

# Look What I Did

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New Jersey State Atlas

<http://www.njstateatlas.com/>

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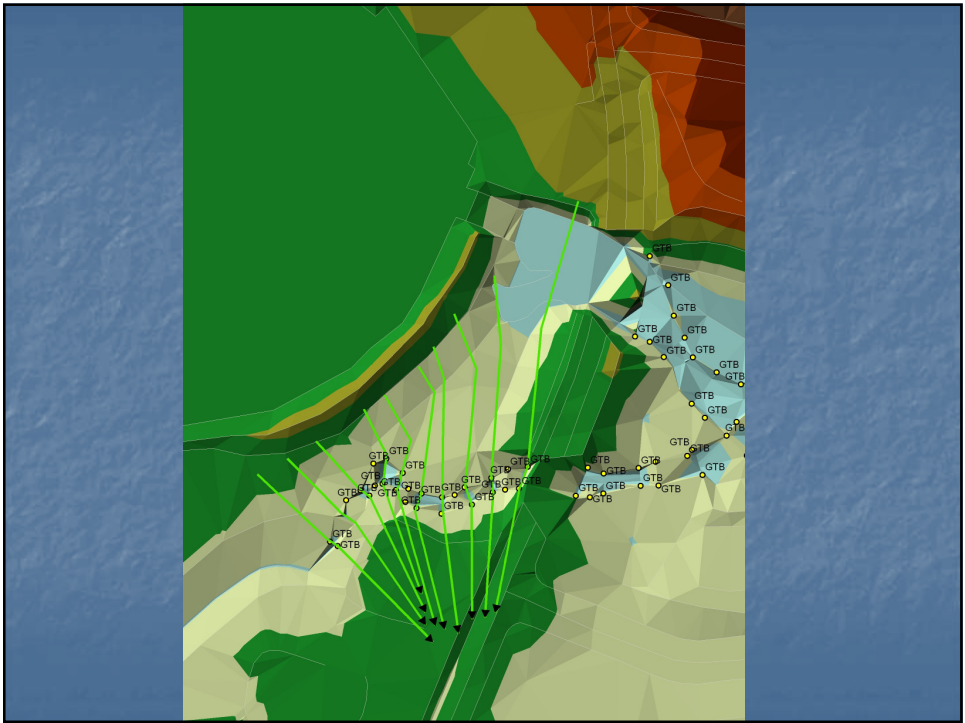
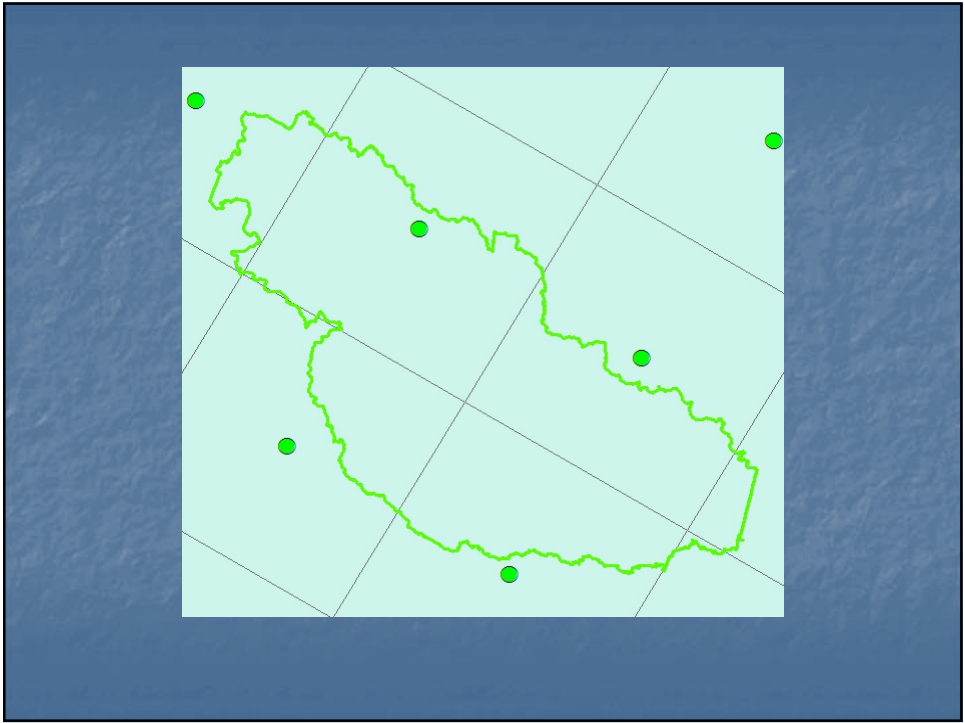
Jerry Jones

