RAMSEY COUNTY GIS USER GROUP

An alliance of communities sharing Geographical Information Systems

Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2011
Shoreview City Hall, 4600 Victoria St N

1. Introductions

Carrie Mack, Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District
Joel Koepp, City of Roseville
Matt Koukol, Ramsey County
Jessica Fendos, Ramsey County
Curt Peterson, Ramsey County
Steve Lorbach, Saint Paul Regional Water Services
Ger Pha, City of Saint Paul

The meeting was called to order by Joel Koepp, Vice Chair of the User Group at 2:05 PM.

2. June 2011 minutes

The June 2011 meeting minutes were approved.

3. Joint Powers Agreement Revisions

The group reviewed the draft agreement marked up with the corrections agreed upon at the previous meeting. Matt Koukol reviewed the intended County policy of leaning towards making most non-critical datasets free for distribution, and thought the group should revisit the topic of having the User Group serve as a funding mechanism for data. He is continuing to work on a draft of a new data distribution agreement, and will bring it to the User Group in September for consideration.

The plan for the joint powers agreement is to have to the User Group adopt it at the August meeting and then send it out to member organizations to get it signed by the end of the year. The City of St. Paul does plan to sign the agreement this year. Ramsey County will have the draft reviewed by their attorney.

4. Ramsey County Updates

The GoRamsey active living site is up and running after a soft release—the official launch with press releases will be later in July. The Roseville Library will be hosting a make-up training session for parks/recreation staff from noon to 2 PM on July 19th. The code to allow attribute editing is just being finished, so eventually users can be added to a list of approved editors and get a username/password to get access (after completing training).

Jessica Fendos, who just started at the County recently, will begin work on a public ArcGIS Server application in two forms: a "lite" fully public version and a fully-featured version with more tools and data layers for municipal staff and User Group partners.

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Curt Peterson reported that the monthly data contained mostly routine updates apart from a minor error that got corrected in the GRM export process.

Joel Koepp will make a note to ask the Treasurer about the status of invoicing for User Group fees, and if these fees will be based on new 2010 Census figures. Several organizations will need to know soon for 2011 budgeting.

Matt Koukol gave a status update on the 2011 Pictometry project. The flights were done, with 100% of the community level photos and 85% of the neighborhood level photos completed before leaf out. Pictometry may do another flight this fall after leaves drop to fill in the gaps and integrate those photos with the originals from this spring. He expects the product to be ready in August, with full traditional orthophotos (6″ resolution) and the available obliques (with the re-flown areas being sent later). All the imagery will appear in the web application seamlessly for end users.

There was a question about whether reciprocal agreements/licensing would allow the viewing of Pictometry imagery from other counties. It is not currently possible to view the other counties′ imagery through the web-based viewer, but Dakota County is publishing their network image warehouse out to the internet, so computers that are still using the client-based EFS viewer (the old standalone program) should be able to connect.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by Joel Koepp, Vice Chair