

# Data from HydroTerre

## 1 How to download the data from Hydroterre?

Visit the link

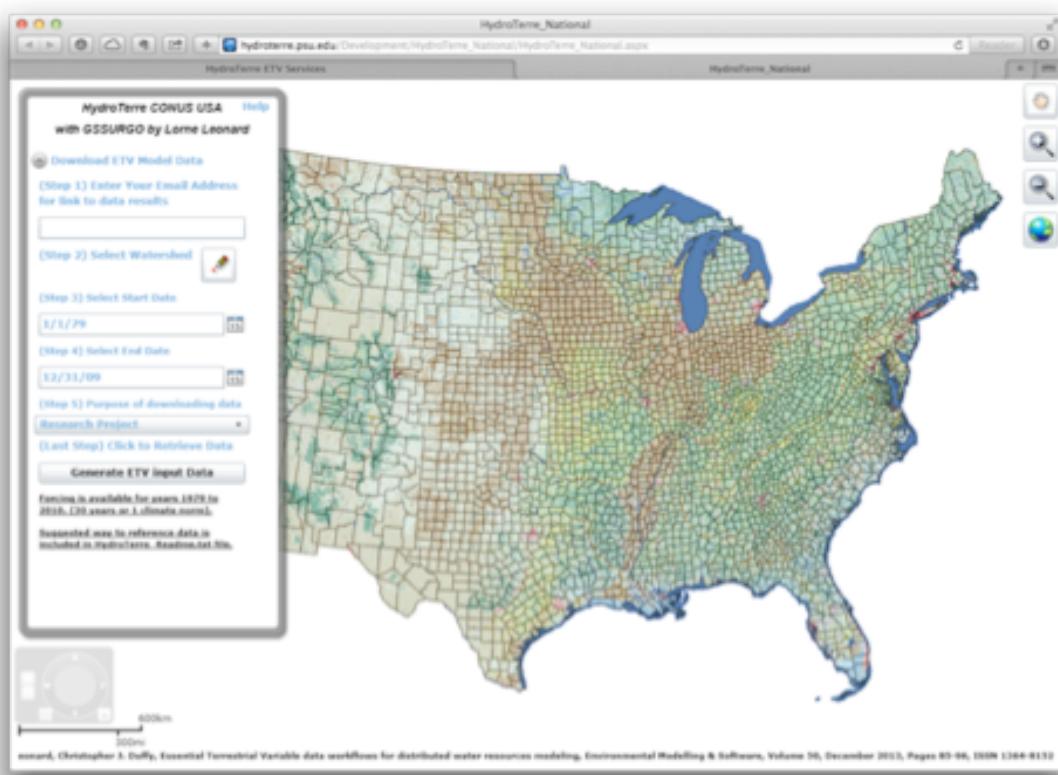
[http://hydroterre.psu.edu/Development/HydroTerre\\_National/HydroTerre\\_National.aspx](http://hydroterre.psu.edu/Development/HydroTerre_National/HydroTerre_National.aspx)

