OGRIP Forum Meeting Notes
July 27th, 2015
2:00 p.m.
ODOT Central Office, 1980 W. Broad Street, Room GA, Columbus, OH 43223

I.   **Welcome & Introductions**
   a.   Kyle Schaper welcomed everyone in the room and on the phone. Introductions were completed.
   b.   In attendance were:

Kyle Schaper	Cheri Mansperger	Ian Kidner
Bridget Simpson	Brian O'Neill	Jason Gillow
Jim McDonald	Jeff Nemecge	Kelly Wright
Greg Geise	Charlie Hickman	Darlene Magold
Fred Judson	Bill Mellman	Andrew Clark
Matt Thompson	Scott Cormany	Brian Kienle
Brittany Converse	Larry Hellmer	Jennifer McFarland
Donna Podolak		

II.   **Acceptance of May 2015 Meeting Notes** – The June 2015 meeting notes were accepted with a motion made by Tom Fisher and seconded by Bridget Simpson. All were in favor.
   a.   GIS User Group Updates
      i.   <u>Ohio/Michigan</u> – no update.
      ii.   <u>SWOGIS</u> – no update.
      iii.   <u>Ohio/KY/Cincinnati</u> –There was a drone flying demo by a vendor at the last meeting. Next meeting will be in two months.
      iv.   <u>GUONO</u> – no update.
      v.   <u>Central Ohio User Group</u> – The next meeting is Mid-August.
      vi.   <u>Appalachian Ohio Geospatial Partnership</u> –The next meeting will be in a couple weeks. They will be presenting the study they did at the GIS conference in Sept. On the third Thursday in August they will be at the Guernsey County Building in Cambridge.
      vii.   <u>GIS for Strategic Asset Management</u> – The next meeting will be an online meeting.
      viii.   <u>Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission</u> - no update.
   c.   Ohio URISA Update – Tom Fisher – Discussed the Ohio GIS conference. Money was approved for use at the Conference. The group is currently looking for people to be nominated or willing to serve as VP or Secretary, as well as an Academic Chair. August 2nd is the closing date.   Two positions are up for re-election. Please let Tom or Emily know if you are interested. Also, there are scholarships for the GIS Conference available to students. Please have them contact Tom Fisher if interested.

III. For many months, an open data site discussion has taken place. Are there any comments towards open data solutions, for or against? Any objections to proceeding? No one voiced any concern.

    i. Is there a cost to partner in an open data site? Yes, but not to users or organizing. We want this to be used as a tool.

    ii. Standardization of Tags – Jennifer McFarland with the OGRIP/GIS office has started a list of standard tags. It would be nice if everyone used the same tags. It was decided that a workgroup be set up to decide on the tags to use. Volunteers for this workgroup are Cheri M., Bridget S., Larry H., Jennifer M., Tom Fisher and Bill Mellman.

    iii. Items need to be tagged so they can be found. Type of data will be discussed at the August meeting.

    iv. Are there any other issues that the forum attendees would like to see work on?

        a. Refining the process of User Group Communications

        b. Hydro as a topic was suggested by Charlie Hickman. Requirements benefits the study. Trying to pull together an Ohio section for them. Want to match Ohio Elevation Data. Dave White and Bill Mellman are doing a presentation on this at the Ohio GIS Conference. There are no fully staffed stewards at every county. Trying to justify requirements and benefits of study? What do you envision OGRIP doing? There used to be a hydrography committee. OGRIP would be good for standardization. It would be nice to see what state's like to see and the Fed's also. Ohio EPA is the steward for NHD.

        c. Isn't Ohio EPA the steward for NHD? Yes, it is a process currently. Are there any other sub-stewards at the State Level? User Groups coordinate with local levels and would funnel down and get more communication and down to the level needed. OGRIP is the steward of Record. Details are not finalized. Suggestion that at the User Group meetings discuss what the OGRIP initiatives are and hopefully this will get down to the other levels.

        d. Hopefully after the conference, Charlie and Bill will do a presentation on Hydro.

        e. Bill Mellman suggested that storm water be incorporated into NHD.

    v. A new suggestion topic is Hydro Standardizations.

        a. It would be nice to have a standardized set of guidelines for the county's to use. They are very complex. Reg. groups like MORPC and Muskingum Watershed may play a key role as a sub-steward to update the NHD.

        b. County levels need guidance on facilitating. What is the scope? Following up on US EPA to see how it is impacting us.

    vi. Another new suggestion was metadata standards – boundaries for counties and townships.

        a. All places have boundaries but none match. There should be an established set of state standard dataset. It can be requested but the legislature still have the authority.

VI. Meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20 pm by a motion made by Bridget Simpson and seconded by Cheri Mansperger. All were in favor.

Next meeting will be on August 31th, 2015 at approximately 2:00 pm.