

DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

INFORMATION RESOURCES EXCHANGE GROUP

Minutes of February 24, 1998

Place: Census Bureau - Regional Office 1601 Market Street, 21st Floor

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1. Minutes of the Meeting of November 20th, 1997:

- i. The minutes of the meeting of November 20th, 1997 were approved.

2. Presentations:

i. Lynn Kirshenbaum, Partnership Manager, Census Bureau. The Relocation and Reorganization of the Census Bureau's Regional Office.

- (1) Lynn Kirshenbaum of the Census Bureau gave an overview on the recent relocation and reorganization of the Census Bureau's Regional Office. She announced several recent hires and that Janet Cummings is the now the temporary regional director.
- (2) Office location changes: The Regional Census Bureau has changed both its partnership and survey office during the past four months. The new survey office is located at 1601 Market Street, 21st floor and the new partnership office moved to the fifth floor of 841 Chestnut Street.
- (3) The presentation then moved to a discussion of the LUCA (Local Update of Census Addresses) program. This program's goal is to verify and correct the Census' Master Address File (MAF) through local government review. Since the Census' address list is the foundation of the Census 2000, the Bureau is seeking to achieve a 60 percent local government participation rate. In the LUCA program, the Census Bureau sends a copy of their address list along with a set of maps to each jurisdiction for review. It is expected that each jurisdiction will: 1) add missing addresses, 2) correct incorrect address information, 3) delete addresses that no longer exist and 4) make the corresponding changes to the maps, so that the address list and maps match. According to Joe Quartullo of the Census Bureau, the Bureau sent out a participation form last week and the maps should be ready and sent out within three weeks. For more information on the LUCA program, call the Geography staff at (215)-597-1139 or check the Internet at: www.geo.census.gov/mob/LUCA/website/LUCAhome. Lynn pointed out that due to a change in the law the Census Bureau can now share addresses with the post office and this should help make the MAF more accurate.
- (4) Census training will begin in April, May and June 1998. Mary Anne Crockett, a new hire at the Census Bureau, will be working on training schedules.

ii. Liza Casey, Program Manager, Mayor's Office of Information Services "Update on the City of Philadelphia's Geographic Information Systems"

- (1) This presentation focused on the City of Philadelphia's rapidly progressing enterprise wide geographic information systems which will, upon completion, span all of the City's departments. Since this is a distributed system, it allows each City department to own and maintain its own data but share it with all other departments and eventually the public through a integrated networked system. Thus far, the system has 22 coverages and the City is using it to automate all of its mapping. For example, the City currently uses the system to analyze crime data, trash pickup and water meter reading routes and assist with facilities management.
- (2) System Funding: Liza then described the various funding sources used to implement this new

system. Through the administration's capital budget, a loan from the productivity bank, departmental operational funds and several grants this project was able to be implemented.

3. Discussion Items:

i. Year 2000 Census:

The Census Bureau plans to recruit 260,000 people for the peak period of the 2000 Census, however, with unemployment low, they may have difficulty doing so in certain regions. Lynn assured the group that there would be no trouble finding enough good people from the cities in our region. She explained that the census was taking a different approach to recruitment for the Census 2000. This time, the Census is going to vary the pay rate by using the BLS average wage rate for each county to model a census pay rate for each jurisdiction. The Census Bureau is also looking into hiring people that are already employed or retired. She noted that retired people working on the Census 2000 would be exempt from paying a social security penalty for working.

ii. Year 2000 Census Geography:

The Census Bureau will be working with agencies in the region to review geography revisions for the year 2000 Census. The Statistical Areas Program will provide an opportunity to revise Census Tracts, Block Groups and Census Designated Places. County input will be an important component of these changes. This activity will begin in early summer.

iii. Year 2000 Aerial Imagery:

Mike Ontko announced that there would be an Aerial Imagery meeting in late March. At this meeting, preliminary estimates of various products will be discussed so potential participants can initiate budget discussions. Mike also updated the group on whether or not these items can be considered a capital expense. He explained that according to the Federal Government, an item can be considered a capital expenditure if it has a life of five or more years.

iv. DVRPC Land Use Project:

The process of editing the 1995 Land Use File and the revised 1990 Land Use File is nearing completion. Once the tabulations have been verified, the files and maps will be made available to member governments.

v. Arc View Training:

Mike Ontko prompted the group to set a month for Arc View Training at DVRPC. The group decided on April. The cheapest training cost is about \$450 per person. This cost covers computer rental and ESRI on site trainer. Maximum class size is around 20, and DVRPC intends to have 12 staff members attend.

vi. Regional Information Network (RIN):

Mike Ontko gave an update on DVRPC's Regional Information Network (RIN). DVRPC is in the process of upgrading its internal network and is developing a web-based ArcView GIS that will provide users friendly interface from which they can conduct simple queries.

vii. DVRPC Year 2020 Interim Forecast Revisions:

Joel Fontane gave an update on the status of DVRPC's year 2020 Interim Forecast Revisions and briefly summarized the February 19, 1998 Policy Forum held at DVRPC to discuss the regions future employment and population changes. Over 30 participants attended to hear the expert panel. The Panel discussed the range of available data sources at the regional, county and municipal levels, the relationship between regional conditions and the nation and the relative strengths and weaknesses of different sectors in the region. DVRPC intends to revise its county level control numbers from which they will revise all county and municipal forecasts to the year 2020.

viii. NJ DEP 1995-97 Digital Ortho Quarter-Quads:

John Tyrawski reported on the New Jersey DEP Digital Ortho Quarter Quads CD-ROM preparations. He stated that it was necessary to convert the UTM coordinates used by USGS to New Jersey State Plane. He noted that they are creating an index to identify the CD-ROM for each quarter-quad since some counties information will be saved on several CDs.

4. Information Items:

- i. Lynn noted that the Census Bureau is currently hiring and those interested could find information on the Census' website (www.census.gov) in its jobs section.

5. Old Business:

None

6. New Business:

None

7. Next IREG Meeting:

- i. The group agreed to plan the next IREG meeting for mid-May.