

Meeting Description: July Monthly Users Group Meeting

Date: July 10, 2008 **Time:** 10:00am

Location: Michigan Center for Geographic Information, George W. Romney Building
10th Floor, Large Conference Room

Attendees:

Laura Blastic, CGI

Ed Hartwick, MDCH

Joyce Newell, MDOT

Andrew Hartwick, St. Joseph County

Vladis Kalnins, Allegan County

Dale Bridgeford, MDEQ

Julie White, Census Bureau

Larry Christenson, Aero Metric

Scott Ambs, Jackson County

Framework Update: Laura Blastic

1. We are currently working on the editing for version 9.
2. We are getting ready to send MDOT 1st qtr delivery by the end of the month.
3. Version 8 that was just delivered.
 - a. We are rolling applications into those.
4. Any questions on any activity contact Laura or if interested in partnerships or sending in formulized data, contact Laura.

Digital Ortho Update: Laura Blastic

1. Still finalizing 09 flight.
2. The state and USGS partnering. In discussions with other departments, but no finalizations.
3. There are priority areas;

- a. Everett is working with USGS to find out the money available to determine what can be flown.
4. Hoping to finalize late summer/early fall.
5. We are still looking for partnerships for those that are interested.

Conference Update:

1. MiCAMP- September 17-19, Boyne Mountain. Program finalized 7/10/2008.
Brochures sent out 7/11/2008.
2. Imagin- Lansing, Holiday Inn South, two days, same time period as this year (early May). Workshops may occur on the Sunday prior.

DNR Update: Laura Blastic

1. Framework is working to get state forest roads into the framework.
 - a. Will help expand DNR information.
2. Parcel Map initiative:
 - a. We are updating state parcels for parks, etc. for DNR.
3. Have they explored purchasing the parcels from the county, rather than doing it on their own?
 - a. Laura to check with Project Manager and see if this is something that would help make a difference.
 - b. Possible data trading.

MDOT Update: Joyce Newell

1. We are making plans to use the 6" imagery for photo log to identify road side features, location of and what they are. This will help regional agencies to use the data.
2. We are also in process of starting to develop a data business plan. Concept to collect at once and use often and share and to make it location specific. We will be involving the business owners.
3. HPMS new requirement for widening feasibility: sample sections, if possible.
 - a. To widen up to 3 lanes or more.

- b. We are using that req. as a reason to use some funding for environmental to enhance databases for information.
 - c. Hoping it will help address issues and to use information already available.
 - d. We need to get the statewide base in place first. This will be for all random samples for HPMS.
 - e. The Regions and MPO's will be for off trunk line roads.
4. We continue to do our normal day-to-day work. We have the full version 8 available to our users.

MDEQ Update: Dale Bridgeford

1. We are continuing to refine our solid ways database, shapefiles, etc.

MSP Update: Laura Blastic

1. Eric N. is gone if you need contact information contact Laura.

MDCH Update: Ed Hartwick

1. Busy with Salmonella and Ecoli outbreak.
2. We have a layer file for all the Kroger stores.
3. Eagerly anticipated version 8 into geocoder.

CGI Update: Laura Blastic

1. The GIS survey that the steering commission was doing is complete.
 - a. Everett was organizing and the commission is thrilled with the feedback and participation.
 - b. Will follow up on making all the data available to everyone.
2. Our office has expanded to take on additional responsibilities in the technological area.
3. We are building on the spatial side of this. We are now the Center for Shared Solutions and will expand that to include:
 - a. Data warehousing, we are leading the initiative to manage and house the data warehousing for the state.

