

GDW Meeting Summary for May 6, 2020

July 2020 Primary Elections Update: JoAnne Ray with the Harris County Clerk's Office gave the GDW a recap of the March 2020 primary elections in Harris County and an update on safety changes and alternatives way to vote in the upcoming July 2020 primary runoff elections in Harris County as well. Some import dates in July are: July 2-deadline to apply for vote-by-mail; July 6 through July 10-early voting; and July 14-election day. JoAnne's presentation also covered who can vote-by-mail, the safety changes and precautions for poll workers, and the preparations underway for the general election in November 2020. JoAnne's entire presentation is available on the GDW Meeting Materials website as [Harris County Clerk's Office Presentation](#) under the May 6, 2020 tab.

2020 H-GAC Sponsored TMGIS Training Schedule: The all-new 2020 H-GAC sponsored GIS training schedule is up on the H-GAC and TeachMeGIS (TMGIS) websites and ready to take registrations. All classes are taught by TMGIS certified instructors and run from May to November with a variety of GIS topics including basic concepts and intermediate skills to more advanced GIS concepts like FME, scripting with Arcade, and analyzing LiDAR data. Once change this year is that the trainings will be taught at both the H-GAC Training Room and the TMGIS Training Center to better serve training attendees. As in past years, these trainings all come at a 20% discount off the standard price for all current GDW members and H-GAC members and employees. Lastly, the classes offered in May are mostly being offered virtually as well as the traditional in-person option for the classes later in May. To view the entire 2020 training schedule or register for a training, visit the [2020 GIS Training at H-GAC website](#).

2020 Infogroup Data Cost-Share Update: The final versions of the business and residential 2020 Infogroup data will be available next week for digital download for all 2020 cost-share participants. Currently, the business data has been fully processed and is ready to use and share out, however H-GAC received an updated version of the residential data this week and is currently processing it now with the goal of finishing it up by early next week. Invoices were issued out by H-GAC earlier this week and should have arrived via email in all 2020 cost-share participant's inboxes. Please contact H-GAC immediately if you did not receive your invoice. Lastly, as always with this project, once an invoice is paid and H-GAC is notified, we will send the download link directly to the main cost-share participant for full download of the final 2020

Infogroup data. Therefore, it is very important that you both receive an invoice for this project from H-GAC and also notify H-GAC when payment is on the way. For additional information or questions, please contact [Brooks Andrews](#) with H-GAC or visit the [project homepage](#) on the H-GAC website.

2020 Aerial Imagery Cost-Share Update: Earlier this week, H-GAC was notified that project vendor Surdex has completed the setup for SurCheck, the client self-inspection and QC tool used to verify imagery and note any inconsistencies and/or corrections with the finished product. H-GAC plans to kick off the user QC/imagery inspection phase of the project (via the SurCheck tool) later this week and is hoping to have it completed within 4-6 weeks from the start date. This year there are 47 total inspections zones established in SurCheck, the majority of which are in the urban 6 Inch area of the H-GAC region. H-GAC will inspect 14 of these zones and will rely on a mix of external cost-share participants graciously volunteering their time to inspect the remaining 33 zones. For additional information or questions please, contact [Brooks Andrews](#) with H-GAC or visit the [project homepage](#) on the H-GAC website.

Guest Presentation – SurCheck Aerial Imagery User QC Tool: Cornell Rowan and his team at Surdex Corporation presented an overview of the 2020 H-GAC Aerial Orthophoto project including pre-collection preparations, acquisition of the data, post-capture processing of the acquired data, and then on SurCheck, the client self-inspection and QC tool used to verify the captured and processed imagery and note any inconsistencies and/or corrections with the finished products. The presentation highlights what is an acceptable and valid edit-call that inspectors should make as well as a few examples of invalid edit-calls to avoid making. Cornell’s entire presentation is available on the GDW Meeting Materials website as [Surdex Presentation](#) under the May 6, 2020 tab.

Announcements/Other Items:

- The 2020 Esri User Conference originally set to take place in-person from July 13-17 in San Diego, CA will now take place as a virtual event from July 13-15 instead. Esri is now allowing anyone with an Esri account (via My Esri, ArcGIS Online, etc.) to attend the opening plenary session for free and if that account has a current maintenance plan or is tied to a company/organization that is a current Esri subscriber, you will also be able to

attend the smaller, side sessions typically more focused on a particular GIS topic with Esri technology. Either way to attend in any capacity, you will need an Esri account. To register for the conference, visit Esri's 2020 UC registration page below where you will be prompted to sign-in with your Esri account for complimentary registration.

- <https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/uc/registration>
- The Esri Petroleum Users Group (PUG) Conference scheduled to take place in Houston this week has been postponed with no current make-up date. For more information visit the conference website below.
 - <https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/petroleum-gis-conference/overview>
- The final deadline to send in corrections to H-GAC for the US Census PSAP Verification is Monday, May 11, by the close of business. H-GAC will need to verify these corrections and upload them to the US Census data upload portal by the end of that week to ensure they make their way into the final version of the 2020 decennial Census data. For additional information or questions please, contact [Brooks Andrews](#) with H-GAC
- The GIS Expo and GIS Day event chairs are meeting with H-GAC later this week to discuss what to do for these events in 2020 as the GIS Expo was postponed in March and the GIS Day is still scheduled for November. Any relevant news from this meeting will be reported at the next GDW meeting in June.
- The next GDW meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2020 and will take place in a virtual format via Microsoft Teams the same way this May meeting was presented to ensure the safety of all GDW members. There will not be a meeting in July due to the Fourth of July holiday and the August GDW is TBD for it's location at the current moment.