

Regional GIS

- Friday, October 11, 2019 a Mid-Shore GIS Committee meeting was held at the Talbot County Public Works offices in Easton. Representatives from the ESRGC, Talbot County, Queen Anne's County, and Kent County were present.

Topics/Discussion:

Talbot County reported NG911 PSAP boundary issues with Queen Anne's County and the difficulty of determining which County serves homes and businesses along Rt 404. Talbot County raised concern about the increase, in both amount of water and occurrences, of tidal flooding in the County. The County is also preparing to partner with Easton Utilities for the USDA Reconnect grant to fund construction of fiber to the home. Through this grant an estimated 3,000+ home will be connected to broadband over a 5 year construction period.

Kent County reported a new planning director has been hired in the County and the GIS personnel is working to help the new director identify areas to focus development. The County is working with Queen Anne's County on NG911 PSAP boundary issues, working on a local web app for residents to identify the power company providing service to their home or business, and broadband buildout continues. An RFP for a County zoning update is out with goals to reduce the number of zoning districts.

Queen Anne's County is partnering with Michael Baker to prepare the county's data for Next Generation 911. The County now has the NG911 software for data validation and is working with neighboring counties on PSAP boundaries, and projection issues that shift data considerably along boundaries. The County also reports an upcoming comprehensive plan and the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area modified buffer area has been approved. Queen Anne's County commented about recently working with the Kent Island homeland security/GIS class and the impressive students in the class.

Discussion among the representatives present included the review of the 2019 Statewide imagery flown earlier this year. The counties were in agreement the imagery appears darker than the 2016 imagery.

Updates from ESRGC include status of RMPIF grant projects, Circuit Rider and the DelMarVa Index, and updates about the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area.

Attendees:

1. Erin Silva, ESRGC
2. Logan Hall, ESRGC
3. Devon Kramer, ESRGC
4. Ryan Mello, ESRGC
5. Tim Lanzi, ESRGC
6. Mark Cohoon, Talbot County
7. Sam Stanton, Queen Anne's County
8. Tyler Pease, Queen Anne's County
9. Carla Gerber, Kent County

