

Washington Location Finder Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the Washington Location Finder Project?

A: The Washington Location Finder Project (also known as GeoLocator & GeoJarpa) is an application-development project which is designing and programming a set of commonly-needed Geographic Information System services.

Q: Who is leading the project?

A: This project is being led by Washington Department of Ecology and Washington Department of Health, with financial assistance from a [National Environmental Information Exchange Network](#) grant.

Q: What are the services being developed?

A: (1) Address correction & standardization (accepts address text string; returns a standardized address)
(2) Address Geocoding (accepts valid address; returns X, Y location + metadata)
(3) Geo-Processing service (accepts point, line, or polygon feature; returns intersected layer attributes)
(4) Basemap [Web Map Service](#) based on Open Geospatial Consortium standard.

Q: Will these services be available to everyone?

A: No, initially these services will be available to users of specific permitting and reporting applications hosted by Washington State.

Q: When will these services be available?

A: Currently deployment is planned for May 2008.

Q: What Geo-Processing data will be used?

A: This will be limited to the data hosted within Washington Department of Ecology's GIS database.

Q: Will these services be available to the National Environmental Information Exchange Network?

A: Yes, the Geo-Processing, and Address services will be after May 2008, once implementation of Exchange Network Node version 2.x is completed at the Department of Ecology.

Q: Will additional services be built in the future?

A: Yes, additional services are being developed as requirements are identified, but these will not be available in the May 2008 deployment.