or

**click ETV Services(Download ETV data)** at homepage of HydroTerre

<http://www.hydroterre.psu.edu/>

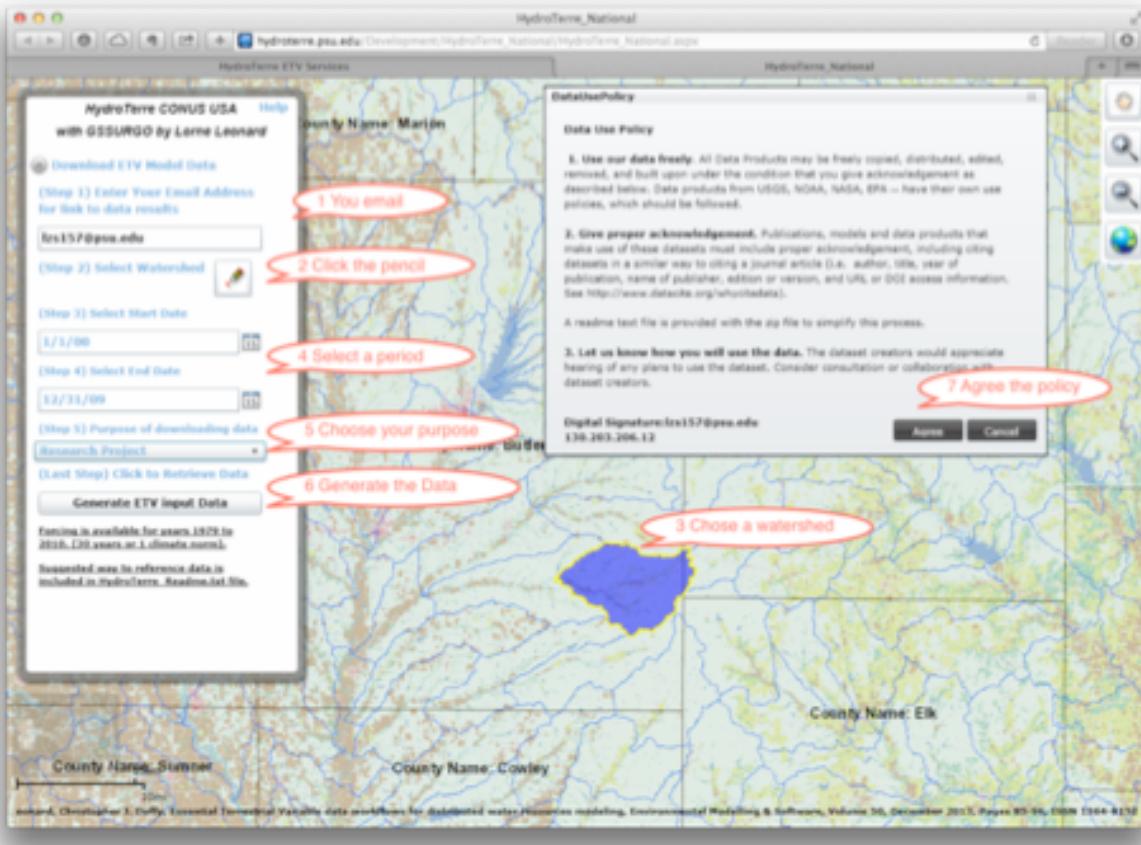
You will see an interface below:



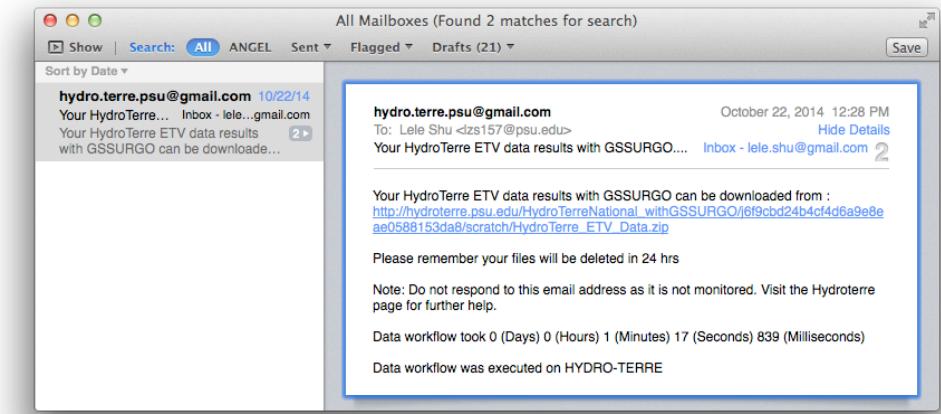
You must follow the steps below to send a data request to HydroTerre server.

- 0) Zoom in/out and stay on the best scale of the map.
- 1) Fill you email address.
- 2) Click the pencil button.
- 3) After step 2, click in map to select a watershed( which is in HUC12 scale).

- 4) Select a period of forcing data. The forcing data from 1979/01/01 to 2009/12/31 are available online.
  - 5) Select your purpose of using the data.
  - 6) Click the button “Generate ETV Input Data”.
  - 7) Read the policy in pop up dialog, and agree it.
- Then the server will start preparing the data you just requested.