Utilizing Elevation data for  
Hydrologic Analysis

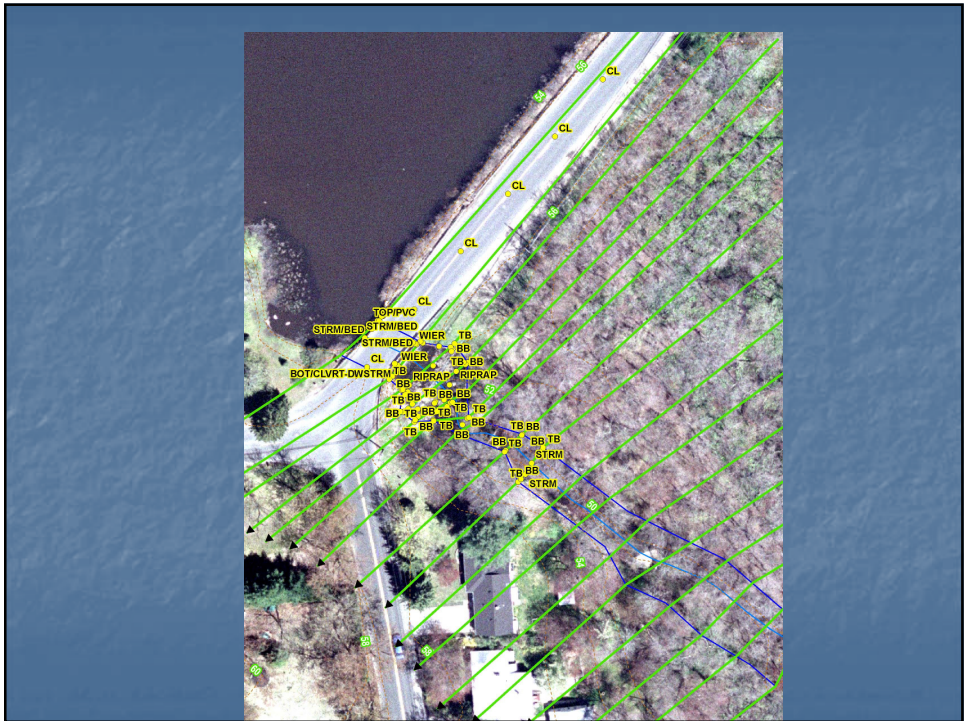
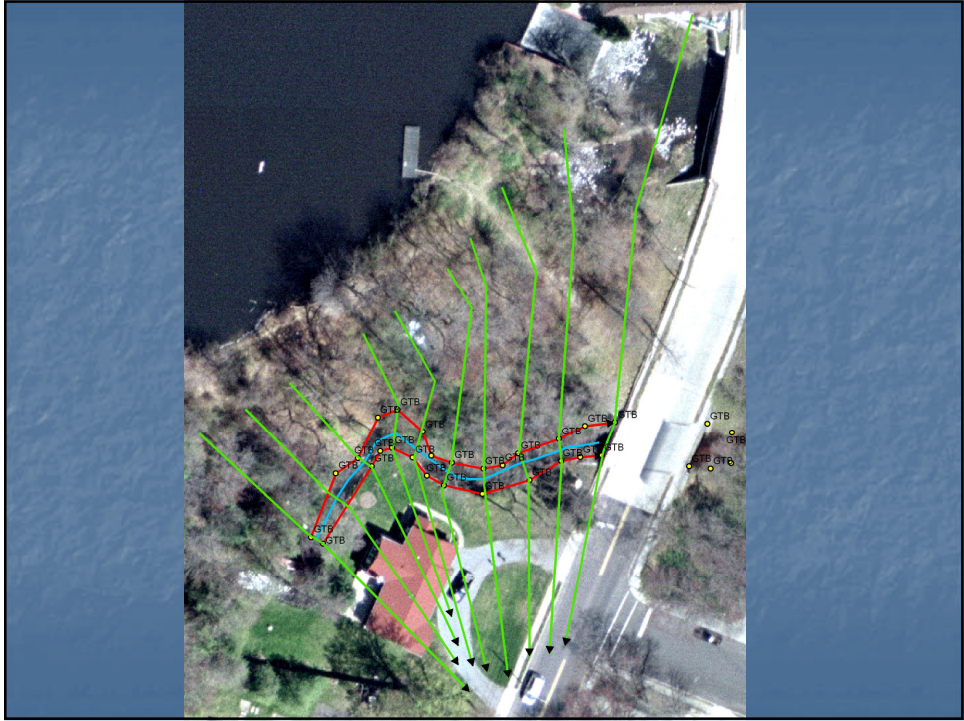
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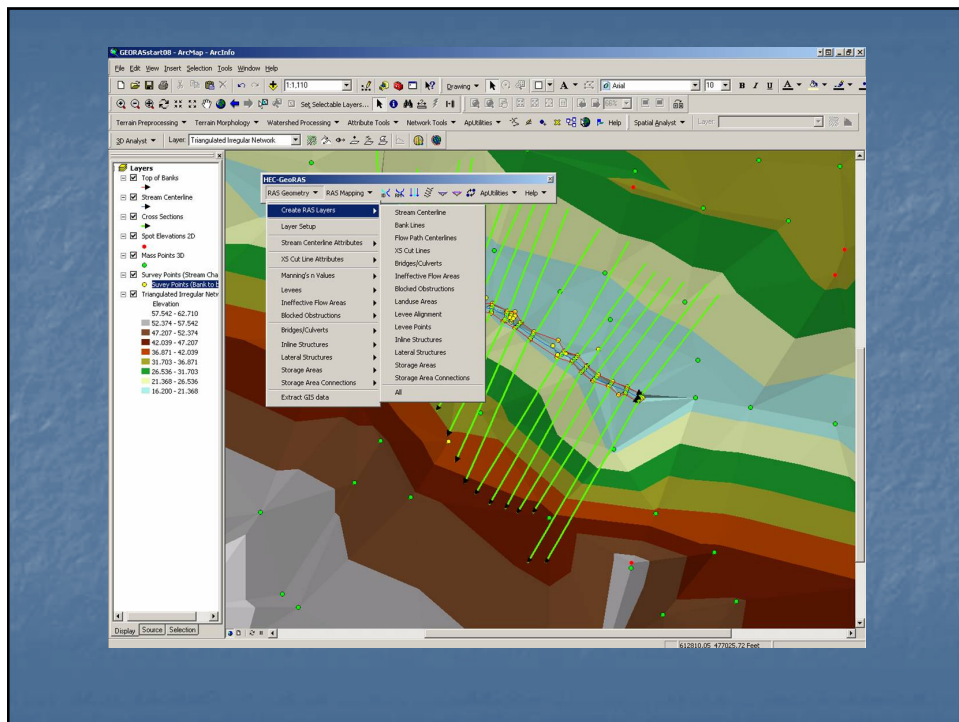
- LiDAR or Mass Points
- Contour Intervals
- Spot Elevations
- Survey











