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**Central Ohio GIS User Group**  
**MID-OHIO REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**February 26th, 2025, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

We had almost 30 people in person and 30+ people on-line, with quite a few 1<sup>st</sup> timers. It felt like pre 2020 times. Thank you to all who attended.

**2. Local GIS News**

- **OGRIP update**  
OGRIP held a meeting a couple weeks ago that a few COGUG members attended. That meeting included references to ongoing projects and initiatives under the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP), with a focus on improving GIS data availability and accuracy across the state. Updates on the 3D depth data availability for South Central Ohio was highlighted. Talk of updating the state-wide city file that ODOT currently maintains as do many cities and counties. There are new LBRS specs and there was discussion on if they fully suit the 911 needs. Unclear if there will be another version or if DDTI will remap fields as needed.
- **ODOT update**  
ODOT staff reported that there were no significant new updates from the Ohio Department of Transportation at the time of the meeting but highlighted ongoing efforts to maintain and improve transportation GIS data.
- **County updates**  
Franklin County staff shared that the Franklin County 911 plan is expected to be approved soon, with a focus on enhancing emergency response systems through improved GIS data for addressing and routing. Staff also discussed the upcoming public meeting about the plan and its implications for GIS data usage in emergency management.
- **MORPC updates**  
Dave Dixon introduced a new email list serve designed to facilitate better communication among GIS professionals between COGUG meetings. This list, sponsored by the RDAC's Data Coaches Working Group, aims to help members share resources, ask questions, and provide support. The Data Coaches Working Group will hold a pop-up event in the next few weeks at the Parsons Branch of the Columbus Public Library, which will provide an opportunity for in-person discussion and support on various GIS and data topics.  
<https://forms.office.com/r/brZ4rUCCP0>

**3. Round Robin:**

Opportunity to mention projects, data, maps, or apps you created or are working on.

- Cheri asked a question about creating views in AGO, as symbology layers saved in AGO do not appear to retain the symbology via open data. She also mentioned making use of agencies open data sites, and providing feedback to them if there are errors or issues. We all struggle to keep our data current.

**William Murdock, AICP**  
*Executive Director*

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- Langdon Sanders- AGO maps measure tool had a bug, due to snapping to all layers in map.
- Langdon - Calls to planning converted to citizen reporter application/ESRI solution in AGO - drop a pin, add some details, create a GIS file. To launch on 2/28
- Rick Frantz – Planning Technician opportunity open at City of Dublin.
- Chris – leveraging Survey 123 for knowledge passing between senior staff and interns/new staff.
- Chris – AASHTO GIS-T symposium in Portland, OR. B&N will have a booth!
- Shearer - adapted survey 123 form, would like to use more solutions in the future.
- Columbus – Looking for analysts, Public Service.

#### 4. Lightning Rounds

- Digital accessibility in web maps. Where the GIS industry needs to improve. - Treavon Clark, OSU  
Treavon discussed the importance of digital accessibility in web maps, outlining where the GIS industry needs to improve to ensure that digital content is accessible to all users, including those with disabilities.
  - Question, Langdon – is it acceptable to provide alternatives to maps, are text based tools possible?
  - A: that should work, no concrete answer.
  - Question, Cheri – is this all govt agencies, etc. that need to achieve compliance?
  - A: yes
  - General discussion about feds walking back these accessibility standards...
- QuickCapture and Fieldmaps to collect and track data related to hazards on shared-use paths. - Wesley Lo, City of Dublin  
Wesley shared insights into the use of QuickCapture and Fieldmaps for collecting and tracking data related to hazards on shared-use paths, highlighting the application of GIS technology in public safety and infrastructure management.
- “Branching Out” learning lessons on CityWorks and AGO integration - Bob Shoemaker, City of Westerville  
Bob explained the process of setting up a new city trees collection system, focusing on the integration between City Works and ArcGIS Online to manage urban forestry data efficiently.
  - Statement – Langdon: Cityworks has an active community of users in central ohio!
  - Question - Cris: using a relational DB to track work history?
  - A: yes, in Cityworks. Possible export to AGO?

#### 5. Other Business

- If you have topics or project to share for the next meeting, please let Cheri know. It is a friendly group and the meeting is casual and what you are doing is valuable, so let us hear about it.
- Re - 3dep and osip, who flew the dems? A: Woolpert and consultants.
  - How do we get on the email list for COGUG? A: Email Cheri at [cmansperger@morpc.org](mailto:cmansperger@morpc.org)

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- 6. End of virtual meeting (approx. 3:30)**
  - 7. Cookies and Conversation**
  - 8. Small group breakouts for focused conversations**

Note: The parking lot didn't have enough M spots for this meeting. When this happens, you can either park on the street or park in a numbered spot and let me know. I can work with HR to make sure you don't get a ticket. Ideally there are M or visitors spots. If you do pay it is only a couple bucks.

**Next COGUG meeting – May 21, 2025, 2-4 pm**

