# Continuing with CT ECO Map Viewers



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## **Outline**

- Intro and background
- Key GIS datasets
  - Parcels
  - Elevation
  - Aerial imagery

- CT GIS Office
- CT ECO
  - Intro
  - Demo
- Questions

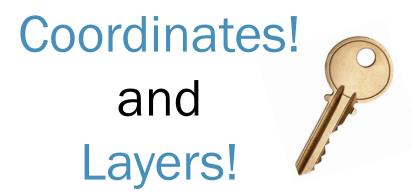




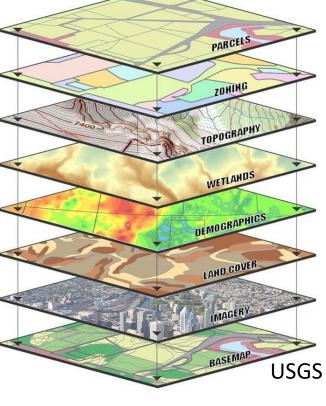
# **GIS = Geographic Information System**

- How we work with digital geographic data using software on a computer
- GIS is also a tool
- And a profession









## "Georeference"

Method to assign coordinates so a dataset can be used with other layers.

### Site Plan

- 1. Scan (must be digital)
- 2. Find ground control points, or tie points
- 3. Assess warping etc.
- 4. Save









## Scrutinize!

- Appropriateness
  - Different layers for different geographies
  - Detail (or lack of)
- Where did it come from?
- Who is providing?
- When was it created/collected?



# **GIS Dataset: Parcels**

Vector dataset

lines, points, polygons

# **Parcels**

A piece or unit of land, defined by a series of measured straight or curved lines that connect to form a polygon

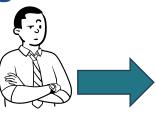
- Parcels: 2 pieces
  - Parcel geometry the polygons that make up the parcel shapes
  - CAMA (assessor's computer-assisted mass appraisal) database –information about the parcel. Aka the table attributes.
- Management of digital parcels varies GIS staff, COGs, consultants
- Pursuant to Section 7-100l of the Connecticut General Statutes, each municipality is required to submit a digital parcel file and an accompanying CAMA file to its COG.
- 2023: the CT GIS Office started annual aggregation of the parcel and CAMA data into a singular, unified dataset.

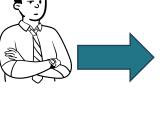
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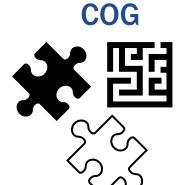
**Municipality** managing GIS











