DEHUG End of Year Meeting Minutes
12/19/2012 – Wednesday
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
http://www.usehazus.com/dehug/

The meeting agenda topics included

1. Introductions
2. 2012 DEHUG Annual Retrospective
3. Report from David Carlson on Hazus data customization process
4. Discussion on the Hazus space with the DGDC Geospatial Data Exchange warehouse and connection with FEMA
5. Initial discussion on the business process for loading and maintaining the data
6. Cross agency participation and support
7. Announcements
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1. Introductions

Present in the meeting were Cynthia McCoy, David Carlson, Darin Dell, Dwayne Day, John Callahan, Silvana V Croope.
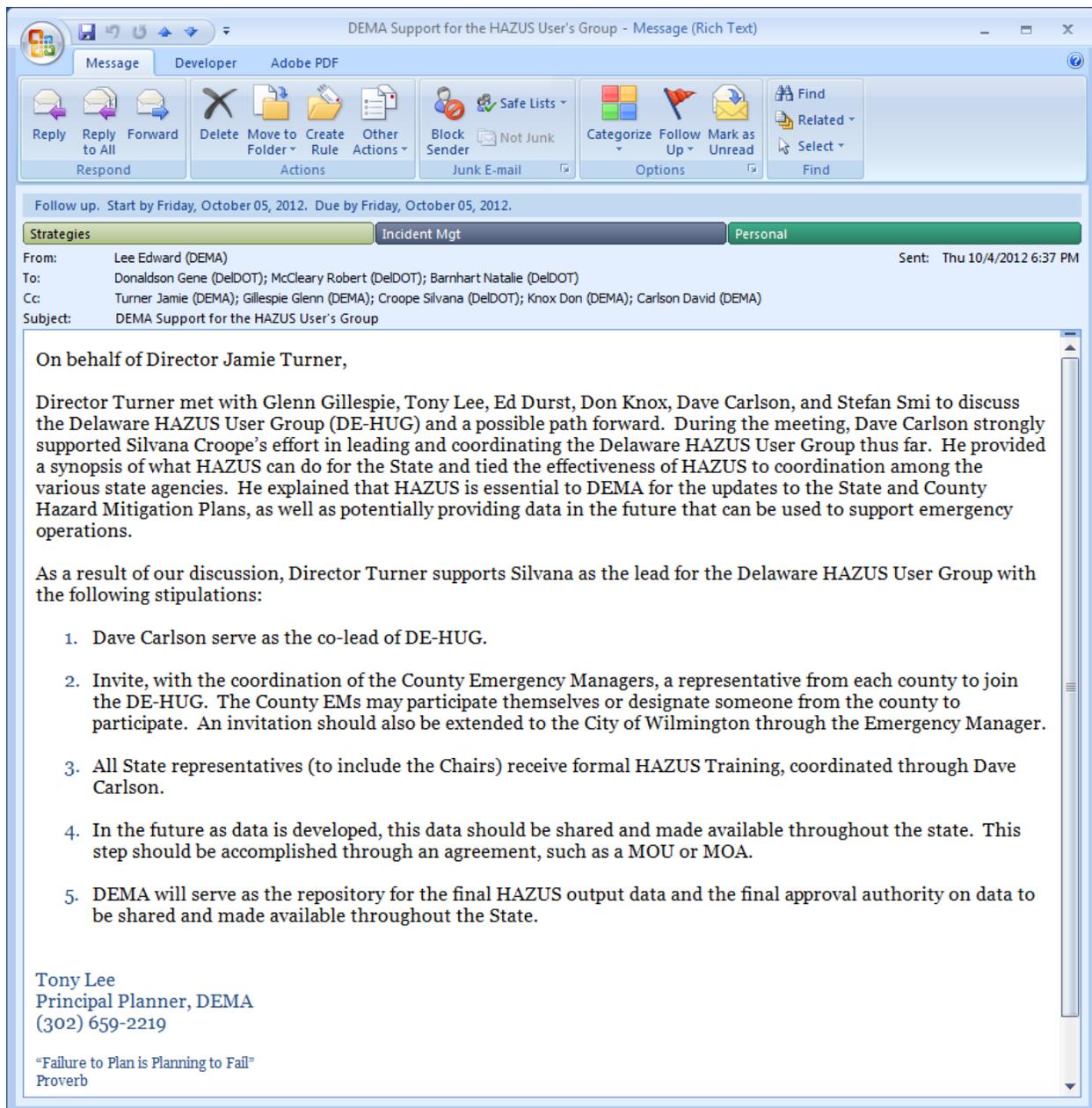
2. 2012 DEHUG Annual Retrospective

DEHUG started activities in February 2012. There were some presentations, some good discussions on the type of work needed for Delaware and for David Carlson from DEMA to support the updates to the State Mitigation Plan. There was an approach to having a workshop called "Cross-Section Emergency Management Meeting: a Business of Many, which was postponed to a later date. Because of the type of demand here for Delaware, Silvana requested in behalf of the DEHUG and FEMA reached out with 2 items:

- A permanent call conference number hosted by FEMA for the DEHUG meetings – the PIN changes, the phone number is always **1-800-320-4330**
- Help event with a website to enable updating and sharing State customized data for Hazus – it was understood that Delaware already had mechanisms in place and therefore a link with the Hazus customized data would be provided to FEMA

As means to be able to evolve and include all related emergency personnel that has needs and interest to address risks, hazards, mitigation plans and learn and use Hazus, an official support from DEMA to the DEHUG was communicated on 10/04/2012 (see image bellow).

