

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE GROUP

Minutes of June 8, 2005

Location: City of Philadelphia Municipal Services Building, 16th Floor, Room C, 1401 J.F. Kennedy Boulevard. Philadelphia, PA 19102

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1. Introductions

The 55th meeting of the Information Resource Exchange Group was called to order at 10:05 am. Ken Sipos, IREG Chair, asked attendees to introduce themselves.

2. Minutes of the meeting of March 9,2005

The minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

3. Presentations

Kevin Adams, Regional Planning Analyst from DVRPC, led off the meeting by presenting DVRPC's "2030 Population and Employment Projections for the Delaware Valley Region", which was adopted by the DVRPC Board this past February. Mr. Adams described how he updated the 2025 forecast model with new Census information and extended the model to 2030 for the 9-county DVRPC region. He discussed the methodology used to project and then distribute the numbers down to each municipality. The projection data is available in Updated Data Bulletin #73, which is available for download from the DVRPC website.

Robert Gittler, Manager of Economic Research at the Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania, gave an introduction to the "Mid-Atlantic Nanotechnology Alliance (MANA)". MANA was funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce in late 2004 as a collaborative effort to position the tri-state region (Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania) as a global hub for the expanded research, development, application and commercialization of nanotechnology. MANA's goal is to secure and attract funding, develop and disseminate information, and position the region. The strong base of regional assets has made Pennsylvania ranked 7 of the top 10 states in nanotechnology work. Combining New Jersey and Delaware's assets with PA, the tri-state region ranks close to the top in nanotechnology.

Clinton Johnson Senior GIS Developer with the City of Philadelphia's Mayors Office of Information Systems, GIS Services Group, discussed a number of enterprise GIS projects that his department developed for both internal City needs as well as for the public. Some projects highlighted include: information sharing and data repository for City agencies, the CityMaps website (<http://citymaps.phila.gov/citymaps/>), and a web services strategy to provide geographic data and spatial analysis services to all City departments.

4. Census Updates

Since the Census Bureau was unable to attend, this item was tabled until next meeting.

5. DVRPC Work Program Updates

- a. **Data Bulletins.** The Housing Units Authorized by Residential Building Permits: 2000 - 2004 Data Bulletin (#80) is available on the DVRPC website. The 2000-2004 Municipal, County, and Regional Population Estimates Data Bulletin (#81) will be available before September.
- b. **Rating the Region: 2030.** This report is expected to be completed this Fall and compares the Philadelphia region with the nation's ten largest metropolitan areas in the areas of demographic, economic, physical, governmental, and human resources.
- c. **Regional Online Information Network.** 2004 traffic count are now available on the DVRPC website. The Resource Center New Arrivals application will be launched by June 30 for DVRPC staff. This system will automatically send out email to staff with the latest arrivals in the library. A link to this database driven application will be made available on the DVRPC Intranet.

- d. **Year 2005 Aerial Imagery Acquisition.** The imagery was flown in April. Some visibly flooded areas will need to be re-flown this Fall. The vendor will deliver final product around January 2006, which will be natural color, 1' pixel resolution imagery with 5' contours. It will be released on CD, DVD and the DVRPC website.
- e. **Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development.** The Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development Committee last met in March 2005 and plan to meet again in September.

6. Information Items

- a. The 4th Annual Celebration of Regional Excellence Dinner was held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Philadelphia on June 7 2005. About 400 people attended.
- b. The DVRPC Offices have moved. Our new location is in the American College of Physicians building on 6th and Race. Our new address is: 190 N. Independence Mall West, 8th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1520.
- c. The Webmasters Subcommittee meeting will be held after this IREG meeting. This meeting's discussion will focus on the forming an Online GIS Subcommittee.
- d. We are seeking recommendations for the FY 2007 DVRPC Work Program. Please email your recommendation to Joe Fazekas (jfazekas@dvrpc.org). Voting will take place in September.
- e. The MAC URISA Fall Meeting will take place on Thursday September 29th 2005 at the Burlington County Eco Complex. MAC URISA observes GIS Day 2005 at the NBC10 Technology and Lifestyles Expo on November 12th. MAC URISA's 12th Regional GIS Conference is scheduled for March 16th 2006. Please contact Seth Hackman at 609-633-1262 for more information.
- f. The next IREG meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 at DVRPC.

7. Old Business

No old business was presented at this time.

8. New Business

No new business was presented at this time.

9. Adjournment

The IREG meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am. The Webmasters Subcommittee met 12:45 pm.