

## To access the GIS the Georgia GIS Data Clearinghouse

1. Open Internet Explorer and go to the **Georgia GIS homepage** which is <http://www.gis.state.ga.us/>.
2. Next, **click on the Georgia GIS Clearinghouse** icon on the top right of your screen.
3. **Register or sign in**
  - A. If you are already registered then you may type in your e-mail and password in the space provided at the bottom of the screen.
  - B. If you have not registered click the “please click here to register” sentence just above the login.
  - C. Fill out the requested information and the clearinghouse will e-mail you a password. You can then return to the login page and use the password they just gave you and your e-mail to login.
4. **You are now inside the Georgia data clearinghouse** and are able to access a vast amount of GIS information.
5. **You can search** by region, county, etc. and by file type (shp, e00, coverage, etc)
6. While **searching the list of available files** for your particular search, you can see the date the data was created and you can preview the file to see what it will look like.
7. **Unzipping and using files**
  - A. Sometimes, the files are zipped. You can download these and unzip them on your desktop.
  - B. Files such as e.00 will have to be converted into a shape file, but this can be done easily.
  - C. Images and maps not geo-reference can be converted into a shape file, but you will have to spend some time applying coordinates to them and they will still appear in a map project as opaque objects.