MSGIC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2013
9a.m. – 12p.m.
Anne Arundel County Government (Heritage Office Complex) Annapolis, MD

Attendees:
Jim Cannistra, MDP (Chair)
Michael Scott, ESRGC/Salisbury University (Past Chair)
Julia Fischer, DoIT (Secretary)
Doug Reedy, Frederick County Government (Treasurer)
Roger Barlow, USGS (Federal Government Caucus Chair)
Jennifer Chadwick-Moore, MHT (State Government Caucus Chair)
Marshall Stevenson, KCI Technologies, Inc. (Private Caucus Chair)
Lauren McDermott, Salisbury University/ESRGC (Education Subcommittee Chair)
Patrick Callahan, Prince George's County Government (Data & Resources Subcommittee Chair)
Barney Krucoff, DoIT (GIO)

Theresa Martin, City of Laurel
Patrick McLoughlin, Spatial Systems Associates, Inc.
Larry Newman, Spatial Systems Associates, Inc.
Russell Provost, DoIT/ESRGC
Matthew Sokol, DoIT
Matt Webb, Anne Arundel County Government

On Phone Attendees:
Mark Helmken, CGIS (Chair-Elect)
Scott Jeffrey, Community College of Baltimore County (Outreach Subcommittee Chair)
Jaime Alvarez, Community College of Baltimore County (Education Caucus Chair)

Open Meeting – *Jim Cannistra*
Thanks to Karen Kennedy (MDP)
- Researched and provided information to Mike Scott concerning the contact database
- Has also been helping with updates to the MSGIC website
- Might be recruited for Treasurer in the future b/c of banking experience

Announcements
- Delaware 7 year RFP for orthos/LiDAR/impervious
- Esri FedUC and NSGIC Conferences
  - There were a number of presentations that highlighted Maryland during the NSGIC conference
  - There were presentations from Spatial Systems Inc. and State Archives during the Esri FedUC Conference
    - Spatial MMS was contracted through MES to Maryland State Archives

- - Monitoring temperature and humidity throughout the building
    - Seems to be working well to date

- KCI ACEC MD Award for GDX project
- Maryland Metadata paper
  - Metadata thesis recently submitted by Tyler Stevens, had MSGIC input
  - Would like to consider this be added to the MSGIC website

TUgis Conference Update – *Jamie Alvarez & Mark Helmken*
- Things seem to be coming together concerning attendees and vendors
- Volunteers request sent out on the last email from Jim Cannistra
- Collecting highlights from State agencies
  - There is still time if people want to volunteer additional information
- Material for keynote has been reviewed and looks good, excited about opening session

- Roles and responsibilities of people at the conference, specifically volunteers
  - Meeting today at CGIS concerning volunteers status and what their responsibilities will be and where
  - Putting together student availability and covering Monday – Wednesday, all the parts and pieces

- Program is being printed
- Sessions are packed
- Looks like we are on track for a successful conference
- Registrants are over 400, might be closer to 500, need to confirm
- Mark Helmken still looking for volunteers for the MSGIC booth
  - Scott Jeffrey, Shawn Wampler, Lauren McDermott, Julia Fischer additional volunteers
  Action Item: Take a look at the sessions you want to attend and let Mark Helmken know so he can provide coverage, mostly during the open times and break times and not as much during the sessions
  - MSGIC booth to be open from 7:30a.m. – 5p.m.
  - Table to be moved from one location to another, once registration/sign-in has been completed

- Once complete would like to provide Virginia Thompson with feedback, a sense of what was liked and not liked and provide from MSGIC
- Will have a survey during the conference, but these are not always filled out in a large number
- Virginia Thompson would like to have a round up meeting about 2 weeks after the conference to debrief

- Additional materials, other than the welcome packet that we want to push out at TUgis?
  - GISP packets have been requested to have available
  - Sign-up for MSGIC will be available at the conference
  - Last year we had the by-laws printed out, but don't think a lot were picked up last year
  - How to add data layers, Ramona handout, do we want to update any of these or add additional material
  - Newsletter copies, profile sheet of officers
  Action Item: "Ask me about MSGIC" name tags to wear during the conference – Julia Fischer

