Meeting Minutes
New Jersey Geospatial Forum
General Meeting
March 14, 2014 10am - noon

**Announcements**

* The County constituency representative position is still open. Anyone interested in filling the position should contact Chris McClain.
* 2014 Forum meeting schedule:
* *Friday June 6* will be the annual showcase meeting, please think about projects to present.
* The Oct meeting will be held at the MAC URISA conference on *Friday Oct 24* at 2pm. The Forum meeting is open to all, free of charge, regardless of whether you attend the conference or not.
* A show of hands from attendees demonstrated there was no preference for meeting on a day other than Friday, so the December meeting was set for Friday *December 5*.

**Constituency & Taskforce Reports**

*Elevation*

There has been no progress on acquisition for the 6 coastal counties (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Union, Middlesex and Monmouth) due to snow, however once the snow is melted acquisition will commence. The elevation taskforce will be kept appraised of progress.

*OGIS*

* A group is working on new regulations for digital tax maps – the regulations are created but need to be ratified.
* Funding partners are needed for the 2015 imagery flight. DVRPC is flying in 2015 and the hope is to combine resources.
* The existing WMS imagery service offered by OGIS is to be split into separate services by year. New URLs will be posted on the NJGIN site. Both the old and new services will be available during the transition period.
* New data services and framework data are available at geodata.nj.gov and also on ArcGIS online.
* At the last executive committee meeting, a new taskforce was approved to develop a data model for address points (to be adopted statewide). Sign up for this taskforce is available via your NJGIN profile.
* The Township of West Milford failed to meet its burden for proving accusations against Rob Sparkes; Rob is now in negotiations for compensation. A copy of the court decision is available from Jim Girvan.

**Main Presentation: Steve Welebny & Wes Weaver from Keystone Aerial Surveys Inc.**

*A discussion about the generation of dense and highly accurate colorized 3D point clouds from conventional digital imagery*.

Multi-ray and LiDAR each have their own set of advantages and disadvantages:

 *Multi-ray photogrammetry*   *LiDAR*

* Extremely high point density
* Color in data
* More efficient, less flying
* Generally higher accuracy
* Can penetrate tree canopy better
* Can fly at night
* Survey linear features at low altitude, e.g. power lines
* LiDAR is not great at locating small features that have elevation e.g. light pole

**Announcements from the membership**

* MAC URISA conference is October 22 – 24, 2014 in Atlantic City. The deadline for submitting an abstract is extended to March 18.
* There are 5 GIS openings at FEMA, see USA jobs for details.
* The NJDEP GIS Mapping Contest is on April 10. Please pre-register.
* NJOEM is taking public comments on the 2014 Hazard Mitigation State Plan until April 11.
* There is an entry level GIS course being offered at the Lebanon Borough Firehouse on March 29.