MAPPING IT OUT:

The Power of Visualizing the Data with GIS Technology

MAPPING VARIATIONS



Columbia Basin Food Supply Chain Map



Lower Columbia Land Inventory Map

RESEARCH VARIATIONS



Food Map

- In person interviews
- Self-declaration of data



Land Map

- Provincial and Local Government
- Accessible private company data

THE LAND INVENTORY — WHERE WE STARTED





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What does this even mean? Yes, Excel is powerful but how can you effectively manipulate data like this?!?

STATIC



Ah, yes... Very nice... But where did all my data go??





map.metaltechalley.com

https://map-public.lcic.ca/

IT'S ALIVE!!!

Data comes alive when the participants can update data in real-time and they can interact with the outcome of the research!



WHAT DOES LIVING DATA LOOK LIKE?

https://circularinsights.ca/food-model.html

HAVE I CREATED A MONSTER?



Like monsters, living data tools need care and nurturing, otherwise they will languish and never reach their full potential.

Before bringing your data to life, consider what will be required to look after it properly and who will be able to do this.

IN SUM!

Visualizing data can be done in a variety of ways but the key takeaway is that charts and graphs are only one way to visualize. Maps can give you so much more possibilities in how you look at data!

Maps go beyond geography, they can be helpful to show patterns, relationships and networks.

There are a variety of ways to collect your data but the most powerful means is to achieve living data (where applicable). This moves research from education for a small group towards directly benefitting many, including the participants!

Your data tools need care. Plan from the beginning about what's needed and how to effectively look after your tool for the long-term. Don't let the monsters die!!!

SPECIAL THANK YOU









THANKS FOR LISTENING!!

Here's to more effective economic development through data science!



seen on RedSnapperVeryTasty.com

Mapping It Out – Notes to Accompany Presentation – May 2023

- The aim of your project. How did the project start or come about? What question(s) were you trying to answer?
 - Food Map
 - Supply chain research led to knowledge of transportation barriers
 - Needed to help the agriculture/food sector to overcome these barriers to grow this sector allow to reach new markets w/in Columbia Basin
 - Transportation imposes high costs and requires economies of scale to reduce, which could be achieved through collaboration on distribution
 - Initial research quite high-level
 - To understand how action can make the best impact specifically on improving distribution we needed very detailed information answering four basic questions:
 - What's being produced?
 - Where is it being distributed?
 - How often is distribution occurring?
 - How is it being transported?
 - All this information needed to be captured in one place in order to see patterns and start making decisions on how collaboration could be successful
 - Industrial & Commercial Land Map
 - The LCIC had an old commercial and industrial land inventory from 2012
 - This consisted of a fairly random excel sheet with bits of different types of data all over the places almost unusable for dealing with land inquiries
 - It's essential for an economic development office to have a good understanding of the local industrial and commercially zoned land to facilitate investment
 - Started fresh with assistance from Selkirk to create a brand new land inventory with all the typical types of data that would be useful when fielding inquiries from interested developers
 - Key data elements include: size, services, zoning, current use, and slope
- What data sources you used and where you got them from
 - Food Map
 - Directly from the food producers and farmers!
 - Industrial & Commercial Land Map
 - Various sources including municipalities, the RDKB, Fortis, Telus & Shaw this was all done by Selkirk
- What the process for data collection and analysis was (and if possible, show some of the data sets and how you used them)
 - Food Map (public demo forthcoming)
 - Online data entry form directly to map
 - No official analysis conducted so far project is in transition at the moment
 - Industrial & Commercial Land Map (<u>https://map-public.lcic.ca/</u> or map.metaltechalley.com)
 - Database created in Excel and Postgres
 - Development scores
 - Based on different variables
 - Services, utilization and slope
 - Utilization score
 - Based on satellite imagery and searching civic addresses, whether or not a parcel is in use was established and assessed for the likelihood of

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new development (1 – Teck is on top of the parcel, 4 – empty parcel of land)

- What barriers you had to overcome or what didn't work. Learning from failures is just as important as successes
 - Food Map
 - Getting engagement from small businesses can be extremely challenging most effective was speaking with them in person at the Food and Buyers Expo in Invermere
 - Email is very limited in effectiveness
 - This challenge is underpinning the need for next steps
 - Industrial & Commercial Land Map
 - 2 items were not possible due to privacy concerns
 - Land ownership
 - Land value
 - Some difficulties getting easily accessible/workable data ex. City of Trail zoning maps are just a pdf no online resources
 - Reliability of data in certain areas like connectivity is a potential issue, it's not exactly accurate
- How did you challenge your own biases and assumptions about what you thought the data might tell you or what you wanted it to tell you?
 - Food Map
 - Too early to say
 - Industrial & Commercial Land Map
 - Not really applicable
- What was the budget for the project and what funding did you receive? People have noted that finding funding is one of the major challenges with regards to data projects, so if you can be open and transparent here, that would help with the learning for all.
 - Food Map
 - Part of larger supply chain research project (\$60,000) I think that about \$10,000 was spent on this map in total.
 - Funded by ETSI-BC and Columbia Basin Trust
 - Industrial & Commercial Land Map
 - Mitacs Funding via Selkirk College for initial land inventory I think this might have cost \$1500?
 - \$10,000 of CERIP funds allocated for the GIS integration of data
- What outcomes you found or are finding (i.e. how is it helping you answer your original questions). What is it helping you do now and what are the next step(s) and activities?
 - Food Map
 - The map has been moved over to the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council
 - Next steps are to get more users and potentially run a pilot project to encourage businesses on the map to collaborate on shipping.
 - Selkirk is involved and using the map for research purposes
 - Boundary Community Ventures will be part of the map working group
 - Province via BC Food and Beverage have expressed initial interest in how the map could have applications province-wide
 - Industrial & Commercial Land Map
 - Just keeping it up to date!
 - Should be pretty straightforward

- Have not yet fielded too many inquiries
 - May need to make tweaks as it does get used to ensure that it is providing the information we need