MSGIC Quarterly Meeting – *Mark Helmken*

Spring – April 18th @ Chesapeake College

- Set for April 2013, need an additional presenter for this meeting

- Eric Flint working on LiDAR set of models converted to Python scripts to manipulate LiDAR within v10
    - Talk about how models work and have this information available to share once after presentation
    - Use model to apply symbology – fairly complex model
- AXIS GeoSpatial, LLC to provide breakfast
- Jeff Cox (Anne Arundel County)
- Map GIS with Android Mobile phone
- LiDAR processing
- Dorchester County climate adaptation project – 4 confirmed

- County Highlights
    - Caroline County declined
    - Queen Anne's County declined
    - Cecil County accepted
    - Might want to reach out to some of the other counties, but one might work out for this next meeting

- Feedback from the last meeting included adding more breaks during the meeting for networking
    - Format to stick with four presentations, rather than five
    - Another option would be to keep five presentations, but shorten the length of each

Summer – July @ location TBD – discussion options

- In the past has been held at Shady Grove campus, in Wheaton at Brookside Gardens and also at Community Center in Silver Spring, MD
- No initiatives thus far to get a facility in place, would like feedback about which facility worked best
    - Meeting at the Brookside Gardens was a great spot, pleasant location and accessible to many things
    - Feedback that is was a nice, different place to be
    - Community Center in Silver Spring building close to mass transit and easy to get to places for lunch
    Action Item: Check the Prince George's County Public Safety Center – Patrick Callahan
    - Used for PSAP meetings and was a good room (Bowie, right off Route 50)
- Might also want to try somewhere in Southern Maryland, allowing for more of the Southern Maryland members to access
- Scheduled for Wednesday, July 17th

Certificates for CE Credits (?)

- How to handle credits from MSGIC participation and presentations
- Create a certificate/letter of confirmation on-the-fly or right after the conclusion of the meeting for people who need credits for certifications
- Key is to make sure that people get signed in and make a request for these certificates

- o Sign in could include a check box next to their name if they request a certificate/letter of confirmation
- Certificates provided at the end of the meeting to assure full presentation participation before providing certification/letter of confirmation
- This might bring in some other professional organizations, for other certificates

Action Item: Get certificate process in place for the summer quarterly meeting

- Certification of participation for Board Members
  - o Send thank you letters for the members participation
  - o During a term, president write a quick letter, signed and certified
  - o Letterheads with names on it would also suffice

MSGIC Communications – Education and Outreach Subcommittee – *Scott Jeffrey*

Newsletter

- Waiting for business outline from Spatial Systems, Inc.

Action Item: Provide this business outline to Scott Jeffrey this afternoon – Patrick McLoughlin

- Datastory Consulting is also being highlighted in the upcoming newsletter
- Push newsletter out to graphics person, few hours until it can be passed to Jim Cannistra for review

MSGIC Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation – *Jim Cannistra/Doug Reedy*

Implementation Plan

- Discuss dues implementation summary document
  - o Worked to get as many of the names identified from the database and find out contact information
    - ▪ Very thorough job was done
    - ▪ No longer need a letter campaign concerning those who only had addresses
  - o 860 members have been verified, there will be a few that will be dropped for lack of information
  - o This will form our distribution list for newsletters, etc.
  - o A sub-set will become dues paying members who will receive additional information via email

- PayPal all set up to collect payments and filter them to the Columbia Bank account
- Revised the application form, changed the sponsorship form a little bit allowing for tiered levels

- Conference call recently to go through the key questions concerning implementation of structure
- "Policy Recommendations for Implementation of Membership Dues Structure" went out yesterday
  - o Comments or questions?
    - ▪ Bottom box: "Need to provide…" section should be defined internally first and to all members later
  - o Last 2 boxes are things we needed to do to start planning
  - o Key points: be inclusive and allow all to attend Quarterly meetings
  - o Only members can vote
  - o Be as liberal as possible concerning students and who is a student
    - ▪ Anyone registered for a class, even if they have a job
  - o Paying people or organizations defined
  - o July 1st official start date, but now is really the official start date

