



Facilitating the sharing and coordinated use of spatially referenced data in Delaware

Attendance List:

Mike Mahaffie State Planning
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Miriam Pomilio DGS
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Brad Strittmatter DGS
Lillian Wang DGS
Andrew Homsey, UD
John Laznik UD
Dick Sacher UD/RDMS
Lonnie Dye DNREC/DCP
Mike Krumrine DNREC
Rich Phifer DNREC
Deborah Sullivan DNREC
Jennifer Volk DNREC
Carl Yetter DNREC/DCP
Jean Collison DPH
Jim Domorod PHPS
Barbara Gladders DPH
George Yocher DPH
Rick Sherwood DEMA
Terry Whitham DSHS
Shelly Ide DSHA
Kim Cloud DTI
Tony Collins DTI
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Jay Gerner DelDOT
Matt Laick DelDOT
Robert Madanat New Castle Co.
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Julie Neff New Castle Co.
Michael Ward Kent County
Megan Dean Sussex County
Mark Nowak City of Dover
Thomas Wuerzer Town of Smyrna
PJ Hernandez City of Wilmington
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Roger Barlow USGS
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Allen Metheny DVFA
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Brian Smith GeoDecisions
Bob Wray

Meeting Summary

Quarterly DGDC Meeting

9:00 a.m., August 17, 2006

Kent County Admin. Building

555 Bay Road, Dover, DE

Welcome and Introductions

Mike Mahaffie began the meeting at approximately 9:10 a.m. with a round of introductions and a sincere thank you to Kent County for use of their conference room.

Project Information Updates

Statewide Roads/Address Project

Brian Smith gave an update on the status of the statewide roads/address project. Data for Kent and Sussex counties are complete while New Castle County is currently being worked on. The data will be ready for delivery in September by TeleAtlas.

Mike Mahaffie thanked Matt Laick for his work on seeking funding to cover a one year license. Mike also discussed plans to seek funding from OMB for future needs to keep moving forward as well as the possibility of funding from Homeland Security.

LiDAR/Elevation Data Project

Sandy Schenck commented that the USGS is doing QAQC on Sussex County and that data from that project should be available in September.

Roger commented that LiDAR should be delivered to DGS on or before September 1. The data for Kent County will be delivered on September 30.

DataMIL

Miriam Pomilio gave an update on the complete revamping of the DataMIL website (datamil.delaware.gov). Some of the many sections that received improvements were the help section, functions, visible scales, map lab and news. In addition, an RSS feed

was added. Changes were made in how users enter map lab. The “getting started” button goes directly to the help page.

Sandy commented that DataMIL has been brought back to the functionality it had when it was housed at the University of Delaware where it was created. When DataMIL moved to DTI some functions were lost but after working on this project for the last year those functions have successfully returned. Work is currently in progress with DTI to obtain its own server.

Miriam continued with her update and pointed out the “contact us” forms located on the website. These forms will get the information directly back to the steward.

Sandy noted that the DataMIL is heavily used with approximately 467 hits a day from different IP addresses.

GIS Coordination Legislation

Mike Mahaffie gave an update of the status of Senate Bill 186, which passed in the State Senate but not in the House due to larger issues that require solutions before re-submitting to the General assembly. OMB representatives are currently working on these larger issues.

Mike also advised the group of a request from the I-Team asking the Office of State Planning to put together a list of those spatial data sets that should be collected and maintained on a statewide basis, with an overview of why those data sets are important to state, county and local governments. Further information was distributed to this group and thoughts are due to Mike on August 29.

2007 Orthophotography Project

Mike Mahaffie gave an update on the status of the RFP that is being worked on by members of the I-Team. The RFP will include language so bids give separate prices. There are three items in the RFP, aerial imagery, land use/land cover, and elevation. Mike said he hopes to have the draft RFP completed in the next week.

GIS Conference, 2006 Wrap / 2007 Planning

Andrew Homsey welcomed new chair Miriam Pomilio and commented that the 2006 Conference was well-received with approximately 235 in attendance.

Miriam noted that planning for the 2007 GIS conference was beginning today and suggestions and ideas are welcome. A question was raised concerning keeping the same location for the conference. Clayton Hall worked well as the location but the Dover Sheraton is also an option in Kent County. A discussion began on pros and cons of location as well as scheduling of conference.