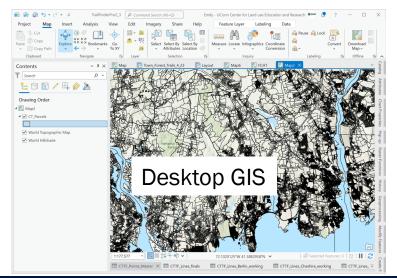


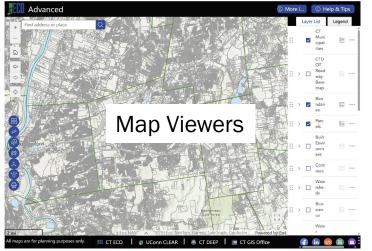


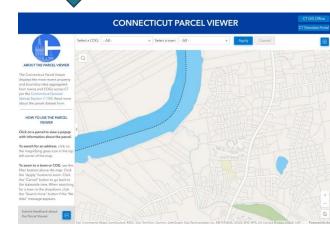


## **CT GIS Office Geodata Portal**

Online service of parcel map data







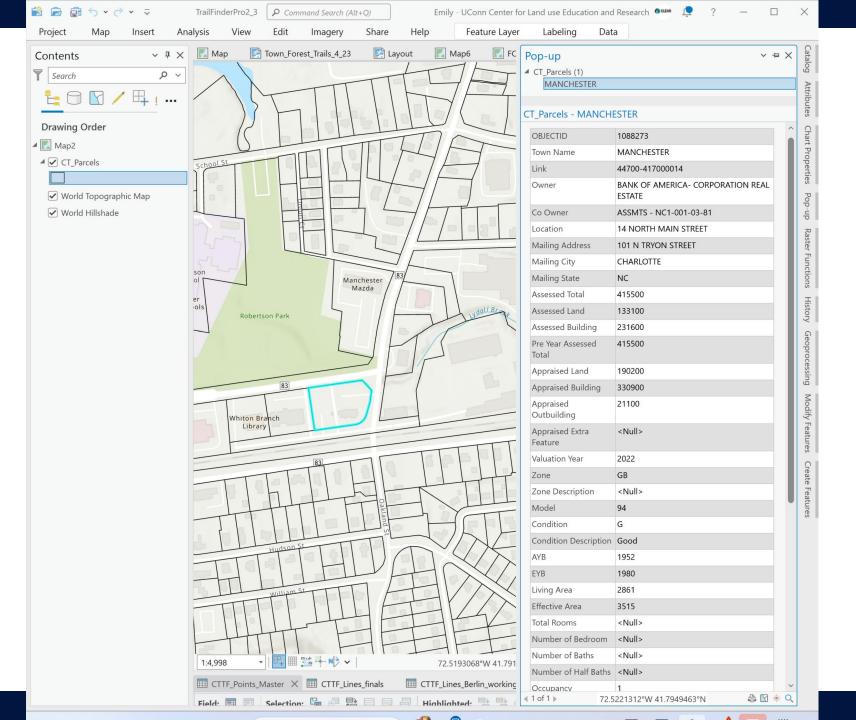
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- Statewide annual aggregation improving every year
- It's not perfect
  - Puzzle pieces don't fit (town boundary issue)
  - Towns handle polygons differently (parcel drafting standards in process)
  - CAMA data stored differently (improving!)

Parcels in statewide dataset only as good is maintained and submitted from each municipality





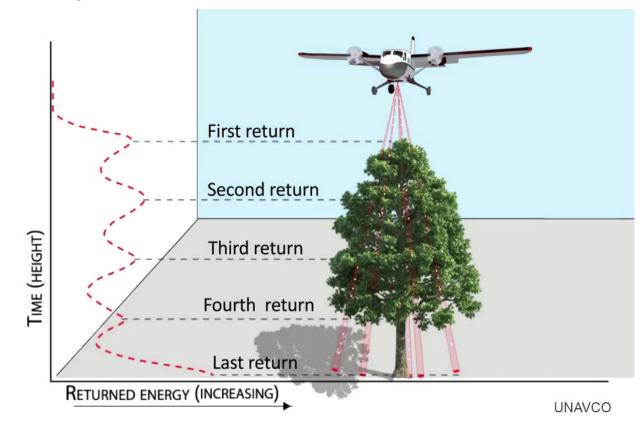
# **GIS Dataset: Elevation**

# **Elevation: Lidar (Light detection and ranging)**

The foundation of elevation datasets

- Laser sensor on an aircraft
- Measures two-way travel time of laser pulse to determine distance
- Result is a point cloud
  - First return = surface
  - Last return = ground



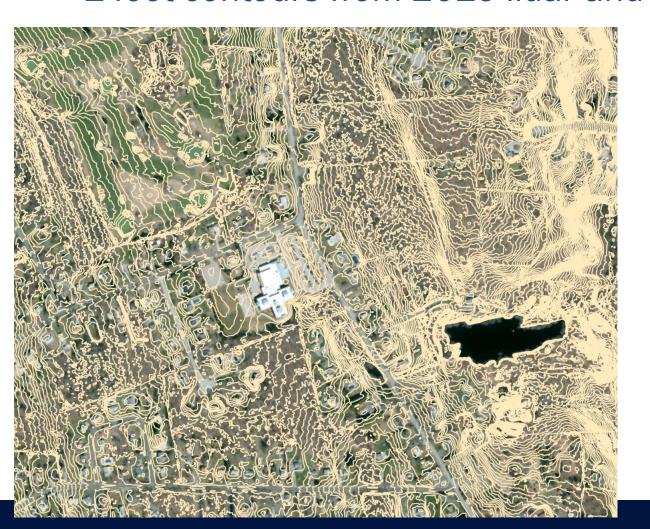






# **Elevation: Contours**

1 foot contours from 2016 lidar and 2023 lidar





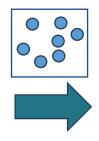
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Maximum Measure	NaN				
Measure Values	NaN's				
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# **Elevation: DEM/DTM**

- Digital Elevation Model (DEM), Digital Terrain Model (DTM)
- Bare earth elevation = underneath trees, buildings removed

