



# The Open Geospatial Consortium Technical & Planning Committee Meeting

## SILVER SPRING INFORMATION PACKET

**JUNE 14 -18, 2010**

Monday, Thursday (PM), and Friday:  
NOAA Auditorium and Science Center  
1301 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, Maryland

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday (AM):  
The Crowne Plaza Hotel  
8777 Georgia Avenue No. 1  
Silver Spring, Maryland



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## NOAA'S SILVER SPRING METRO CENTER (SSMC)

Situated in downtown Silver Spring at the corner of East West Highway and Colesville Road, NOAA's four-building campus is home to eighty percent of NOAA's Washington-area employees.

NOAA's Silver Spring Metro Center campus houses offices for all of the agency's line offices, staff offices and program groups, including:

- The National Weather Service (NWS)
- The National Ocean Service (NOS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)
- The National Environmental Satellite Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)
- The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR)
- The Technology Planning and Integration Office (TPIO)
- The Office of Program Planning and Integration
- The Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

Below are the street addresses for each of the four buildings. The arrows indicate buildings where one or more OGC sessions will be held:

	<u>Building</u>	<u>Street Address</u>
	<b>SSMC-1</b>	<b>1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring 20910 (Lobby and Room 5300)*</b>
	SSMC-2	1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring 20910
	SSMC-3	1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring 20910
	<b>SSMC-4</b>	<b>1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring 20910 (Auditorium &amp; Science Center)*</b>

\*Denotes OGC session location

### How to get there...

#### METRO access to the NOAA Auditorium and Science Center

NOAA's Silver Spring Campus is located directly adjacent to the Silver Spring METRO station. Board the METRO Red Line towards Glenmont or Silver Spring and debark at the Silver Spring station, which is two stops after the Fort Totten station (Note: Fort Totten is also a transfer station between the Red Line and the Green/Yellow Lines). Once off the METRO, use the escalators following the sign to "Buses, South Side Colesville Road". Once you reach the bottom, exit towards the left. The building you see/face is SSMC-1, 1335 East West Highway. Walk towards SSMC-1, and follow the path to the left of the building, keeping the METRO behind you. Walk towards East-West Highway and make a left.

You will find the NOAA Science Center on the left-hand side of East-West Highway. There will be a wave pool art installation immediately in front of the building entrance. You have to pass the guards/security entry point to get to the NOAA Auditorium and Science Center.

#### From Downtown Washington DC via 16th Street

Take 16th Street North towards Silver Spring, MD and turn right on Colesville Road. At the next traffic signal turn right on East-West Highway (MD 410 East). NOAA's SSMC campus is on the left-hand side of

East-West Highway. There are two entrances to the public parking garage on the left. Please be sure to park in one not requiring a "P.C.S. Permit." All spaces are metered, so you will need to have sufficient change/ coins for parking.

**Additional Parking Garages:**

- \* Bonifant-Dixon (Garage 5/55) - 1101 Bonifant St
- \* Cameron-Second (Garage 7) - 8530 Cameron St
- \* Fenton Street Village (Garage 4) - 8110 Fenton St
- \* Kennett Street Garage (Garage 9) - 8040 Kennett St
- \* Spring Cameron Garage (Garage 2) - 8700 Cameron St
- \* Spring-Colesville (Garage 21) - 1000 Spring St
- \* Town Square Garage (Garage 61) - 801 Ellsworth Dr
- \* Wayne Avenue Garage (Garage 60) - 921 Wayne Ave

Or check <http://www.silverspringdowntown.com/transportation/parking/parking-garages>