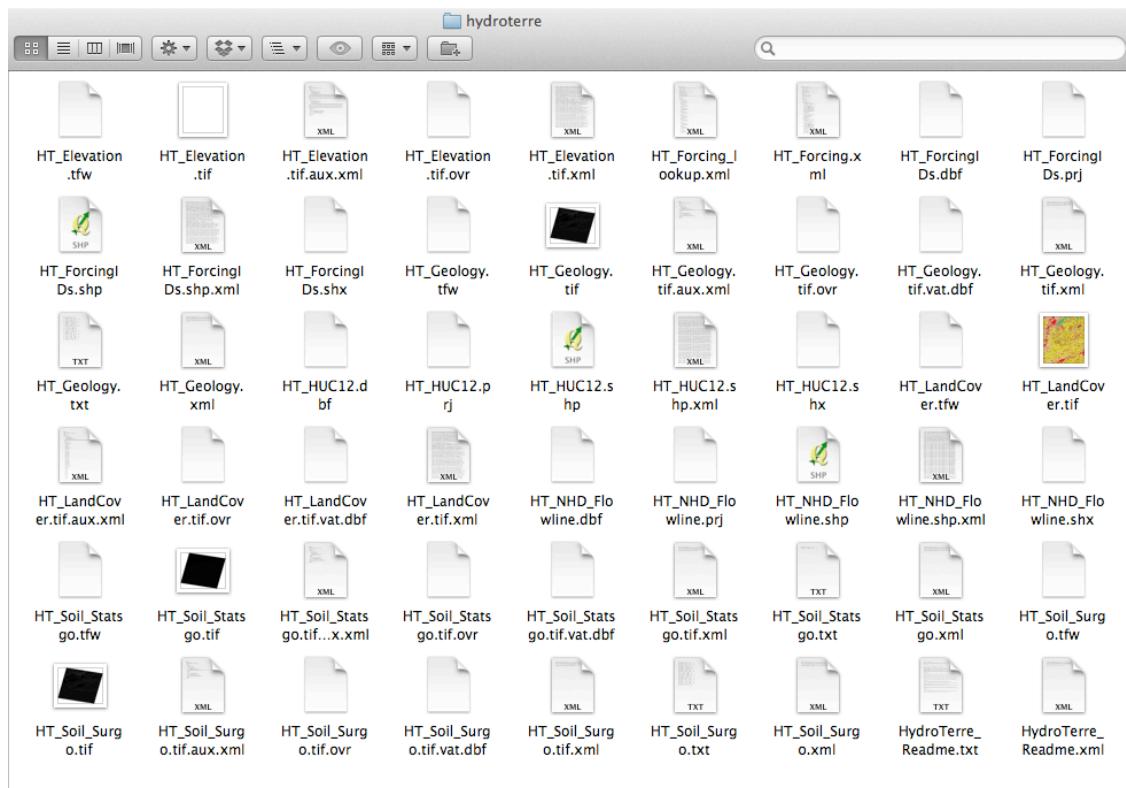


Generally, the server takes 1 to 5 minutes to finish the data preparation, then you will receive a email from [hydro.terre.psu@gmail.com](mailto:hydro.terre.psu@gmail.com). After clicking the link in the email, the data will be downloaded. **The data download link expires in 24 hours.**



All required data are compressed in a zip file. You need unzip the package to see all files.

Hydroterre provide all data of HUC12 scale for continuous land of whole United State. No matter which watershed (HUC12) you chose, the files in the folder should be like this (screenshot below).



## 2 Overview of data

Regard to Meta data of all data, you can visit HydroTerre website and click the **Meta Data References** tab or

<http://www.hydroterre.psu.edu/HydroTerre/Help/DataSources.aspx>

Basic information of spatial and forcing data is list in the following table.

