

GIS Users Group – 2018 Summary

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In an effort to continually improve the experience for everyone involved with the GIS Users Group meetings, please find below a review of the Group's activities over the past year. Based on feedback received from participants, the Center for Shared Solutions (CSS) changed up the format in 2018, reducing the number of meetings from 6 times a year down to quarterly schedule meeting in February, May, August and November.

- The meetings were held Quarterly.
- Meetings were broken into morning and afternoon sessions.
 - The morning session consisted of networking time, organizational updates and a thirty minute special topic.
 - The afternoon session was a two hour education session that usually consisted of a PowerPoint, demonstration, and discussion. (List Below)
- CSS provided coffee, tea, and snacks (e.g. bagels or muffins) during the morning networking time.
- CSS continued its support of the meetings by assigning 2 staff members, each at 10% FTE, to act as a liaison for this meeting to ensure that it was planned, marketed, and run smoothly each quarter. The Liaisons for 2018 were Ulrika Zay and Nan Ewald.

The 2018 GIS User Group meetings continued to build on the established success of previous years.

- The average meeting attendance for 2018 was on average 30 plus people.
- Established yearly onsite updates for ESRI in February, this year it will be held January 31st, 2019.
- Vendor Presentations
- Meeting attendance continued to be diverse in nature, representing GIS Users from across disciplines – Local, State, and Federal government, academia, private sector, and not-for-profit entities.

Special Topic and Educational Sessions held in 2018

Further information and meeting minutes are available at the GIS Users Group website (http://www.michigan.gov/cgi/0,4548,7-158-52927_53037_12761_15235---,00.html):

February

- Morning – City of Hastings Riverside Cemetery was presented by Ed Dempsey, Prein & Newhof.
-Michigan Geographic Framework Technology Update presented by Mark Holmes, Center for Shared Solutions.
- Afternoon – What's New with ArcGIS 10.5. What is New From Esri. Presented by Dan Haag, Esri.

-Esri Open Data. Presented by Sarah Schraer, Esri.

-ArcGIS for Local Government Solutions. Presented by Scott Oppmann and Chris Foxx, Esri.

May

- Morning – Ottawa County Interactive Mapping – FEMA Flood Zone and Incident Response Applications presented by Shane Pavlak and Emily Renkema.
- Afternoon – NOAA – Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory (GLERL). Presented by Lacey Mason and Ed Rutherford

-Michigan's Coastal Management Program. Presented by Matt Warner, MDNR

-Michigan Open Data Portal and the Final Demise of the MiGDL. Presented by Tony Olkowski and Everett Root, Center for Shared Solutions.

August

- Morning – Bringing Assessing and GIS together to modernize field appraisal work. Presented by Brian Kienle, GISP, Pivot Point Partners LLC.
- Afternoon – Geocortex – A Platform for Empowerment. Presented by Latitude Geographics, Ottawa County, Muskegon County, and Info Geographics.

November

- Morning – Current Status of the Michigan Geographic Framework (MGF) Technology Update Project. Presented by Mark Holmes, Center for Shared Solutions, Geospatial Services Manager.

- Afternoon – Using QL1 LiDAR for Forest Management Application – A Case Study on the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Presented by Trevor Hobbs, Huron-Manistee National Forest.

-Advancements with UAVs for Analyzing Transportations Infrastructure and Mapping Invasive Aquatic Plants. Presented by Colin Brooks, Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI).

Looking Ahead – 2019

- Continuing the Format of 4 meetings per year at Constitution Hall in Lansing: January 31st, May 2nd, August 1st and November 7th.

As always, if you have any questions/comments regarding the meetings please forward them to Nan Ewald at the Center for Shared Solutions (517-373-7910) or ewaldn@michigan.gov .
Thanks again for helping to make 2018 such a success.