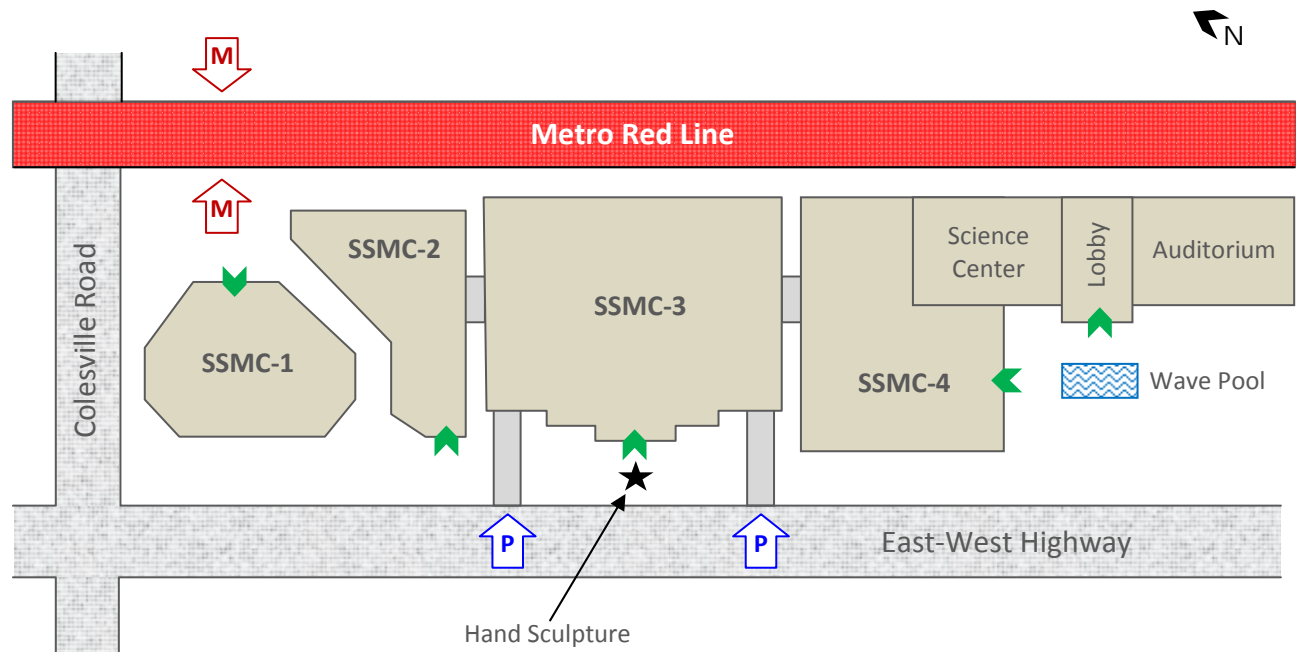
**Transportation Advice**

It is highly recommended that all visitors utilize the METRO system when visiting NOAA's Silver Spring Campus due to parking constraints and traffic congestion. If you are parking in the Silver Spring area, please read all parking signs carefully as parking is strictly enforced by tickets and towing.

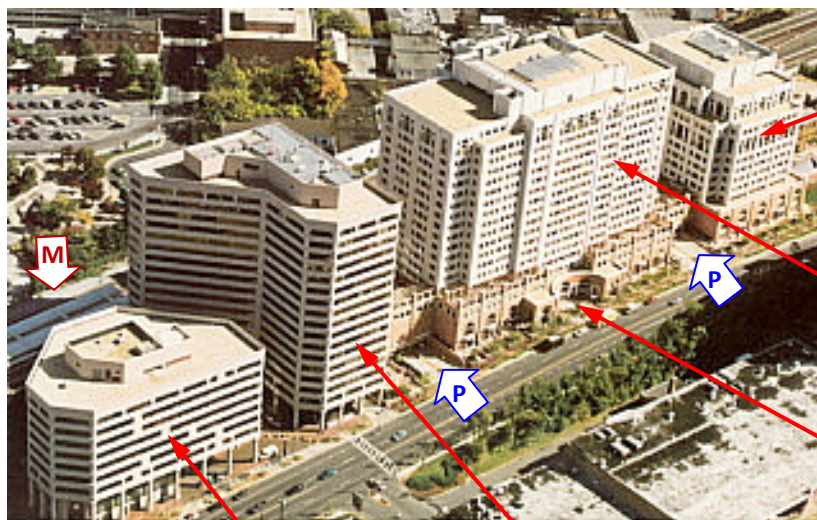
Meters cost \$0.45 to \$0.60 per hour and are free on weekends and holidays. On street meters operate from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. Meters in garages and parking lots operate from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Navigating through the Washington, DC metropolitan area can be challenging at times. Congestion and parking are difficult to manipulate. Participants are strongly encouraged to use the METRO system whenever possible. The NOAA facilities are METRO accessible on the Red line, Silver Spring stop. Each station has an attendant able and willing to answer questions, aid with the purchase of METRO cards at the machines and provide area maps. Please do not hesitate to seek assistance

# MAP OF NOAA'S SILVER SPRING CAMPUS



Parking Garage Entrance    
 Metro Red Line Entrance    
 Building Entrance



SSMC-1  
1335 East-West Hwy

SSMC-2  
1325 East-West Hwy

SSMC-4  
1305 East-West Hwy  
The Auditorium and Science Center are to the right of this building, set back from the street, behind the wave pool.

SSMC-3  
1315 East-West Hwy

The Hand Sculpture is directly in front of the entrance to SSMC-3.



## THE CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

Parts of the meeting taking place on Tuesday, June 15, Wednesday, June 16, and Thursday, June 17 in the morning will be hosted at the Crown Plaza Hotel about a half-mile from the NOAA Campus.