Filename	Data	Format	Projection
<b>HT_Elevation</b>	Elevation	GeoTiff	USA_Contiguous_Albers_Equal_Area_Conic_USGS_version
<b>HT_Forceing</b>	Forcing data	XML file	NA
<b>HT_ForceingIDs</b>	Rectangular coverage of forcing site	Shapefile Polygon	USA_Contiguous_Albers_Equal_Area_Conic_USGS_version
<b>HT_HUC12</b>	Boundary of	Shapefile	GCS_North_American_1

	HUC12 watersheds	Polygon	983
<b>HT_NHD_FLOWLINE</b>	Stream line of HUC12 scale	Shapefile Polyline	GCS_North_American_1983
<b>HT_Geology</b>	Soil in geology layers	GeoTiff	GCS_North_American_1983
<b>HT_Geology_Albers</b>	Soil in geology layers	GeoTiff	Albers_Conical_Equal_Area
<b>HT_LandCover</b>	Land Cover	GeoTiff	Albers_Conical_Equal_Area
<b>HT_Soil_Surgo</b>	Surface soil map from SSURGO	GeoTiff	GCS_North_American_1983
<b>HT_Soil_Surgo_Albers</b>	Surface soil map from SSURGO	GeoTiff	Albers_Conical_Equal_Area
<b>HT_Soil_Statsgo</b>	Surface soil map from STATSGO	GeoTiff	GCS_North_American_1983
<b>HT_Soil_Statsgo_Albers</b>	Surface soil map from STATSGO	GeoTiff	Albers_Conical_Equal_Area
<b>HT_Soil_GGSURGO</b>	Surface soil map from	Shapefile Polygon	GCS_North_American_1983
<b>HydroTerre_Readme</b>	Readme	Text file	NA

Parameters of three projections:

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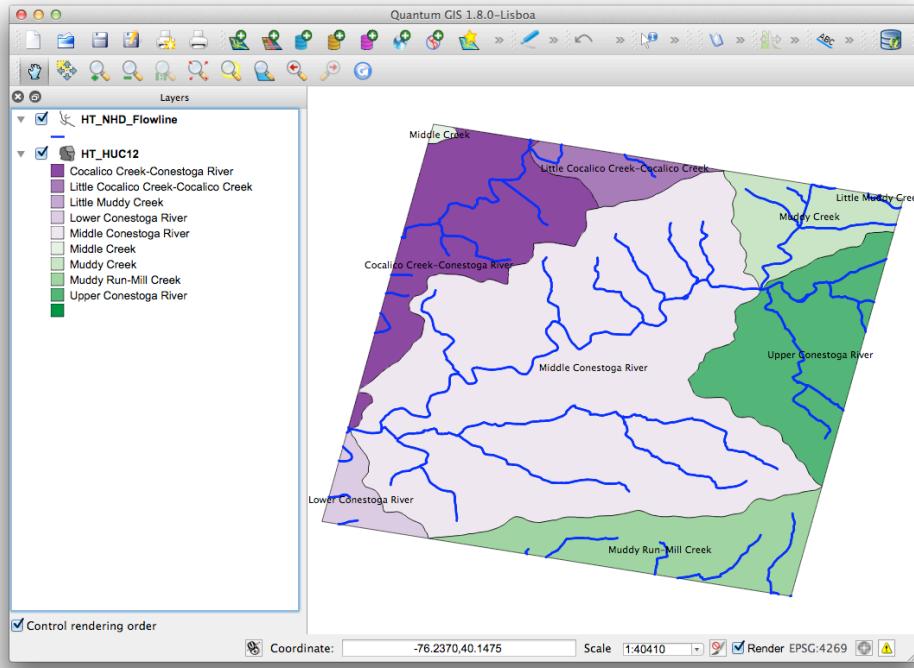
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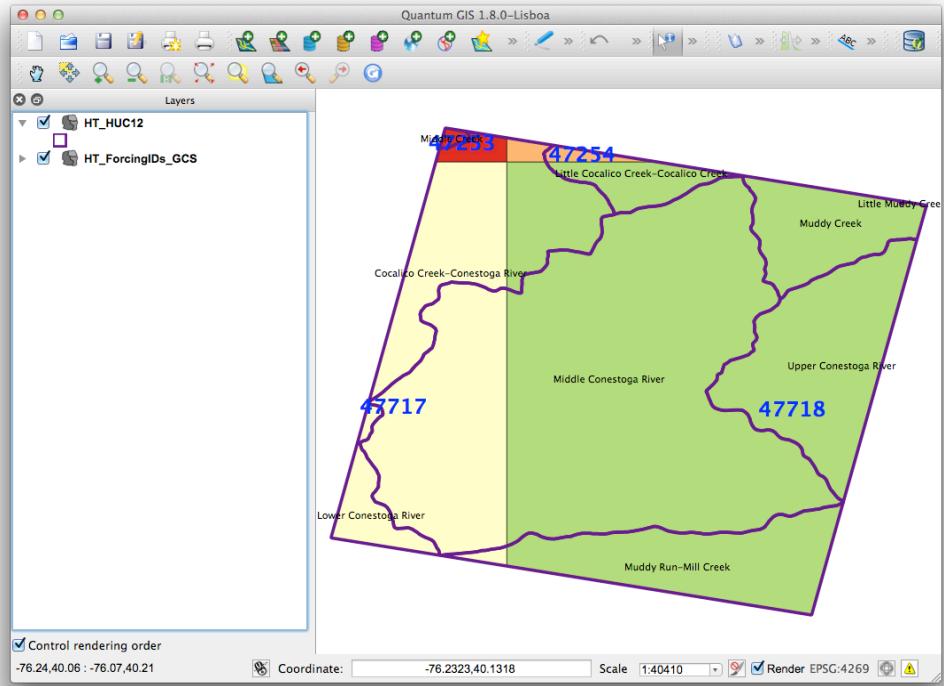
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## 2.1 Vector Data



