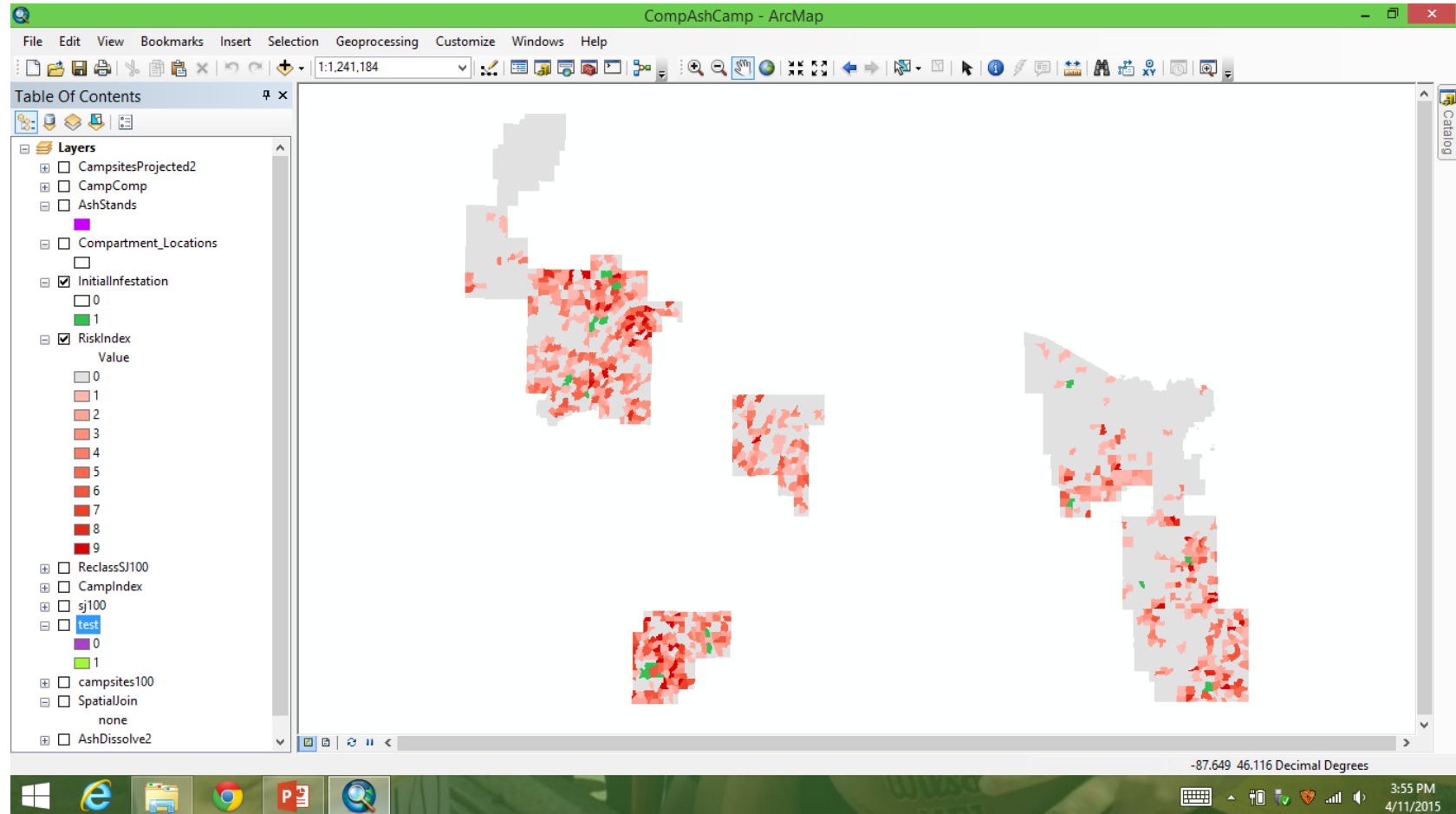
Background

- Our research question: How do human activities affect potential future spread of the Emerald Ash Borer within the CNNF?
- Study Area-Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
- Focus on spread from firewood
- Can spread through saw mills and nurseries, too