DEHUG meetings will continue to happen on a bimonthly basis. Current focus will be on the data customization process and accomplishments and learning and sharing experiences within the State users and other States and FEMA's experience and exchange of information.

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Follow up. Start by Friday, October 05, 2012. Due by Friday, October 05, 2012.

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From: Lee Edward (DEMA)   Sent: Thu 10/4/2012 6:37 PM
To: Donaldson Gene (DelDOT); McCleary Robert (DelDOT); Barnhart Natalie (DelDOT)
Cc: Turner Jamie (DEMA); Gillespie Glenn (DEMA); Croope Silvana (DelDOT); Knox Don (DEMA); Carlson David (DEMA)
Subject: DEMA Support for the HAZUS User's Group

On behalf of Director Jamie Turner,

Director Turner met with Glenn Gillespie, Tony Lee, Ed Durst, Don Knox, Dave Carlson, and Stefan Smi to discuss the Delaware HAZUS User Group (DE-HUG) and a possible path forward. During the meeting, Dave Carlson strongly supported Silvana Croope's effort in leading and coordinating the Delaware HAZUS User Group thus far. He provided a synopsis of what HAZUS can do for the State and tied the effectiveness of HAZUS to coordination among the various state agencies. He explained that HAZUS is essential to DEMA for the updates to the State and County Hazard Mitigation Plans, as well as potentially providing data in the future that can be used to support emergency operations.

As a result of our discussion, Director Turner supports Silvana as the lead for the Delaware HAZUS User Group with the following stipulations:

1. Dave Carlson serve as the co-lead of DE-HUG.

2. Invite, with the coordination of the County Emergency Managers, a representative from each county to join the DE-HUG. The County EMs may participate themselves or designate someone from the county to participate. An invitation should also be extended to the City of Wilmington through the Emergency Manager.

3. All State representatives (to include the Chairs) receive formal HAZUS Training, coordinated through Dave Carlson.

4. In the future as data is developed, this data should be shared and made available throughout the state. This step should be accomplished through an agreement, such as a MOU or MOA.

5. DEMA will serve as the repository for the final HAZUS output data and the final approval authority on data to be shared and made available throughout the State.

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"Failure to Plan is Planning to Fail"
Proverb

3.   Report from David Carlson on Hazus Data Customization Process

David has been working with Essential Facilities and Fire Stations doing updates using CDMS tool to update the data in the Hazus data inventory – the data that comes with the Hazus software, to reflect current Delaware existing facilities and related details to the facilities.

DelDOT also provided data on bridges for the data customization process for Hazus. Some adjustments are needed and there is help from DelDOT to David Carlson to adjust and explain the bridge data structure. Thank you both, Jason Arndt and Darin Dell for your support.

The load of work to update and customize the data for Hazus is extensive and a 1 (one) person cannot do it in a timely fashion. There were discussions about building a partnership with the University to help in this process.

David Carlson made a personal invitation to John Callahan for a visit to demonstrate the process he is going through to do the updates. John Callahan confirmed already having Hazus 2.1.

Discussions for an open invitation for the overall group to have the chance to see David Carlson demonstrate the data customization process took place considering the possibility for the February 2013 DEHUG bimonthly call.

Cynthia also offered to make a presentation, which would focus on "how to use Hazus to the benefit of the community and to decision-makers".

John Callahan supported the idea for presentations and suggested we focus on the professional application for now. Future discussions will include the outreach to students.

Thinking about a possible location for the Hazus demonstrations and perhaps even a "exposure type getting started with Hazus", there were suggestions such as computer labs with the University of Delaware, computer rooms with DelDOT, use of DEMA's facilities. No decision was made, all possibilities being looked at for future determination. Thank you both Darin and John to helping us with this effort.

Other names for future presentations included Michael Powell and his team (DNREC) and Mark Nardi (USGS) that had already volunteered for a presentation. In this regard, Cynthia mentioned that Pennsylvania was also starting their work with Hazus.

There was a suggestion to put out a survey to find out about people's interest for topics for discussions and suggestions for a big workshop before the 3rd of July 2013. This will help with better defining outreach strategies and increasing people's participation.

Silvana mentioned trying to help Bernie from DelDOT working with the State Centerline, including elevation, match his data with the one produced by Michael Powell's group data for elevation for certain facilities as means to build consistency and sharing data.

