

## Meeting Minutes

### ARGIS - Atlanta Region GIS user group meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2015  
Noon – 2pm  
Harry West Room, Conference Level

#### Attendees

Seth	Agyepong	Cobb County Government
Thomas	Allen	Student
Araya	Araya	Dekalb County
Mariam	Asad	ARC
Ryan	Barrett	ARC
Ross	Brewer	City of Marietta, GA
Leslie	Caceda	ARC
Nilesh	Deshpande	Parsons Brinckerhoff
Mike	Edelson	InterDev
Lonnie	Ferguson	Union City, GA
James	Fitzgerald	Cobb County Tax Assessor's Office
David	Giguere	ARC
Colin	Gowens	Fulton County Public Works
Stacy	Grear	DeKalb County
Justyna	Grinholc	Fulton County
Mearia	Howell	Cobb County Gov/GIS
Kanne	Ikwuezunma	KSU
Habte	Kassa	GDOT
Amber	Keller	GA Dept of Community Affairs
Benjamin	Kern	City of Alpharetta
Azar	Khani	Fulton County Government
Hyun-Hee	Kwak	Fulton County
Jennifer	Lana	Cobb County
Mark	Lane	Hall County Government
Tom	Lucky	DeKalb County GIS
Eric	Main	ARC
Jeremy	Manny	Clayton County Water Authority
Josh	McCracken	Paulding County
Charlene	Mingus	ARC
Stephanie	Ojiagbaje	Cobb county GIS



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Adam	Ray	Coweta County
Landon	Reed	ARC
Clint	Richmond	Coweta County
Chris	Rice	InterDev
Maria	Roell	ARC
Dan	Schultz	Barrow County
Christophe	Silveira	MARTA
Scott	Sirotkin	County of Newton
Bradley	Stephens	Cobb County Information
Melanie	Tabb	Gwinnett County
Binyu	Wang	ARC
Stephanie	Washington	ARC
Moses	Wilkins	FEMA RIV
Dwight	Williams	Clayton County Water Authority
Charlene	Zimmerman	Fulton County Government

### 1. Lunch, networking, poster gallery

Poster contributions are available at [atlantaregional.com/argis](http://atlantaregional.com/argis). Contributing to the poster gallery is another opportunity to share with the group and earn GISP points! [Send a poster](#) and we'll print and display or bring the day of.

### 2. Introduction

Welcome and introduction by Ryan Barrett. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 8, 2015.

### 3. Updates and Announcements

Presentations are available at [atlantaregion.com/argis](http://atlantaregion.com/argis)

#### · Upcoming Events

- a. A guest announced the Georgia URISA GIS Workshops to be held at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel on Monday August 24, 2015 and Tuesday August 25, 2015. The workshop topics include: LiDAR, QGIS, PostGIS, Addressing, ArcGIS Online, and Transportation GIS. Registration information can be found at <http://www.gaurisa.org/?page=CiviCRM&q=civicrm/event/info&reset=1&id=31>
- b. A guest announced the 8th Annual Hazus User Conference being held December 9–11, 2015 in Atlanta, Georgia. This year's theme is "Hazus and the Emergency Management



Life Cycle: From Practice to Policy.” Registration is free at <http://events.esri.com/info/index.cfm?fuseaction=seminarRegForm&shownumber=19269>

· ARGIS GISP points

#### 4. **ConnectED Initiative**

*Colin Gowens, GIS Manager at the Fulton County Department of Water Resources, GIS Division*

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/education/k-12/connected>

- Fulton County supports ESRI ArcGIS Online K-12 ConnectED Program
- GIS mentoring to teachers/students in STEM programs
- Esri will provide \$1 billion in access

#### 5. **GeoJSON Web Mapping**

*Landon Reed, ARC*

Q. Do you see people sticking with shapefiles or using this format?

A. If you have ArcGIS software on your machine that may remain the norm but geoJSON does have specific purposes that may be useful.

Q. When you convert a shapefile it includes all of the vertices?

A. They are both vector files, so all of the vertices, all of the data, that you had before is still going to be there. There is no loss of info.

#### 6. **ARC Open Data Site**

*Ryan Barrett, ARC*

The ARC Open Data site can be found at [atlantaregional.com/opendata](http://atlantaregional.com/opendata) or [opendata.atlantaregional.com](http://opendata.atlantaregional.com)

Q. Is ARC the only commission using the open data platform in Georgia?

A. We are the only ones publishing all of our GIS data. Others are using it for a few specific projects.

Q. Will it all be on one site in the future?

A. If other commissions share data with us, we will publish it.

Q. What are you getting out of WEAVE that you didn't get out of the other site?

A. WEAVE has many more ways to visualize the data and is open source.



## **7. Topics for future meetings**

Please contact Ryan Barrett at 404-463-3134 or [rbarrett@atlantaregional.com](mailto:rbarrett@atlantaregional.com) with future topic ideas or areas of interest.

## **8. Poster Gallery Q & A**

Many thanks to those who contributed posters to the map gallery.

## **9. Adjourn**

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