

Meeting Minutes

ARGIS - Atlanta Region GIS user group meeting

Thursday, October 8 2015
 Noon – 2pm
 Harry West Room, Conference Level

Attendees

Araya	Araya	Dekalb County GIS
William	Bailey	Retired Auburn University
Ryan	Barrett	Atlanta Regional Commission
Clarence	Blalock	City of Covington/Newton County
Sesame	Bowens	City of Covington
Eric	Britt	Gwinnett County
Scott	Carmine	Kennesaw State University
Tom	Culler	City of Atlanta
John	Dean	Gwinnett County DWR
Nilesh	Deshpande	WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff
Paul	DiGirolamo	Atlanta Regional Commission
Mark	Eatman	Kimley-Horn
Ana	Eisenman	Kimley-Horn
Daniel	Fuller	Atlanta Contemporary
Tony	Giarusso	Georgia Tech Center for GIS
David	Giguere	Atlanta Regional Commission
Zack	Gilbert	Clayton County
Justyna	Grinholc	Fulton County
Subhro	Guhathakurta	Georgia Tech Center for GIS
Steve	Hart	Gwinnett County DWR
Stewart	Henderson	City of Atlanta
Matt	Hinds-Aldrich	Atlanta Fire Rescue Department
Ruben	Hovanesian	Gresham Smith and Partners
Mearia	Howell	Cobb County
Habte	Kassa	Georgia Department of Transportation
Azar	Khani	Fulton County
Letitia	King-Branch	MARTA
Hyun Hee	Kwak	Fulton County
Leo	Ladefian	City of Atlanta
Mark	Lane	Hall County



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Tim	Lawrence	Covington – Newton County GIS
Tom	Lucky	Dekalb County
Jeremy	Manny	Clayton County Water Authority
Gardner	Mayo	Clayton County Community Dev
Rodney	Milton	City of Atlanta
Jim	Quattlebaum	Clayton County Water Authority
Emeline	Renz	Atlanta Bicycle Coalition
Chris	Rice	City of Sandy Springs
Maria	Roell	Atlanta Regional Commission
Langdon	Sanders	Forsyth County
Dan	Schultz	Barrow County
Scott	Sirotkin	Newton County
Bradley	Stephens	Cobb County
Sharon	Stevenson	Gwinnett County
Anthony	Vazquez	Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Intl
Dontae	Warren	Dekalb County
Stephanie	Washington	Atlanta Regional Commission
Marcia	Webb-Hayes	Atlanta Regional Commission
Dwight	Williams	Clayton County Water Authority
Stephanie	Zell	City of Sandy Springs
Wenwen	Zhang	Georgia Tech Center for GIS
Charlene	Zimmerman	Fulton County Government

1. Lunch, networking, poster gallery

Poster contributions are available at 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 schedule of meetings for next year will be announced soon.

3. Updates and Announcements

Presentations are available at atlantaregional.com/argis



· Upcoming Events

- A guest announced that Dekalb County GIS will be hosting a GIS Day event on Wednesday, November 18th.

4. 15 GIS Days @ Gwinnett County

Sharon Stevenson and Eric Britt, Gwinnett County

Thank you to Sharon Stevenson and Eric Britt for presenting to the group. Presentations are available at atlantaregional.com/argis

- Sharon proposed a mega-event across many groups for GIS Day

5. Leveraging Geospatial Technologies in Planning for Sustainable Urban Futures

Subhro Guhathakurta, Georgia Tech Center for GIS

Thank you Subhro *Guhathakurta* and Tony Giarusso for presenting to the group. Presentations are available at atlantaregional.com/argis

- Presentation about the many different GIS applications that they have developed

6. Topics for future meetings

Ryan asked the group for topics of interest or presentation ideas for future meetings. The following ideas were introduced by group:

Ryan Barrett from the ARC asked Clayton County to speak at a future ARGIS meeting.

- Drones! University of North Georgia, Georgia Tech, Georgia State University are using drones. Applications of drones is of interest.
- Introduction to open source GIS applications—what programs are available and how used? QGIS and others?
- GIS applications in public safety programs – who is using? Potential known?
- Lidar and imagery
- State of public records GIS data sales

Please contact Ryan Barrett at rbarrett@atlantaregional.com with future topic ideas or areas of interest to explore.



7. Poster Gallery Q & A

Many thanks to those who contributed posters to the map gallery. Poster contributions are available at atlantaregional.com/argis.

- Predicting Fire Risk in Atlanta
Xiang Cheng, Oliver Haimson, Michael Madaio, Wenwen Zhang
- Sawnee Mountain Preserve Mountainside Trail Map
Forsyth County

Adjourn

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