



# Satellite Cities

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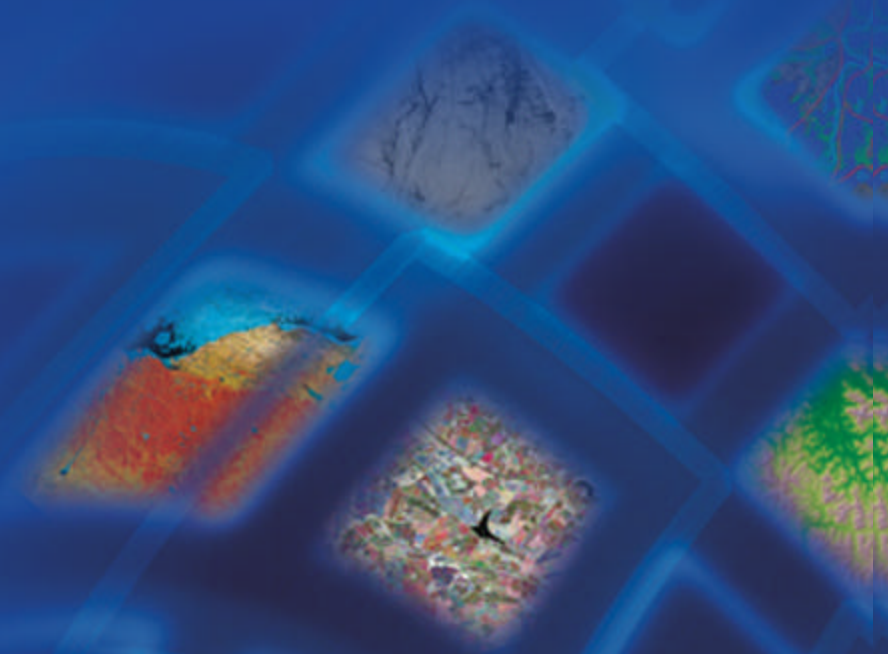
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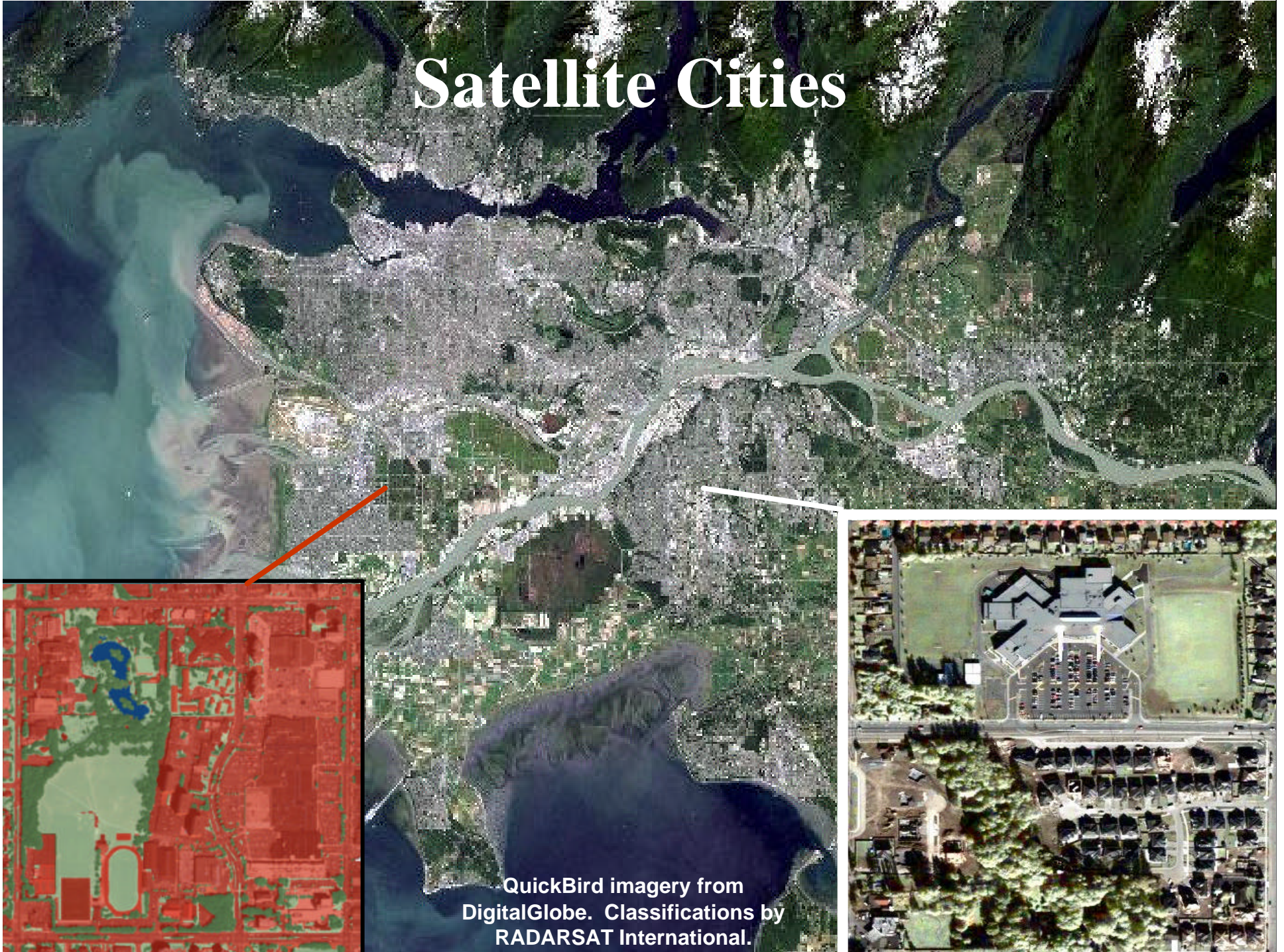
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QuickBird imagery from DigitalGlobe. Classifications by RADARSAT International.