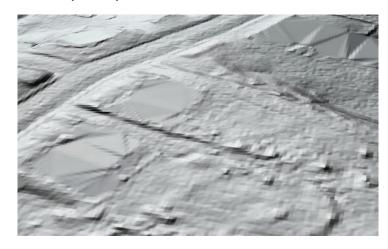
Lidar points – select bare earth





Average of all points within pixel

Pixels (2ft) with bare earth elevation



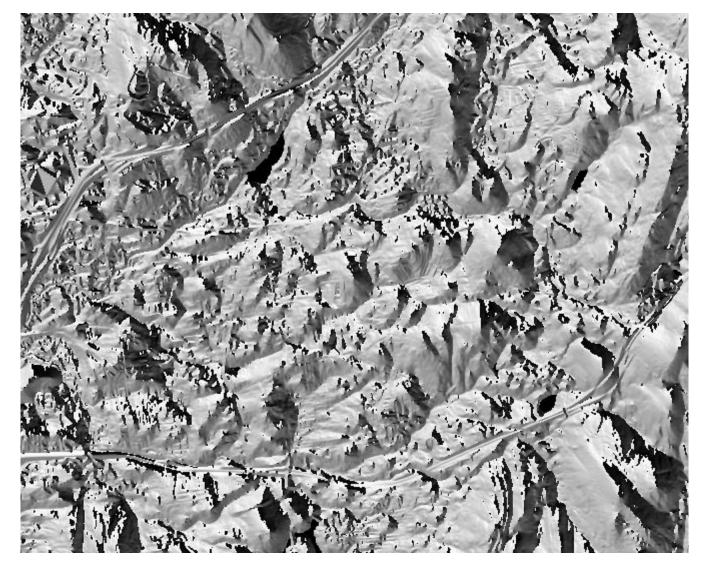
**Lidar Specs** 

2016: minimum of 2 points/sq. meter 2023: minimum of 15 points/sq. meter

# **Elevation: DEM/DTM**

### Look for

- Elevation
- Hillshade
- Hillshade SE illumination
- Shaded Relief
- Slope
- Aspect





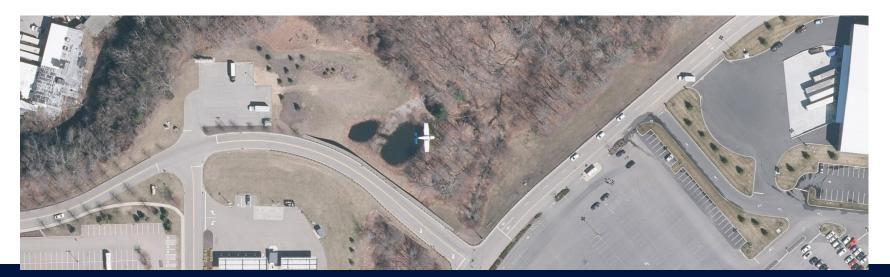
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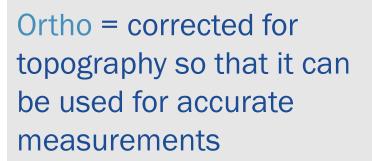
Raster dataset