- o People will have until January 2014 to pay their dues and will not have their classification changed until after the Spring Quarterly
- o Allowing for 1 year to come up with the dues payments
- o Not going to get into partial payments/installments – too complicated at this point
- o Doug Reedy to provide report as Treasurer for each Executive Committee meeting and report a brief report at the Quarterly meeting and an annual report for publishing
    - ▪ Expenditures: $40 for files
    - ▪ Balance: $2,481
    - ▪ PayPal account setup
    - ▪ State tax document has been received by Chris Slavin and will be filed shortly
- o Hoping to get a few more sponsor organizations in the next few months and would like to see a few counties and local governments go with one of the tiers, get this process started
- o DoIT, MDP and ESRGC are signed up as corporate sponsors

Question: Has there been recognition by State Government for input or provider of information to the State?
- o Links to the website to MSGIC and vice versa, DoIT is a sponsor of the organization
- o Role and recognition of MD iMap and MSGIC by the State of Maryland
- o Would like to get MSGIC's website off of DNR's web server, so we can differentiate the two sites and get sponsor banners onto the MSGIC website
- o Want to minimize duplicative web content on the MSGIC and MD iMap websites
- o Content on each website describing the other, but the two websites have different uses

- o MD iMap Executive Committee meeting held last week and received feedback concerning updates that need to be made to the MD iMap Portal website
- o Governor signing off on the renewed MD iMap Executive Order, lists MSGIC as a participating organization

Question: Short of an official statement from the Governor is a contributing organization or MSGIC subservient to MD iMap?
- o Affiliated, but independent
- o MSGIC is more cross-sector
- o MD iMap is more state-focused, including funding which goes to improve any entities

Question: How should the response to the question be messaged out?
- • At quarterly meeting provide update on timing and roll out and point out that some issues were brought to the Executive Committee's attention and were addressed
- • Could setup an FAQ on the website and drop the last 2 boxes, which are about the organization as a whole and not this particular issue

Question: Is this something for the newsletter?
- • It would be a very good idea to include this information in this upcoming newsletter

Action Item: Streamline and put in FAQ format and out to Scott Jeffrey by Friday – Jim Cannistra

GIO Briefing – *Barney Krucoff*

New Hire

- Matthew Sokol is from Spatial Systems, Inc.
- Started a few weeks ago
- Works with law enforcement and will be working closely with MCAC and Fusion Center
- Three tasks:
  - Flow of data on suspicious activity (secure/protected)
  - Maps of critical infrastructure
    - Pulling together critical infrastructure types of locations, what sector is it in, build up at MCAC and share with the rest of the community
  - Crime data
    - There is lots around, coming from the local governments to the State, but there is thought to be a lag in sharing, working on data flow improvements and opening up communication
    - Spoken with some Governor's Office reps very interested in crime mapping, data being submitted, but not to the state, work on a county level to get data, get other violent crime data (type 2)
    - Some data for analysis and discussion about what level of data should be made public, scrubbing to provide data out, but protect sensitive aspects of the data
- Working to get in touch with the right people, getting data mapped, combined and out to the contributors
- burgersub.org is a student website which chronicles homicides and other violent crime data
- crimereports.com is a place where counties have been publishing their data for a significant length of time
- Other part of the job is liaisoning with GIS professionals in the Eastern Region of the State
  - Anticipate sometimes proactively participating at functions where groups are active

MD iMap Executive Committee Update

- Next meeting scheduled for June 26th

- Open discussion went well, did not learn a lot new, but reemphasized existing priorities
- Data needs to be available in more formats
- The way we currently make the data available is not as useful as it could be
- Reminders that we need to move along faster
- MD iMap Portal website concerning where to go for information needs to be restructured to make data easier to find
- Showing developments that we have been working on and will see these at TUgis
  - Application template
  - Data multi-purposing, etc.
- More conversation going on this time then last time, much better meeting
- Good for everyone else to hear that there were unity in the room about where to go
- Idea that many people do not have feedback at all, which is often natural, points out that these are the people paying for it, but are not using it
- Conversation about the ELA and what we need to do to get State organizations onto the State License Manager

