Southeastern Minnesota GIS Users Group

Wabasha County offices – Wabasha, MN
Thursday, October 20th 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Sarah Schrader – Goodhue County
Alan Laumeyer – Goodhue County
Dave Wavrin – Owatonna Public Utilities
Michelle Trager – Rice County
Nick Flatgard – Steele County
Tom Hoffmann – Winona County
Ashley Ignatius – Student at St. Mary's University
Joel Thoreson – Olmsted County
Debbie Persoon-Bement – MnDot Region 6
Travis Franz – NAVTEQ
Eric Miller – James, Haught & Smith (JHS Engineering)
Cynthia Massey - NAVTEQ

10:00am Introductions
3 new members attended this meeting!

Wabasha County GIS Projects:
Shawn Gertken – Wabasha County
The full version of this is available for viewing on the SEMN Yahoo Groups website.

- Parcel Mapping:
  - One of Shawn's main duties at the county is parcel mapping. He works closely with the county's contracted Land Surveyor to get PLS corner information and then updates the parcels for those areas. Parcel mapping for the county was originally done by a 3rd party vendor but needs additional work to correct various areas.
- ESRI 10.1 Beta Testing:
  - Shawn signed up to be a Beta tester for ESRI for the 10.1 software version. There are quite a few new features including the following:
    - Greater integration with The Cloud
    - Enhanced map automation
    - Mobile applications
    - Imagery enhancements
    - Improved help system
    - ArcGIS mobile API
    - Easily view LIDAR-based files such as .LAS and create mosaics
- New website look for the county as well as a new online GIS site:
  - Maps inDeed GIS site: https://mapsindeed.com/minnesota/wabasha-county is a property records storefront. Can search public data records and can also subscribe to the service.
  - The company Maps inDeed Services, Inc contacted Shawn about hosting their data and setting up this interface for the county and they started working together in July 2010.
  - You can view GIS information and access basic property information through the site but have to pay a subscription to gain access to more detailed reports. Currently, there are 3-4 agencies with subscriptions to this site.
  - Currently there is no tracking of site visitors/hits.

NAVTEQ Presentation:
Travis Franz & Cynthia Massey - NAVTEQ
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- NAVTEQ was founded in 1985 and was purchased by Nokia in 2008.

- Has map coverage in 82 countries.
- Staff collects and verifies 260+ attributes for their datasets. They also try to get local source data to provide more accuracy.
- Has a free service online called "Map Reporter" where users can easily report updates to the dataset.
    - http://mapreporter.navteq.com
- Roughly 100 million users a day access the NAVTEQ data through various ways – mapquest.com, GPS units, etc.
- Community Collaborator Program (CCP) includes government agencies such as counties, university students and major contributors of the Map Reporter program. Participants in this program receive faster access to updated data and have priority when submitting updates or changes for their area. So far, there are 15 counties and 48 community collaborators involved in this program.

Update on the GoSoutheastMN Web Application Project:
Tom Hoffmann – Winona County
The full version of the site usage report is available for viewing on the SEMN Yahoo Groups website.

- Tom provided a report on the site usage of the GoSoutheastMN.com web application
    - August 20th –September 20th there were 1,013 hits and 832 visitors
    - There was a noticeable spike in usage right after the Minnesota GIS/LIS Conference
    - 67% of the traffic got to the application directly through it's URL while 31% of traffic was referred to the application by another source. Of that 31%, the following is a breakdown of the various traffic sources:
        - Rice County 5.7%
        - SHIP website 3.4%
        - Winona County 2.4%
    - 64% of users access the application using Internet Explorer while 19% are accessing via Mozilla Firefox. 6% of users access via Safari and 5% access via the Chrome internet browser.
- More effort needs to be made to get the word out about this application. Though there will probably be lower usage during the winter months, it would be great to inform more people about the site before next spring.
    - The site is listed on the 'Explore MN' website. The link is hidden a little but it is posted on the site.

Next Meeting: January 2012– Hosted by Steele 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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