GDW Meeting Summary for October 7, 2020

2020 General Election Voting Information: The Harris County Clerk's Office provided the GDW with a final slideshow all about how to vote in the upcoming general election on November 3rd as well as an updated early voting schedule for the county complete with early voting locations and dates/times for all locations. Both documents are available on the GDW Meeting Materials webpage as [Harris County Clerk's Office Presentation](#) and [Harris County Clerk's Office Early Voting Schedule](#) under the October 7, 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 in unison with other GIS Day events from around the state to form the Texas GIS Day this year scheduled from Monday, November 16th to Wednesday, November 18th. The Houston Area GIS Day event will still be held for high school students within the Texas GIS Day schedule on Tuesday, November 17th. The Houston Area GIS Day event this year will feature virtual GIS labs, GeoMentors, panel discussions and "Behind the Scenes" videos, live GIS activities for students, and a virtual meet and greet and exhibit hall. The biggest need at this point is to gather additional volunteers to lead a GIS lab which involves about 30 minutes leading a pre-set up online GIS activity with students following along. For more information or to volunteer for a GIS lab or any other activity, please visit the Houston Area GIS Day website at www.houstonareagisday.org.

2020 Aerial Imagery Cost-Share Wrap-Up: Brooks Andrews with H-GAC 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 processed and mailed out all but 2 of the 37 physical drives for cost-share participants last month. Brooks 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 in three different Esri environments. H-GAC is needing all 37 license agreements back and so far have about half, so Brooks will be emailing to get the remaining half soon to have them signed by H-GAC and redelivered. The next imagery cost-share project will commence in Spring 2021. For additional information or questions please, contact [Brooks Andrews](#) with H-GAC or visit the [project homepage](#) on the H-GAC website.

Guest Presentation – Esri's New Field Maps Application Overview: Nick Popovich and Brig Bowles gave the GDW a presentation on the brand-new Field Maps application from Esri. The new Fields Maps application is currently in beta and will be available in full on both mobile and desktop devices in December. The application will eventually replace five other existing Esri applications and has basic training available on the Esri website here. Nick and Brig's entire presentation is available on the GDW Meeting Materials website as Esri Presentation under the October 7, 2020 tab.

Announcements/Other Items:

- o Esri's Infrastructure Management & GIS Conference is coming up at the end of the month on October 27-30 and will be held virtually. Find more information on the virtual conference here.
- o There are several upcoming H-GAC sponsored TeachMeGIS GIS training classes, before the next GDW meeting all 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.
  - ▪ Introduction to ArcGIS Pro
    - Training Occurs: October 12-13
  - ▪ Intermediate ArcGIS Pro
    - Training Occurs: October 14-16
  - ▪ Getting the Most out of Your LiDAR Data
    - Training Occurs: October 19
  - ▪ Introduction to Mapping with ArcGIS Online and Portal
    - Training Occurs: November 4-5