- o Making a case for moving forward
- o This was a good discussion and what the Executive Committee should be taking up
- o Will be a regular feature moving into the future
- o Showed improved tracking of data
- o Showed we need to get more people using the license manager to get more accurate results from it
- o Also showing the ArcGIS Online statistics and this will be shared regularly on the Portal
- Good to let people know that the utilization of the ELA is being tracked
- AXIS GeoSpatial, LLC liked what was heard and was encouraged about the involvement
- Can be frustrating about how little people know and are involved, but we are still at the education and awareness phase and this meeting was a good forum and promotion
- Suggestion for moving forward
  - o More on accomplishments from different groups or agencies
  - o More technical focus was on what is in progress rather than what has been completed
- Attendance was phenomenal, public private, local, State – cross-sector
- Question arose about who is MD iMap's targeted audience – GIS professionals or general public?
  - o Made us think more about this again
  - o MD iMap Portal website is for GIS people, public, but do not want people coming to Portal to find out about Septic Policy, should be at MDP or MDE to get this information
  - o This is the Portal for GIS users and we will make that our audience, whether in the State or not
  - o Not trying to duplicate the basemaps and other resources that Google or Bing provide

Cascading Geocoder
- Expected to go live shortly
- Will include some additional webpages to the MD iMap Portal
- Local address points is first rung, MDPV is the second rung, Street Centerlines, etc…
  - o Exit ramps, mile markers, place names are other geocoding layers
  - o Ties to addressing data being collected by Russell Provost
    - ▪ He will be collecting the first tier data through his addressing efforts
  - o No charge for using this resources and Maryland centric
  - o Geocoder comes back with what database you hit and can limit the geocoders that will be hit within the full cascading geocoder
- ArcGIS Online improvements to geocoder to be released in the near future
  - o Need to look into specifics from Anthony Puzzo
- Do not need to wait to add the local address before this resource is released
  - o Will add that data in later version and improve the results from this resource
- Esri will be cutting off access to their geocoding services without going through ArcGIS Online in the near future, this requires that the service be paid for
  - o This might result in everyone going back to having their own individual geocoders
  - o ELA for ESRGC gets StreetMap dataset which is what the Esri geocoder is made from
    - ▪ ESRGC is planning to include this resource into their geocoder on their local servers, as a solution for the need to nationally geocode
  - o Will ask Esri if this is something that can be shared on their public servers for others to use

- Costs attributed to providing and maintaining a geocoder with this released data, which is being offset from Esri to the locals if they choose to create a unique geocoder with the provided data

Local and Regional GIS Coordination Efforts
Local Government Updates – *Shawn Wampler*
No updates at this time

Baltimore Metropolitan Council – *Sandi Stroud*
No updates at this time

Eastern Shore (Mid-Shore & Tri-County Council) – *Lauren McDermott*
- February 20th – Mid-Shore GIS meeting in Easton, MD was well attended
- Watershed implementation plan was a good topic of discussion
- Land use maps vs. impervious surface utilization was discussed in depth
- Most of the jurisdictions are moving to 10.1 and have discussed loss of resources
- Joint meeting between Lower and Mid-Shore scheduled for April 24th at Salisbury University

- Need to fill out a matrix more concerning the resources counties have related to impervious surfaces
- Need to address the Numbers Board about getting roads and buildings updated
  - Central counties are moving at a much faster pace of updating, where outlier counties are not updating very often or at all
  - Dollar estimates have gone down since the original data was created
  Question: Are Standards available? – Data models are available
  - Work in Somerset County on parcel data, roads leading to accounts which are not private easements and are not included in the data
  - Many counties have not updated in a long time, they might feel that the entire process needs to be redone, which has higher costs and requirements
- Opening session of TUgis is designed to get some of these topics out in a room that contains GIS professionals from all of the local governments throughout Maryland
- Think about collecting footprints from LiDAR rather than imagery
  - How can we make this as multi-purpose as possible for requesting funding from Numbers Board
- Discussion about GIS data as an asset for running a local government
  - Usually understood by the technically minded, who are not those in decision-making positions
  - From multiple perspectives of running local government, GIS data is a key asset, do not want this information that is being relied on to be out-of-date
  - Need to share this same message with all of the different groups, from all directions, from top down, as well as, bottom up

