

Natural resources geographic information system data for disaster planning and assessment. J. R. Whitney, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, 50 Commerce Way, East Aurora, NY 14052, john.whitney@ny.usda.gov.

Introduction: Local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and County Soil and Water Conservation District offices can support disaster planning and assessment efforts in a variety of ways both through existing programs and authorities and through providing of geographic information system data for use in emergency preparedness and disaster planning and assessment.. Electronic soil survey data, digital aerial photography, digital raster graphics (topographic map mosaics), and USDA “common land units,” are among the many data sets that can be important for planning and assessment. These and other data sets will be reviewed along with group discussion of the potential benefits of including natural resources data in geohazard planning.