pixels

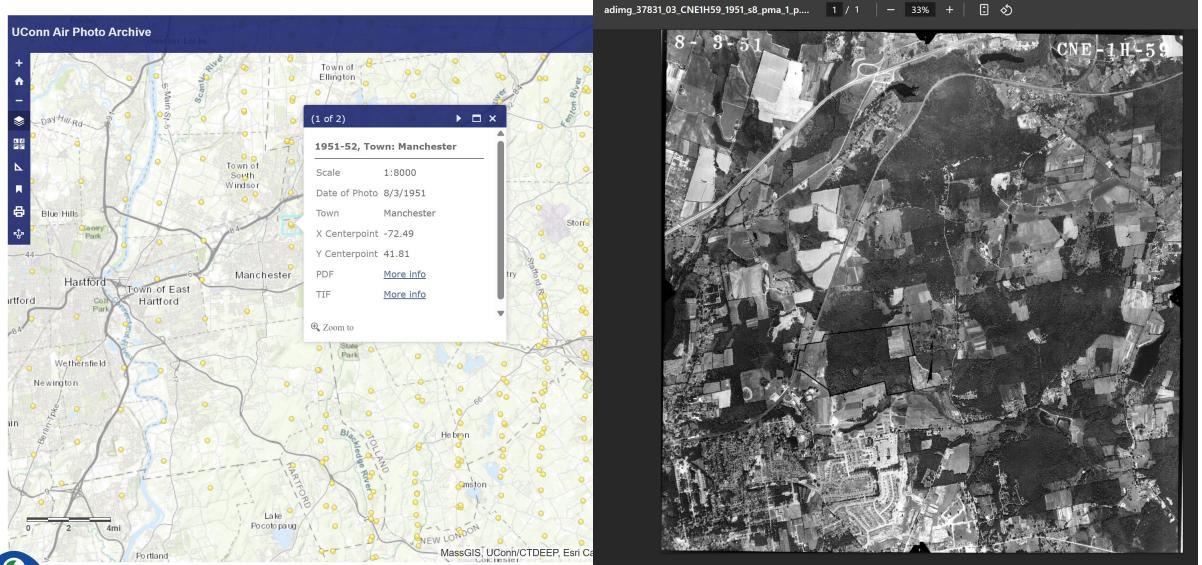
# **Aerial Imagery Considerations**

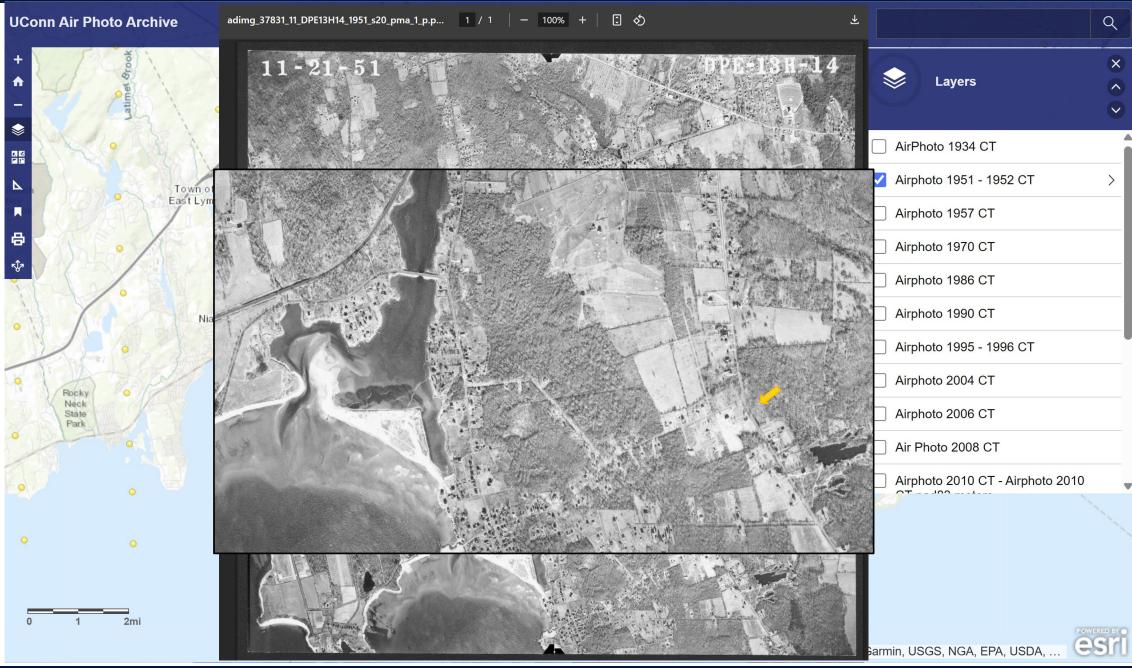
- Area statewide, coastal, regional, municipal
- Year captured
- Season spring (no leaves) or summer (leaves)
- Pixel size 3 inch, 6 inch, 2 foot, 1 meter, ... (smaller pixels = more detail)
- must have coordinates to be in GIS





# Aerial Imagery: must have coordinates to be in GIS





# CT ECO Imagery



- All of Connecticut's statewide digital aerial imagery
- 15 datasets and counting

