🏝️ MapShed Installation Guide 🏝️

The information below is intended to walk you through the process of installing or transferring the MapShed GIS Program to a new computer.

The MapShed Program and all data must be installed using an account with administrative rights. In order for other users to run the program, it is required that the user be given "full control" of the "C:/MapShed" directory, sub-directories, and all files within so the program can properly access, change, and save the necessary files. If users get a "runtime error" when trying to open MapShed, they most likely do not have full control of these files.

All of the programs and data packages described below are self installing. Once you download the executable file, simply open it to start the installation process. When prompted with options during the installation process, simply accept the default options.

Installing MapShed:

1. Download and Install MapWindow GIS: Use the link on the [MapShed website](). Do not install directly from the MapWindow website, since future versions of MapWindow will need to be tested for compatibility issues before being installed. Note: if you have a different version of MapWindow installed, you should uninstall it before installing this version. See below for instructions.

2. Download and Install MapShed 1.x: Use the link on the [MapShed website](). This will install the customized MapShed plug-in for MapWindow.

3. Optional: Download and Unzip a Dataset: Locate and download the data you wish to use via the [MapShed website](). Unzip it to your desired location. Note that for Pennsylvania data, you need to download both the statewide and you region's data set.

Getting Started:

A MapShed icon will be created on your desktop. Open the Project Manager using this icon and build a new project. When the MapWindow screen opens, select "MapShed" from the menu bar, then "MapShed Tools > Load Data Layers". Navigate to each of your layers and click OK to load the data. For more information on MapShed operation, see the installed user's guide which can be accessed through the program itself or the shortcut located within the MapShed shortcut menu.

Uninstalling MapWindow:

If you have an older version of MapWindow Installed on your computer, you need to uninstall it before installing the current version. You may need to contact your system administrator for help and permissions. To completely uninstall MapWindow:

1. Use the "Add/Remove Programs" feature under the control panel to uninstall the MapWindow Software.

2. Delete the "C:\Program Files\Mapwindow" folder from the computer.

3. Delete the "Mapwindow" folder located within the "Application Data" folder which can be found under the "Documents and Settings\your user name" folder on the C:\ drive. Note: "your user name" is the same as your windows login ID. *note, the application data folder is a hidden folder. Your network administrator may have to enable viewing hidden folders.