- High-Resolution Satellites
- More Than Just A Pretty Picture
- Urban Applications
  - Impervious Surface Mapping
  - Urban Greenspace Mapping
  - Change Detection Mapping
- City of Richmond
- City of Surrey





# RESOLUTION



**SPOT**  
**20 meter**



**IRS C**  
**6 meter**



**IKONOS**  
**1 meter**

# High-Resolution Satellites

- Our definition - resolution 1.0m or better

Satellite	QuickBird	IKONOS	Orb-View 3
Owner	DigitalGlobe	Space Imaging	ORBIMAGE
Launch Date	October 2001	September 1999	June 2003
Resolution	60cm pan	1.0m pan	1.0m pan
Resolution	2.44m multispectral	4.0m multispectral	4.0m multispectral
Scene Size	16.5 x 16.5 km	11 x 11 km	8 x 8 km
Price	\$18 USD pr km <sup>2</sup>	\$7 USD pr km <sup>2</sup>	TBD

# QuickBird

- 60-cm resolution
- World's highest resolution commercial satellite imagery available today







# More Than Just A Pretty Picture

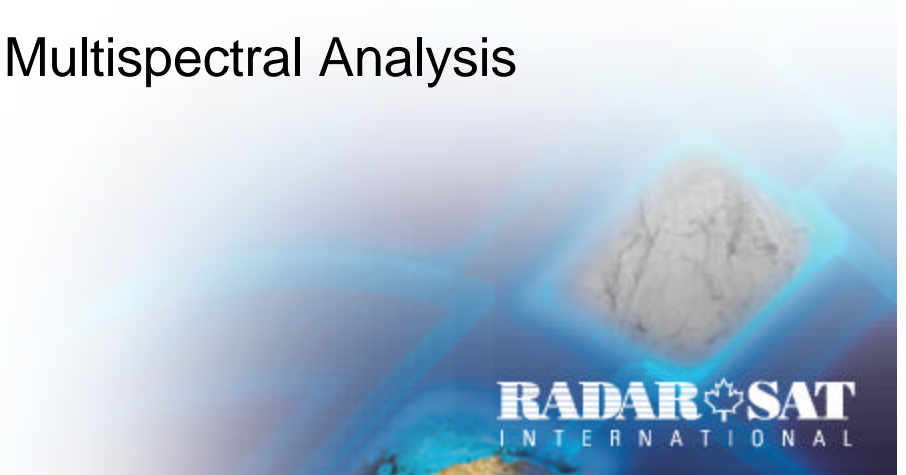
## 1. Temporal Updating Benefit

Satellite Imagery Allows for Cost-Effective Temporal Updating of Photobase

- minimum order size starting at 25 km<sup>2</sup>
- prices starting at \$7.00 USD per square kilometer for imagery

## 2. Multispectral Data

Satellite imagery allows for Multispectral Analysis





# Satellite Orthos Complement Aerial Ortho Imagery

- Main difference - resolution
  - Aerial can provide a very high resolution (e.g. 10 cm)
  - Satellite can currently provide maximum 60 cm resolution
- Main benefits of satellite imagery
  - **Allows for cost effective temporal updates of orthophoto base**
  - **Allows for automated extraction of thematic information through multispectral analysis**
  - Global access
  - Small to large area selections
  - No airspace restrictions
- Main limitations of satellite imagery
  - Cloud cover
  - Revisit time

