# DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
# INFORMATION RESOURCE EXCHANGE GROUP
## Minutes of December 8, 2004

**Location:** NJ Office of Information Technology  300 Riverview Plaza ITC Room, 1st Floor, Trenton

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The 53rd meeting of the Information Resource Exchange Group was called to order at 10:05 am.  The Vice Chairman asked attendees to introduce themselves.

1.    **Genevieve Jones,** Director of Strategic Development and Partnerships, Office of Information Technology started the meeting by giving a welcome speech.

2.    **Minutes of the meeting of September 8, 2004**

The minutes were approved without corrections or changes.

3.    **Presentations**

**Brian Embley,** NJ Geographic Information Network (NJGIN) GIS office manager, gave the first presentation, which was an overview of  "NJ's Spatial Data Infrastructure".  NJGIN was established in 2000.  It is a distributed network of spatial data nodes where information is managed locally by the NJGIN partners. This network provides consistent and up to date state geo-spatial data through Internet with different type of security.  Through NJGIN Explorer's metadata catalog, Http://njgin.nj.gov users can download GIS data, maps; search publication and document; and share NJ oriented custom geographic application online.  Contact Mr. Embley at brian.embley@oit.state.nj.us for more information.

**Lawrence L. Thornton,** manager of the Bureau of GIS in New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), gave a presentation on "A Glimpse into the Future of I-MapNJ 2005, NJ DEP's Interactive Internet Mapping Application".  Currently, five I-MapNJ interactive mapping applications are available for user to utilize GIS functionality over the Internet at  http://www.state.nj.us/dep/ . Mr. Thornton demonstrated  one of the application, "I-MapNJ DEP", on the meeting.  The online application provides friendly user interface for user to map, query, and filter the data.  Mr. Thornton also talked about a new Intranet application they are now working on. This new project links the web intelligence data manipulation software with the I-MapNJ to provide user profile application. Contact Mr. Thornton at Lawrence.thomton@dep.state.nj.us for more information.

**Merrilee J. Torres,** supervisor of Burlington County GIS department, gave the presentation on "GIS Activities in Burlington County". After an introduction to Burlington County GIS department, Miss Torres presented a number of GIS applications that are used by various departments in the county. For example, Emergency Management Departments use the GIS application to aid response to Burlington County's July 2004 flood event. At last, Miss Torres shared the activities in GIS day.

4.  **Census Update**

   a.  **County Business Patterns 2002.**  Data is now available for download at http://www.census.gov/epcd/cbp/view/cbpview.html .  County Business Patterns 2002 CD-ROM will be release at the end of 2004 and County Business Patterns 2003 data will be released in Spring 2005.

   b.  **Quarterly Services Survey (QSS) Economic Indicator** was released in Sept 2004.  This is the first economic indicator in nearly 40 years.  http://www.census.gov/indicator/qss/QSS.html

   c.  **National Population Estimates Map Gallery** Census has released a number of maps that compare the population changes from 2000 to 2003 in State level and County level http://www.census.gov/popest/gallery/maps/

   d.  **American Community Survey 2003** An additional 600 tables, including race iterations of previously released tables, are now available at American FactFinder website. http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/DatasetMainPageServlet?_program=ACS

e. **SUV Registrations Data** for all nations are now available in PDF files.  SUV Registrations up 72 Percent in New Jersey and 40 Percent in Pennsylvania. You can view the data at http://www.census.gov/svsd/www/02vehinv.html

f. **CTPP** data was released for all three parts. Data can be downloaded from http://www.bts.gov The CTPP Access Tool for CTPP2000 Part 3 is still not available.

**5.    DVRPC Work Program Updates**

a. **Regional Online Information Network.**  DVRPC is moving to 6th street and Race Ave. in May 2005.  DVRPC staffs are working on the design of the Network structure for the new office.

b. **Census Transportation Planning Package (CTPP).**  DVRPC staffs have finished reviewing all three parts of CTPP data.  Mr. Zakaria, Director for Transportation Planning, has written a report on "Evaluation of Census Transportation Planning Package 2000 for the Delaware Valley Region". Contact Taghi Ozbeki at tozbeki@dvrpc.org to obtain a copy of this report.

c. **Year 2005 Aerial Imagery Acquisition.** BAE Systems ADR has been selected to produce the Year 2005 Aerial Imagery for the DVRPC region.  They are submitting a revised proposal based on the desired digital acquisition approach.  Contract negotiations are underway for BAE Systems ADR to deliver natural color imagery at 200' scale with a 1' pixel resolution, a digital elevation model, and 5' contours.  The project will begin with pre-flight planning in January 2005 and should conclude with final delivery taking place in January 2006.  In a related matter, DVRPC has purchased a large format scanner and has begun scanning the historical photo atlas sheets.

d. **Year 2030 Employment Forecasts.**  DVRPC staff finished the Year 2030 Employment Forecasts on MCD level for 9 counties region.  The forecast data has been submitted to each county for review.  Upon board's approval, DVRPC will release the data online.

e. **Region-Wide Transportation GIS Development.**   DVRPC staff continues to work with project participants to develop the linear referencing system on their linework.  We have checked files developed by Philadelphia Streets Dept., Bucks County, Delaware County, and Chester County.  We have edge matched road centerline files submitted from all New Jersey counties and are currently edge-matching files from the Pennsylvania counties.  These files will be available to any project participant upon completion.  Project participants will be working with the state DOT's to complete their signalized intersection files.

f. **Regional Transit Database.**   DVRPC staffs are working on a Regional Transit Database that stores transit information at station level.  This database contains information such as parking and station facility. The staffs have finished the database and now are working on the database integration with online GIS application.

**6.    Information Items**

a. IREG Meeting will take place on the second Wednesday of March, June, September and December CY 2005.  That's is March 9, June 8, September 7 and December 7.

b. "Regional Photo Repository" and "DVRPC Report Database Development" project did not pass the Board Work Program Committee.

c. NJSDC 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was held in Trenton on December 2 2004.  And PASDC 2004 Annual Conference was held at Harrisburg on September 16 2004.

d. U.S. Census Bureau Philadelphia Regional Office moved to a new address on December 6.

**7.     Old Business**

No old business was presented at this time.

**8.     New Business**

a. The CY2005 election for the vice-chair of IREG Committee will be held in March 2005. Please contact Mr. Fazekas at 215-238-2823 if anyone interesting been a volunteer.

**9.     Adjournment**

The IREG meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm. The Webmasters Subcommittee met 12:45pm.