The Crowne Plaza Silver Spring

8777 Georgia Ave # 1

Silver Spring, MD 20910

Phone: (301) 589-0800

Fax: (301) 587-4791

*(See the map of Downtown Silver Spring on the next page)*

Website:

[www.ihotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/wass?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/cp/1/en/mapsearchresults](http://www.ihotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/wass?rpb=hotel&crUrl=/h/d/cp/1/en/mapsearchresults)

### How to get there...

#### **METRO access to the Crowne Plaza Hotel**

Once off the METRO, use the escalators following the sign to “North Side Colesville Road”. Once you reach the bottom, exit towards the right. Walk two blocks towards Georgia Avenue and make a left keeping the DISCOVERY building behind you. Walk another two blocks, you will find The Crowne Plaza Hotel on the right-hand side of the street.

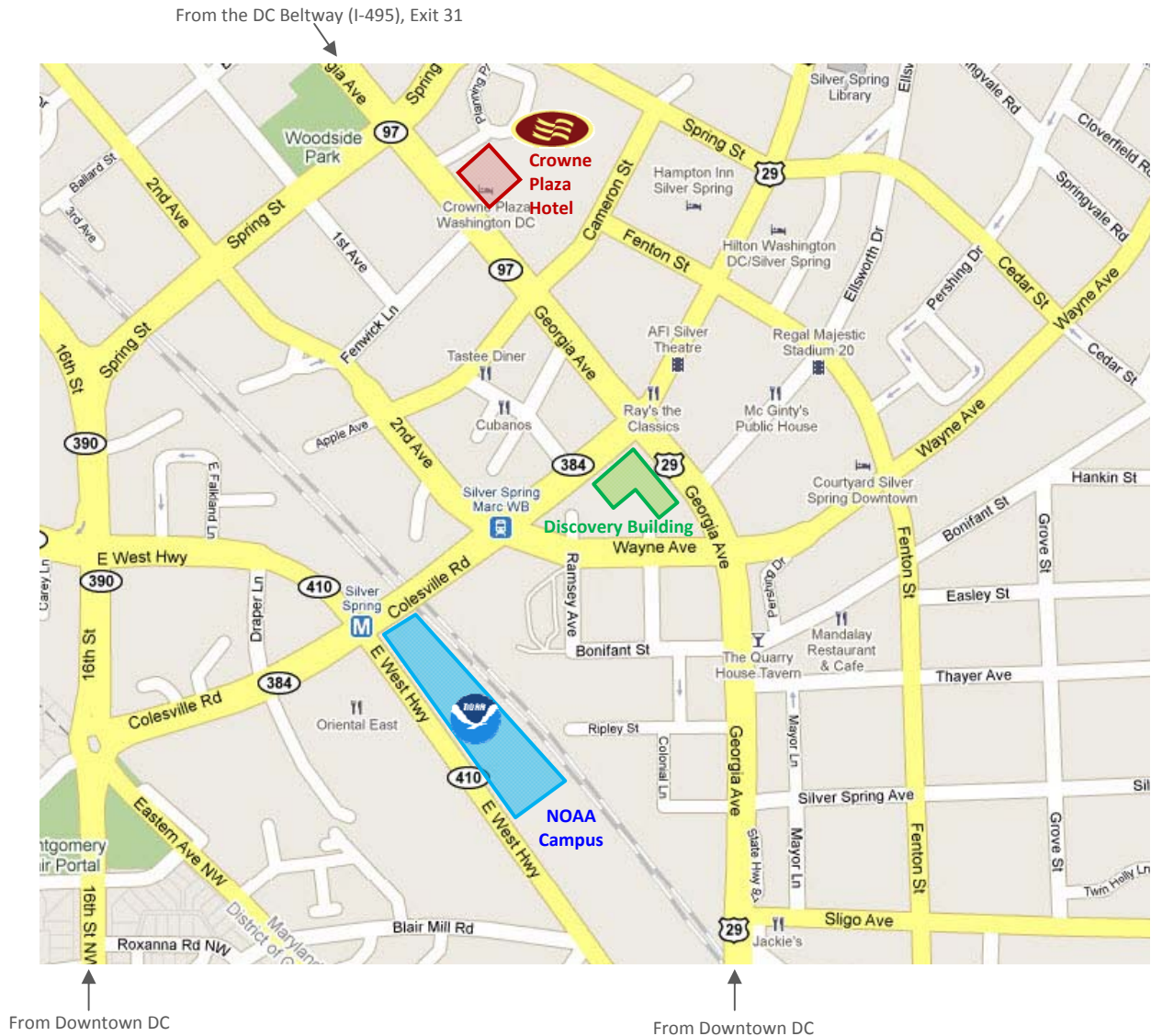
#### **From Downtown Washington DC via 16th Street**

Take 16th Street North towards Silver Spring, MD and turn right on Colesville Rd. You will pass two traffic lights and then you will turn left at the third traffic signal on Georgia Avenue. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is on the right-hand side of the street.

