

# Partnerships through Application Development

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# Information Sources Seek New User Communities

Data sources: “tell me what you want to do.”

Users: “tell me what data you have.”

- Environmental Legal Information Systems (ELIS) bringing problem solvers together with information sources.

# Communication Builds Relationships

- Facilitate dialogue on specific applications
- Identify relevant indicators and linkages
- Use existing tools and models or create new
- Create valuable applications and open data distribution channels
- New partnerships, better management, healthier environment

# Scenarios Demonstrate Possibilities

Digital earth scenarios are powerful stories that:

- reveal opportunities to incorporate digital earth systems into environmental modeling;
- educate new user groups;
- demonstrate multiple applications for single data sets; and
- foster unique partnerships.

# Example: Building a Community Around Digital Earth Systems

Watershed Planning Process under Clean Water Act offers opportunity to demonstrate:

- Shared needs of stakeholders (e.g., governments, industry, agriculture, and citizens) for data and decision making tools;
- Creation of state/federal, inter-agency, and public/private relationships; and
- Value of digital earth systems in striking economic and environmental balance of an ecosystem.