## Key Benefits



# Multispectral Data Benefit

- Real value of imagery lies in information extraction
- Semi-automated extraction of information
- Inexpensive Land Cover Classifications
  - Impervious Surface Mapping
  - Urban Green Space Mapping
  - Change Detection Mapping



# Satellite-Derived Land Cover Classifications

- Will support sound **decision making** in key areas such as:
  - **Greening Strategy Development**
  - **Parks Maintenance**
  - **Storm Water Management**
  - **Growth Management**
- The most cost-effective way in determining:
  - **total area of impervious surfaces in a city**
  - **total area of urban greenspace in a city**
- Cost-effective in monitoring change

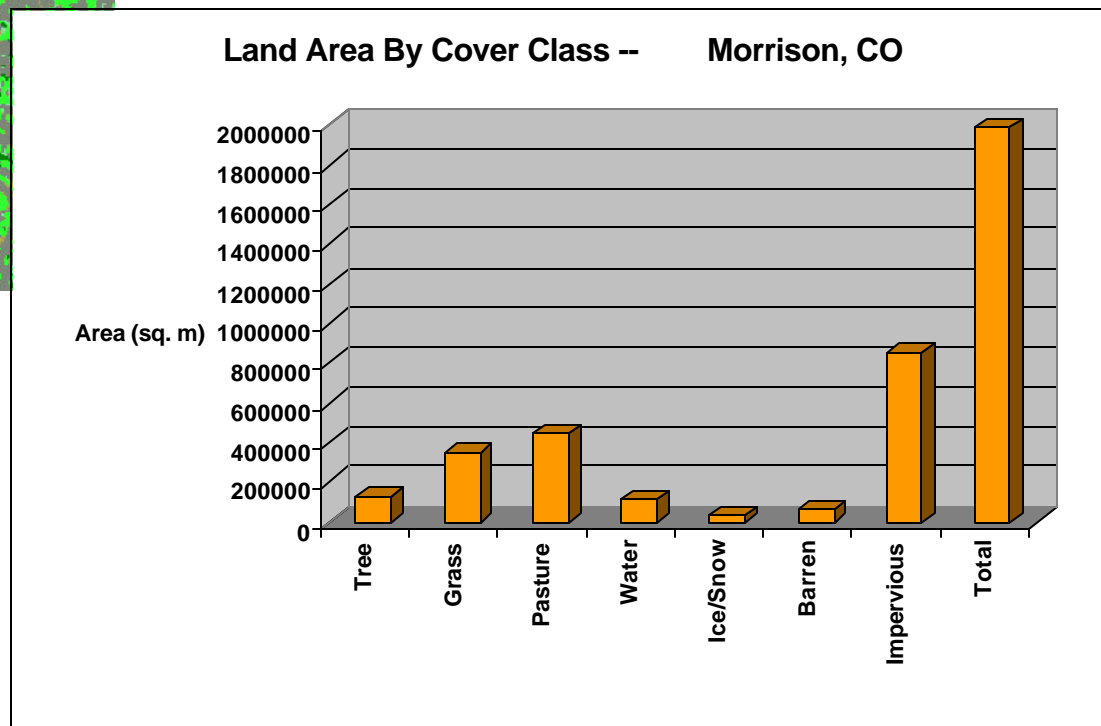






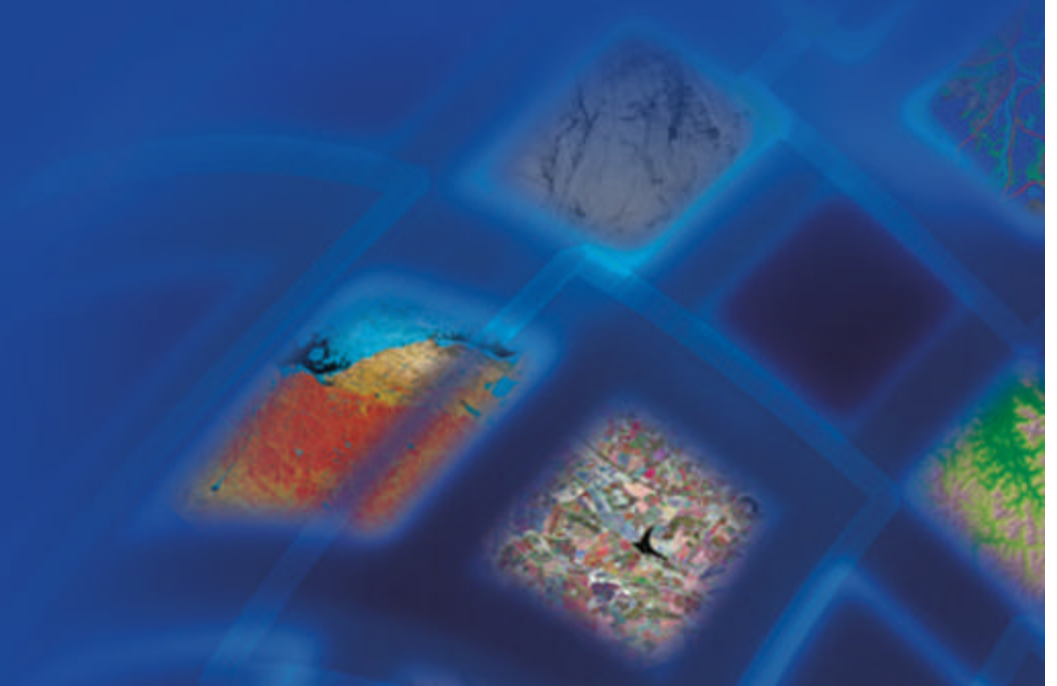
- Impervious Surface Mapping
- Urban Greenspace Mapping