MWCoG – *Charlene Howard*
No updates at this time

Central Maryland Users Group (CMUG) – *Jamie Alvarez*
- May 17th tentative date for next meeting

- o Still trying to lock this date down
- If not merged with GIS in Business (GBiz) Conference, it will be moved to a date in June instead, since there is an abundance of meetings around this same time in May
- A few presentations are already lined up:
  - o GeoPDF projects
  - o Datastory Consulting
  - o Sorting out technical demo from Esri
- Locked down the location once the combination of the conferences is confirmed
- Either at CCBC Catonsville or Howard Community College
- Agency item about Maryland update to be presented by Julia Fischer

Western Maryland User Group & Tri-County Council – *Debbie Carpenter*
- On-going issue about boundary line between Allegany and Garrett Counties
- Finally received from SHA the Chisholm line is now the accepted line

Action Item: MD iMap needs to verify that the county boundary reflects the Chisholm line
- o Census uses, MDP uses, both counties use, but not all State agencies were using the Chisholm line

State GIS Coordination Efforts

MD iMap Technical Committee – *Julia Fischer*
- Map Service Consolidation
  - o Map services have been turned off or removed to begin the clean-up/consolidation process and allow for hosting a few new map services
  - o Recently received information from Esri that we might be managing 10 times as many map services as they recommend

- Application Template Update
  - o Template released with the FY14 Capital Budget map
  - o Setting up meetings in the upcoming weeks to get some of the many existing non ArcGIS Online apps moved over

- MD iMap Portal Updates
  - o Links have been added to the homepage for the MD ELA and new K-12 Education ELA homepages
  - o A link has also been added to the Developers tab for the GitHub account for the application template

Orthos/Parcels/Septic Tier Mapping – *Jim Cannistra*
- Orthos
  - o Imagery collection has been proceeding well with about 81 – 82% complete at this time
  - o Some turbulence and flight clearance issues down near PAX
  - o Only a couple more days' worth of flying left

- Parcels
  - o Finishing counties on the Eastern Shore and getting ready for new ones to do next year
  - o Somerset County to be completed in the next few weeks

- o Worcester and Wicomico Counties getting started for next year

- Septic Tier Mapping
  - o Progressing as working with the counties
  - o Applications exist that are for status tracking
  - o Want to put together application to show septic tiers within each county

Broadband Availability – *Mike Scott*
- Discussions have begun about what will happen to this project after April 2014
- Conversations at DBED to find out to what degree the information has been useful
- No centralized move to encourage broadband development throughout the State, especially in rural areas, but also in pockets within the central regions
  - o Issues with getting fiber to the home still linger
- Conclusions being drawn to either wrap up existing efforts or continue on in a reduced fashion
- Community Anchor Institutions – schools, libraries, non-profit centers
  - o A lot of energy has gone into this layer and want to see where it will land based on all of the errors that have been brought together
  - o Need to publish and make this a marketable resource for future use
  - o Date for publishing CAI data, even if published without complete broadband connectivity data TBD, but near future

Chesapeake Bay Critical Area – *Mike Scott*
- Application went live recently, supports multiple counties searching
- About to start public meetings in Caroline County
- Anne Arundel County delivered to county on Monday to start review process
- Map showing what phase each counties is in in the process

dFIRM Conversion – *Mike Scott*
- Talbot County just got new dFIRMs
- Some of the Eastern Shore counties are actively working on getting dFIRMs
- Reducing flood heights in the Upper Chesapeake Bay is shrinking the amount of land in the 100 year flood plain in that area
  - o Causing concern that there is something amiss with the modeling, which is reducing these flood heights so significantly
  - o Those living in these areas are concerned that the numbers are not right
  - o Grandfathering provision, allowing people to buy insurance at the old rate, for a fixed period of time
- Digital dFIRMs are available for download

