

NORTH CAROLINA HAZUS USER GROUP (NCHUG) MEETING

March 24, 2009

2:00 PM

Teleconference

Meeting called by: Eric Coughlin **Type of meeting:** Teleconference
Facilitator: Eric Coughlin / Jamie Caplan **Note taker:** Eric Coughlin / Jamie Caplan

Jamie Caplan, Jamie Caplan Consulting LLC

Eric Coughlin, PBS&J

Vittaya Steves, USMC Camp Lejeune

Attendees: **Moses Wilkins**, FEMA Region 4

Zack Woolard – Moore County (sitting in for Chris Koltyk)

Jim Popp, Greenhorne & O'Mara

Darrin Punchard, AECOM

Mike Erickson, AECOM

Minutes

Agenda item: Participant Introductions **Presenter:** All attendees

Discussion: All attendees introduced themselves and their HAZUS level.

Jamie Caplan – Involved with HAZUS since the 90's. Runs the usehazus.com web domain. Usehazus.com is an all HAZUS website in response to the needs of the HAZUS user community.

Eric Coughlin – Has been using HAZUS a little over a year. Wanted to start the HUG because he saw a need to reach out and bring together the various organizations and users of HAZUS across the state. Sees great potential utilizing and promoting HAZUS for planning in the near and long-term.

Vittaya Steves – Works at GEOFIEAST; is trying to get HAZUS up and running for the Marine Corps. Currently supporting 10 sites on the Atlantic seaboard as well as a site in Louisiana. He is the coordinator and is working closely with Rick Burgess to organize a FEMA training for his support staff. His supports the EOC at Camp Lejeune and other places.

Moses Wilkins – his focus with HAZUS is production, Rick Burgess focuses on outreach. The Region is working to help states and local communities build their capabilities with HAZUS. Other HUGs in the Region are making progress including Florida and South Carolina. He recommends hosting a HAZUS training class as a good way to build momentum for a HAZUS User Group. Hope Morgan is the North Carolina Emergency Management contact for the state and for the HAZUS training class. He also recommends to look at Best Practices on the FEMA.gov website.

Zack Woolard – Interested in learning how to incorporate HAZUS into their planning processes at Moore County.

Jim Popp – Has been to a week-long HAZUS training course with Kevin Mickey. His focus is floodplain mapping.

Darrin Punchard – Has been using HAZUS for more than a decade. Uses HAZUS for mitigation planning. Knows many folks involved with HAZUS at various levels and will be a great resource for outreach.

Mike Erickson – New HAZUS user. Is looking for training opportunities.

Conclusions:

Agenda item: Conferences **Presenter:** All

Discussion: What are some upcoming conferences to promote NCHUG?

State Floodplain Managers Conference, May 3-6, 2009

Moore County GIS Conference, April 3, 2009 (Chris Koltyk)

Conclusions: Promoting NCHUG at professional conferences and recruiting possible members will be important moving forward.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Please contact Eric Coughlin for NCHUG marketing materials to pass out at upcoming conferences.	All	

Agenda item: NCHUG Outreach Ideas	Presenter: All
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Discussion: What are some other forms of marketing for the NCHUG?

The NCHUG is a grassroots group trying to bring together HAZUS users from public, private and university settings. All group members should try to promote the activities of the group. Some ways could be:

- Email list serve for GIS in North Carolina.
- NCGIS Conference Attendees.
- Darrin Punchard mentioned Leonard Holden as contact with all local mitigation planners.
- National HAZUS conference in August in Raleigh.

Conclusions: Outreach, outreach, outreach.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Please tell anyone you know who may be interested about this new user group.	All	

Agenda item: Next NCHUG Meeting	Presenter: Eric Coughlin
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Discussion:

Tuesday, April 28

11:00 AM - Noon

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Conclusions: Please make it a point to attend our next meeting!! Any and all are sincerely welcome.