- Change Detection Mapping



# *Impervious Surface Mapping*

Land cover classification





# Impervious Surface Mapping

Utilizing the spectral properties of QuickBird MS imagery, it is possible to determine total area of pervious versus impervious surfaces to assist in storm water management





# Impervious Surfaces:

- Usually includes building rooftops, roads, sidewalks, and all other paved areas.

# Classification at Two Resolutions:

Alternative 1:

## **2.4m - 2.8m resolution**

- for aggregate studies concerning hydrological modeling, down to the catchment level.

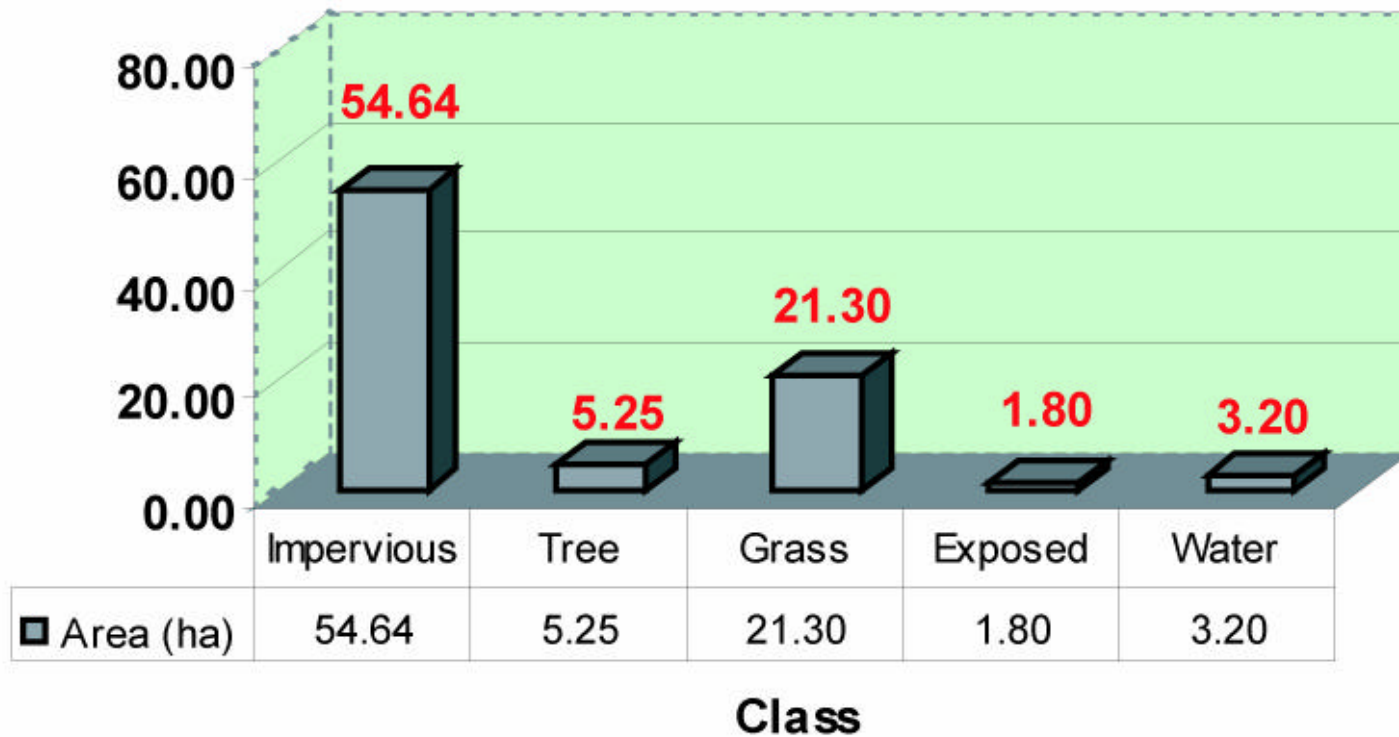
Alternative 2:

