DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
INFORMATION RESOURCES EXCHANGE GROUP (IREG)
Minutes of June 2, 2010

Location: DVRPC Offices, 8th Floor, 190 N. Independence Mall West, Philadelphia, PA 19106

The 75th meeting of IREG was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at DVRPC.
Thirty-four members were in attendance.

1. **Presentation:** *"CommonSpace: A Platform for Collaborative Planning, Sustainable Transit and Hyperlocal Search"*

Tamara Manik-Perlman, a GIS Analyst/Project Manager for Azavea (formerly known as Avencia) demonstrated CommonSpace, a prototype of an application that will allow real-time collaboration, integrate a variety of curated data feeds of destinations and events (sustainable business databases, online services, geotagged blogs), provide biking and public transit directions, as well as allow users to dynamically visualize and search the areas that are available to them in a shared map. Of particular interest is the application's ability to identify the "common space" that represents the area of intersection of the users' various transitsheds. Users can then search for businesses or events within this area, enabling them to identify locations they could meet if they want to split the difference and find a place that's convenient to everyone, based on how they're each traveling. Azavea is hoping to publicly launch the online application in August 2010.

2. **Presentation:** *"Sprint 4G Phone/WiFi launch in Philadelphia"*

Joe Baganski, a Mobile Broadband Specialist for Sprint, discussed Sprint's new 4G network and its associated technology. 4G is the next generation of wireless networks and can deliver speeds up to 10 times faster than any 3G mobile broadband network available today, enabling new business applications. The trans-portation, government and public safety, and construction industries are a few industries that will benefit from this technology. The network was launched in Philadelphia in the Fall of 2009 and is now available in 35 markets, reaching over 50 million people. It is Sprint's goal to offer the 4G network to approximately 120 million people by the end of 2010.

3. **Presentation:** *"GIS at the Philadelphia Police"*

Colby Schofield, a GIS Specialist with the Crime Analysis & Mapping Unit, demonstrated how his unit uses GIS to display and analyze crime data at the Philadelphia Police Department (PPD). Twice a week a GIS Specialist is required to sit in on the PPD's CompStat meetings where the GIS Specialist is asked to display various crime data using ArcMap. In an effort to improve the performance of various tasks, several customized tools were created in ArcMap, including a toolbar that allowed the GIS Specialist to quickly turn on and off layers, rather than scrolling through dozens of layers in the table of contents. The data used in ArcMap gets updated each morning.

4. Discussion and Information Items

- Glenn McNichol from DVRPC reported on the 2010 Aerial Imagery Project. Imagery acquisition had been completed in mid-April. Digital Elevation Models from DVRPC's 2005 imagery project have been forwarded to the contractor to aid in the creation of a new, ortho-grade DEM for the 2010 imagery project. Pilot imagery was received from the contractor and was being evaluated. Staff will continue to coordinate with the USGS throughout the project's lifecycle.

- Nick Canzoneri from DVRPC announced that the public comment period for TIP projects within DVRPC's five Pennsylvania counties is open until the end of June. www.dvrpc.org/TIP/fy09-PA.htm

The next IREG meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2010.

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