MID SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL
GIS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 23, 2012
Talbot County Public Works
201 Bay Street
Easton MD 21601
9:00 a.m.

Introductions

Michael Scott called the GIS Committee meeting to order at 9:15 a.m., the following members were present: Michael Scott, Erin Silva, Lauren McDermott, Mary Creamer, Ryan Mello, Mark Cohoon, Kate Donovan, Sam Stanton, Megan DelGaudio, Joe Miller, Scott Shores, Abraham Brody, and Brett Dobelstein.

County Discussion of progress, challenges and needs

Caroline County:

Joe Miller reported that the County has arranged a Pictometry presentation with the hope of generating interest from Emergency Services. Goal is to integrate oblique imagery into permitting system. Kate Donovan mentioned that this is working well in Dorchester County as they are using aerials for code enforcement. Caroline County is experimenting with MapWindow for dealing with DEMs (free). They have been disappointed with ArcGISExplorer because the learning curve is too much for the front desk folks.

On the topic of Pictometry, Mike Scott reported that the University is about to accept delivery of self-hosting Pictometry. He can give out logins so others can get in there and play around with the data and software. Pictometry is working inside of ArcGIS via an extension. Don't end up owning data, it is a license however data can be given to anyone in the county. If license fee is not paid, then Pictometry will not provide updates.

Talbot County:

Mark Cohoon reported on the Delmarva Task Force. Participated in table-top exercise that went okay however it was not very accommodating to GIS folks. Suggests that stakeholders need to agree on pertinent data layers and determine a standard as to where GIS fits into the process. Mark asked what to do if an emergency arises and is larger than one or two departments. He suggested we think about a backup and how to reach out to State for resources. A quick reference guide to give to emergency mangers is being created. Mike Scott suggested a flow chart for emergency management. Mark believes in the need to get GIS people into the planning meetings and on the emergency management radar.

Dorchester County:
Kate Donovan is really anxious to have Critical Area done. Kate has a couple more months with the county and is taking a hard look at centerline ranges. She is finding errors and will give back to Axis. Kate is also still redistricting for County Council 2014 and preparing for hurricane season. Kate has accessed HURVAC but having issues, will have it in EOC but not on her desktop.

City of Cambridge:
Scott Shores reported the redistricting is done. Scott is in the process of updating city zoning ordinances. Multi-residential divisions are becoming "residential." The zoning doesn't follow parcel lines. Scott has discovered many errors in the overlay. He also has been surveying roads and property corners.

Queen Anne's County:
Megan DelGaudio reported Jim Cannestra had visit Assessment and Taxation changes to the database (new fields.) They are considering deleting everything except the AcctID's and join to a new attribute table. Sam Stanton said the county will be using their own line work for parcels but will update the tables per MPV. In addition the QA zoning and critical areas are not matching up.

Mike would be interested to know if any people are now petitioning the CAC and Chesapeake Bay Restoration Fund to be in the Critical Area so they can get a free new septic system.

Queen Anne's still has not gone to Arc10 fully. They have done it on one computer but it is very slow to open and save. Mike suggested it is the operating system, group reports that 10.0 is much faster and really stable.

ESRGC update
Brett is a full time Graduate Assistant. Critical Area Mapping update, Caroline and Queen Anne's status.

Erin discussed the GeoDASH project for DLLR. Erin is creating an Unemployment Insurance dashboard for Maryland Workforce Exchange. A key requirement for the dashboards is being usable on iPad's. Mike did a demonstration of dashboards for the group, demonstrated with the dashboard presented to StateStat yesterday. Once the dashboard is built the code is there and the ESRCG will be searching for clients to build more like this.

State News:
Mike reports the GIO office is officially funded, contains a staff of 5 and is located within DOIT. This will mean GIS will take on a much higher level profile at the cabinet level, and should help with increased standards across the state. The DOIT GIO office is a source for all state projects, i.e. ortho collections. The GIO also supports a site license for the state.

One of first goals is to engage in statewide address points. The pilot project is with Postal Service and U.S. Census. Although neither can give their addresses, you can give them your data and they will tell you what is missing or where there are errors. Going to E911 Numbers Board for funding but don't know how much to ask for because not sure how wrong MPV is!! Not sure what scope of problem is. The Broadband Project will pay for someone to be hired to work with Barney at DOIT to help the addressing effort. Mike said the biggest problem is the multi-family addresses; urban counties are having issues with 911.

MSGIC update

Mike asked committee to keep an eye out for the call for elections. This will be the first election as a formal non-profit group.

MSGIC is currently exploring models for membership dues. The goal is to determine an appropriate cost for organizations and individuals. All of this is up for discussion, and Mike will present to the membership in July. The money raised will primarily go to hiring student interns to do web updates, newsletters, etc. MD Society of Surveyors will be one of MSGIC's corporate sponsors.

Kate asked how many surveyors are members of MSGIC and Mike answered maybe around 10.

Mike ended with stating that he would like MSGIC to be able to sponsor training and professional development.

Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 11:19a.m