## **60cm - 70cm resolution**

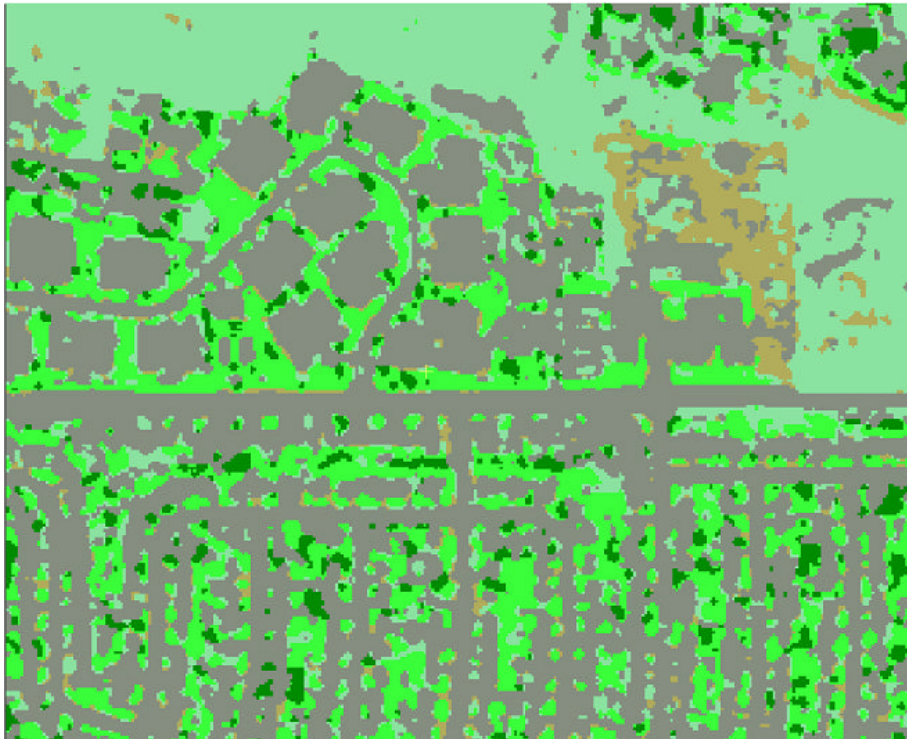
- suitable for analysis at the residential parcel level

# Extract Impervious Information from a Geographic Area

Total Impervious Surfaces in Urban District 12 (ha)



