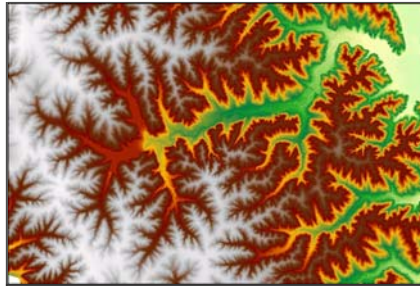


## The Iowa HUC12 P-Library: Elevation Rasters at 2-meter resolution



### Tags

hydrologic enforcement, LiDAR, Iowa, elevation, elevation, 2-meter

### Summary

The Iowa P-Library series of elevation data are watershed-scale, high-resolution rasters that have been hydro-conditioned to remove artifacts of the LiDAR collection process. These data should be considered 'bare earth data' and are suitable for large scale examination of the landscape using a variety of terrain analysis methods and visualization techniques.

### Description

The Iowa P-Library series of elevation data are LiDAR point-cloud derived, 2 meter resolution rasters that have been hydro-conditioned. The P-Library series of elevation data have been assembled using a HUC12 watershed framework consisting of 1,657 watersheds for the state of Iowa. These data should be considered 'high-resolution bare earth' and are suitable for large scale examination of the landscape using terrain analysis methods. Two production processes were used in the development of these data, see below.

The first process involves creating a digital elevation model (DEM) from the raw LiDAR point cloud data. Bare-earth elevation points are imported into an ESRI Terrain dataset using custom pyramid and thinning settings to reduce unnecessary points. The Terrain is then converted into an DEM and elevation differences smaller than 1 centimeter (cm) are truncated. This centimeter-resolution DEM is analyzed for flow characteristics to remove artifacts of processing the LiDAR that are singular "pits" in the surface. These pits are, in essence, one-cell sinks or depressions of one-cell extent that cannot be resolved using traditional processing techniques available in ArcGIS. The "pit filling" process removes all one-cell sinks.

A second process, termed "hole punching", involves defining depressions that are significant enough to maintain in the elevation model, these typically represent natural depressions or pot holes. This involves iteratively filling the DEM, defining regions where the DEM was filled, and calculating the maximum fill depth and total area filled of each region. Regions deeper than the 10 cm are considered significant depressions. The deepest point in these significant depressions is set to "Null" so that water can "flow" out the "Null" cell, and the process of filling the DEM is repeated until no significant depressions remain. In the final step, the "Null" cells are replaced with the original DEM values to create a fully populated elevation raster. The result of the "hole punching" process is a hydro-conditioned DEM with small depressions (less than 10 cm) filled. The "hole punched" DEMs are moved into the P-series DEM library.

### Credits

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**Use limitations**

There are no access and use limitations for this item.

**Extent**

There is no extent for this item.

**Scale Range**

**Maximum (zoomed in)** 1:5,000

**Minimum (zoomed out)** 1:50,000

**ArcGIS Metadata** ▶**Topics and Keywords** ▶

THEMES OR CATEGORIES OF THE RESOURCE **elevation**

CONTENT TYPE **Downloadable Data**

EXPORT TO FGDC CSDGM XML FORMAT AS RESOURCE DESCRIPTION **No**

PLACE KEYWORDS **Iowa**

THEME KEYWORDS **hydrologic conditioned, LiDAR, Iowa, elevation, 2-meter**

THEME KEYWORDS **elevation**

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TITLE **ISO 19115 Topic Categories**

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TITLE **The Iowa HUC12 P-Library: Elevation Rasters at 2-meter resolution**

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PRESENTATION FORMATS **digital map**

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**Resource Details** ▶

DATASET LANGUAGES English  
 DATASET CHARACTER SET utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

STATUS completed  
 SPATIAL REPRESENTATION TYPE grid

PROCESSING ENVIRONMENT Microsoft Windows 7 Version 6.1 (Build 7601) Service Pack 1; Esri ArcGIS 10.3.1.4959

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#### ARCGIS ITEM PROPERTIES

\* LOCATION file:///\\MW25-NSTL-216F\Data\ACPF\ACPF\_Database\ACPF\_MetaData\IA\_DEM2m\D-Lib2m\_metadata (1)  
 \* ACCESS PROTOCOL Local Area Network

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## Extents ►

#### EXTENT

##### DESCRIPTION

The D-Series 2m digital elevation models (DEM) are available state-wide. 1,657 HUC12-based DEMs have been generated, although some of these only represent that portion of the watershed that lies within Iowa and the extent of the original LiDAR data collection.