- b. We are also taking on all of the reporting from the main focus of Business Objects for open reporting into a variety of different data stores.
 - i. The idea is to make common tools that anyone can get information that is in there.
 - ii. We are also involved in the ETL tools, can take a variety of formats of files and move those into the system.
 - iii. The framework group shares a lot of files and we would like to set up an easier data transfer process. These will be enterprise tools and licenses.
 - c. We also assumed the Office of Technology Partnerships and are now a part of the team.
 - i. This should strengthen our partnerships, etc.
 - d. More to come in the next month or two.
4. We have a grant application in with USGS to create a better mechanism for specifically starting with state agency's to manage their points of interest data and other geo information data, to also allow for common integration.
- a. The grant would allow agencies to manage it locally and centrally for availability to applications.
 - b. Would make it available for GIS applications and a number of online applications, etc.
 - c. Everett is working on this.
5. We are also working on training and developing back end data of SDE layers. Ongoing updated layers of information.
- a. We would be working on training of how to access the types of data, etc.
 - b. More to come from Everett.

MSU Update: Laura Blastic

- 1. Working on a prototype of the imagery server, lots of testing, etc. They have all the hardware and imagery loaded into the databases.
 - a. Everett is also working on this. Please contact him for more information on the roll out date.

- b. MSU has all of our imagery at this point.
2. Joyce, sent samples of photo log; Check for training updates on the MSU site.

County/Local Updates:

Valdis- Allegan County

1. We are back in full strength and have hired a GIS analyst.
 - a. Looking at equestrian trails for the county, sent out a proposal in the form of a shape file, Vladis mapped it out for them and it was the whole proposed trail.
2. We did do and are trying to think of benchmarks that the county performs, maps for public, private sector, etc., also how many sq. miles are requested for mapping.
3. Responding to flooding in Allegan and Ottawa County, we ended up with a disaster
 - a. We have ten field crews to inspect fields with no maps and no GPS, no standardized forms, etc.
 - b. Came up with inspection forms for drains and collected field data and it is now being put into a database and being mapped. We hope to carry this forward with the drain office to help manage crews, etc.
 - c. Sending the data to the different agencies is different across all agencies.
 - d. No standardization for receiving emergency money.
 - i. We are hoping to carry forward and set up templates for reimbursement from FEMA, State funds, etc.

Andrew- St. Joseph County

1. Q: Do you have boundary maps for villages, townships and cities? A: Yes, we do.

Scott- Jackson County

1. 911 upgrade and creating a point address file for the county for existing data.
2. We are working on a partnership with Consumers Energy. We will provide them with an updated file and they will run it against their file.
3. Disaster management training for the teams with the GPS Units. September will teach them and train to GPS and take digital pictures and how to utilize it, etc.

- a. We do have a Ricoh digital camera with a GPS unit; it creates a shapefile on its own.
 - b. We have purchased 3 new GPS units.
4. Parcel management we are comparing the mismatches between the accessing databases and the map, fixing clerical errors, etc.
 - a. Mostly clerical errors, not inactivating parcels, etc.
5. We are on an address initiative across the county. Looking to rename roads and fix address problems.
 - a. The community wants it done and the time is right to fix the problem.

Regional Update:

Julie- Census Bureau

1. Wrapping up and getting ready for the Census.
2. We are finishing up on the LUCA program; we are still digitizing the street updates.
3. This fall will start the CDP's, etc and Joe has contacted the local officials and if they are interested in delineating those boundaries.
 - a. Training will be this fall and then the counties would be dispersed.
4. We have 120 days to do the review.
 - a. No shapefiles, all NTPS. This is for Census tracts.
5. We have 4 local census offices in MI that will open up next year.
 - a. They are called early offices: Grand Rapids, Lansing, Pontiac and Detroit.
 - b. Will work to start canvassing.

Other:

Larry- Aero Metric

1. We were awarded the 3 yr contract with the core of engineers.
 - a. The core has cost sharing options, if state money is involved, they cannot participate.
2. Digital Orthos, Digital Cameras, we have 2.
 - a. The digital cameras will fly low enough to produce a 2" pixel.

3. For engineering applications, infrastructure, etc. We are working with Indiana and the Ortho work group.

Next Meeting

August 7, 2008 from 10:00-12:00 PM, CGI Large Conference Room

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