Southeastern Minnesota GIS Users Group

City of Red Wing Council Chambers – Red Wing, MN
Thursday, July 21st 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Michelle Trager – Rice County
Ryan Moore – Rochester Public Utilities
Sarah Schrader – Goodhue County
Alan Laumeyer – Goodhue County
Scott Pass
Nick Meyers – Winona County
Tom Hoffmann – Winona County
Todd Zielsdorf – Winona County
Jeanne Franz – City of Winona
Joel Thoreson – Olmsted County
Leanne Knott – City of Red Wing
Sam Klimoski – ESRI
Joe Morocco – ESRI
Chris Cremons – St. Mary's University - Student

10:00am Introductions
1 new member attended this meeting!

Historic Fire Insurance Maps Project:
Leanne Knott – City of Red Wing
The full version of this is available for viewing on the SEMN Yahoo Groups website.

- The City of Red Wing received two $200,000 EPA Community Brownfield Assessment Grants in 2010. With these grants, the city will encourage the assessment and redevelopment of petroleum and hazardous substance Brownfield sites. Part of the process is to identify possible Brownfield properties and the city is using Sanborn fire insurance maps for this process.
- Sanborn has been creating maps since 1881 and typical Sanborn maps include building addresses, building height, building footprints, street names, building materials, building use, right-of-way and number of stories per building.
- Red Wing has contracted with Bonestroo & Associates for part of this project. Bonestroo & Assoc then subcontracted with Historic Information Gatherers (HIG) to perform the scanning of the historic Sanborn maps. The maps were available from the Goodhue County History Center.
- The scanned maps were then georeferenced as accurately as possible.
- Due to the number of these historic maps and the lengthy process of scanning and georeferencing them, city staff is still working on processing all of the map information. Once the maps have been scanned and georeferenced, city staff will review the maps to identify existing or potential Brownfield properties located throughout the city.

ESRI Land Records Management Presentation:
Sam Klimoski & Joe Morocco - ESRI
A pdf handout from this presentation is available for viewing on the SEMN Yahoo Groups website.

- This presentation is a condensed version of what ESRI staff presented during an all-day seminar on May 26th, 2011. Staff talked about the available tools and resources for Land Records in ArcGIS and gave technical demonstrations. There is a handout available on the Yahoo Groups site with helpful tips and the URLs for various resources.

Update on Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) Web Application Project:
Nick Meyers – Winona County, Sarah Schrader – Goodhue County
The full version of this is available for viewing on the SEMN Yahoo Groups website.

- GIS staff from the region have been working on this project since May 2010. The web application project was made possible through a Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) grant from three sources: Olmsted County, Rice County, and a 9 county regional group including Goodhue, Dodge, Wabasha, Steele, Winona, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, and Houston counties.
- Main Web Application:
    - The web application is now live and can be accessed from the following website: http://www.gosoutheastmn.com
- Mobile App:
    - There is also a mobile version of this application that will be available for I-phones/pads, Android and Blackberry phones. At this time, the I-phone/pad app still needs to be approved by Apple before it can be available in their app store. The app is already available though on the Android market. Find it by searching for "Go Southeast MN".

Updating Data

- ***Individual County GIS staff or similar staff will be in charge of maintaining (updating and continuing QA/QC) their county's data sets on a quarterly basis.***
- A "Community Editor" function has been developed to allow persons with all levels of GIS abilities to edit/manage the recreational feature points. Therefore, it is possible that Public Health Staff, interns and others can collaborate with GIS staff to maintain the data on a more continual basis.
- There is also an editing option specifically for GIS staff who will use a checkout version of the regional data to view and edit and then send back the updates to Winona County. Through this checkout version GIS staff will be able to edit any of the data used online – parks, trails, healthy eating locations, recreational feature points, and roads. (Whereas the Community Editor option only allows editing for the recreational feature points.)
- Winona County staff is compiling instructions and other information regarding the editing procedures and will provide to county GIS staff in the next 2-3 weeks.

Data/Information Still Needed:

- Because of the short timeline for this project, we were unable to create a completed address points dataset for the entire 11 county region before the deadline. Though we have a majority of these points in the dataset, there is much more updating that needs to be done. These address points are used as the primary data source for geocoding in the web application. GIS staff from the region is encouraged to update their address points data and send it back to Winona County to be updated in the web application. Winona County staff will be providing each county with a copy of the finished address points data for their county that they can use to update and to ensure all updates are in the correct format.

Next Meeting: October 20th, 2011 Meeting – Hosted by Wabasha County

****Members are encouraged to present at a future meeting and to offer suggestions of vendors or other agencies to present. Please contact a Steering Committee member or the next meeting's host if you are interested in presenting:**

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