

MINUTES

MID SHORE REGIONAL COUNCIL
GIS COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 28, 2012
Talbot County Public Works
201 Bay Street
Easton MD 21601
9:00 a.m.

Introductions

The following members were present: Michael Scott, Erin Silva, Molly Griffin, Ryan Mello, Tu Hoang, Mark Cohoon, Trevor Bozarth, Martin Sokolich, Sam Stanton, Joe Miller, Scott Shores, Scott Warner, and Brett Dobelstein.

County Discussion of progress, challenges and needs

Caroline County:

Joe Miller reported that Caroline County is in phase two of their rezoning effort. Joe attended an ESRI ArcGIS Online seminar and expressed interest in using AGOL in Caroline County. He wants make GIS more accessible to other departments within the county and plans to explore AGOL as a possible solution for this. Specifically Joe wants to increase the GIS capabilities of his front desk staff and enable them to create and print maps for citizens.

Talbot County:

Mark Cohoon reported on the effects of Hurricane Sandy in Talbot County and how the Delmarva Emergency Task Force responded to the emergency. Hurricane Sandy caused flooding and road closures countywide. Throughout the emergency, the DETF gathered reports from WebEOC, 911, and social media and utilized a “push-pin” approach with large printed maps to identify the locations of road closures, emergency calls, etc. The DETF disseminated collected information and reports via WebEOC and social media. Mark plans to create GIS layers from the push-pin map to document for historic purposes and to aid in damage assessment. Martin Sokolich discussed some issues with the new FEMA flood maps. He is concerned that the maps may not communicate the real risk of flooding to citizens.

Dorchester County:

Trevor Bozarth has replaced Kate Donovan in the county and is getting settled in. He has been working quickly on the Senate Bill 236 to have a draft by the end of the month. Trevor expressed interest in the ESRGC DPW Application and the possibility of demonstrating it with the Dorchester DPW.

City of Cambridge:

Scott Shores is in the process of updating city zoning ordinances.

Queen Anne's County:

Sam Stanton reported that Megan DelGaudio is now the head of Information Technology at Queen Anne's County. He continues to update the county parcels and base layers. Sam expressed interest in the ESRGC's methodology for georeferencing historic aerial imagery.

ESRGC

Mike Scott announced that the new high resolution Wicomico-Somerset Lidar data has been processed and is available. The group discussed the status of other Lidar data in the region and how more high resolution data collection efforts are needed. Mike also reminded the group of the availability of ESRGC Map Services.

Tu Hoang did a demonstration of the completed Public Works As-Built Application and Erin, Brett, and Mike demonstrated the Workforce Dashboard.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at approx. 11:45 a.m