**Figure 1 HUC12 & NHD\_Flowline**



**Figure 2 ForcingIDs**

## 2.2 Raster Data

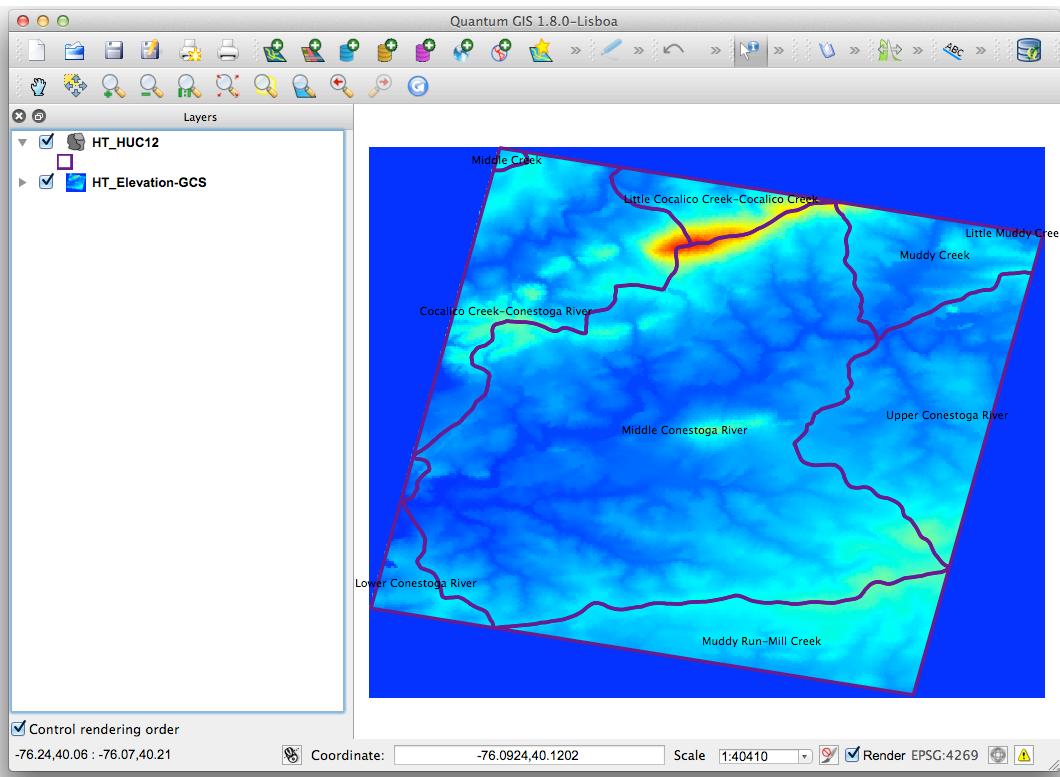


Figure 3 Elevation

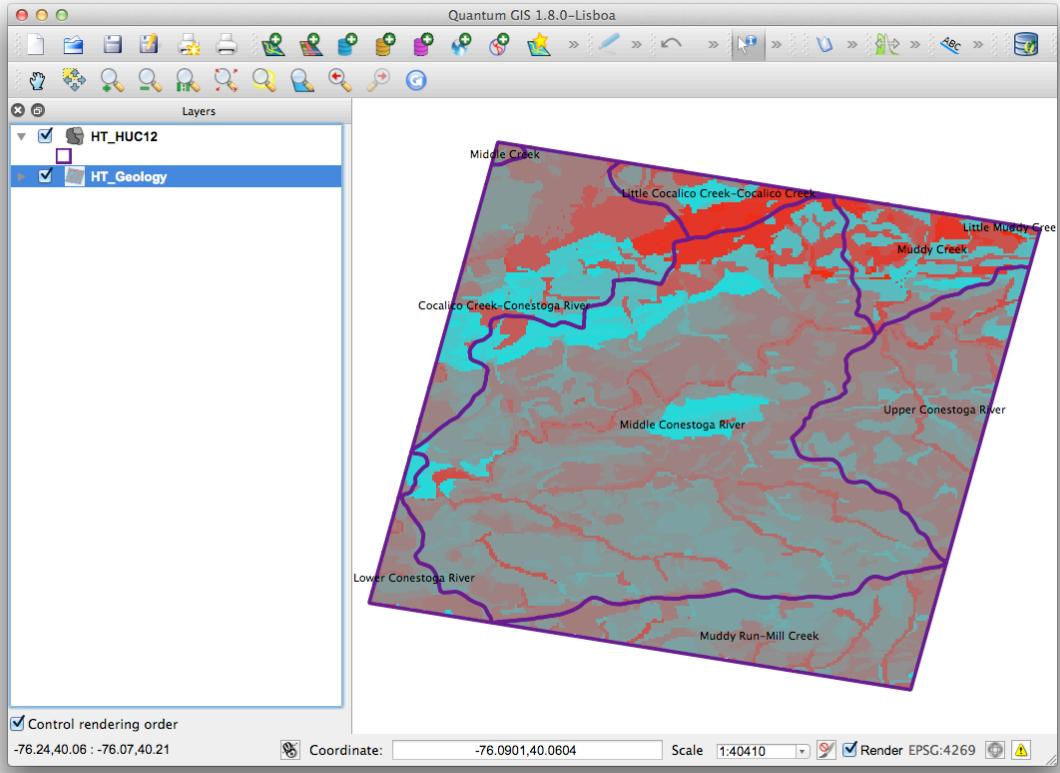