TMDL Effort – *Dept. of Environment*
No updates at this time

Outreach – *Jen Chadwick-Moore*
No updates at this time

Historic Image Initiative – *Larry Swift*
No updates at this time

MSGIC Coordination – Data Resources Subcommittee – *Patrick Callahan*
- Discussion about internal Portal for State and counties to share services and to point back to County sites
- Listing this on the MD iMap Portal with links to the Counties
- MSGIC made a recent effort to provide website links and contact information for State and Local agencies
  o Currently working on Colleges & Universities
- MD iMap site has services listed and will continue to expand this list, but heard before about data downloads, this is available on the MSGIC website, but out-of-date
  o Working to update with organization name and webpage link
  o What is a data download page? – Data download site or place where you can get .pdfs, etc.
    ▪ Miscellaneous maps hosted on a website would not fall into this category
- Consider rewrapping the data from MSGIC website, do not want to duplicate it
- Also facilitate a place where the State can get County data, some way to share back up to the State agencies
  o Same idea as the GDX
  o Need one solution for protected data and message out this singular location from multiple locations

- Assessment of the jurisdiction capabilities
  o Need assistance with standing up data, map services, etc.
  o What are capabilities of local areas to complete GIS-related resources, but do not have capability or knowledge to take it to the next level

- Common Symbology
  o Coming up with streamlining to a Federal standard
  o Making it consistent at State and County levels and even between counties
  o Allow for new services to be resymbolized at version 10.1

- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
  o Met with them and no resolution was reached
  o Awarded their contract to Kucera
  o Made a strong case to share imagery and LiDAR
  o M-NCPPC would re-evaluate policy of sharing the outputs of this contract
  o Jim Cannistra working to put something together in writing to make this request formal
  o Based on policy that the GIS group put forward and was not officially adopted, but moving forward using it until another policy is brought forth
    ▪ Going to have to assist them with moving the process along by putting a memo together and presenting it to get the standards of sharing changed at their level
  o Continuing to pursue this topic
  o Significant interests in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties LiDAR updates at the Federal level
  o Montgomery County, Rockville and Gaithersburg Planning meeting coming up in the future and Jim Cannistra and Barney Krucoff to attend

Federal Coordination Efforts – *Roger Barlow*

LiDAR – new (fall) acquisitions

- Calvert County still in the process of evaluating the LiDAR concerning tiles missing
  - DEM will go into National Elevation Dataset once these are found
- Carroll County was entered in the National Elevation Dataset in February 2013
- Frederick County has been accepted and delivered to USGS as part of a larger delivery
  - Hard drive to be delivered today to download Frederick County data and provide to Doug Reedy, Nature Conservancy, and ESRGC
  - Three-fourths of Carroll County was funded by NRCS and one-quarter by FEMA

- Hurricane Sandy LiDAR continues to change, Dorchester and Talbot Counties 1/27th arc-second data to be collected in these counties in the near future, because of Blackwater Refuge
- Not totally sure how these areas are going to be weighted and ultimately decided to be or not to be collected
- Know USGS to get $6.4 million for collection which will come in two pieces in the future
  - Asked for more, but got what was expected
- $14 million for total impact area, asking for matching money and those areas that provide matching money will move to the top of the list
- Collection anticipated for December 2013

- Interest email concerning Shoreline working group was sent out
- Meeting scheduled for April 2013
- Chesapeake Bay Sentinel sites – NOAA program
  - LiDAR is important and derivative products discussed and they are included in this group

- DC OCTO & DC Department of Environment concerning MOU
- DC just advertised their photography, expecting it to be re-flown

- Flood mapping (multi-agency) meeting in January
- Federal monitoring graphic, stations will be depicted on graphic, which will be shared with this group
- Helps to decide where flood mitigation will occur

- Urban Waters Workshop
  - Patapsco and Anacostia – combination of green space, land use, impervious surface
  - Getting people access to this data, some agencies are funded for this and some are not
  - Pulling this together about geospatial coverages and depictions

- US Topo new application came out few weeks ago to convert from Topo to GIS usable versions
- Information below from Stephen Aichele (USGS)

"Attached below is a GlobalMapper script and shapefile to convert USTopos from GeoPDF to GeoTif. The script requires GM13.1 or higher to work. The shapefile is required to clip the collars from the quads. Instructions are included in the script.

