

# New Jersey Geospatial Forum

## General Meeting Minutes



**DATE:** December 5, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00AM – 12:00PM

**LOCATION:** Hybrid meeting offered both in-person at 300 Riverview Plaza, Trenton NJ and virtually via Microsoft Teams

### **CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the New Jersey Geospatial Forum General Meeting was called to order by Executive Chairman Matt Duffy at 10:00am at the above-mentioned date.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Maya Thomas (NJGF administrator)  
Brian Embley (Geographic Information Officer)

Matthew Duffy (Committee Chair, County)  
Mark Gatti (Committee Vice Chair, Regional Authority / MPO)  
Calen Daugherty (Secretary, Private Sector)  
Scott Costello (State Government)  
Steve Cauller (Federal Government)  
Ken Fung (Non-government Organization)  
Zachary Christman (University / College / K-12)

Absent:

Ambrose Gmeiner (Land Surveyor)  
John Hainsworth (Municipal)

A quorum was present.

For a complete listing of attendees at the meeting held Dec 5<sup>th</sup>, please email the New Jersey Geospatial Forum Administrator at [njgf@oit.nj.gov](mailto:njgf@oit.nj.gov). Please find the meeting agenda and a video recording of the meeting held on Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am from the following URL:  
<https://www.nj.gov/njgf/involved/schedule/index.shtml>

### **FORUM BUSINESS**

Chairman Duffy called the meeting to order and introduced NJGIO Brian Embley.

### **Geographic Information Officer Report**

NJGIO Embley made several announcements, including:

- The NJGF is improving the sign in process, including QR codes and better tracking in Teams
- Composite parcel updates from OGIS will be coming after the Holidays. The MODIV included will be the end of year 2023 MODIV. There will be geometry updates for several counties and towns
- The NG911 grant applications have closed. The State received around 12 applications
- The OGIS LIDAR download apps have been migrated to Experience Builder
- For state agencies on the Garden State Network, OGIS is soft launching a GIS portal that will include Nearmap Imagery and unredacted parcels. This portal is not publicly available.

## **USGS Data Collaboration Report**

USGS National Map Liaison Eliza Gross provided updates on several USGS initiatives

- A project is in progress that includes QL1 3D elevation data for 6 counties in northeast NJ, has a March 2025 delivery date.
- Another QL1 3D elevation project that includes 4 NJ counties near the Delaware River south of Trenton is set to acquire data in Winter 2025 with January 2026 data delivery
- A 3D hydrography project is ongoing in Delaware that may have some cross-over into PA/NJ

## **MPO Report**

Vice Chair Gatti provided an update on MPO items

- DVRPC has renewed their Nearmap subscription, which makes Nearmap available to Counties and select cities in the DVRPC area
- The Highlands Council has launched an online build-out tool that is a combination of ArcGIS Hub and Experience Builder. The tool is available for municipalities within the Highlands.

## **State Report**

State representative Costello provided an update on State GIS items

- The cross-acceptance process has started for the most recently released preliminary State Plan
- NJ Fish and Wildlife will release a new version of the NJ Landscape Project (v3.4) in January 2025
- NJDOT open data portal scheduled to go live in January 2025
- The printable NJ State Map has been updated
- Vacant land analysis data from the DCA is now available
- Craig Coutros from NJDEP announced that the final update to the 2020 land use land cover data was just released. The data included impervious surface estimates.

## **Presentation**

What Your Mother Forgot to Tell You: Updates and Refreshers from the Census Bureau

David Kraiker – Data Dissemination Specialist, US Census Bureau

### **Closing Announcements**

Chairman Duffy made a few closing announcements. He announced that Lightning Talks are planned for the June 2025 general Geospatial Forum meeting, so members should begin thinking of potential presentation topics, and be on the lookout for announcement emails in the Spring. He also encouraged anyone with larger presentation topics suitable for a future general Geospatial Forum meeting should feel free to approach him or other Executive Committee members.

Chairman Duffy closed the meeting at 11:30 AM.

### **Upcoming meeting schedule**

<b>NJGF Executive Meetings</b>				<b>NJGF General Meetings</b>			
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday	1/9/2025	1:00pm	MS Teams	Thursday	3/6/2025	10:00am	Hybrid
Thursday	3/6/2025	1:00pm	MS Teams				