RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

An alliance of communities sharing Geographical Information Systems

Meeting Minutes
2:00 – 4:00 PM, July 8, 2010
Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria St N

1. Introductions

Carrie Mack, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District
Steve Lorbach, Saint Paul Water
Matt Koukol, Ramsey County
Curt Peterson, Ramsey County
John Jacobson, Ramsey County
Matt Baker, City of Shoreview
Meagan Beekman, City of Arden Hills
Melissa Baker, Capitol Region Watershed District
Ger Pha, City of Saint Paul

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Mack, Chair of the User Group at 2:06 PM.

2. June 2010 minutes

The June 2010 meeting minutes were approved by consensus.

3. Self-Hosted Pictometry Update

Ramsey County has started the process of purchasing a self hosted version of Pictometry Online that will be hosted by the Ramsey County IT Department. The County is not seeking contributions from the User Group to help with this purchase and the purchase does include end user training. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

4. Ramsey County Updates: Curt Peterson

Curt and John Jacobson explained how the County is working to restore a pilot program for ArcGIS Server and ArcSDE.

Curt also updated the group on the efforts to develop a ped-bike systems database model that is similar to the NRPA model. Curt provided copies of the proposed database model, and asked that members of the group review it and provide feedback.

- ftp://ftp.co.ramsey.mn.us/PubWorks/Outgoing/ActiveLiving/Trails_Ver3/

Curt announced that the company working on the 1991 aerial imagery digitization project required the 2001 LIDAR data in order to build a better DEM for georeferencing images. All images have been scanned and some have been georeferenced. The final product is expected in late August.

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Finally Curt updated the group on the development of an online mapping system for the Active Living Group. Members of the group met with Houston Engineering to discuss design specifications and templates for the website.

6. Community Announcements

Carrie shared information from Paul Wickman (Northstar Geographics) about how the new ESRI web mapping interfaces (JavaScript, Adobe Flex, and Microsoft Silverlight) are able to use data from an existing ArcIMS Server.

Carrie announced that the St Paul School District plans to join the user group.

The group had a lengthy discussion about planned aerial photography and planometric data capture projects. Members of the group sought clarification of when the next scheduled flight will be and whether Pictometry would be a possible vendor for this. The group then discussed the accuracy of Pictometry data.

Matt Koukol explained how the County has been approached by several private utility companies seeking to swap utility data for parcel data. The group discussed whether the utility information would be useful and whether there would be any possible legal issues associated with swapping data. The group agreed that utility information would be useful but that any legal issues would need to be revolved first.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Matt Baker, Vice Chair

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