There has been considerable demand for this functionality since the introduction of the USTopo, and this script is intended to meet the needs of users who require the quads specifically in a GIS - for creating publication documents, for overlaying their own information on maps for field use, etc. In the future this need will likely be met by Data Packets for each quad, containing the vector data and symbolization necessary to recreate the quad in ArcMap. However, Data Packets will not be available nationwide until the next cycle of USTopos are produced. This script is intended to largely fill that need in the interim.

We would like to avoid having users broadly replicate the USTopo offerings or create duplicate map services displaying the USTopo content. The tiled basemap cache that Rob Dollison demo'd a couple months ago is up and functioning well. The cache can be added as a service in ArcGIS by adding the ArcGIS server http://basemap.nationalmap.gov/ArcGIS/rest/service and selecting the USGSTopo service. If you have trouble with it talk to me or Rob and we'll try to walk you through it.

The content in the tiles will be fresher, and many more features are labeled than in the USTopo. If users desire a continuous topographic map service as a backdrop to an application, they should use the basemap cache rather than convert the USTopos and create a parallel service. If they need a quad (or several quads) for field work or as a publication base, feel free to share the script at your discretion, but be sure the users are aware of the service and the benefits of the service."

Action Item: Share this link with the group to share with the larger group – Roger Barlow

- FSA has cancelled the 2013 NAIP flight for Maryland as part of the Fed report

Imagery Plans
- Discussion concerning imagery ingestion
- Resources have tightened and data that is not partnered for with USGS is not going into the National Map
- Something that has to do with internal politics and external funding
- Control of archival resources will be shifted in the near future
- USGS is not a primary steward for imagery, Ag is taking leading role
- Not good for states where this had been a clearinghouse in the past, as well as a backup and security
- Even resampling to 1 foot would not be considered a partnered dataset and they are no longer interested
- MSGIC position is clear and we are clear to convey or respond as needed
- Google still gets downloads from USGS and as a result they are showing NAIP on the Eastern Shore and nothing newer or more accurate

- NGA funding still trying to get for DC urban area for next year
- There will be money for next year, but this program also being cut and might go away
- Lifetime might not go past 2014

MSGIC Website Updates – *Julia Fischer*
- Send out template link to the group before next meeting so it can be reviewed ahead of time

Action Item: Lisa Lowe to obtain some analytics from the current MSGIC website from DNR – Julia Fischer

Upcoming Events

- MSGIC Quarterly – April 18, 2013
- Tri-County & Mid-Shore Regional GIS Meeting – April 24, 2013
- CMUG – May 17, 2013
- Western Maryland GIS User Group – May 17, 2013

Advocacy Items – *Jim Cannistra*

MACO Summer Conference

- GDX paper being put in for this conference, it will be submitted shortly, deadline April 10, 2013
  - Includes title and brief paragraph description
- Thinking about putting an addressing session together
  - Raise attention of issues and challenges in more rural counties
  - Case studies available, damage assessment of Somerset County after Hurricane Sandy, for example
  - Case studies, damage assessment from La Plata Tornado which had successful response
- Need to target the message to topics that are currently in the high profile topics and GIS is the solution
  - Minimalize the technical aspects of the conversation
- Attendees are commissioners who are concerned with daily management and decisions
- Need to advertise the session ahead of time and make sure they are reminded of this opportunity
- Can get a list of attendees ahead of time to distribute this reminder of the session and topics to be covered
- Recommend a MSGIC session at MACO, there has not been one in a while and many of the attendees/representatives will be brand new

Next Executive Committee Meeting – April 10, 2013 via Webex Only