February 25, 2026 Esri Story Maps will be retired

Did you create a story using the classic Esri Story Maps templates (2011-2019)? With the retirement initially announced in 2019, you may have already started taking action by remaking your classic stories using ArcGIS StoryMaps — or it's time to start taking action now.

Check out these resources to guide you through the transition process and to help you use the modern builder to remake your stories!



Esri Story Maps retirement homepage

Find a high-level overview of the Esri Story Maps retirement, helpful resources for remaking your stories using ArcGIS StoryMaps, and guides for enhancing your geospatial storytelling efforts.

Classic Esri Story Maps roadmap for retirement

This blog explains key dates and outlines what changes will occur after this transition. Discover the benefits of moving to ArcGIS StoryMaps and the tools available to help you migrate smoothly.





Managing the retirement in your organization

From the StoryMaps lead product engineer, this article on Esri Community contains essential information to help you and your organization manage the retirement, including how to redirect a classic story to a replacement item.

Try the classic story conversion helper

This article on Esri Community provides instructions for using an ArcGIS Python Notebook tool to convert stories created with classic Esri Story Maps templates to ArcGIS StoryMaps.





Moving to ArcGIS StoryMaps

This story is a helpful guide for authors transitioning from classic templates to ArcGIS StoryMaps, including a one-for-one walkthrough of current builder blocks and features that you can use to mimic classic templates.