

**DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE GROUP**  
*Minutes of December 10, 2008*

**Location:** DVRPC Offices, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, 190 N. Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

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## **1. Call to Order and Introductions**

The 69<sup>th</sup> meeting of IREG was called to order at 10:10 a.m. at DVRPC. About thirty-seven members were in attendance.

## **2. Minutes of the meeting of September 3, 2008**

The minutes were approved without correction.

## **3. Election of CY 2009 Chair and Vice Chair**

Megan Kang from the U.S. General Services Administration has been elected Committee Chair for 2009. Kiersten Gauntt from Burlington County has been elected Vice Chair for 2009.

## **4. Presentations**

### **A. The Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) for the 2010 Decennial Census** *(Noemi Mendez Eliassen, Geographer – US Census Bureau, Philadelphia office)*

Noemi Mendez Eliassen gave a presentation on 2010's Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP). In this program, participants are expected to identify and propose changes to the boundaries of tracts, block groups, and census designated places (CDP's). Regional and local participation is highly encouraged so that the resulting 2010 PSAP plan reflects local input and meets the needs of a wide range of data users. Participation is open to all interested governments, organizations, and individuals. Will Stevens, GIS Manager at DVRPC, is serving as the PSAP regional coordinator for the DVRPC Region.

### **B. Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority's Implementation of ArcPAD; 2007 Hydrant Flushing Program** *(William Zimmerman, GIS Specialist, Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority)*

The Mount Laurel Township Municipal Utilities Authority (MLTMUA), located in the southern portion of Burlington County, NJ, annually flushes, tests, and inspects their fire hydrants. In an effort to improve workflow and reduce their reliance on paper forms, the MLTMUA's water department began to use GIS and GPS technology. In 2006, the department purchased a number of laptop computers, (each loaded ESRI's ArcPad v7.1 software) and had them installed in their maintenance vehicles. Using an existing fire hydrant database and other relevant geographic base layers, a custom form was created in ArcPad which allowed for faster input of hydrant data collection and updates. With accurate attribute information of both hydrant condition and locations, the MLTMUA GIS Department will be better able to serve its customers as well as provide the necessary tools to make cost effective decisions.

## **5. Census Update**

Noemi Mendez Eliassen from the Census Bureau's Philadelphia office announced that the Philadelphia and Camden early local offices are now hiring for various positions related to the 2010 Census (the Trenton office will be opening shortly).

## **6. DVRPC Work Program Update**

### **A. New DVRPC Data Bulletins:**

Joe Fazekas announced that the following data bulletins have been released and are now available online for download:

- *ADR 16: Land Use in the Delaware Valley, 2005*
- *RDB 88: Housing Units Authorized by Residential Building Permits: 2000 through 2007*

### **B. New DVRPC Publications**

Joe Fazekas reported that the “North Broad Street Pedestrian Crash Study” was recently released and is available for download from DVRPC’s website. Mr. Fazekas invited everyone to search DVRPC’s online publication database.

### **C. Regional Online Information Network**

Joe Fazekas announced that a number of projects are underway for the Regional Online Information Network. A new, more application-based DVRPC website has been designed and should be ready for a test run at the beginning of the new year. DVRPC web-services staff is currently working on an agenda builder application that will assist planners with creating and publishing their meeting agendas to the web. DVRPC’s graphic designers are also working on a new design for their official logo. Mr. Fazekas reported that staff is looking into changing the municipal data navigator so that the information is more accessible by municipality.

### **D. Year 2005/2010 Aerial Imagery**

William Stevens reported that DVRPC and its member governments are evaluating their aerial imagery options for the 2010 delivery. The options include: traditional orthoimagery, licensed orthoimagery by Digital Globe, Pictometry, satellite imagery, and online subscription or free data. The group is also exploring the opportunity to create potential partnerships for the project to help reduce costs.

### **E. Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development**

William Stevens also reported that the Region-wide Transportation GIS Project has been progressing well. Development of the Dynamic Conflation Tool continues, as project staff has reported issues with the Beta version of the tool back to the consultant. A number of reports have been received and edge- matching of PA county road centerlines has been completed. Two training opportunities related to ESRI’s ArcServer software were held for project members in November. DVRPC obtained the full Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission data for their five counties and four surrounding counties in PA. This data will be used in transportation projects and integrated into DVRPC’s long-range plan.

## **7. Member Roundtable**

### **A. Gloucester County**

Bill Meade reported that Gloucester County has issued a large number of building permits, but little construction has taken place.

## **B. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection**

Seth Hackman announced that the NJ 2007 orthoimagery (1 foot resolution, true color and infrared) is now available for download and can be accessed through NJGIN.

## **C. Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

Tom Denton reported that 187 of their parishes reported their annual mass attendance via web, opposed to last year where only 27 parishes responded in this manner. The Archdiocese has created a number of dot density maps using US Census data in an effort looking at migration, etc., by parish boundary. They are also looking into geocoding projects to track parish student gain/loss.

## **D. Miscellaneous Items**

Bill Meade proposed an idea for next year's work program to create a forum for sharing projects (their processes, schemes, etc.) as well as the projects' data.

## **8. CY 2009 Meeting Date Confirmation**

March 4th, June 3rd, September 9th, and December 9th have been selected as IREG meeting dates for 2009. If there are any conflicts, please contact Joe Fazekas (jfazekas@dvrpc.org).

## **9. Information Items**

### **E. Committee Reports**

#### **a. Online GIS Subcommittee Meeting**

The Online GIS Subcommittee meeting was cancelled and the group will meet again at March's IREG meeting.

#### **b. Webmasters Subcommittee Meeting**

The Webmasters Subcommittee meeting was cancelled and the group will meet again at March's IREG meeting.

### **F. Recent Event Reports**

- a. **Pennsylvania State Data Center Data User Conference** – September 11<sup>th</sup> (Grantville, PA)
- b. **MAC URISA LiDAR Symposium** – October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Rutgers EcoComplex, Bordentown, NJ). Ken Sipos reported that about 100 people turned out for this event.
- c. **2008 Governor's Conference on Workforce & Economic Development** – December 1-3 (Atlantic City, NJ)

## **10. Old Business**

No old business was presented at this time.

## **11. New Business**

No new business was presented at this time.

## **12. Adjournment**

The IREG meeting was adjourned at 12:00