

Thanks to those who were able to attend our meeting on November 4th. We were able to discuss a number of items and left with a few action items.

Agenda items:

1. Mission Statement - There will be examples gathered and shared with the group prior to our next meeting to get some general goals for the group organized
2. Email list for users - I will be compiling an email list of the group members who have attended or would like to be on a mailing list for future meetings etc. If there are others in your organization who should be or would like to be on the mailing list please forward their names and email addresses to me and I will add them. I will explore the best way to make this list available to all in the group.
3. GIS data survey - There were a number of cities who filled out the data survey sent out since the previous meeting. We will compile the information and make it available to the group. If you haven't filled the form out you can do so whenever is convenient and we will add it to the list.
4. City Parks and Trails in Beacon - The cities that have shared their park information have been added to the county's beacon site. I will be cleaning the trails layer up and adding it soon. These layers have helped us to see the importance of standardizing the data at the city level before we put things into a single spot via the internet.

With the goal of getting city/twp zoning and land use layers in beacon we have a couple of things to get ready for the next meeting. Any city or township who would like to see their zoning and or land use layers in beacon will need to forward them to Bolton and Menk. They have volunteered to sit down and take a look at the attributes of the individual layers and attempt to come up with some common types. If needed, they will contact other contracted companies to get this done. We will then move forward on how things would look in beacon for these layers. I will work with the vendor to see what the options are for beacon.

5. GIS demo - I spoke about some of the history of the county GIS and realized that a demo would be made much easier if we have something specific to focus on. This topic can be brought forward to future meetings if there is something specific the group would like to see.
6. 1st quarter meeting date and time - We set the next meeting date and time. Thursday, February 4th at 10:00 a.m. We will be moving to room C118 in the government center. Hopefully this room will work better for our needs.