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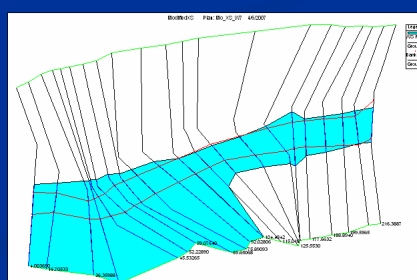
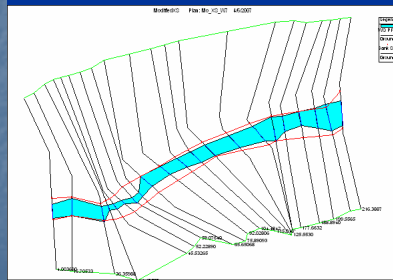
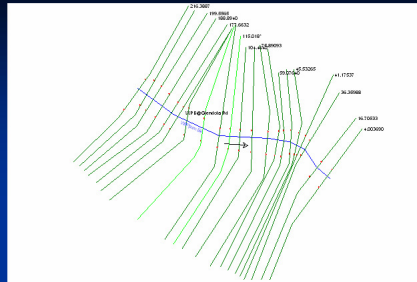
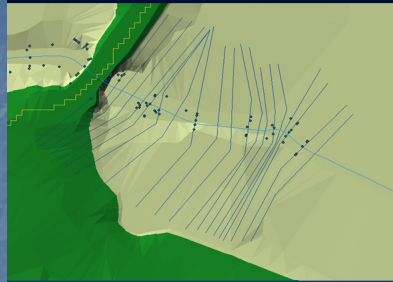
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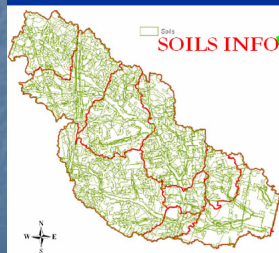
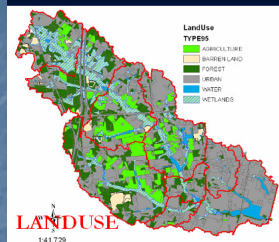
## CHANNEL GEOMETRY TO DEVELOP RATING CURVES



W7-Glendola Road

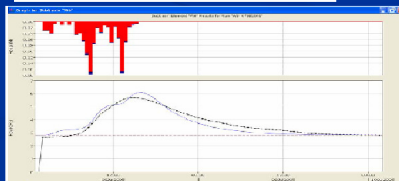
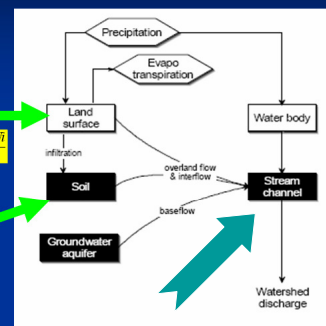
## HEC-HMS representation of watershed runoff

(Source: HEC-HMS Technical Reference Manual, March 2005)



CN

$$CN_{Composite} = \sum \frac{A_i CN_i}{A_t}$$





# Enterprise GIS implementation supported through internet collaboration

Tom Tiner  
Civil Solutions



“Look At What I Did...”

...more like what we did!

(Strategic Plan)

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Enterprise GIS implementation  
supported through internet  
collaboration





## Pulling together the pieces...

- Consulting efforts between the County of Sussex and Civil Solutions have yielded an implementation strategy to deliver GIS and EDMS data to municipal and county clients.
  - ★ Previous Consulting Efforts
  - ★ County Initiatives Underway
  - ★ GIS Migration to Enterprise Solution
  - ★ Managing the Land
  - ★ Web-based Collaboration
  - ★ Network Architecture
  - ★ Conclusion

**Re-engineering**  
"Business-process reengineering revamps work processes to eliminate non-value added activity and redundancy."\*

\*Taking Aim on Leadership: Capezio & Morehouse, 2001



## Previous Consulting Efforts

- Municipal Shared Services
- Central Records Management Facility
- Records Management Assessment
  - ★ Risk/Pitfall & Mitigation



- Wrong Tools = Prevent users from being caught "off guard"
- Wrong functionality = develop based on business process and thoroughly tested
- Performance shortfalls = infrastructure must be scalable for future growth





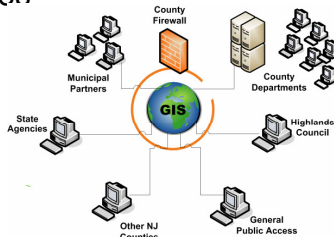
## County Initiatives Underway

- EDMS Pilot is Surrogate's Office
  - ★ Estate/Will document 1993 - present
- Clerk's EDMS Program
  - ★ Mortgage and Deeds
  - ★ Hardcopy books to digital index
    - ✦ (Mortgagee, Grantor and Grantee)
  - ★ Facilitate review by Realtors, Title Co and Public
- Engineering, Planning – Doc Imaging
  - ★ 47 types – bridge, road opening, signage, etc
- GIS Web-based Data Distribution



## GIS Migration to Enterprise Solution

- Department Silo (vs.) Centralized Information Hub
  - ★ Individual department databases
    - ✦ work within the department
    - ✦ Duplication of typical information
    - ✦ Legacy database design
    - ✦ Difficult integration
    - ✦ Limits productivity
    - ✦ Frustrates "outside" consumers
- ★ GIS as the "Hub"
  - ✦ Common connection point
  - ✦ Allows integration with multiple sources of information based upon a "shared" entity
  - ✦ In GIS, "shared" entity is geography