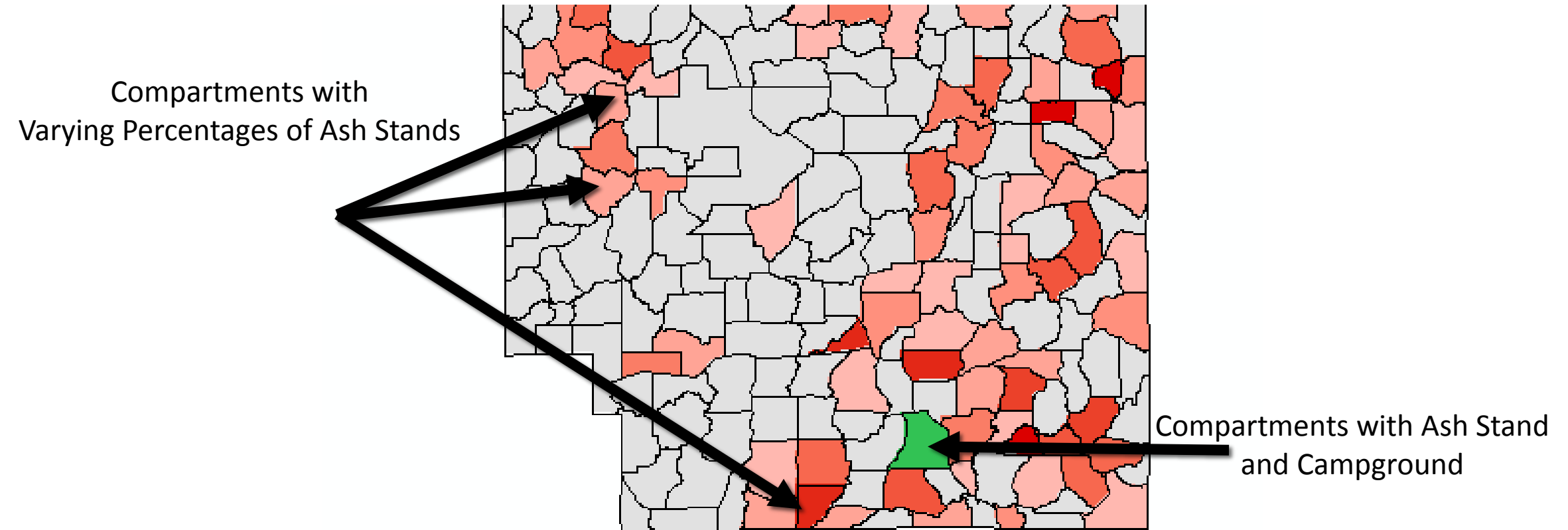


Process

- Find campsites
- Find compartments with both campsites and ash stands
- Code spread radius from campsites/ash stand starting point



Results





Social Science Application

- Site selection for a new City Stadium-1956
- New site or current site
- Manual survey by Osborn Engineering Company
- If GIS were in use at the time, would the result have been the same?
- Using GIS to explain the history



packershistory.net

Process

- Collect maps of the city from 1956
- Define constraints
 - Soil type
 - Parking
 - Ease of accessibility-roads
- Soil data
- Road data-from maps



Results

	Soil	Drive to Each Exit	Average Drive	Parking
Highland	Fill Land	1. 29/32- 3.3 mi 2. 41/141- 3.6mi 3. 41 South- 0.9mi	2.6mi	7,977 cars
Perkins	Allendale Loamy Fine Sand, Manawa Silty Clay Loam, Oshkosh Silt Loam, Poygan Silty Clay Loam	1. 29/32- 2.2 mi 2. 41/141- 1.4 mi 3. 41 South- 3.2mi	2.3mi	7,607 cars
City	Allendale Loamy Fine Sand, Fill Land	1. 29/32-4.6 mi 2. 41/141- 4.6 mi 3. 41 South- 3.6 mi	4.3mi	32,733 cars
Hurlbut	Fill Land	1. 29/32- 3.6 mi 2. 41/141- 3.2 mi 3. 41 South- 2.8 mi	3.2mi	45,388 cars

Questions?

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