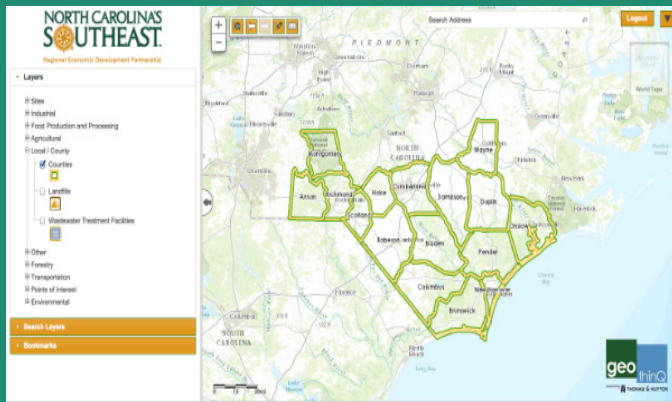


## Region's Biotech GIS Tools Showcased

A sophisticated new mapping tool is helping promote opportunities in biotech and renewable energy across Southeastern North Carolina. Working with the North Carolina Biotechnology Center and Greenfield LLC, NC's Southeast has created a GIS application that charts agricultural op-

erations and other assets relevant to bio-renewable energy businesses. The package was built by geothinQ. The mapping, a limited version of which is available on the partnership's website, enables instantaneous analyses of properties, including ownership, zoning, assessed values and links to official government records. NC's Southeast has made a more extensive version of the tool available to county economic developers when opportunities arise.



Robin Spinks, a partner with Greenfield, says mapping regional bio-mass assets helps local economic development professionals with both location opportunities and business retention and expansion programs. "Much of the cluster intelligence found in the application can be used to support the growth and success of existing industry," Spinks said. Spinks joined geothinQ's Chris Nichol in demonstrating the tool at an NCEDA networking luncheon in Raleigh.

## The Southeastern Partnership Welcomes Four New Investors and Members



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