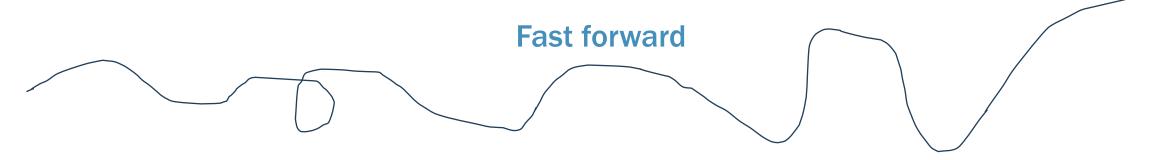
- Aerial Imagery Viewer
- Advanced Viewer and more

DATASET	BANDS*	SEASON	PIXEL SIZE	ORIGINATORS	Map Catalog	Aerial Imagery Viewer	Image Service	
1990	1	spring	3.28 ft	USGS	✓	<b>√</b>	✓	metadata
2004	1	spring	0.8 ft	CT (DEP, DOT, DPS)	✓	✓	✓	metadata
2006	3	summer	3.28 ft (1 m)	USDA (NAIP)	✓	✓	✓	metadata
2008	4	summer	3.28 ft (1 m)	USDA (NAIP)	✓	✓	✓	metadata
2010	4	summer	3.28 ft (1 m)	USDA (NAIP)	✓	✓	✓	metadata
2012	4	summer	3.28 ft (1m)	USDA (NAIP)	✓	✓	✓	metadata C
2012	4	spring	1 ft	CT (DOT, DPS)	✓	✓	✓	metadata
2014	4	summer	3.28 ft (1 m)	USDA (NAIP)		<b>√</b>	✓	metadata
2016	4	summer	0.6 m (~2 ft)	USDA (NAIP)		✓	✓	metadata
2016	4	spring	0.25 ft (3 in)	CT (CRCOG, OPM)		√	✓	metadata
2018	4	summer	0.6 m (~2 ft)	USDA (NAIP)		√	✓	metadata
2019	4	spring	0.5 ft (6 in)	USGS, NRCS, DOT, DESPP, DEEP		✓	✓	metadata
2021	4	summer	0.6 m (~2 ft)	USDA (NAIP)		<b>√</b>	✓	metadata
2023	4	spring	0.25 ft (3 in)	OPM (GIS Office)			✓	metadata
2023	4	summer	0.3 m (~1ft)	USDA (NAIP)		✓	1	metadata

# **Other GIS Datasets**

# Newish CT GIS Office

- Long-time need for centralized GIS capacity, management, and policy
- Scattered resources, different specs, redundancies and gaps
- Leading to increased costs, decreased services, inefficiency, and a subpar toolset for economic development, environmental protection, public



• June 2021, GIS Office established via legislation

# The Legislation! (short version)

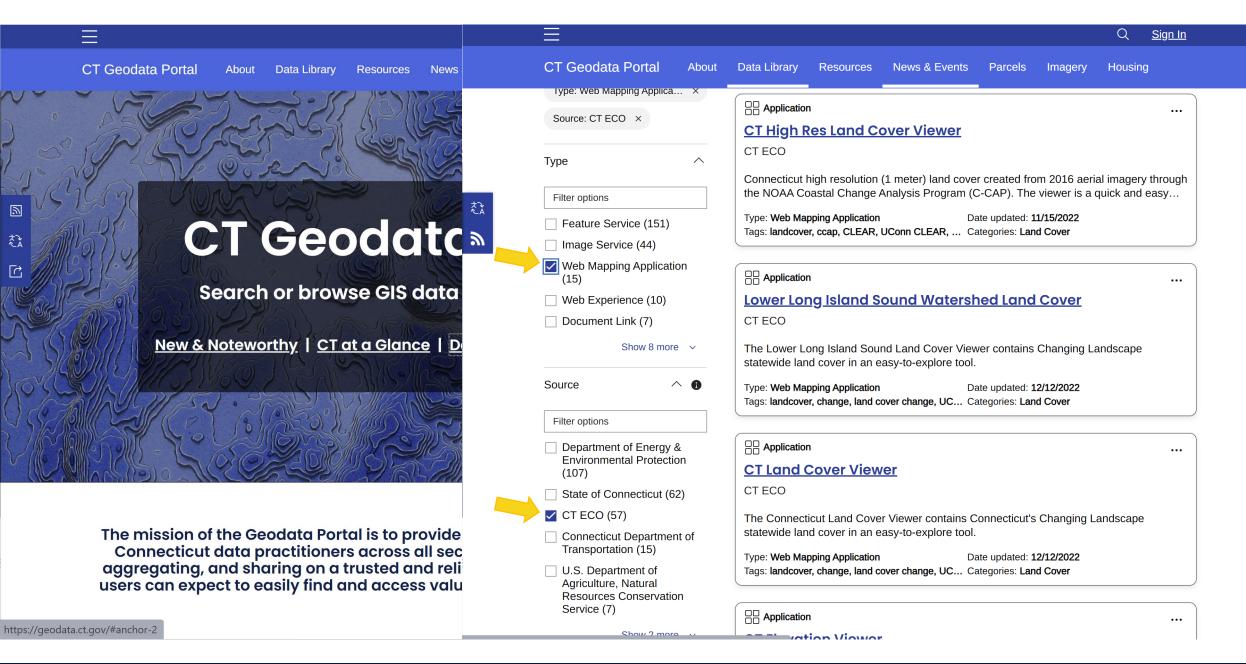
Section 78a. Establish a Geographic Information Systems Office within OPM and designate a Geographic Information Officer.

