

# DGDC Meeting Minutes

## August 7, 2013

### Attendance List:

Amanda Asmus ..... DeIDOT  
Peggy Bacon ..... DeIDOT  
Roger Barlow ..... USGS  
Mark Biddle ..... DNREC  
Bryan Bloch ..... DNREC  
Kim Cloud ..... DTI  
Darin Dell ..... DeIDOT  
Lauren Devor ..... DeIDOT  
Jim Galvin ..... Kent MPA  
Jay Gerner ..... DeIDOT  
Jeremy Gibb ..... City of Dover  
Maria Habib ..... USAF  
Jim Hoff ..... USAF  
Kevin Holmes ..... US Census  
Olivia Hughes ..... Washington College  
Sandy Janowski ..... New Castle County  
Matthew Laick ..... DSHS  
Alison Long ..... Washington College  
Mike Mahaffie ..... GIC  
Erica McMaster ..... Washington College  
Robin Mendes ..... GIS  
Nicole Minni ..... UD-WRA  
Dorothy Morris ..... OSPC  
Megan Nehrbas ..... Sussex County  
Miriam Pomilio ..... OSPC  
Doug Rambo ..... DNREC  
Jason Sealy ..... ESRI  
Rick Sherwood ..... DEMA  
Eddie Starr ..... Pictometry  
Deborah Sullivan ..... DNREC  
Josh Thomas ..... DeIDOT  
Mike Townshend ..... DNREC  
Art Walker ..... USDA/NRCS  
Despina Wilson ..... DOE

### Welcome & Introductions

Miriam Pomilio started the meeting at 9:05 am. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

### Approval of February 2013 Meeting Minutes

Sandy Janowski made a motion to approve [May 8, 2013 meeting minutes](#) (PDF). Mark Biddle seconded the motion and it passed, unanimously.

### Regional GIS Conferences

ESRI User Conference – Josh Thomas of DeIDOT attended along with several others from Delaware. Josh reported it was a very informative conference, as always, and that he presented a paper *Migrating Delaware's Official Transportation Map from CADD to GIS*.

Pennsylvania GIS Conference – Kevin Holmes of the US Census attended this conference. Kevin presented about the Census initiative GSS. He reported it was a very interesting conference.

GIS in Transit Conference – Scheduled for Oct 16-18 in

Washington, D.C.

NSGIC Annual Conference – Scheduled for October 27-31, 2013 in Kansas City, MO. Miriam Pomilio and Kim Cloud will be attending for Delaware.

ESRI MUC – Scheduled for December 10-12, 2013 in Baltimore. Miriam attended last year and found it to be a valuable conference. Jason Sealy from ESRI gave some background about the conference and noted it is like bringing the International User Conference to the Mid-Atlantic.

Delmarva GIS 2014 – Scheduled for May 8, 2014 at Heritage Shores in Bridgeville, DE. Sandy Janowski reported the venue was changed due to the Dover Sheraton being leased by Delaware State University. The theme for this year's conference is "We're All Connected"

### Delaware Project Updates

#### Central Data Consolidation Proof-Of-Concept

Miriam Pomilio provided an update of the ongoing contract with ESRI to develop an Enterprise GIS system for the State of Delaware. The project continues to make progress. ESRI is going to be on-site at DTI the week of August 12, 2013 to build the database and load the initial 25 datasets. ESRI will return the week of August 19 to set up the replication process with DeIDOT and DNREC. DTI is working with Sussex County for replication of the tax parcels. If this is successful the state will reach out to both Kent and New Castle Counties for similar replication.

Hopefully the Proof-Of-Concept system will be ready for testing in early September.

### **Land Use Land Cover Data for 2012**

Miriam reported that WILMAPCO approved the grant for \$80,000 towards the LULC dataset. Miriam indicated because it is federal money it had to go through the Delaware State Clearinghouse. It was verbally approved by Clearinghouse last week. Once the official approval letter is obtained then the RFP will be advertised. Hopefully the RFP will be out to bid by late August or early September. Other agencies that contributed funding were DeIDOT, DNREC, Delaware Forestry Service (DDA), and the Kent County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

### **Dedicated Future Funding Plan for Data Acquisition**

Matt Laick said there was no update at this time.