## iDV – Internet DataViewer

**Top 10**

1. Pick a Municipality
2. Multiple Search
3. Build/Save Query
4. Data Extraction
5. Report Builder
6. Print Maps
7. Tree View
8. Metadata Access
9. Online Help
10. Admin Interface

**Bonus:** create as many as you like!

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## Managing the Land = Public Service

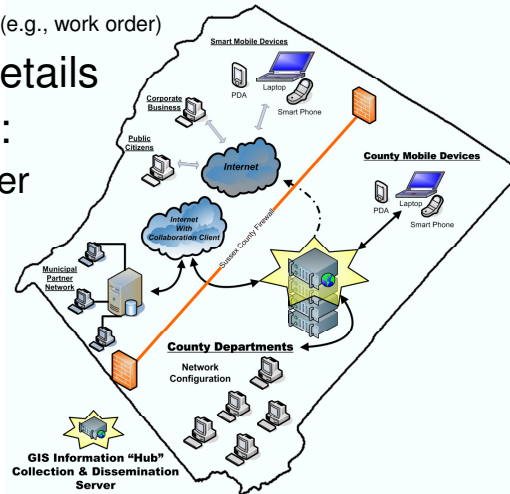
- How to keep framework layers current?
  - ★ Must do – tax maps (supports parcels)
    - ✦ Require digital submissions (e.g., deed, minor/major)
  - ★ Communicate with municipal partners
    - ✦ Zoning - Open Space - Easements
  - ★ Must provide benefit to partners
    - ✦ GIS “hub” of information
    - ✦ Support future PAMS implementation
  - ★ Information filed with County Clerk
- Objective – develop collaboration client





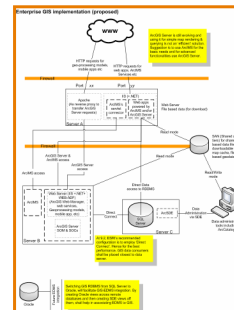
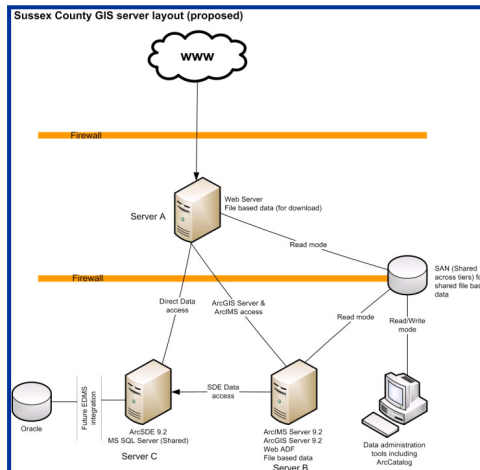
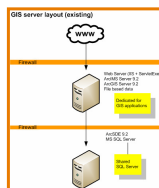
## Web-based Collaboration

- Simple Interface (e.g., work order)
- County obtains details
- Municipal Return:
  - ★ Change Container
  - ★ GIS
  - ★ PAMS support
  - ★ EDMS
  - ★ Minimal Cost



## Network Architecture

**Goal:** Implement, measure, monitor and document infrastructure performance related to network infrastructure as necessary to create an overall Enterprise information exchange and dissemination solution for all stakeholders.



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## Conclusion

- Method to maintain framework data
- Supports County and Municipal workflow
  - ★ Digital submissions
  - ★ Tracking all lot line changes
- Consolidates and shares services "GIS Portal"
- Tests network infrastructure / bandwidth
- Educates community on use of GIS and internet technology
  - ★ iDV and collaboration client functionality
- Future to add EDMS distribution
- Future PAMS data maintenance vehicle



That's all folks!

Thank you...



# Understanding municipal real property data in a GIS context

Trish Long  
City of Trenton

## Analysis of Municipal Real Property Data in Trenton

Problem: Too many vacant properties in Trenton

Question: How much property owned by the City could potentially be redeveloped?

Goals: Gain a comprehensive understanding of all City-owned property  
Establish baseline data (e.g., amount and location)

~7.5 sq. miles  
residential population ~85,000  
~30,000 parcels

Access, ArcInfo and Excel were used for the analysis.

Trish Long, AICP  
City of Trenton  
Department of Housing & Economic Development  
June 2008

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### Step 1. Database "scrubbing"

	<u># of records</u>	
Database of property owned by the City	1,657	
Records with 1-to-1 relationship with block/lot #s	1,603	(-54)
Reliable data	1,551	(-52)

### Step 2. Geocoding

	<u># of records</u>	
Successful match to GIS parcels	1,515	(-36)