Section 78b. The Geographic Information Office shall be responsible for

- Coordinating the collection, compilation and dissemination of geographic information systems data across the state;
- managing a geospatial data clearinghouse for public access;
- administering the creation and acquisition of geospatial data, including aerial imagery and elevation and parcel information;
- · adopting geospatial data standards, guidelines and procedures; and
- performing technical data processing.

Section 79a. Create a Geographic Information Systems Advisory Council

















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#### **Recent Updates and Quick Links**

2023 CONTOUR DOWNLOAD

1 foot contours now available.

2023 AERIAL SERVICES

Dynamic and tiled. Look for 2023 Spring 4 band, 3 inch.

2023 NAIP SERVICE

Dynamic. Look for 2023 NAIP Summer, 4 band 0.3m

2023 FLIGHT INFO

Links, updates, and more.

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#### Update on Imagery and GIS data

Update by Carl Zimmerman, PhD, CT GIS Office This is an update from the CT GIS Office on the production, review, and publication of the imagery and GIS data collected during the spring 2023 flight. The production is divided into four geographic blocks: Block 1 (northwest), Block 2 (southwest), Block 3 (central), and Block 4 [...]

**Update: 2023 Aerial Services and Contour Download** 

November 12, 2024

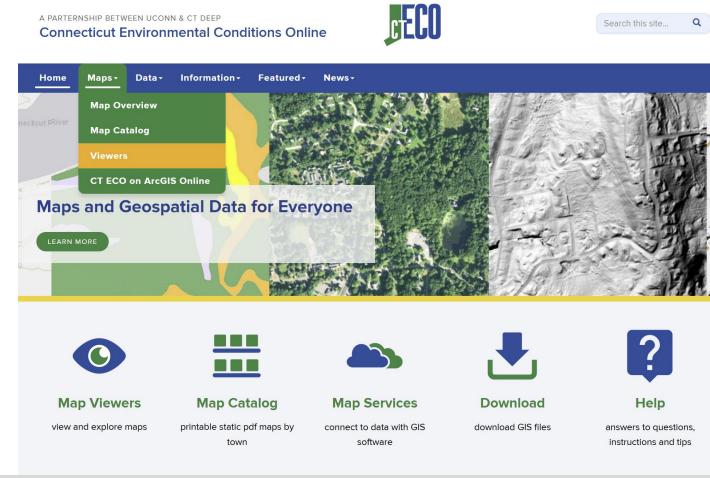
This information and more can be found on the 2023 Flight page. 2023 Aerials Dynamic and Tiled Image Services Both the dynamic and tiled image services of the 2023 aerials are now complete and available, along with metadata. Find them: Map and Image Services page under Imagery



- 17 and counting
- Different formats

# Today!

Advanced Viewer v2



https://maps.cteco.uconn.edu/viewers/

Including updated Elevation Viewer and more

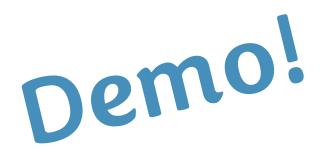
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includes multiples dates of aerial imagery and elevation

CT DEEP has revamped the Fish Community Data App. Check it out! Links, updates, and more.



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# Thank you! Thank you! Questions?



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