

Esri Mid-Atlantic User Group Newsletter



Fall 2015

Welcome to the Fall 2015 edition of the Esri-MUG Newsletter. If you have a calendar item, GIS activity, or GIS news item that might be of interest to us all, please submit it to our newsletter editor, Andrew Kuder, at andy.kuder@nv5.com.

President's Message

We are just a short time away from the annual Esri Mid-Atlantic Users Conference. We will be convening at the Baltimore Convention Center from Monday, December 7 through Wednesday December 9. Come to the conference and take part in technical sessions from Esri experts, user presentations of problem-solving applications, networking opportunities, the exhibitor showcase, and social events with your friends and peers. The conference is a great way to catch up on all the things you've missed while coding, mapping, scrubbing, scripting, gathering, and designing your great work.

I'm attending to meet with old and new colleagues, see how others are using GIS as integral parts of asset management systems, learn some more about Collector, and hear about new data gathering methods during Tuesday's lunch panel. You can tailor the agenda to your own needs and still have time to meet, greet, and have some fun.

The Convention Center is in the heart of Baltimore, with lots of hotels, restaurants, and entertainment within walking distance. Leave your car in a lot and avoid traffic by taking advantage of MARC and light-rail trains right to the Convention Center.

Please join us in Baltimore on December 7, and stay as long as you can. It will be worthwhile.

Esri-MUG 2015 Annual Conference

Come Join Us at the ESRI Mid-Atlantic User Group Conference in Baltimore!

When: December 7-9, 2015

Where: The Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

- Rooms are available for a discounted rate at the [Hilton Baltimore](#)

Why: With 40 presentations on a variety of topics over the course of three days related to how GIS is utilized in the Mid-Atlantic region as well as technical workshops and a lunchtime panel featuring discussions on the latest in remote

sensing, attendees will no doubt find something that interests them. In addition, the conference typically attracts around 200 attendees providing plenty of networking opportunities.

For additional information regarding the agenda, exhibits, and registration check out the conference website - <http://www.esri.com/events/mid-atlantic>

Officer Elections

Elections for Esri-MUG officers are held each year at the Esri-MUG Conference. Our current slate of officers is running for re-election:

- President - Chris Markel
- Vice President - Tom Schweitzer
- Treasurer - Mario Field
- Secretary - Sue Hoegberg

If you or someone else you know is also interested in being nominated, please contact Sue Hoegberg at shoegberg@dewberry.com.

Esri-MUG Golf Outing 2015

Golf Outing chairman Tom Schweitzer reports: the Esri-MUG 2015 Golf Outing was held on August 21 at the RedGate Golf Course in Rockville, MD. Once again the weather cooperated, with sunny skies and nice temps. We had 15 players attend the event, pairing off into 4 teams. RouteSmart, Dewberry, Stantec, and Atkins supported the event with donations, getting a sign with their logo at several of the tee boxes.

Prizes were given for the longest drive, two closest to the pin on two select par 3's, and longest drives on two other holes. Jason Fry capture the front nine longest drive on #9 with John Sniezek outdistancing the field on #18 to win the back nine longest drive honors. Charles Gerlach zeroed in to capture the front nine "closest to the pin", with Chris Walz out-targeting the group to take the closest to the pin award on the back nine.

The winning team shot a 58!! 13 under par. The team consisted of Brendan Ford, Eric Erlendson, Brett Schrey, and Charles Gerlach. Brendan's team won last year as well; we might have to do a better job at checking that score card. Thanks to all who participated.

The outing also netted \$450 to support the Esri-MUG student scholarship fund. We are planning on continuing the tradition next year and hope to see a larger turnout.

GIS Day Events in the Mid-Atlantic

GIS Day is November 18, 2015! GIS Day provides a forum for users of geographic information systems (GIS) technology to demonstrate real-world applications that are making a difference in our society.

The first formal GIS Day took place in 1999. Esri president and co-founder Jack Dangermond credits Ralph Nader with being the person who inspired the creation of GIS Day. He considered GIS Day a good initiative for people to learn about geography and the uses of GIS. He wanted GIS Day to be a grassroots effort and open to everyone to participate.

GIS Day is celebrated the Wednesday of National Geography Awareness Week, which is itself celebrated the third week of November each year. Hundreds of GIS Day events are planned this year across the globe on nearly every continent. Many agencies and organizations throughout the Esri-MUG area observe GIS Day by hosting local events that highlight GIS and their efforts in using GIS. A list of GIS Day events held in the Mid-Atlantic area is shown below.

For more information about GIS Day visit <http://www.gisday.com/>

Pennsylvania

California University of Pennsylvania
California, PA

Central Pennsylvania Community
College
Harrisburg, PA

Drexel University
Philadelphia, PA

The EADS Group
Somerset, PA

King's College
Wilkes Barre, PA

Lancaster County
Lancaster, PA

Pennsylvania State University
University Park, PA

Seneca Resources
Pittsburgh, PA

USDA Farm Service
Warren, PA

Washington County
Washington, PA

New Jersey
Burlington County
Mount Holly, NJ

Haddonfield Middle School
Haddonfield, NJ

Rowan College at Burlington County
Mount Laurel, NJ

Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ

Delaware
City of Dover
Dover, DE

Delaware GIS Day Committee
Dover AFB, DE

University of Delaware
Newark, DE

Maryland
City of Gaithersburg
Gaithersburg, MD

Community College of Baltimore County
Catonsville, MD

Maryland Department of the
Environment
Baltimore, MD

Morgan State University
Baltimore, MD

UMBC at the Universities at Shady
Grove
Rockville, MD

U.S. Census Bureau
Suitland, MD

U.S. Food and Drug Administration
Silver Spring, MD

District of Columbia
Business Intelligence Service Line
Veterans Administration Event
Washington, DC

DC Office of Tax and Revenue
Washington, DC

Department of Health and Human
Services
Washington, DC
EPA
Washington, DC

New Light Technologies at Carlos
Rosario International School
Washington, DC

U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC

Virginia
Blue Raster GIS Day for Washington-Lee
High School
Arlington, VA

Danville Science Center and City of
Danville
Danville, VA

Dewberry GIS Day
Fairfax, VA

George Mason University
Fairfax, VA

Greenbriar West Elementary School
Fairfax, VA

Hamilton Elementary School
Hamilton, VA

Hampton Roads User Group and
Tidewater Community College
Virginia Beach, VA

Henrico County
Henrico, VA

Northern Virginia Community College
Reston, VA

Prince William County
Woodbridge, VA

Radford University
Radford, VA

Virginia Department of Transportation
All 9 VDOT Districts: Bristol, Salem,
Richmond, Hampton Roads,
Fredericksburg, Culpepper, Lynchburg,
Colonial Heights, Fairfax

West Virginia
West Virginia Department of
Transportation
Charleston, WV

Marshall University
Huntington, WV

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Board of Directors Meetings

Board of Directors' Meetings are held via conference call the first Thursday of each month. Please join us and get involved! Contact Sue Hoegberg at 703-849-0419 or shoegberg@dewberry.com for more information, dates and times, call-in number, etc.