GDW Meeting Summary for August 3, 2022

2022 Houston Area GIS Day Planning Update: Brooks Andrews with H-GAC and Nicole Ceranek with Montgomery County, TX updated the GDW on the planning progress for the Houston Area GIS Day taking place in November. The exciting news shared was that the 2022 event has an official date of Wednesday, November 16, 2022 and official venue in the University of Houston – Clear Lake (UHCL). Since the last GDW update on this item, the schedule and activities for both professionals and students are starting to come together and should really start to take shape now that the date and venue has been made official. The very next action item is updating the website with the date and venue information and starting to get the schedule of events together and posted as well. The next planning meeting is set for Thursday, August 18th at 11am CST where the planning committee will continue to establish roles and responsibilities for planning the 2022 event. Additionally, the next day on Friday, August 19th at 1pm CST is the site visit at UHCL where carpooling options will be available for those who want to visit the site to get a feel for how the event will work at UHCL this year. If you would like to be involved with the GIS Day planning process, there is a volunteer registration form that will add you onto a contact list for the planning meetings to get involved with the planning of the 2022 Houston Area GIS Day. For more information, please visit http://www.houstonareagisday.org/.or contact houstonareagisdayorg@gmail.com.

2022 H-GAC Aerial Imagery Cost-Share Update: Brooks Andrews with H-GAC discussed the status of the 2022 H-GAC Aerial Imagery project and the next steps in cost-share program. Currently, the final project deliverables are being disbursed by H-GAC to all participating cost-share members. As of Wednesday, August 3rd, 22 orders have been completed and mailed out or are awaiting payment, 2 orders are in progress, and 8 orders are waiting to be started after receiving the final deliverables on Friday, July 15th. The data did take a bit longer this year to be delivered due to the total 17 TB size of the final deliverables and the time allowed for the user QA/QC period in June, but H-GAC anticipates to have all cost-share orders completed and either mailed out or ready to be mailed out after receiving payment on Friday, August 5th. Once an order is ready, H-GAC will email the cost-share participant for a signed license agreement, conformation of the mailing address, and payment if it hasn't been already received. If you are awaiting your imagery and haven't heard from H-GAC yet it is likely because your cost-share

order is still unpaid as paid orders are processed and delivered first. After all orders have been processed and mailed or waiting to be mailed, H-GAC will contact Surdex to set up the 2022 streaming imagery services for all participating cost-share members to consume as well. These streaming imagery services will be hosted by dedicated Surdex imagery servers and should be ready to use by early September and will last two full years from the date of production. Please contact DSGIS@h-gac.com or visit the project homepage if you have any questions on the 2022 H-GAC Aerial Imagery Cost-Share.

Guest Presentation – 2022 Esri User Conference Highlights and Recap: Greg Hackman with Esri gave a detailed overview and recap of the 2022 Esri User Conference held at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA from Monday, July 11th to Friday, July 15th. Greg's presentation dove into the numbers of the total attendees both in person and virtually, the number of total sessions held, and the amount of time since the last in-person conference was held in 2019. To see additional details and highlights from the 2022 Esri User Conference including when recorded sessions will be available online, you can view Greg's entire presentation here or visit https://www.esri.com/en-us/about/events/uc/overview for more information.

Announcements/Other Items:

- o In July, H-GAC and TeachMeGIS released the 2nd Half of the 2022 GIS Training at H-GAC schedule with 12 total training courses from July to December. As a reminder, all training courses are discounted 15% off for GDW members and H-GAC members and employees. For more information or to browse the courses for the second half of 2022 GIS Training at H-GAC schedule, you can visit the main website here.
- o There are currently seven open GIS/Geospatial positions from across the H-GAC region from employers such as Greater Harris County 911, Esri, RCP, City of La Porte, City of Missouri City, CenterPoint Energy, and Energy Transfer. Information and applications for these positions can be found on Esri's regional GIS jobs board that is assessible via the link below.
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- For the remainder of 2022, GDW meetings will continue to be hosted virtually by H-GAC through Microsoft Teams due to some ongoing audio/visual upgrades taking place at the H-GAC office. Starting in 2023, the GDW meetings will be hosted in a hybrid setting with both virtual and in-person attendance options at the H-GAC office at 3555 Timmons Ln, Houston, TX 77027.