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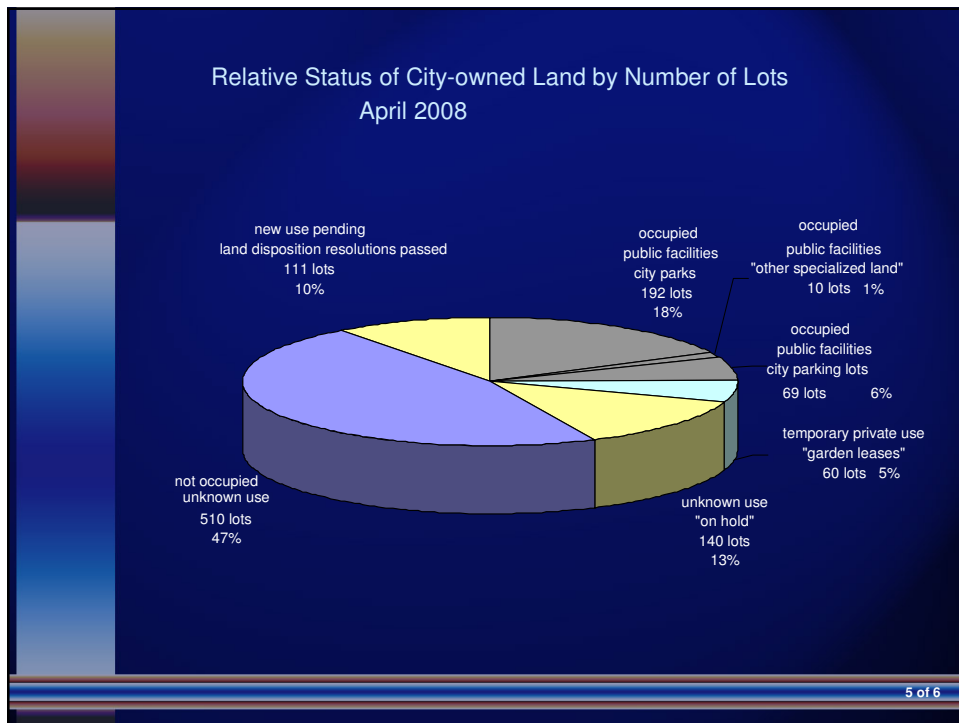
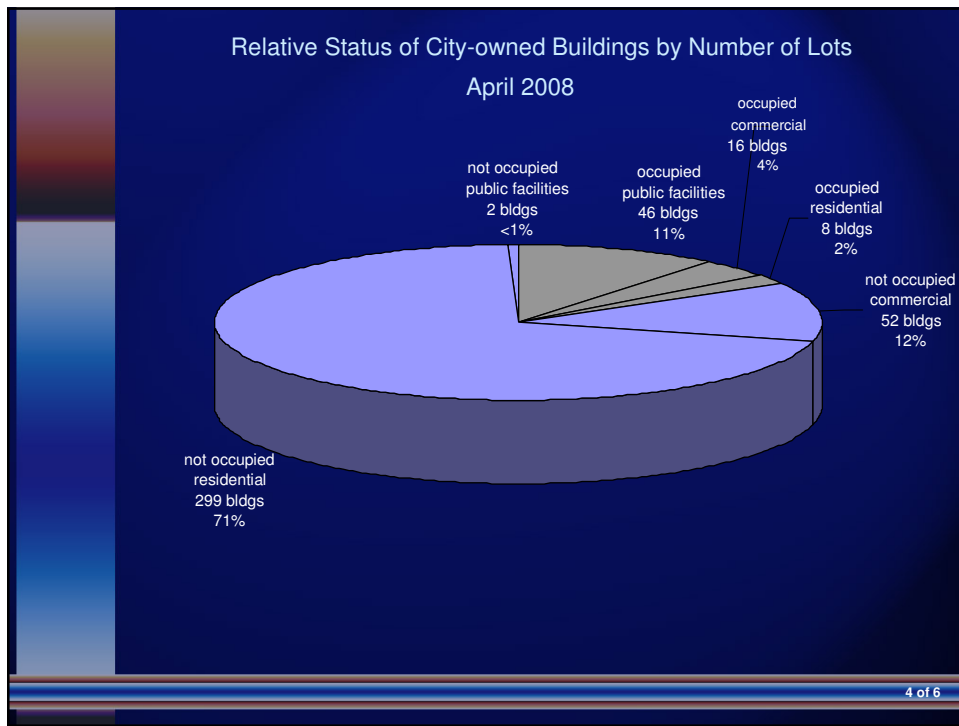
### Step 3. Reclassification

- Recode for building presence
- Recode for use of the land or building
- Add a field to store additional information
- Recode for occupancy
- Based on code combinations above, create a new field indicating if the property is "available" or not.

### Step 4. Summarize and graph the results

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Goals: Gain a comprehensive understanding of all City-owned property ✓  
Establish baseline data (e.g., amount and location) ✓

Original Question: How much property owned by the City of Trenton could potentially be redeveloped? ✗

Due to zoning and redevelopment regulations, not all “available” parcels can be developed.

Final step: GIS analysis using zoning and redevelopment area overlays to determine amount and location of “available” parcels that can be redeveloped

Next research question: How much privately-owned property in Trenton could potentially be redeveloped?

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## OpenLayers - An Open Source AJAX Mapping Viewer

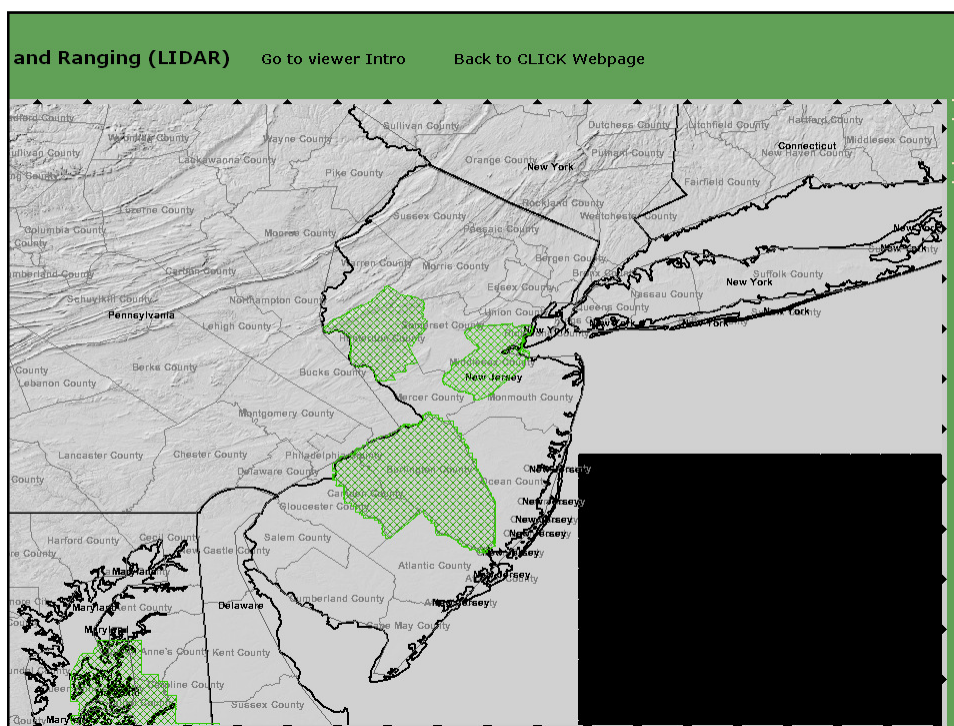
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# The Pitcher's Mound Controversy:

A Study in LiDAR  
Gary Casabona

<http://lidar.cr.usgs.gov/>

- ◆ USGS "CLICK" site
- ◆ Discrete-return point clouds
- ◆ Click on "Publicly-Available LiDAR"
- ◆ Launch HTML/Javascript Viewer
- ◆ Navigate to your county
- ◆ Use "download" button to choose



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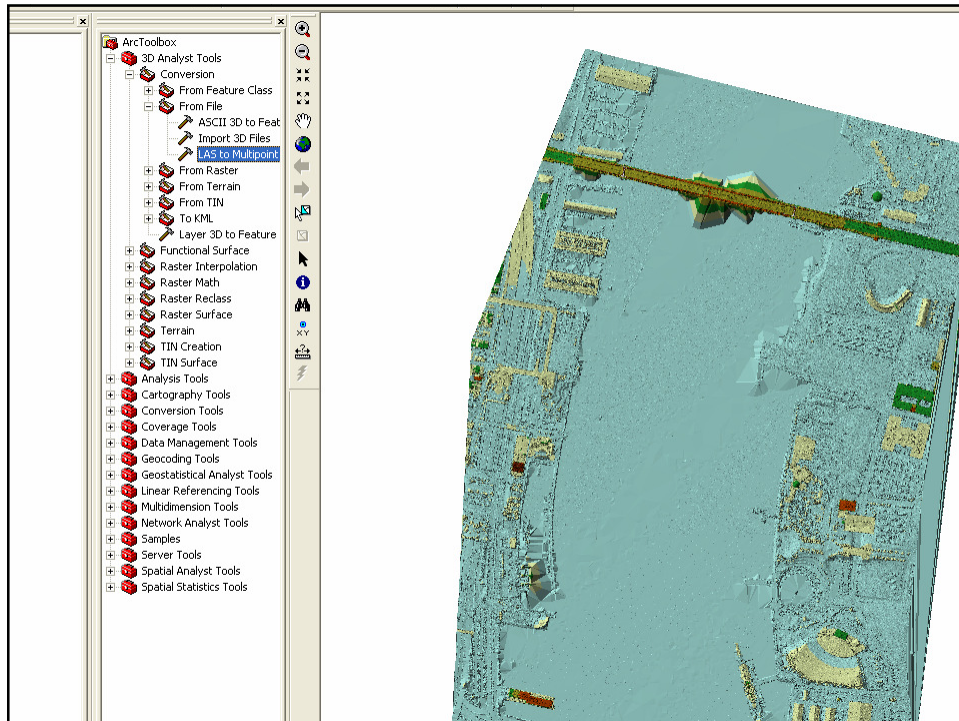