### **Sandy Relief LiDAR Grant**

Roger Barlow gave an update on this initiative. Delaware was ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 11 applications and awarded the grant to collect LiDAR data for the entire state. Roger wanted to publicly thank DeIDOT, DNREC and DGS for putting forward the match funding needed for this project. Roger noted the LiDAR collection standards meet all of the State's minimum requirements but also goes above our requirements to provide us with very good data. There is also a tidal coordinated criterion for this collection. The schedule is to collect the data between Thanksgiving and Christmas of 2013. Data may be available as early as April of 2014.

### **Addressing Initiative**

Miriam reported that IPA has provided her with a rough draft of the background and meeting sessions. Miriam also reported she has a few sections to write, and then there will be editing and additions. It is anticipated that a draft will be ready for the committee to review in September 2013.

### **GIS Day Field Trip**

Nicole Minni reported that the GIS Day Field Trip is scheduled for November 20, 2013 at the Dover Air Mobility Command Museum. This is our 6<sup>th</sup> year providing this field trip venue. Nicole indicated that Miriam will be contacting volunteers from previous years in the near future.

## **Federal Update**

There were several Federal agencies present at the meeting and below is a summary of their updates:

**US Air Force (DAFB)** – Jim Hoff reported that he is taking a position with the USAF in Germany starting in late August. He is leaving Maria Habib as the main contact at the base for anything GIS related. Jim further reported there is a base exercise the week of August 12 that we should all ignore, if we hear or see odd things.

**USDA/NRCS** – Art Walker reported that there is a new Chief of the NRCS and Art’s duties have changed. He will continue to keep metadata and NRCS data up-to-date. NAIP, although it was originally canceled this year, has been re-instituted and will be flown in the next few weeks.

**US Census** – Kevin Holmes indicated that due to budgetary restrictions, the 2014 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) will not be taking place. However, it should be returning in 2015. GSS-I Phase 2 file acquisition include both Sussex and New Castle County address data. Those files were used to update Map TIGER files. Inclusion of Kent County addressing data is planned for 2014 at this time.

**USGS** – Mark Nardi of USGS reported that he has been working a lot with Post Sandy relief projects. Specifically he has been working on sedimentation issues.

Roger Barlow indicated that the DVRPA is due for new ortho-imagery for their region, which includes northern New Castle County, in 2015. Roger suggested we get a small group together to discuss if Delaware would be interested in coordinating with DVRPA in the collection of imagery. It will be 1 foot resolution with 4-bands, and leaf off. Miriam indicated she would convene a meeting of the state agencies to discuss this further.

## Academia Update

**Washington College** – Erica McMaster introduced Amanda Asmus as their new Project Coordinator for the non-crime related projects. She also introduced Alison Long who is one of their students working on environmental projects. Erica is mostly focusing on the crime related projects at Washington College’s GIS group.

## Presentation

Danielle Lamborn of Kent County GIS presented information regarding their new and improved Web Mapping application. This new application will replace the old PRIDE system and is used by surveyors, realtors, and the public to obtain information regarding the county data. They are using in-house servers at this time. See attached presentation for additional information.

## Open Comment Period

Roger Barlow of USGS wanted to again thank DeIDOT, DNREC and DGS for their contributions to the LiDAR project.

Sandy Janowski of New Castle County announced that the NCC Parcel View application will be changing to a Java Script platform to aid in the use of mobile technology. They’ve selected a vendor and anticipate the improvements to be complete by the end of 2013. The county is editing in SQL instead of Oracle and that the ArcIMS site will be discontinued. Mike Townshend asked if services will be available to the outside users and Sandy indicated they would be.

Mike Townshend of DNREC noted that their agency is in the process of DTI IT consolidation.

Nicole Minni indicated that if folks have GIS related events, she could post them on the GIS Education website.

Kim Cloud from DTI reported that she just completed a GIS project for DTI related to 4G towers in Sussex County.

Josh Thomas of DeIDOT reported that his group is starting to work on ArcGIS Online projects. They are working to clean up maps and their servers. He also reported that DeIDOT is now migrating the CADD files to ArcGIS.

### **Next Meeting**

The next DGDC meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2103 at the Kent County Administrative Complex, Room 220.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.