



Pennsylvania is crafting a GIS Strategic Plan

As a valued GIS stakeholder, we need your input! Save a Date and Participate!

The County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, in association with United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), invites you to take part in the shaping of a GIS Strategic Plan for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Over the next three months we will be conducting six open GIS stakeholder workshops aimed at soliciting direct input from the Pennsylvania GIS community. GIS has a long history in Pennsylvania and the goal of this strategic planning process is to look at existing strengths and weaknesses and potential models for improving overall geospatial coordination. In short, help us understand what is working, and what could be done better. As a geospatial practitioner or decision maker, your insights are valuable, and your thoughts on the future direction of GIS in Pennsylvania are of great interest to us.

PLEASE JOIN US ON ONE OF THESE DATES:

Open stakeholder information gathering sessions will be held at the following **locations** and **dates**:

September 15, 2008: Clarion County, Clarion University of PA, 840 Wood Street, Clarion, PA 16214, 250 & 252 Gemmell

September 16, 2008: Westmoreland County Conservation District, 218 Donohoe Road, Greensburg, PA. 15601

October 16, 2008: Lycoming County, Holiday Inn, 100 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA.

October 17, 2008: Cumberland County, Radisson, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass Camp Hill, PA 17011

November 12, 2008: Chester County, Government Services Center, 601 Westtown Road, Room 171, West Goshen, PA

November 13, 2008: Carbon County, EMA Building, 1264 Emergency Lane, Nesquehoning, PA. 18240

Please come to one of these sessions to learn about the process and to share your ideas for improving statewide geospatial coordination and implementation.

The sessions will last approximately three hours from **9:00 am to 12:00pm** and will be facilitated by Applied Geographics, Inc.

To register and RSVP to any of these meetings, please use the following web-link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pe9kfHmazylPARJxWxX8nw_3d_3d

Further information on the scope and agenda of the workshops will be distributed prior to the meetings. For additional information, please contact: Melissa Hinton, Director of GIS / Planning, County Commissioners Association of PA at mhinton@pacounties.org or 717.526.1010.

Please Note: If you can't attend one of these meetings, but wish to participate in this process, please send your comments and suggestions to mhinton@pacounties.org. You can also call David Terrell, USGS Geospatial Liaison at 717-702-2027.