

Using Deep Learning Algorithms to Create Land Cover 2.0

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Background

- Land Cover 1.0 was produced for us (LARIAC4) by University of Vermont
- Used eCognition
- Advantages:
 - First of its kind in LA
- Disadvantages:
 - Cannot replicate work
 - Limited classes





Goals

- PW Stormwater Planning Division will update the parcel-based assessment fee for Measure W
 - The calculated tax is based upon the parcel's impermeable area as determined by the County Landcover Survey or other applicable tool.
- Create a parcel fee change report
- Include additional classes (e.g. gravel)
- Have control over the deep learning algorithms



New Methodology for Land Cover 2.0

• Deep learning with imagery in ArcGIS



Source: Esri

End-to-end process from raw imagery to structured information products



Hardware & Software Acquisition

- 3 high performance computers with Graphical Processing Units (GPUs)
 - Precision 7920 Xeon 4216 2.1GHz, 16 Core processor, includes 1TB PCIe NVMe drive
 - Additional 64GB upgrade on CCPP
 - Separate open market purchase the Nvidia Quadro RTX5000, 16GB, 4DP, VirtualLink graphics card
- 32-inch monitors
- Esri Image Analyst extension



Data Inventory

- LARIAC4 LIDAR (2016)
- LARIAC5 Imagery (2020): 4-inch, 4 band RGB-IR ortho
- LARIAC5 Building outlines (2020)
- CAMS street centerlines
- Parcels with gravel



Land Cover Classes

Land Cover 1.0	Land Cover 2.0
Tree Canopy	Tree Canopy
Grass/Shrubs	Urban Grass/Shrubs
Tall Shrubs	Rural Shrubland
Bare Soil	Bare Soil
Water	Water Bodies
Buildings	Buildings
Roads/Railroads	Roads/Railroads
Other Paved	Other Paved
	Gravel
	Pools/Fountains



Collect Land Cover 2.0 Training Samples Web App





Create Training Polygons





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QA/QC Web App





Training Polygon Counts



Not included:

Buildings Roads/railroads



Geoprocessing Tools in ArcGIS Pro

Export Training Data for Deep Learning to create image chips





Geoprocessing Tools in ArcGIS Pro

• Train Deep Learning Model

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Geoprocessing Tools in ArcGIS Pro

Classify Pixels Using Deep Learning

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Final Steps

- QA/QC and Accuracy Assessment
 - Manual inspection
 - Accuracy report
- Parcel Fee Change Report
 - All parcels will have a new impervious surface calculation and a difference is calculated for each parcel.
- February 2022 is targeted completion date
- Release to LARIAC6 members



ANY QUESTIONS?

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