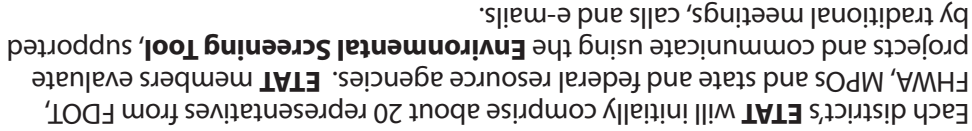


The District *etdm* Team

Each of Florida's seven geographic FDOT Districts will have an ETDM Team comprised of the following:

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The **ETDM** Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by 23 agencies at the summit meeting on December 14, 2001. This agreement signified concurrence with the ETDM Process concept and commitment to continued development and implementation.



- *Master Agreement* - documents agency acceptance of the **ETDM** Process, performance standards, dispute resolution process and statement of regulatory authority.
- *Agency Operating Agreement* - documents agency-specific requirements including review timeframes.
- *Funding Agreement* - documents interagency funding provided by FDOT to assist participation in the **ETDM** Process.

(Developed by multiagency working group)

The ETDM Story

The **ETDM** Process was developed over a 3-year period in collaboration with MPOs and federal and state resource agencies. FDOT's federal transportation partners included FHWA, FTA and the U.S. Coast Guard. The vision statement guided development of a comprehensive process that FDOT began implementing in the spring of 2003. Collaborating agencies signed the **ETDM** Memorandum of Understanding. Program implementation details and funding requirements are documented in Agency Operating and Funding Agreements.

Since 2004, over 300 projects have been screened using ETDM. State and regulatory agencies have seen the following benefits:

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...The Foundation of the ETDM Process

An interactive Internet application providing efficient access to information describing a transportation project and the human environment and natural resources in proximity to the project.

1 Data Entry

Project and community data are provided by MPO and FDOT Planners.

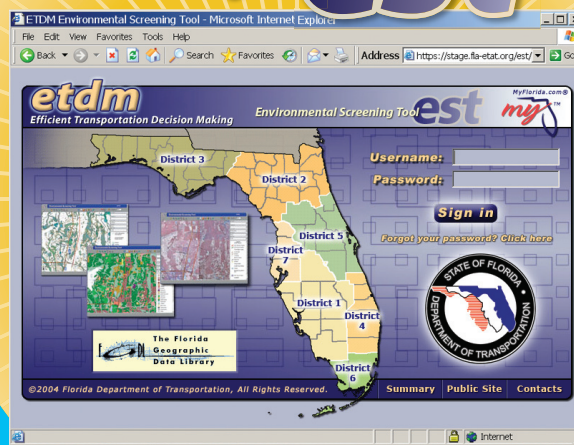
The Florida Geographical Data Library (at the University of Florida) houses Florida's rich digital database of environmental and community resource information.

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Environmental Screening Tool **est**



2 GIS Analysis

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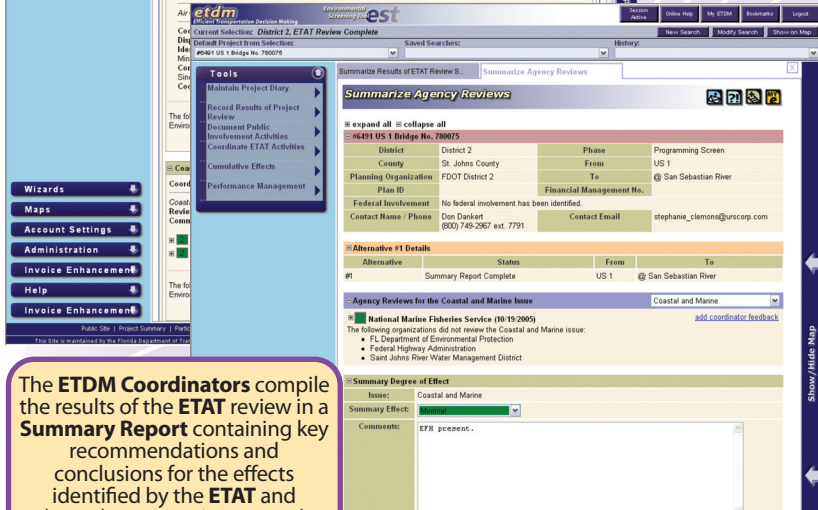
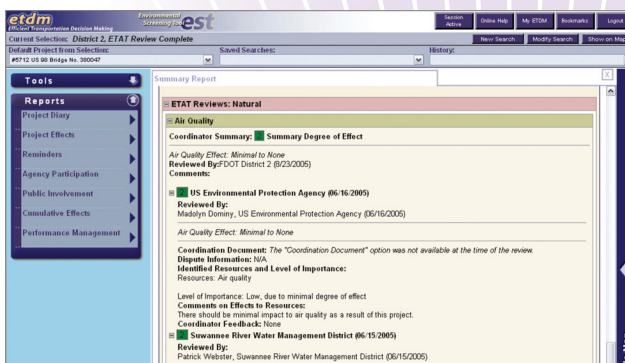
EST Analyzes

The **EST** automatically analyzes the proposed projects using prescribed comparison criteria (environmental resources, historical sites, etc.) developed by the **ETAT**.

Results Stored

GIS analysis results are stored in the interactive database as statistical summary reports that can be viewed along with corresponding resource maps.

4 Summary Reports



The **ETDM Coordinators** compile the results of the **ETAT** review in a **Summary Report** containing key recommendations and conclusions for the effects identified by the **ETAT** and through community outreach activities. This will guide planners in staging transportation priorities and provide feedback to agencies and the public.

During the Programming Phase, the Florida State Clearinghouse reviews feedback from federal consistency reviewers and provides a determination of consistency with the Florida Coastal Management Program in the summary report. Upon completion of the Programming Phase, an Environmental Class of Action is made by the FDOT and, for projects involving a federal action, the lead Federal agency. The Class of Action establishes the level of environmental documentation required for the project and becomes part of the Final Programming Summary Report.

3 ETAT Review/Feedback

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Review Results

ETDM Coordinators notify ETAT members to begin review of project effects through the EST. The notice also begins the Advance Notification process which includes Federal Consistency Review by state agencies.



ETAT

ETAT enters "**Degree of Effect**" and recommendations for avoidance and minimization of adverse effects. Federal consistency reviewers provide feedback on the project.

The public may review project data and can provide input to MPOs and to FDOT through alternative public involvement events (e.g., workshops, newsletters, public involvement mailings, etc.)

Florida ETDM Process Summary Degree of Effect

NA/
No Involvement

Enhanced

None

Minimum

Moderate

Substantial

Dispute

The **Degree of Effect** is color coded on the summary reports for easy reference.