# Decision Support Tool

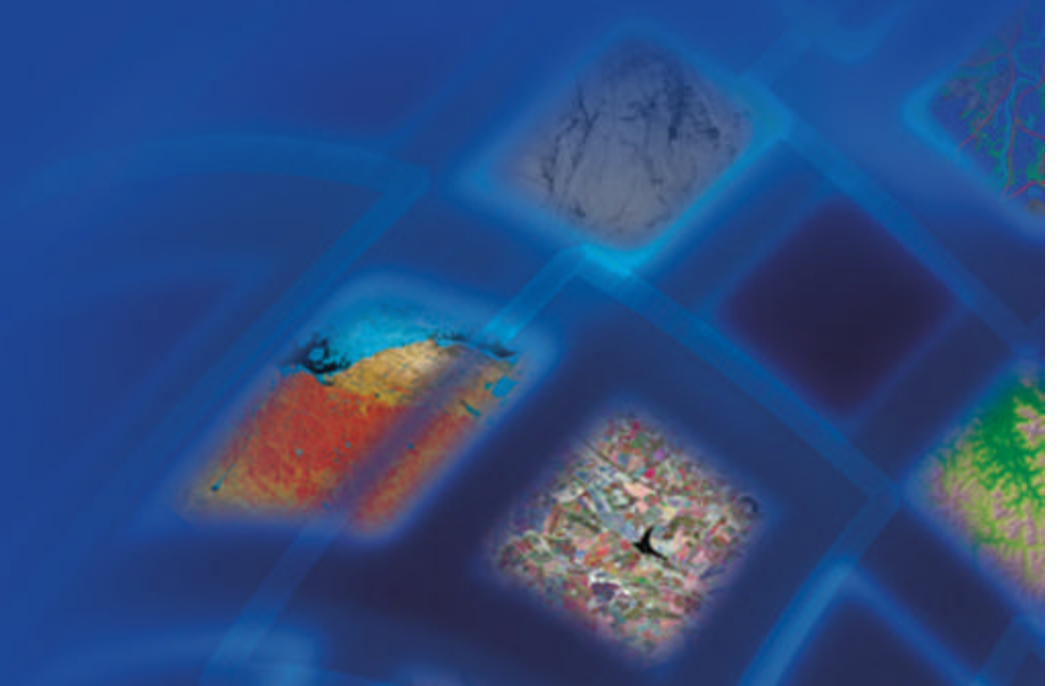


- Determine total AREA of impervious surfaces
- Increase Tax Revenues:
  - Stormwater tax-impervious/pervious surfaces
  - Revised assessments-construction without permit,...
- Address needed water system improvements
- Perform modeling scenarios on water runoff
- Controlled Growth Management

