DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

INFORMATION RESOURCES EXCHANGE GROUP

Minutes of December 6, 2000

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

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The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am.

1) Minutes of the meeting of September 7, 2000

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

2) Presentations

    Presentation: Chris Pollard, GIS Specialist, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, "DVRPC's New and Improved Online Mapping."

    Chris Pollard began his presentation by giving a brief overview of the of the history of DVRPC online mapping. After his initial presentation, Chris provided a live demonstration of the online mapping system. The online Geographic Information System (GIS) application was developed by DVRPC as part of the Regional Information Network and contains a selective subset of GIS data. The online mapping system has three applications: general mapping, TeamPA, and conservation planning. General mapping provides the general public with access to basic map information in the nine-county Philadelphia metropolitan area. TeamPA was developed for 's 7-county Southeastern PA region to assist in economic development of the region. Conservation Planning was developed under a grant from the William Penn Foundation to provide mapping services to conservation and natural resource agencies. With each application, users can interactively view thematic data, geographic features, create custom maps and access information about certain features.
The site can be accessed at www.dvrpc.org/mapping.htm

    Presentation: Jeffrey Butler, Regional Planner, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, "DVRPC Regional Indicators Report."

    Jeff Butler gave a report on the DVRPC Regional Indicators Report that was released in October. Jeff reviewed data sources and caveats for measuring progress to the 2025 goals after a brief discussion on the history of the report and development of the 26 indicators. In summary, the indicators measured improvements in 11 categories, declines in 6, and no change or mixed results in 9 categories.
The full report can be viewed online at: http://www.dvrpc.org/data/abstract/00022.htm

3) Census 2000 Update

    Census Bureau staff gave updates on several Census 2000 programs.

    a) Statistical Areas Program—status

    Matt Zimolzak reported that Census Tract and Traffic Analysis Zones are complete.

    b) Redistricting—report

    Anne Jeffers reported that redistricting data will be posted within 24 hours of its release to the state agencies, which is expected on April 1st, 2001. Redistricting handouts are available from Ann at 215.656.7578 or from the DVRPC, or online at:
www.census.gov/clo/www/redistricting.html

c) TIGER 2000

Matt Zimolzak reported that there is much more address information available in the new TIGER files, and although address corrections are difficult, there will be improvements in Philadelphia. TIGER/Line 99 is available from www.census.gov/geo/tiger99/tl_1999.html.

4) DVRPC Work Program Updates

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

a) Year 2000 Aerial Imagery Acquisition

Michael Ontko presented a brief overview of the imagery acquisition project. After a very short flight season, the imagery continues to be reviewed. The flight lines are very good due to the use of airborne GPS, and few areas were re-flown. Mr. Ontko also presented a wall map of the flight lines and sample prints. The production phase has begun with the analysis phase followed by tile delivery for edit in 300+ tile batches. There is a 1 year product warranty from the vendor. Final delivery for all products (.tiff and Mr. SID) is expected for June of 2001. DVRPC continues to investigate release formats for the imagery. Possible formats include full tile plots, digital copies on CD-ROM, and desktop prints. Other options are also under discussion.

b) Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development

Will Stevens reported that a consultant has been selected for the first phase of the Region-Wide Transportation GIS Project. A joint venture of Johnson, Mirmiram & Thompson Enterprise Information Solutions and Trans Decisions will develop a project decision and file architecture.

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 also working on the user interface for database queries. The DVRPC enterprise database will expand format availability to include Excel spreadsheets in addition to ascii text for all data tables. Data bulletins will continue to be available as formatted reports on paper and on the website.

5) Survey Forms

Jennifer Gómez reported the results of the guest speaker interest and training needs surveys that were collected from members at the September meeting. Survey respondents showed most interest in guest speakers with topics relating to information resources, both tabular and spatial. Greatest training needs included database and advanced ArcView.

6) New Business

a) Vice-Chair Lauris Olson will assume the position of IREG chair and Bill Mead and Bob Bielski will serve as a nominating committee for a new Vice-Chair according to bylaws.

b)   PASDA continues to host "Don't Duck Metadata" training sessions at the University of Pennsylvania.   New Jersey also has metadata training available through the state's Office of GIS.

7) Next Meeting Date and Location

The next IREG meeting will be held at DVRPC on March 7th. Guest speakers will include Mary Jane Posolosky from ElementK.