



MAPPS legislative affairs activities focus on a multitude of legislative and regulatory issues that affect the geospatial profession. MAPPS advocates in Washington DC on behalf of our private-sector member firms by providing valuable technical and business information to decision-makers while language in bills are being proposed. This advocacy comes in the form of technical briefings, testifying at hearings, supporting federal agency program outreach, creating/joining coalitions, developing relationships with congress, defining win-win scenarios for stakeholders, etc.

Using a bi-partisan approach MAPPS reaches “across the aisles” in Congress. Seeking collaboration with a wide-range of industry associations, academia and federal agencies, MAPPS continues to make a difference on Capitol Hill. Whether working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to raise the operating limits of a UAV to participating at local congressional outreach meetings discussing the benefits of the Digital Coast Act, MAPPS works tirelessly for its members and the geospatial community in general to create bills that positively impact our profession and society.

MAPPS now has a fresh new approach to our legislative affairs by hiring the Prime Policy Group to help lead this important aspect of our mission. In 2018 the MAPPS legislative agenda will be focused on several relevant issues and bills that could move through congress this congressional cycle. During the year MAPPS will continue to advocate and collaborate on the follow:

- FEMA Risk Mapping, Assessment and Planning (Risk MAP) Program
- Geospatial Data Act (GDA)
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) reform
- National Landslide Preparedness Act
- NOAA Digital Coast Act
- Private sector utilization and procurement
- USDA National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP)
- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Landscape, Soils, and Water Programs
- USGS 3D Elevation Program (3DEP)