#### GEOGRAPHIC EXTENT

##### BOUNDING RECTANGLE

WEST LONGITUDE -96.8  
 EAST LONGITUDE -89.9  
 SOUTH LATITUDE 40.2  
 NORTH LATITUDE 43.8  
 EXTENT CONTAINS THE RESOURCE Yes

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## Resource Maintenance ►

RESOURCE MAINTENANCE

UPDATE FREQUENCY not planned

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## Spatial Data Properties ►

GEORECTIFIED GRID ►

NUMBER OF DIMENSIONS 2

AXIS DIMENSIONS PROPERTIES

DIMENSION TYPE row (y-axis)

DIMENSION SIZE 7524

AXIS DIMENSIONS PROPERTIES

DIMENSION TYPE column (x-axis)

DIMENSION SIZE 13000

CELL GEOMETRY area

TRANSFORMATION PARAMETERS ARE AVAILABLE No

CHECK POINTS ARE AVAILABLE No

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## Data Quality ►

SCOPE OF QUALITY INFORMATION ►

RESOURCE LEVEL dataset

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## Lineage ►

LINEAGE STATEMENT

The Iowa DP-Library series of elevation data are LiDAR point-cloud derived, 2 meter resolution rasters that have been hydro-conditioned to remove artifacts of the LiDAR collection process. The P-Library series of elevation data have been assembled using a HUC12 watershed framework consisting of 1,657 watersheds for the state of Iowa. These data should be considered 'high-resolution bare earth' and are suitable for large scale examination of the landscape using terrain analysis methods. Two production processing steps were used in the development of these data,

## PROCESS STEP ►

WHEN THE PROCESS OCCURRED 2016-01-15 00:00:00

## DESCRIPTION

The first process involves creating a digital elevation model (DEM) from the raw LiDAR point cloud data. Bare-earth elevation points are imported into an ESRI Terrain dataset using custom pyramid and thinning settings to reduce unnecessary points. The Terrain is then converted into an DEM and elevation differences smaller than 1 centimeter (cm) are truncated. This centimeter-resolution DEM is analyzed for flow characteristics to remove artifacts of processing the LiDAR that are singular "pits" in the surface. These pits are, in essence, one-cell sinks or depressions of one-cell extent that cannot be resolved using traditional processing techniques available in ArcGIS. The "pit filling" process removes all one-cell sinks. Inputs to this process included the Iowa state-wide bare-earth LiDAR point cloud collection in HUC12 watershed framework as derived from the Iowa state-wide LiDAR point cloud collection in 2km tiles. contact the originator for details.

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## PROCESS STEP ►

WHEN THE PROCESS OCCURRED 2016-01-15 00:00:00

## DESCRIPTION

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## SOURCE DATA ►

## DESCRIPTION

Iowa state-wide LiDAR point cloud collection in 2km tiles

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## SOURCE DATA ►

## DESCRIPTION

Iowa state-wide bare-earth LiDAR point cloud collection in HUC12 watershed framework

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## Fields ►

[DETAILS FOR OBJECT ed2m102802010406.tif.vat ►](#)[FIELD OID ►](#)

FIELD DESCRIPTION

Internal feature number.

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

ESRI

DESCRIPTION OF VALUES

Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

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FIELD DESCRIPTION

The elevation of the cell in centimeters (cm) above mean sea level (MSL)

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

originator

ACCURACY INFORMATION

EXPLANATION

+- 18 cm

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FIELD DESCRIPTION

The number of cells at a discrete elevation

DESCRIPTION SOURCE

ESRI

ACCURACY INFORMATION

EXPLANATION

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## Metadata Details ►

METADATA LANGUAGE English

METADATA CHARACTER SET utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

SCOPE OF THE DATA DESCRIBED BY THE METADATA **dataset**

LAST UPDATE **2016-02-02**

#### ARCGIS METADATA PROPERTIES

METADATA FORMAT **ArcGIS 1.0**

STANDARD OR PROFILE USED TO EDIT METADATA **FGDC**

METADATA STYLE **FGDC CSDGM Metadata**

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HAVE BEEN PERFORMED **No**

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#### MAINTENANCE

UPDATE FREQUENCY **not planned**

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## Thumbnail and Enclosures ▶

### THUMBNAIL

THUMBNAIL TYPE   JPG

### ENCLOSURE

ENCLOSURE TYPE   File

DESCRIPTION OF ENCLOSURE   original metadata

ORIGINAL METADATA DOCUMENT, WHICH WAS TRANSLATED   yes

SOURCE METADATA FORMAT   fgdc

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