#### **From the Washington Beltway (I-495)**

Take Exit 31 (Georgia Avenue South). The Crowne Plaza Hotel will be the first high-rise on the left as you come into downtown Silver Spring, about 1 mile from the I-495 exit.

## MAP OF DOWNTOWN SILVER SPRING



### Relevant Silver Spring street addresses:

**NOAA SSMC-4 (Auditorium & Science Center):**

1301 East-West Highway

**NOAA SSCM-1 (Lobby & 5300):**

1335 East-West Highway  
*(On the corner of East-West Highway and Colesville Road)*

**The Crowne Plaza Hotel:**

8777 Georgia Avenue, No. 1

**Discovery Building:**

One Discovery Place  
*(On the corner of Georgia Avenue and Colesville Road)*



# MAP OF THE DC METRO (SUBWAY TRAIN) SYSTEM



## AIRPORT INFORMATION

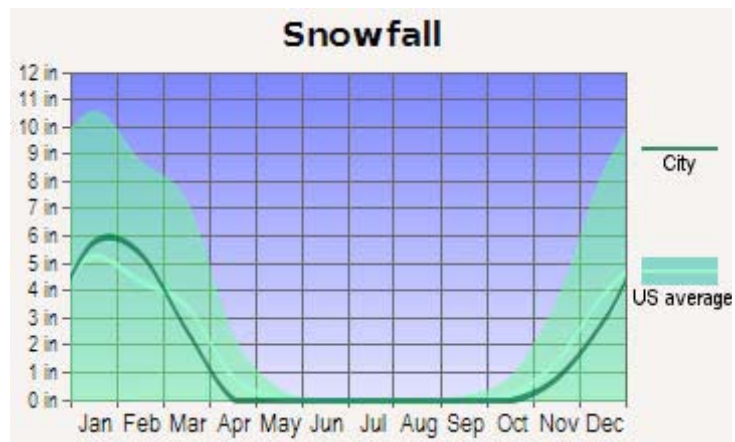
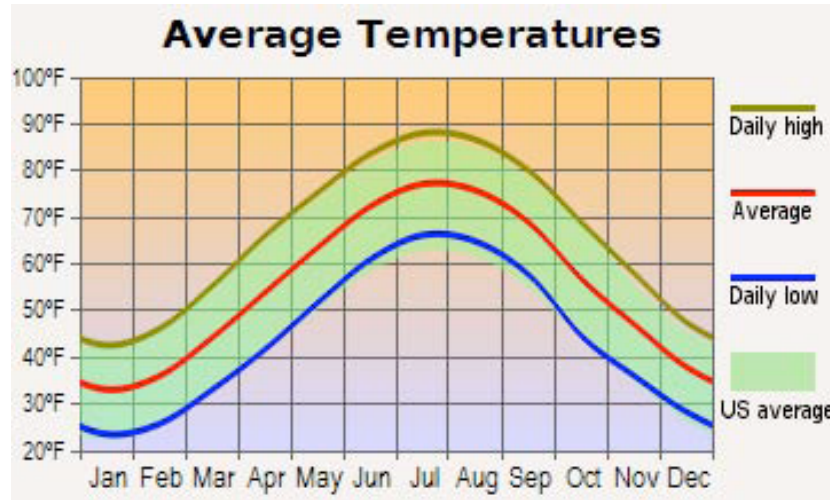
Traveling to Silver Spring is easy and offers a number of airport options.

- Reagan National Airport (DCA)
  - Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)
  - Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)
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- **Reagan National Airport (DCA)** is located approximately 12.6 miles from the NOAA offices in Silver Spring. If renting a car,
    - Take the ramp to George Washington Memorial Parkway N/GW Pkwy N
    - Merge onto GW Pkwy traffic and stay on the right hand lane
    - Take exit for I-395 N toward Washington
    - Turn right at New York Ave NW
    - Turn right at N Capitol Street NW
    - Make a U-turn at L Street NW
    - Make a slight left at Hawaii Avenue NE
    - Make a right at N Capitol Street NE/N Capitol Str. NW
    - Continue on Blair Road NW (entering Maryland)
    - Turn right at Georgia Avenue/US-29
    - Make a left at East-West Highway/MD-410
    - NOAA Campus will be on the left hand side on East-West Highway (there is a sculpture of a hand at the entrance to the building)
  
