

# GIS Birds of a Feather

**TCDL**

May 26, 2021

# Welcome



This session is for all who are interested in GIS & geospatial services

## Session structure

- Introductions / ice breaker activity
- Overview of TDL GIS Interest Group
- Open ended discussion

# Attendee Introductions

# TDL GIS Interest Group

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- Formed in June 2020
- Active members, monthly group meetings
- Four standing subcommittees
- Established structure defined by [group charter](#)
- Many significant accomplishments over the last year

# TDL GIS Interest Group: Survey

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## → Purpose

- ◆ Create a survey to collect information about GIS interest across Texas higher ed institutions

## → Population

- ◆ Four-year higher education institutions
- ◆ Academic libraries

→ Make sure your institution is represented by filling out our [survey](#)!

# TDL GIS Interest Group: Survey

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## → Methodology

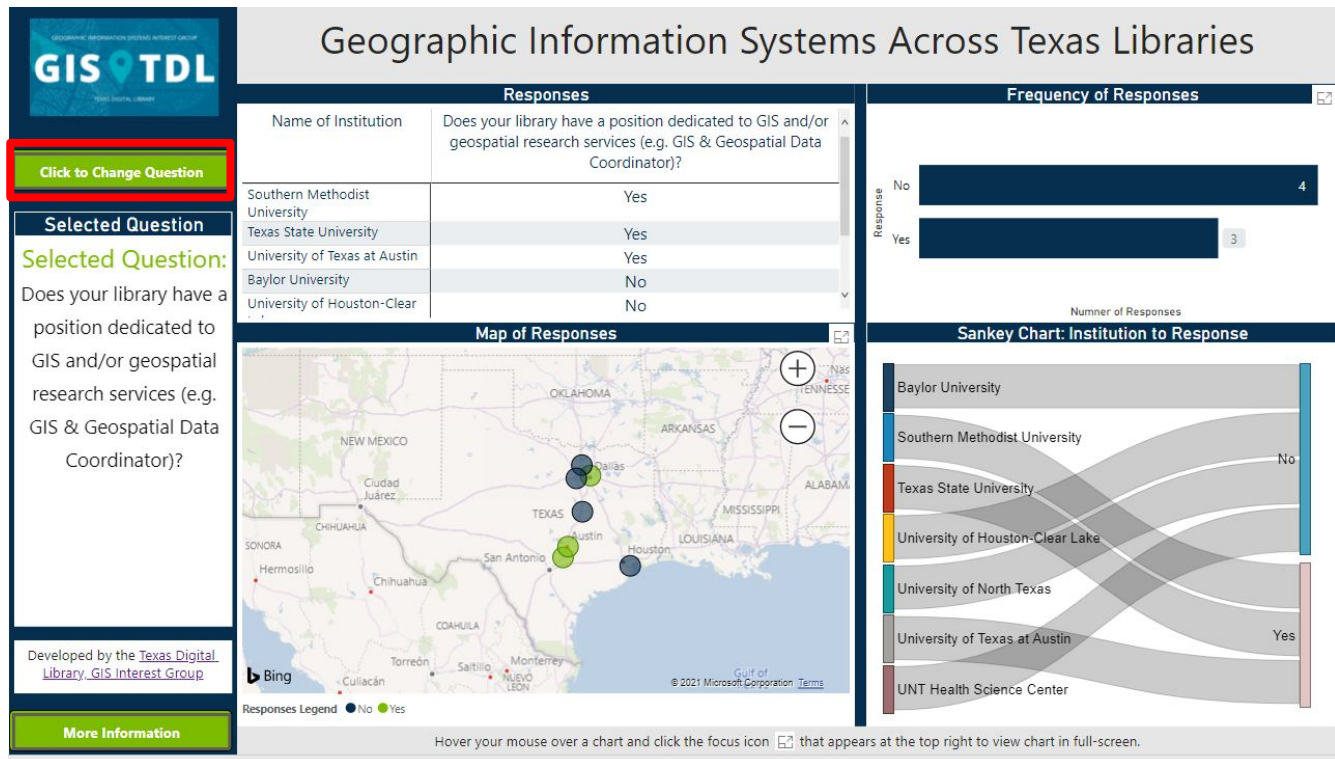
- ◆ Drafted survey, grouping questions into 8 categories
- ◆ Rounds of review with larger Interest Group, including trial distribution

## → Future Plans

- ◆ Develop maintenance plan for the dashboard (see image on next slide)
- ◆ Include community colleges in future iterations

# TDL GIS Interest Group: Survey

→ GIS Across  
Texas  
Dashboard



# TDL GIS Interest Group: Events

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- Multiple webinars organized during fall 2020 and spring 2021
  - ◆ Recordings available on [TDL YouTube page](#)
- No webinars currently scheduled, but look for more in the future
- Also working on plans for podcast style recordings & GIS Day events



# TDL GIS Interest Group: Mentoring

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- Subcommittee comprised of four members currently: Kristina Claunch, Jenifer Flaxbart (Lead Contact), Cynthia Henry, Michael Shensky
- Monthly group meetings
- Aims to connect IG members in ways that enable them to learn with and from others as mentor/mentee, as co-learners, and as a learning community
- Planning a “GIS Learning Community Sprint” training opportunity, combining theme-focused, hands-on learning and relationship building the week of July 19
- Let us hear from you, or join us as a subcommittee member

# TDL GIS Interest Group: Data Collaboration

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- Formed to help coordinate work on geospatial data management & access
- Eager to discuss opportunities to collaborate on:
  - ◆ Development of a shared geodata portal
  - ◆ Designing standardized geodata management practices
- Subcommittee met with representatives of the Big Ten Academic Alliance (BTAA) geodata portal in December 2020
  - ◆ This consortial geodata portal is a great example of what can be achieved by working together

# TDL GIS Interest Group: Benefits of Participation

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- Build a network of colleagues from across Texas
- Learn new skills
- Represent your institution
- Contribute to the development and implementation of new initiatives
- Utilize shared materials developed by the group

# Open Discussion



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**Software**

**LibGuides**

**Mentoring**

**Consultations**

**Workshops**

**GIS Day**

**Collaborations**

**Geodata Portal**

**Geospatial Collections**

**Maps**

# GIS Links and Resources for Texas Libraries

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- Group mailing list: [tdl-gis@utlists.utexas.edu](mailto:tdl-gis@utlists.utexas.edu)
- [TDL GIS Interest Group about page](#)
- [TDL GIS Events YouTube playlist](#)
- [TDL GISIG Google Drive Documents](#)
- [GIS Across Texas survey](#)