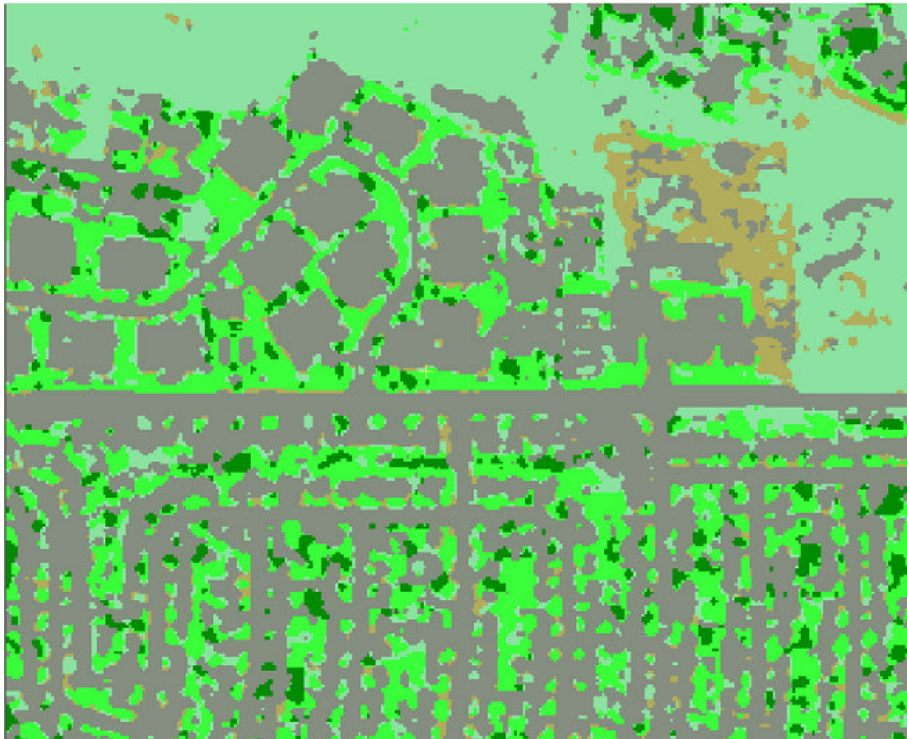


# *Urban Green Space Mapping*

Land cover classification



# Powerful Decision-Support Tool for Sustainable Planning

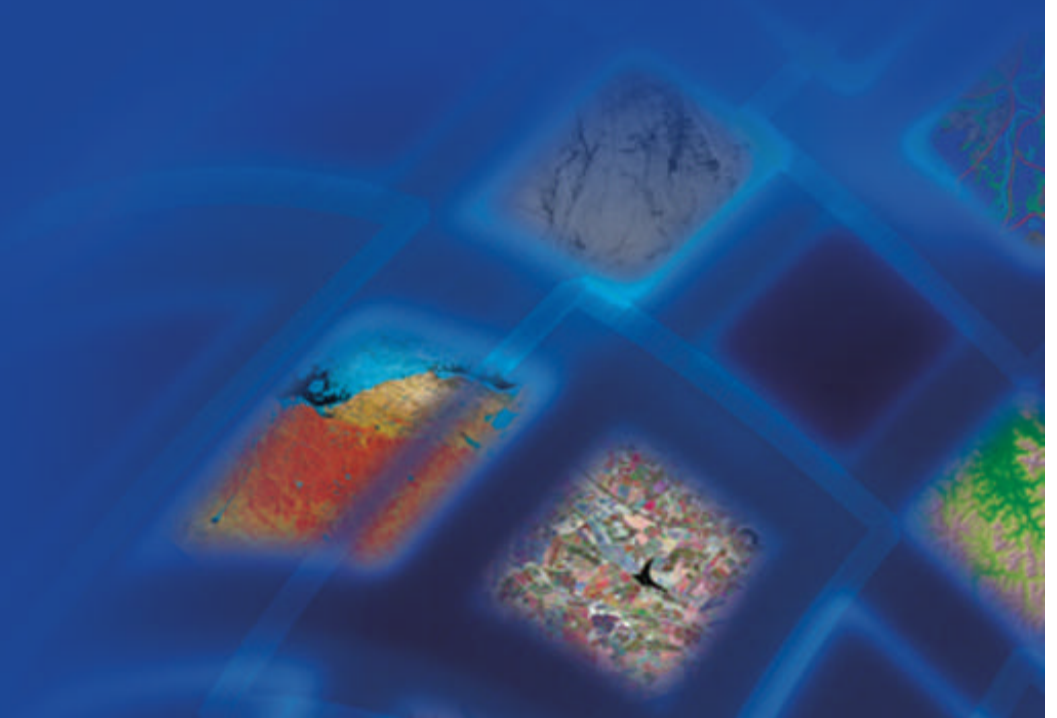


- Greening Strategy Development
- Effective decisions can be made regarding:
  - the demand for greenspace
  - the demand for trees to address improved air quality
  - park maintenance
- Controlled Growth Management