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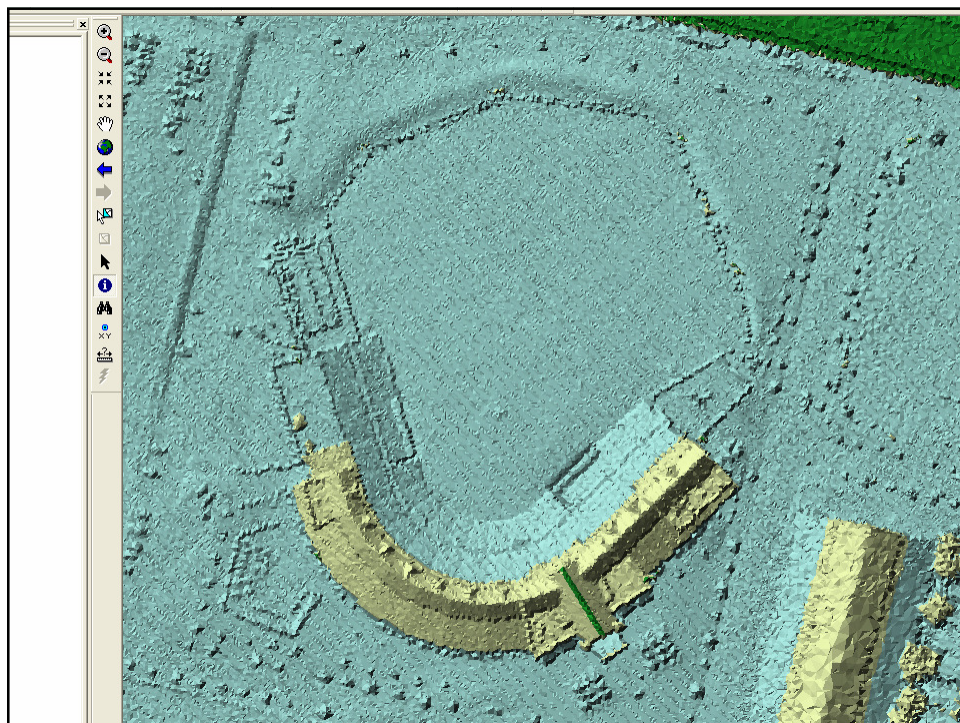
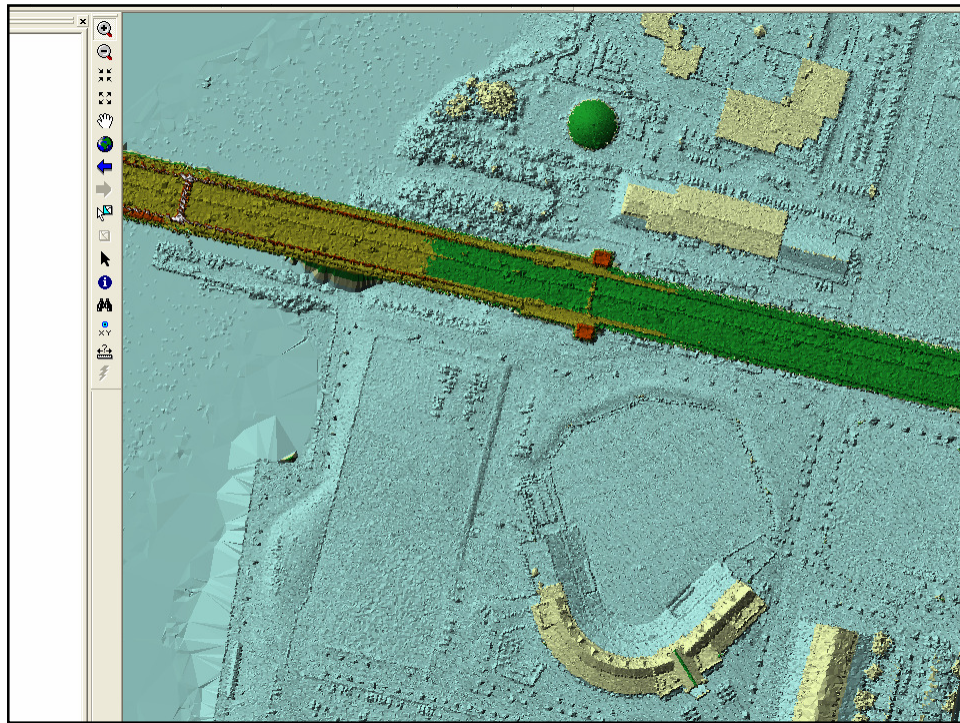
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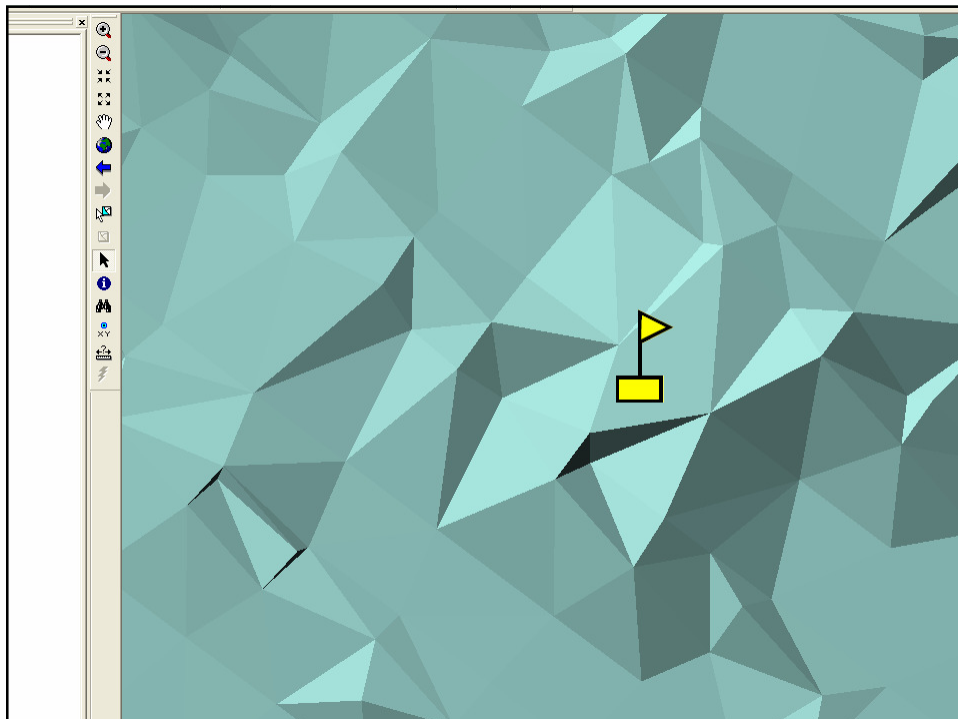
- ◆ 3d Analyst Tools -> Conversion tools
- ◆ Converts LAS input to Multipoint Shape
- ◆ 3d Analyst TOOLBAR ->
- ◆ Create/Modify TIN->
- ◆ Create TIN from Features