Delaware Asset and Resource Database Project

Jim Weldin, a Homeland Security consultant for the Delaware League of Local Governments, gave a presentation on the Delaware Asset and Resource Database

Project. This database was created to meet the requirements imposed by the federal government of figuring out where assets and resources are currently and incorporating the best way to mobilize them when necessary. It is extremely necessary and important to compile all of this information in one place that is accessible to emergency management officials, fire, police and those deemed appropriate. This database is GIS driven and has provided an analysis tool for emergency responders. The goal of this project is to take it to the necessary people to have access through a web based portal. The DGDC can be of assistance in figuring out the best way to collect data, maintain data and store data. A discussion was held on the possibilities of hosting sites and benefits of database statewide.

Data and Projects Roundtable

Mike Mahaffie started with going around the room to find out current projects that meeting attendees were working on.

Dick Sacher (RDMS) said his staff is working on preparations for Clearinghouse training and for training in writing metadata. He asked that participants send questions or comments to him or to John Callahan.

Barbara Gladders (DHSS) noted that she is updating her metadata.

Glenn Gladders (Forest Service) explained that he is working on a study of PLUS sites and their effects on Delaware's forest cover.

Mike Ward (Kent Co.) is working on the update of the Kent County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which will guide land use. He has been involved in some of the work to update the School District Boundaries. He is looking into a building footprint coverage of the County and has been asked to provide a data set of buoys in the Delaware Bay.

PJ Hernandez (Wilmington) is working on Metadata, which he plans to post to the Clearinghouse. The city is also looking into a building footprint layer. He has been working with Carl Yetter, of Delaware Coastal Programs.

Mark Nowak (Dover) has been working on a project to geo-enable management of Dover Downs during race-week. He has been working with Dover Downs, Delaware state University and others on a database will cover campgrounds, roads, vending, events, and command posts. The Fire Marshal and Command Post will have laptops and ESRI is developing custom tools.

Greg Brivic (Census) reported that the American Community Survey will release significant data in the late summer and fall. He added that the Local Update of Census Addresses project – LUCA – will start in 2007.

Rick Sherwood (DEMA) is working on databases for daycares and special populations in the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) around the nuclear plant.

Sandy Schneck (DGS) is working on updates to the DataMIL.

Miriam Pomilio (DGS) added that DataMIL now generates updated topographic maps. She also said she is looking for any type of USGS data that isn't aerial photography to fill-in a break (1968 – 1984) in data coverage. Anyone with ideas should e-mail Miriam.

Carl Yetter (Delaware Coastal Programs) is working on a Special Area Management Plan with the City of Wilmington.

Allen Metheny (Kent County Emergency Management) noted that the Delaware State Fire Service is looking forward to Jim Weldin's proposed database, and that that sort of data would also be big aid to 9-1-1 and the EOCs.

Terry Whitham (9-1-1) gave several examples of how updates in the data now available, and the cellphone technology, have improved emergency response.

Lynn Anderson (Labor) gave an update on efforts to improve the geographic component of data about the labor market in Delaware.

Rich Phiefer (UD) is working with DNREC this summer on updating geospatial data on outdoor recreation statewide.

Mike Krumrine (DNREC/Parks & Recreation) reported that DNREC hopes to roll out data on State Resource Areas (SRAs) in early September to the counties. He added that the SRAs are not parcel-based because they are based on natural resources. He added that he has had to relate the SRAs to the parcels in order to be able to notify every land owner that might be affected.

Jay Gerner (DelDOT) outlined work he is doing on land use, traffic analysis, and growth.

Roger Barlow (USGS) reported on a Delmarva Emergency Task Force meeting at which data sets such as LIDAR, transportation network, and evacuation routes were discussed.

Deborah Sullivan (DNREC) is working on several internal projects and is working with staff to update the National Hydrography Dataset for Delaware.

Peggy Bacon (DelDOT) noted how the orthophotography has been a great help in her survey work and for many designers.

Matt Laick (DelDOT) is monitoring the TeleAtlas project.

Seth Van Aken (ESRI) echoed Mark Nowak's comments on the Dover Downs Project.

Shelly Ide (Housing) noted that she is working on developing a way to share housing data more effectively on-line.

John Laznik (UD) is working with the Dept. of Education on school feeder patterns and has been working on a study of EMS and paramedics for New Castle Co.

Andrew Homsey (UD) has been working on an economic development plan, analyzing Census data, and helping with growth analysis for New Castle County. He has also been involved in a study with the Delaware River Basin and has worked with the City of Newark.

Tom Wuerzer (Smyrna) has been completing the update of the Town's Comprehensive plan.

Tony Collins (DTI) reported that DTI plans to study ways that Delaware agencies share information.

Cheryl Alt (URS) gave an example of working on a conceptual site model for a client. She noted that it has been easier to get Delaware data than it has been to get data from some other states.

Sandy Janowski (New Castle County) is working on the County's Comprehensive Plan update and is also working on a building footprint data set.

At the completion of the roundtable and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.