

OpenStreetMap

# Atlanta Citywide Mapping Party



OpenStreetMap is proud to announce its participation in a landmark initiative to make Atlanta the most digitally mapped city on earth. Supported by CloudMade, the Georgia GIS Coordinating Committee, the GeoGeorgia Initiative, Georgia URISA and the Southeastern Geospatial Technology Center, OSM is working to promote geospatial education, local development and showcase the benefits of open access to map data.

Mapping and GPS surveying are some of the fastest growing fields in technology; with everything from cell phones and cameras to businesses and local governments using maps and GPS capability in innovative new ways. However, access to most map data is controlled by a few major corporations. This limits access by small businesses and students and raises costs for consumers. OpenStreetMap (OSM) is working to change that. Founded in 2004, OSM is a worldwide volunteer movement dedicated to creating the most accurate and detailed free map of the world.



To help ensure that Georgia becomes a leader in the emerging geospatial industry, **OSM** is hosting its largest ever mapping event in Atlanta, GA on September 11-13, 2009. This event is bringing academic institutions, community groups and the citizens of Atlanta together in a coordinated effort to put their city on the map.

**OpenStreetMap** is calling for volunteers to sign-up to map trails, bike paths, transportation routes, historical sites, and local businesses around the City of Atlanta. Atlantans interested in participating in the Citywide Mapping Party can get involved by attending the upcoming planning session or registering online at:

<http://community.cloudmade.com/event/custom/generic/show/223>

For more information, please contact OSM Community Ambassador Thea Clay at [thea@cloudmade.com](mailto:thea@cloudmade.com), OpenStreetMap (OSM) | [www.openstreetmap.org](http://www.openstreetmap.org)

Everyone interested in putting Atlanta on the map is invited to the Citywide Mapping Party planning session and networking event. To receive your complimentary food and drink tickets, please RSVP at:

<http://community.cloudmade.com/event/custom/generic/show/221>

Wednesday, July 15, 2009  
from 5:45 PM to 9:00 PM

Gordon Biersch Brewery  
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