## Complex “Field” and “Statistical” Investigation

- ◆ Used “I”-tool to collect 30 samples immediately outside of pitcher’s mound, then on top of mound.
- ◆ Mound 10.7 feet Outside 9.7 feet
- ◆ Paper nabkin calc  $p < 0.0005$
- ◆ Mound should be only 10 inches
- ◆ What happened to the other 2 inches!



## Another Sports Cheating Controversy ?

- ◆ Not very likely ! Difference should be  $\sim 0.83$  feet
- ◆ A second round of sampling gave Mound = 10.6 and Outside = 9.7
- ◆ Grain size of analysis, choice of data formats and environmental variables in Arc can influence outcome.
- ◆ Data looks good, or my methodology is sloppy, or both.



## Regional Thinking

Taking a cross-border approach to address development issues

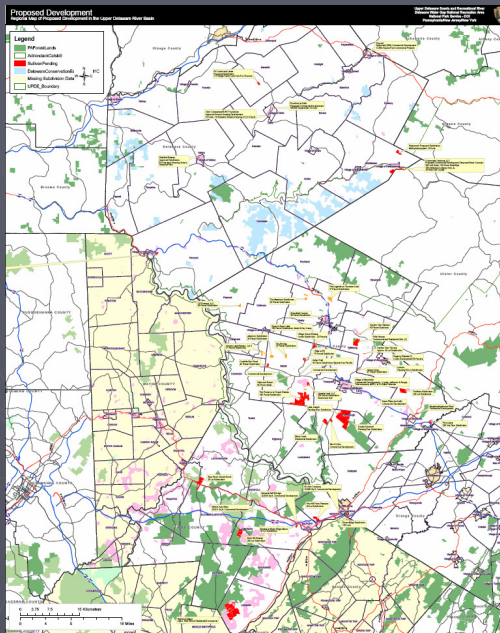
Kathy Commisso

National Park Service

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

# Forming Regional Groups

- ▶ Issues don't stop at political boundaries
- ▶ Issues don't stop at the River
- ▶ Delaware River common ground
- ▶ The need to look at how growth is affecting surrounding communities
- ▶ How do you balance economic growth with conservation?
- ▶ Two multi-state organizations have formed in the Upper Delaware River Basin
- ▶ Upper Delaware River Roundtable & Common Waters



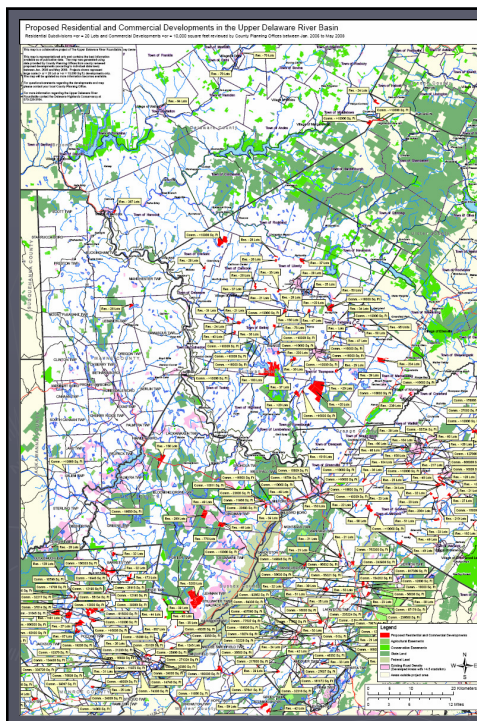
## What started out small!!

- ▶ Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Superintendent volunteered the GIS Lab to generate a regional development map across the PA and NY border
- ▶ Where are the proposed developments in the region?

# Has Grown...

## ► The Questions

- Where are the current protected lands?
- What areas are built up already?
- Where are the growth coming from?
- Where are the greatest number of proposals being addressed?
- How will these proposals impact the surrounding communities?
- We're not saying development is bad...



## ► Map includes:

- 3 States,
- 8 Counties,
- 197 Municipalities, &
- 2 NPS units

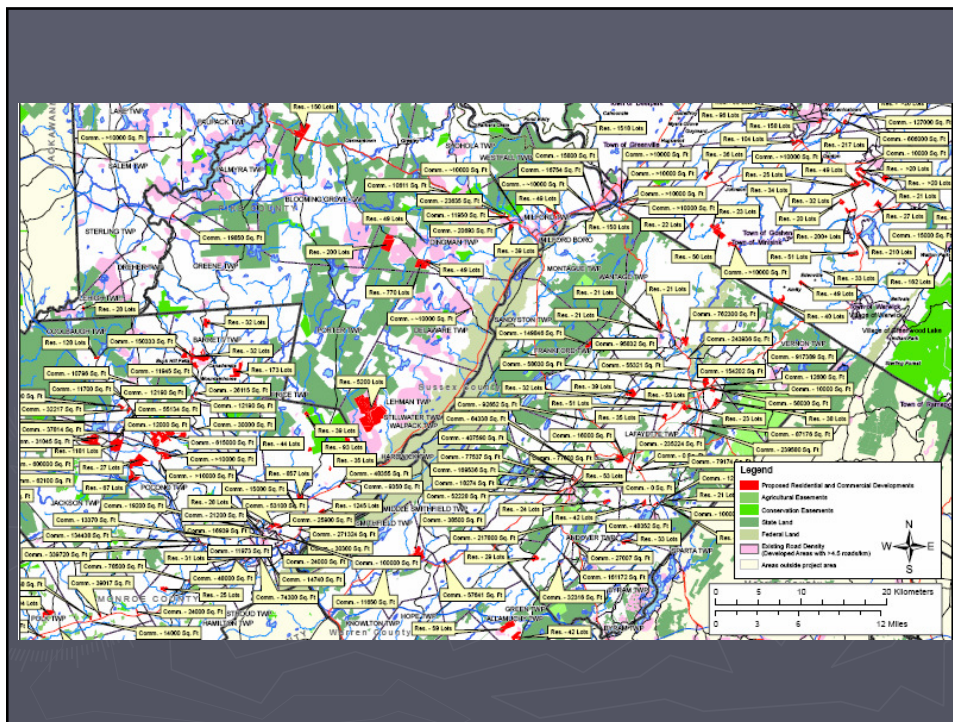
## ► Data includes:

- Road density layers
- State, county, municipal, and Federal protected lands
- Conservation Easements
- Agricultural Easements
- Proposed developments

## ► Contributors:

- National Park Service
- County Planning & GIS offices
- NYC DEP
- Open Space Institute
- Delaware Highlands Conservancy
- The Nature Conservancy
- State Agencies





## Next Steps

- ▶ Getting map into the hands of municipalities
  - Grant obtained to print copies of poster map
  - Counties sent pdf version
- ▶ How do we keep the map current?
- ▶ Distributing the data digitally
  - Sussex County IMS Site a likely possible solution
- ▶ Is this type of information useful in decision making?
- ▶ Should we look at smaller developments as well?
  - Rural counties have mostly small developments
- ▶ Just the first steps towards a Regional Atlas