  - **Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD)** is located approximately 30 miles from the NOAA offices in Silver Spring. If renting a car,
    - Take the Dulles Airport Access Road (signs for Washington)
    - Take the exit toward Richmond/exit18-19/I-495/Baltimore/VA-123.
    - Merge onto VA-267 E (Toll Road)
    - Take exit 18 to merge onto Capital Beltway/I-495 N toward Baltimore
    - Take exit 31B for MD-97 S/Georgia Avenue toward Silver Spring
    - Merge onto Georgia Ave/MD-97 and stay on the right hand lane
    - Make a slight right at 16th Street
    - Turn left at East-West Highway/MD-410
    - NOAA Campus will be on the left hand side on East-West Highway (there is a sculpture of a hand at the entrance to the building)
  
  - Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)** is located approximately 32 miles from the NOAA offices in Silver Spring. If renting a car,
    - Take I-95 S towards Washington
    - Take exit 27 and merge onto the Capital Beltway/I-495W towards Silver Spring
    - Take exit 30 and merge onto Colesville Road/US-29 S toward Silver Spring and continue to follow Colesville Road.
    - Turn left at East-West Highway/MD-410
    - NOAA Campus will be on the left hand side on East-West Highway (there is a sculpture of a hand at the entrance to the building)

## ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION

### LOCAL WEATHER

The weather in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area can vary greatly during this time of year. Before embarking on your trip, please be sure to visit [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov) for the most up-to-date weather information.



#### ELECTRICITY

Electric current in the U.S. is 120V 60Hz. American-style plug with two parallel flat blades above a circular grounding pin or Japanese-style plug with two parallel flat blades will work.

#### TIME ZONE

Time zone in Silver Spring, Maryland is GMT/UTC -5 hours. For a look at the current local time, please visit: <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/city.html?n=263>

#### CURRENCY

For the latest rates on currency exchange, please visit: <http://www.oanda.com/converter/travel?lang=en>

## HISTORY OF SILVER SPRING

Silver Spring, Maryland is the largest inner suburb of Washington, DC on the Maryland side, and is located just north of Washington, DC in Montgomery County, MD. Silver Spring possesses a wealth of opportunities for businesses, residents and visitors. Over the past few years, Downtown Silver Spring has undergone a major transformation with new shops, restaurants and activities.

After Baltimore and Columbia, Silver Spring is the third most populous Census Designated Place in Maryland. The boundaries of Silver Spring are defined differently by various governmental and business entities. In its most common definition, Silver Spring would be the second most populous "city" in Maryland, after Baltimore.

Silver Spring takes its name from a mica-flecked spring discovered there in 1840 by Francis Preston Blair, who subsequently bought much of the surrounding land. Acorn Park, tucked away in an area of south Silver Spring away from the main downtown, is believed to be the site of the original spring.

In 1840, Francis Preston Blair, who later helped organize the modern American Republican Party, along with his daughter Elizabeth discovered a spring flowing with chips of mica. Two years later, he completed a twenty-room mansion he dubbed Silver Spring on a 250 acre (one-square-kilometer) country homestead situated just outside of Washington, D.C. By 1854, Blair's son, Montgomery Blair, who became Postmaster General under Abraham Lincoln and represented Dred Scott before the United States Supreme Court, built the Falkland house in the area. By the end of the decade, Elizabeth Blair married Samuel Phillips Lee, third cousin of future Confederate leader Robert E. Lee, and gave birth to a boy, Francis Preston Blair Lee. The child would eventually become the first popularly elected Senator in United States history.

During the American Civil War, in 1864, Confederate Army General Jubal Early occupied Silver Spring prior to the Battle of Fort Stevens. After the engagement, fleeing Confederate soldiers razed Montgomery Blair's Falkland residence. By the end of the nineteenth century, the region began to develop into a town of decent size and importance. The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's Metropolitan Branch was completed in 1873 and ran from Washington, D.C. to Point of Rocks, Maryland through Silver Spring. The first suburban development appeared in 1887 when Selina Wilson divided part of her farm on current-day Colesville Road (present-day U.S. Route 29) and Brookeville Road into five- and ten-acre (20,000- and 40,000 m<sup>2</sup>) plots. In 1893, Francis Preston Blair Lee and his wife, Anne Brooke Lee, gave birth to E. Brooke Lee, who is known as the father of modern Silver Spring for his visionary attitude toward developing the region.

For more details on entertainment, events, and news about the Silver Spring area, please go to: <http://www.silverspringdowntown.com>