DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

INFORMATION RESOURCES EXCHANGE GROUP

Minutes of September 6, 2000

Location: DVRPC, Bourse Building, 111 S. Independence Mall East, 8th Floor

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The meeting was called to order at 10 am.

1) **Minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2000**

    a) **The minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2000 were approved.**

2) **Presentations**

    Presentation: Jacqueline Arnold, GIS Specialist, New Jersey Office of Geographic Information Systems, "Introducing the New Jersey Spatial Data Clearinghouse."

    Jacqueline Arnold began her presentation by giving a brief overview of the of the New Jersey Office of GIS, which was created in November of 1999 out of the New Jersey Office of Information Technology. The goals of Office of GIS are to provide New Jersey citizens and the GIS community with a comprehensive website to find and share GIS information, spatial data, interactive mapping applications and resources. Users will be encouraged to register at the website to use and contribute to available resources within the GIS community. After her initial presentation, Ms. Arnold provided a live demonstration of the NJ Spatial Data Clearinghouse Website. Various functions of this website include user registration, a GIS calendar, where registered users may post their GIS related events, and interactive mapping, that provides applications as well as links to other interactive mapping sites. The site also provides registered users with an easy to use on-line metadata tool that encourages utilization of Federal Geographic Data Committee metadata standards.   The site can be accessed at www.njgeodata.state.nj.us.

    Presentation: Josué Figueroa, Representative, US Census Bureau, "Introduction to Census 2000 Data Products."

    After the presentation by Jackie Arnold, Josué Figueroa gave a brief report on the success of the Census 2000 advertising campaign and noted the reversal in the increasing trend of non-response. Mr. Figueroa also commented on the importance of Census Data and its various uses before providing his slide show on Census 2000 Data Products. Users will have many avenues of accessing Census 2000 data including Internet applications such as American Fact Finder, on-line mapping, as well as downloads, and on-line order placement for CD-roms. Census Bureau will also provide data to the state data centers for distribution. Mr. Figureoa concluded his presentation by announcing that the most up-to-date data release schedule can be found at: www.census.gov/population/www/censusdata/c2kproducts.html

3) **Census 2000 Update**

    Census Bureau staff gave updates on several Census 2000 programs.

    a) **Statistical Areas Program—status**

    Matt Zimolzak reported that TIGER and TAZ statistical areas are complete. Mr. Zimolzak also reported that the TIGER/Line 99 is available from www.census.gov/geo/tiger99/tl_1999.html .

b) New Metropolitan Areas Standards—report

Joel Fontane presented a brief review of the newly released classifications for the Philadelphia Core Based Statistical Area.
www.census.gov/population/estimates/metro-city/cbsa/cbsa-alpha.txt

4) DVRPC Work Program Updates

DVRPC staff gave updates on elements of the DVRPC Work Program.

a) Year 2000 Aerial Imagery Acquisition

Glenn McNichol presented presented a brief overview of the imagery acquisition project. It was fortunate that the project was completed since the flight season was very short. About ¾ of the project area 9"x9" prints have been quality checked. The flight lines are very good due to the use of airborne GPS. Glenn also presented a wall map of the flight lines and sample prints. In the next phase of the project pilot areas for 6 to 8 photo-tiles will be selected to verify photo rectification and edge-matching. Final delivery for all products (.tiff and Mr. SID) is expected for June of 2001.

b) Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development

Will Stevens reported that six proposals were received in response to the RFP for the Region-Wide Transportation GIS. A selection committee composed of member governments and DVRPC staff ranked the proposals and the top three firms were invited to oral presentations. The committee recommended the joint venture of Johnson, Mirmiram & Thompson and Enterprise Information Solutions. The also recommended revisions to the proposal prior to contract execution.

c) Regional Information Network (RIN)

Joe Fazekas reported that the online mapping using ArcIMS is functional and is currently in beta testing. DVRPC staff is working on the user interface and adding data. The DVRPC enterprise database has two live web functions: the Publications Guide and Feedback. Also, the DVRPC website will make available all free reports under the Data Services page, and will expanding format availability to include Excel spreadsheets in addition to ascii text for all data tables.

d) DVRPC Year 2025 Forecasts

Joel Fontane reported that the 2025 Municipal Population and Employment Forecast report is available for purchase from Sharon Smith at 215.238.2828. Transportation Analysis Zone level forecasts have been completed and will be released upon approval by the board.

5) Survey Forms

Guest Speaker and Training Needs surveys were distributed through the mailing and at the meeting. All completed surveys were collected at the meeting.

6) New Business

Vice-Chair Lauris Olson reported the following:

a) PASDA will host a "Don't Duck Metadata" training session at the University of Pennsylvania on October 2nd.

b) Pam Gibson, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau prepared a handout for the DeSDC/NJSDC/MdSDC/PaSDC Regional Affiliates meeting in May 2000 at Penn entitled, "Examples of tabulation plans for race and hispanic origin for Census 2000." It contains column heads and stubs for several proposed Census 2000 data products, and is available electronically and as hardcopy. Lauris has copies available and will mail/e-mail them to anyone interested.

c) The Van Pelt Library at Penn has purchased the complete backfile of the microform set, Urban Documents Microfiche Collection, 1972-1998. The set reproduces city and county documents from more than 300 U.S. and Canadian cities as well as publications from urban research centers and other organizations. The collection and its index, Index to Current Urban Documents, are still being processed, but they should become available for public use during Fall 2000. (Parts of this collection are available elsewhere in the region -- Pennsylvania and New York urban documents at Temple University's Paley Library; annual reports for all cities offered at the Free Library of Philadelphia's Government Publications Division.)

7) Next Meeting Date and Location

The next IREG meeting will be held at DVRPC on December 6th. Guest speakers will include Christopher Pollard and Jeffrey Butler of DVRPC.