NYS GIS Association Regional Committee Meeting Notes: January 11th, 2023

Attendees

Ross Baldwin Committee Co-Chair, GIO Southampton, N.Y.
Lis DeGironimo, Acting State GIO
Sheri Norton, GIO Ontario County
Gerry Engstrom, State Geospatial Programs Office
Alan Leidner, Committee Co-Chair, Board Member, NYC GISMO
Mary Susan Knauss, Principal, Mapping Momentum
Karyn Tareen, NYS Office of ITS
Rick Reichert, Oneida County GIS Coordinator
Michelle Debyah, GIS Analyst, Town of Pittsford
Jeff Langella, State Geospatial Programs Office
Jason Baum, State Geospatial Programs Office
Ana Hiraldo-Gomez, Westchester GIS

Notes

Broadband Mapping: Ana Hiraldo-Gomez raised questions about the public availability of the State Broadband map. Jason Baum suggested contacting the NYS Broadband Office. He understood that Empire State Development (Josh Brightbart) and PSC were assisting. Ross said he would reach out to Suffolk County to understand where they stood on broadband mapping.

2023 NYSGISA GeoCon: Karen Taryn ad Sheri Norton are working on a Fall, 2023 NYSGISA GeoCon. Initial thinking is that it might be held either in the Albany area or in Saratoga. There is a need to lock in a venue soon and it will be important for Association members to commit early to both attending the conference and staying overnight at the hotel venue site. Additional volunteers are requested to round out the GeoCon committee. Work needs to begin on papers, presentations, keynote speakers, and sponsors. It was suggested that an announcement about the GeoCon be issued as soon as possible and distributed to Association members, and to regional group POC's for distribution to local members. Delaney will likely be used again to help organize the event. Ross and Alan will work to encourage NYC and Long Island members to attend. Alan agreed to explore some keynote speaker possibilities.

State and National LiDAR Program: Jeff Langella, State LiDAR coordinator spoke about his program. The State expects to pair up with the USGS 3 DEP program 3D Elevation Program | U.S. Geological Survey (usgs.gov). Funding is expected to come through the State's digital ortho funds and USGS funding. Coming data collection will focus on areas of recent flooding including the Lake Ontario shoreline. The program intends to capture Quality Level 2 LiDAR at 2 points per square meter. Capture will start in Spring, 2023. See NYS-LIDAR-Coverage for current data and for data download. Jeff's presentation will be available on the Regional Committee's page on Association website https://www.nysgis.net/committees/regcoord/ . A redesign of the State GIS Clearinghouse will enable greater ease of viewing and downloading data.

Preview of New Clearinghouse Website: Lis DeGironimo, Acting State GIO, presented plans for a redesigned State GIS Clearinghouse to modernize the current one. It will feature a easy to use front end

and tools for easy data discovery and download. Sean O'Connell is leading this effort. Lis' presentation can be found on the Regional Committee's page on the Association's website https://www.nysgis.net/committees/regcoord/ . (Needs to be done)

Parcel Map: Lis mentioned that parcel mapping across the State is largely done. Thirty of sixty-two counties allow their parcels to be viewed and downloaded. The remaining thirty-two do not make their data available at no cost, but do allow access to State agencies. Ana suggested visiting Westchester County's website to view their broadband map and property data at www.westchestergov.com.

Susan Knauss announced that the NYSGISA had taken a table at the 64th NYS land surveyors conference later this month: New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors (nysapls.org) She noted the importance of Asset Management and Subsurface Utility Engineering and the synergies between GIS and BIM. *(Alan Leidner comment: In general, there seems to be a movement towards increasing the sharing between different segments of the built environment ranging from planning to subsurface utility detection, design, construction, and BIM. This promises significant efficiencies.)o*