

GIS DISCUSSION GROUP Review

Hosted by; St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission

April 2, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.
200 Grand River, BOC Room
Port Huron, Michigan

The meeting started at 10:10 a.m.

Attendees:

Joe Bixler, SCC Deputy Administrator	Brian Breise, SCC IT Director
Marsden Murphy, MP Commissioner	Jim Hayes, St. Clair Conservation District
Bill Kauffman, SCCMPC	Peter Mallory, SCCMPC
Trevor Floyd, SCCMPC	Lori J. Eschenburg, SCCMPC
Jason Hami, City of Marysville	Jamie Munro, SCC Lands & Graphics
Al Lewandowski, PHASD (Northern)	Marianne Hill, SCC Emergency Mngmt.
Paula Zegelien, Riley Twp.	Mike Dey, SCC Health Dept.
Jim Warner, SCC Road Commission	Greg Lachon, SCC Lands & Graphics
Vern Pearl, Wales Twp.	Dale Conger, Equalization
Robert Docherty, Animal Control	Angela Zazula, ESRI
Quintin Lang, County of Lambton	Kirk Lavigne, St. Clair Twp.
Mark Miano, China, E. China, Algonac	Tim Class, Reg. Of Deeds
Julie Wallace, Emergency Mngmt.	Mark Smith, SCC Drain Office
Jeff Sergent, City of St. Clair	

1) PRESENTATION

By Joe Bixler, Deputy Administrator, and Brian Breise, Information Technology Department Head

Our purpose in presenting this information was to provide local communities with some information about the St. Clair County Information Technology Network, where we intended to invest in the future, and how local communities might benefit from these investments.

St. Clair County has made significant investments in network systems, hardware, and software over the last three years. The result is one of the largest and most advanced County Networks in the state. The platforms that have been procured have provided county departments with innovative ways to provide better service to our customers and to find more efficient and effective methods of work delivery in our offices.

There will be some costs associated with the services that may be made available to local communities, and we have not yet put exact dollar figures to them. Be assured that we are not interested in generating significant income. Our only interest, relative to cost, is to recoup our time to “hook” local communities up to services, and pay for the nominal costs associated with those items that they may want to take advantage of. Please see below for a list of items and services which might represent opportunities for your community.

Link Michigan: Connectivity – An inventory of telecom infrastructure, ID telecom providers and costs, determine needs-limiting factors, other issues relative to connectivity, provide recommendations to proceed with plans for future build out.

ANDI: Bedrock of our e-Government infrastructure – Web and phone module that provides 24/7 access to County information and service applications.

Menu of items available to Townships/Municipalities

Software applications:

- Financial software (Bitech)
- Land Use Management applications

- Licensing (Animals, building permits, etc...)
- Code Enforcement
- GIS data
 - Internet Connection
 - Web Hosting
 - Email Service
 - Pass through services (BWB)
 - St. Clair County IT can maintain your Network at your location

A local community wishing to know more about the services available to them can get in contact with Joe Bixler (810.989.6900 ext. 6313), the Information Technology Department (810.985.2262 ext.2261), or e-mail jbixler@stclaircounty.org.

2) OTHER

Updates:

- St. Clair County Equalization Department has integrated GIS into their workflow.
- Lands and Graphics have received the parcel polygons from the Corps of Engineers.
- Emergency Management is moving along on implementing their ESRI grant.
- SCC Road Commission has purchased survey-grade GPS equipment.
- East China Township has incorporated assessment information on their website, check it out at www.eastchinatownship.org
- ESRI will be conducting a GIS Site Analysis within county departments in May.

Conferences, Workshops and Other Opportunities:

- **E-Government Regatta, 2003:** Combine the practicality of proven eGovernment solutions with agencies that have established model programs. Coincides with the Port Huron to Mackinac Sailboat Race, in Port Huron, MI, on July 17, 18, & 19. For more information contact Tele-Works, Inc. at twmain@tele-works.com.
- **GIS Utilities Standards:** A GIS workshop sponsored by SEMCOG and Canton Township (free workshop). Friday, May 16, 2003 in Canton Township, MI. For more information contact moore@semcog.org.

3) NEXT MEETING

The next GIS Discussion Group Meeting will be at **10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, June 4, 2003**, in the BOC Room of the St. Clair County Administrative Office Building, 200 Grand River, Port Huron, MI. Attendees will see a presentation by Richard Suave, the Michigan Technical Sales Representative of Leica Corporation. Rick, along with Larry O'Keefe at the SCC Landfill, has set up the CORS (Continuously Operating Reference Station) Tower Network in St. Clair County. He will be demonstrating this cutting edge surveying technology, and answering questions about the CORS Tower network in the county. For more information about CORS Towers, see <http://cis.co.saint-clair.mi.us/news.asp#N9GIS>.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact the offices of the Metropolitan Planning Commission at 810.989.6950.

Respectfully Submitted,

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