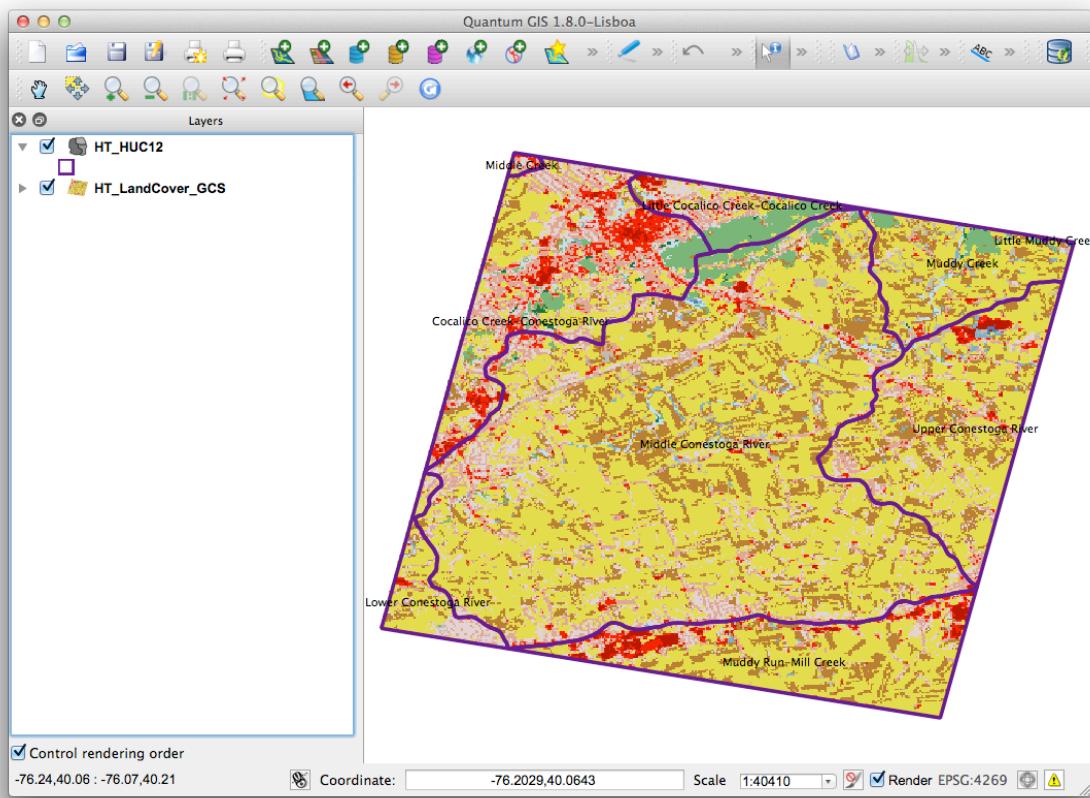
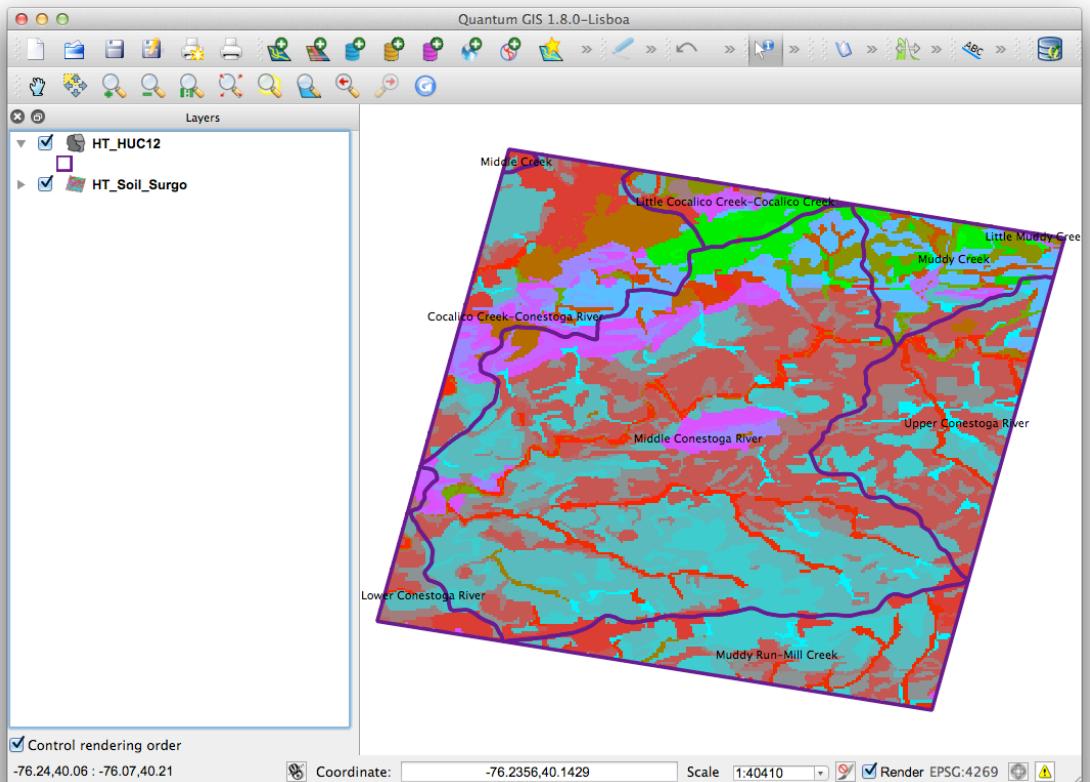


