GDW Meeting Summary for September 2, 2020

2020 General Election Vote by Mail Information: JoAnne Ray with the Harris County Clerk's Office updated the GDW on the current vote by mail guidelines and requirements for Harris County and also shared several voting safety tips and important dates for the upcoming general elections this fall. JoAnne's entire presentation is available on the GDW Meeting Materials webpage as [Harris County Clerk's Office Presentation](#) under the September 2, 2020 tab. For more information, please visit www.harrisvotes.com.

2020 Houston Area GIS Day Update: Nicole Ceranek with Montgomery County gave a brief update on the 2020 Houston Area GIS Day. Due to the pandemic, the decision was made to host the event virtually this year rather than in person. Nicole has produced and emailed a volunteer registration and participation survey that includes questions on what the involvement level for volunteers should be and what activities should/shouldn't be part of a virtual event this year. Starting next week, Nicole will establish weekly or biweekly GIS Day planning meetings with the planning committee and those volunteering to set up and host the event virtually this fall. For more information, please visit the Houston Area GIS Day website at www.houstonareagisday.org or feel free to take the [volunteer registration and participation survey](#).

2020 Aerial Imagery Cost-Share Update: Brooks Andrews with H-GAC and Cornell Rowan and Jay McLeester with Surdex Corporation gave the GDW an update on the 2020 Aerial Imagery Cost-Share project including updates on the final physical and digital project deliverables. Brooks noted that H-GAC has finished processing all 37 physical drives for cost-share participants and that 30 of them have since been mailed out with the remaining 7 awaiting payment or proof of payment. If your drive has not shown up yet, please provide H-GAC with either payment or proof of payment information and your drive will be delivered ASAP. Brooks also shared the contents of the physical drives with the GDW as well as how to sign and return the licensing agreement for the final deliverables. Cornell and Jay then discussed the digital imagery services specific to each 2020 Aerial Imagery Cost-Share participant and a bit of instruction on how to access them once they are available next week. H-GAC is planning to release access information to all 2020 Aerial Imagery Cost-Share participants to consume these services next Wednesday, September 9, 2020 which will remain active for the next two years

from this date. For additional information or questions please, contact [Brooks Andrews](#) with H-GAC or visit the [project homepage](#) on the H-GAC website.

Guest Presentation – Collaborative GIS with Ziptility: Tyler Henke with Ziptility gave the GDW a presentation on his company and what they are doing with GIS and the utility/asset management industry. The Ziptility platform Tyler presented is a customer focused, mobile solution designed to help utility and asset tracking in the field interact in real-time with the GIS system used to manage them. The result is a much smoother and collaborative process between the field and the GIS increasing communication and minimizing mistakes. Tyler's entire presentation is available on the GDW Meeting Materials website as [Ziptility Presentation](#) under the September 2, 2020 tab.

Announcements/Other Items:

- HCAD invited Jeremy Hoang Le to the meeting who is currently looking for work with the industry. Jeremy is a graduate of Texas A&M University and can be reached at jeremy_hoangle@yahoo.com for job inquiries.
- There are three upcoming H-GAC sponsored TeachMeGIS GIS training classes, all three of which are listed below. As a reminder, due to the pandemic all of these classes will be held as virtual trainings unless otherwise noted and all come at a 20% discount for all active GDW members and H-GAC members and employees. More information on 2020 GIS Trainings at H-GAC by TeachMeGIS GIS can be found on the [H-GAC GIS Training webpage](#).
  - Getting the Most out of Your LiDAR Data
    - Training Occurs: September 16
  - ArcGIS Pro Quick-Start for the GIS Professional
    - Training Occurs: September 17 – 18
  - Scripting in ArcGIS with Arcade
    - Training Occurs: October 5