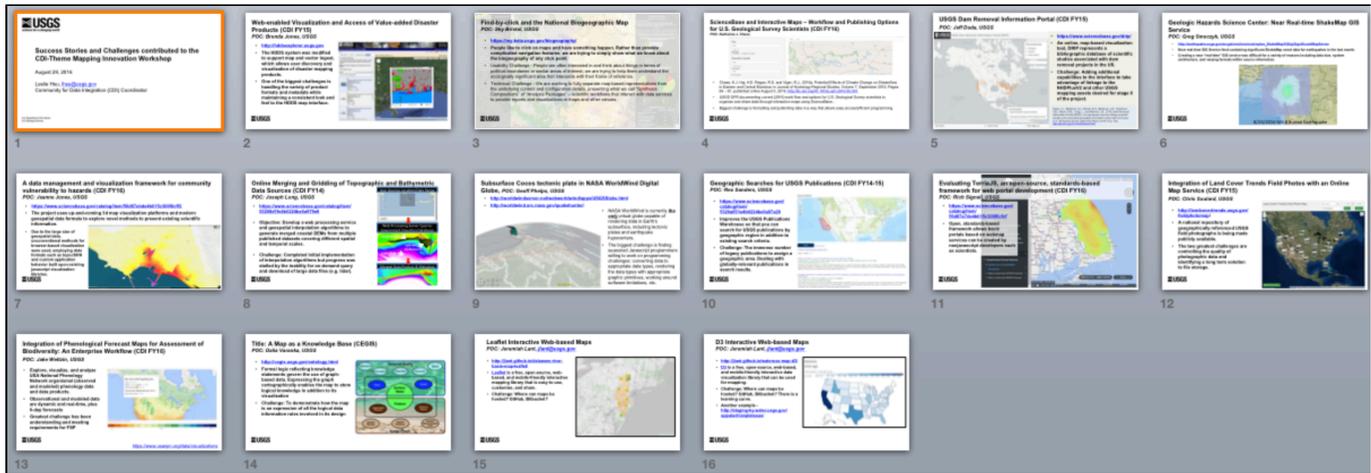


CDI-Theme Mapping Innovation Workshop, 8/29

On August 29, CDI joined in the [USGS Mapping Innovation Workshop](#) (USGS internal link) frenzy. (Two weeks of regional and virtual workshops to engage USGS staff in discussing mapping innovation.)

CDI first highlighted mapping successes and challenges from its members with slides contributed from participants, with 15 mapping-related projects, many CDI-funded.



CDI-Theme Mapping Success Stories and Challenges: [Download the pdf](#)

The real fun came during the discussion session. Virtual meetings using WebEx and phone can be a challenge, but using Google forms, we were able to get great and varied input on the discussion themes of Data Interoperability, Data Discovery and Sharing, and Communication and Visualization.

Highlights from our report:

- Common challenges in achieving fullest data interoperability included both financial and outreach/educational challenges. **There is still a need to impress upon users of the importance of open and standards-based formats.**
- There was widespread interest from the participants in learning more about the **Semantic web** to make data discoverable.
- There was widespread interest from the participants in learning more about applications for mapping such as **Leaflet and D3**
- There was repeated mention of the use of narratives such as **StoryMaps** to effectively communicate data and results.

Read more at the [CDI-Theme Innovation Mapping Workshop Report \(pdf\)](#).

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