Figure 4 Geology



**Figure 5 Landcover**



**Figure 6 Soil\_Surgo**



## 4 Tool of converting HydroTerre data to PIHM and PIHMGis

All data downloaded from HydroTerre can be opened and edited with GIS tool. When we use the data in PIHM or PIHMGis, we have to convert the data formats.

Both ARC Grid and ARC ASCII Grid are supported in PIHMGis. So the conversion tool is to (1) convert the raster data in GeoTiff to ARC ASCII Grid file, (2) parse the forcing data in XML format, (3) calculate Leaf Area Index (LAI) and Roughness Length (RL) based on land cover types in land cover map, (4) and generate a forcing data in the format PIHM supported.

The conversion tool has separated versions for Mac OS and Windows platforms. The installation of Geospatial Data Abstraction Library (GDAL, <http://www.gdal.org>) is necessary for both platforms.

### 4.1 On Windows

The Windows version of the tool is in development, and will be available online in a month on HydroTerre and PIHM website.

### 4.2 On Mac OS

- 0) Download and install GDAL support (<http://www.gdal.org>).  
Download and install Java Runtime Environment or Java Development Kit (<https://www.java.com>).  
Download Conversion tool in zip format and unzip it.
- 1) Copy the two files (**HTCT.sh** and **HTCTXMLparser.jar**) to the folder where unzipped spatial raster data locates.  
For example, if the folder path is:  
`/Users/username/Downloads/HydroTerre_ETV_Data`, you must copy the two files of conversion tool to this

folder.

Name	Date Modified	Size
HT_HUC12.shp	Today, 10:13 PM	93 KB
HT_HUC12.shx	Today, 10:13 PM	108 bytes
HT_LandCover.tfw	Today, 10:14 PM	92 bytes
HT_LandCover.tif	Today, 10:14 PM	18 KB
HT_LandCover.tif.aux.xml	Today, 10:14 PM	25 KB
HT_LandCover.tif.ovr	Today, 10:14 PM	8 KB
HT_LandCover.tif.vat.dbf	Today, 10:14 PM	2 KB
HT_LandCover.tif.xml	Today, 10:14 PM	10 KB
HT_Soil_Surgo_Albers.tifw	Today, 10:16 PM	92 bytes
HT_Soil_Surgo_Albers.tif	Today, 10:16 PM	26 KB
HT_Soil_Surgo_Albers.tif.aux.xml	Today, 10:16 PM	8 KB
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HT_Soil_Surgo.xml	Today, 10:13 PM	842 bytes
HTCT.sh	Today, 10:31 PM	2 KB
HTCTXMLparser.jar	Today, 10:31 PM	121 KB
HydroTerre_Readme.txt	Sep 26, 2014, 7:00 AM	4 KB
HydroTerre_Readme.xml	Today, 10:14 PM	614 bytes

- 2) Open terminal in **/Applications/Utilities/Terminal**, or search Terminal in SpotLight on up-right corner of your screen. Enter command:  
**cd /Users/username/Downloads/HydroTerre\_ETV\_Data**  
(Please change the path based on the folder of your data unzipped).
- 3) Run the Conversion Tool with a command:  
**./HTCT.sh**  
The program will take 1 to 10 minutes to finish, depending on the size of forcing data.

The converted spatial and forcing data are saved in **PIHM/** of the data folder.

PIHM

Name	Date Modified
dataOriginal.csv	Today, 10:55 PM
HT_Elevation.asc	Today, 10:54 PM
HT_Elevation.asc.aux.xml	Today, 10:54 PM
HT_Elevation.prj	Today, 10:54 PM
HT_ForcingIDs.asc	Today, 10:54 PM
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