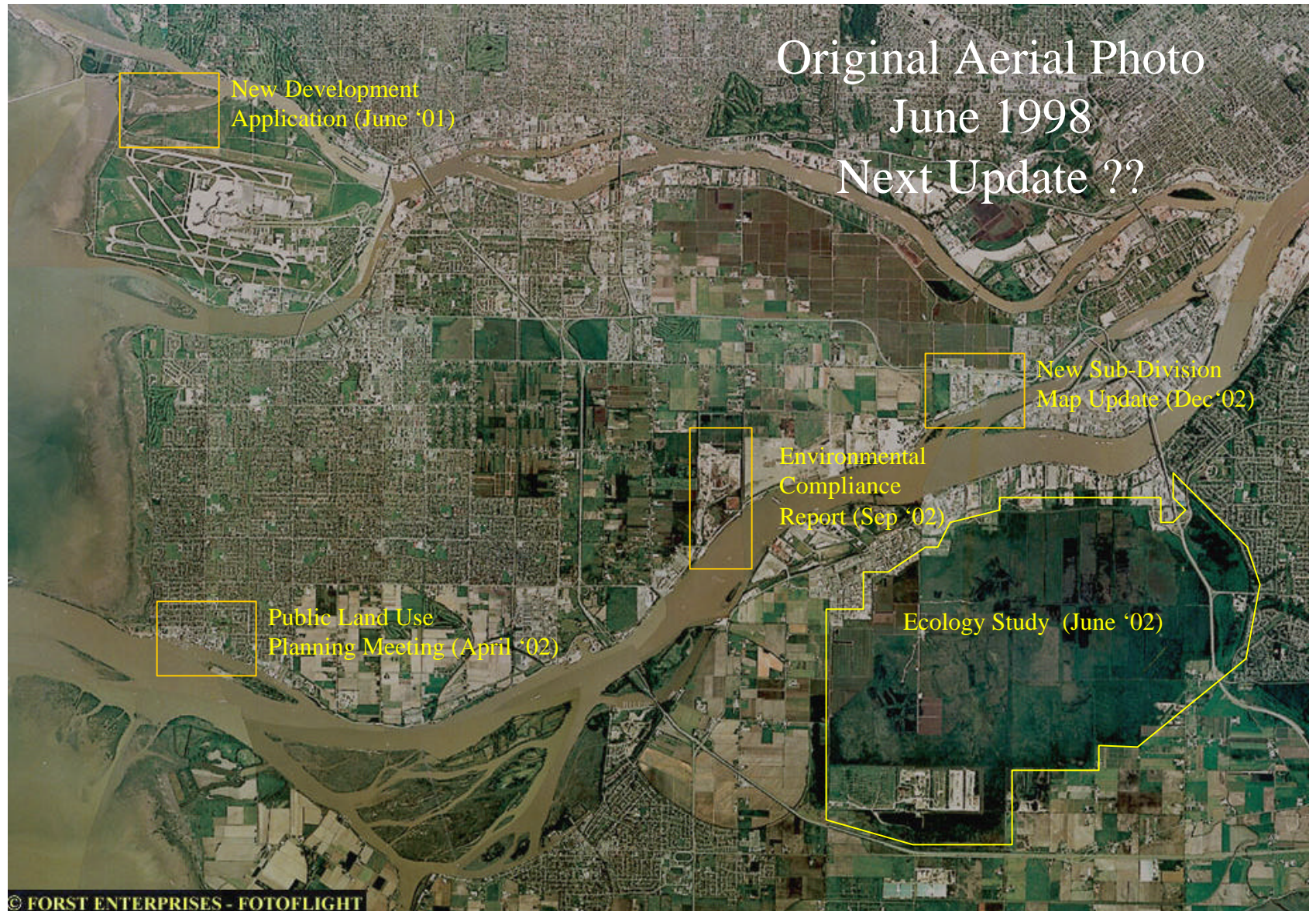
# Change Detection Mapping

Work with timely updates





# A New Paradigm For Information Update



# Change Detection Mapping Service (Subscription Service)

Year	Image Source	Resolution
1	Aerial Orthos	<60cm
2	Satellite Orthos	60cm
3	Satellite Orthos	60cm
4	Aerial Orthos	<60cm
5	Satellite Orthos	60cm
6	Satellite Orthos	60cm

Satellite orthos are 100% digital, less expensive depending on size of area and include infra-red data.



# Change Detection



Aerial Image: City of Surrey 2001

(Image courtesy City of Surrey)



Satellite Image: City of Surrey 2002

## Map Change

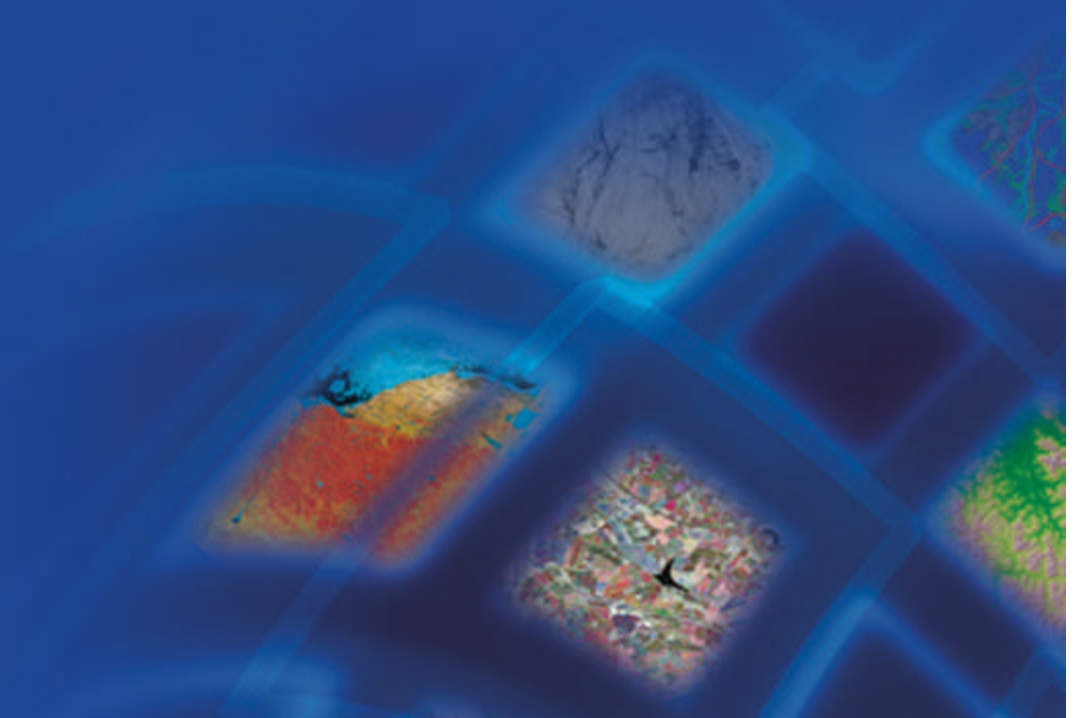
- ◆ Develop machine pattern recognition techniques for specific missions
- ◆ Design custom change detection algorithms with image processing software

### **Eg. Develop a program for change detection of new roads**

- ◆ identify detailed areas of new development and new roads
- ◆ then prioritize acquisition of new data and road map updating



# Future



# Cost Sharing Initiatives: Civil Government Licensing

## ZERO % UPLIFT ON PRICE OF DATA

Includes up to 10 civil government organizations

User	Total Price	Price per user	Savings
City	\$2,100	\$2,100	0%
City & 9 other civil org's	\$2,100	<b>\$210</b>	<b>90%</b>

*Prices (in \$CAD) above are based on new acquisition of 64 sq. km of color 60cm standard satellite imagery*

# Future

- Better resolution
- Increased competition
- Lower prices
- Increased re-visit times
- Classification (image interpretation) software is improving yielding greater accuracies (pixel based versus object orientated).