4. **Discussion on the Hazus space with the DGDC Geospatial Data Exchange warehouse and connection with FEMA**

The inclusion of data in the Geospatial Data Exchange warehouse was raised. So far the work that is taking place with David at DEMA is not available to the public or emergency managers. For many people that hear the request for help to update the data, the response has been positive demonstrating political will.
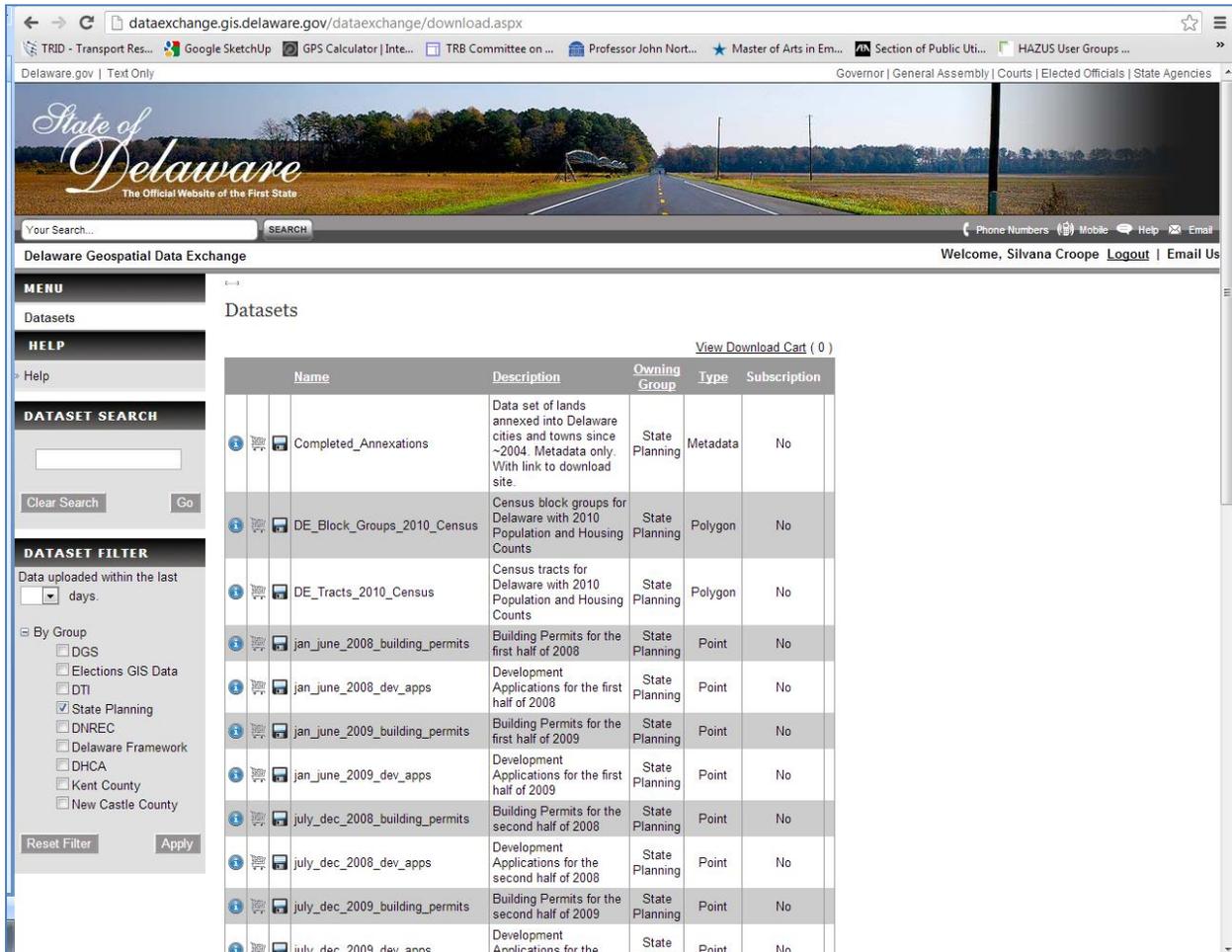
The space for Hazus within the Geospatial Data Exchange will be housed at this address

https://dataexchange.gis.delaware.gov/

To better understand how to navigate in this website, please find instructions at

https://dataexchange.gis.delaware.gov/dataexchange/help.pdf

This is a sample of the website when people are registered and want to download the data of interest:

More information will be available as the initial setup occurs.

5. Initial discussion on the business process for loading and maintaining the data

To enable more participation and collaboration, the initial setup for the Hazus space is now going to be done and the first data to be made available will be the bridges from DelDOT. As this space is properly developed, data access, updates, data customization for Hazus and users or owners roles are going to be discussed and formalized. After this 1st exercise the default data from Hazus will be made available in the warehouse, because it is already made for public domain and requires no specific discussion on roles. For the data that is being customized for Hazus application and will then be made available to the group will be a process which DEMA is directly involved.

Information will follow on this topic as work progresses.

6. Cross agency participation and support

The need for cross-agency support and participation is extremely important for the success of this endeavor with Hazus data customization. Outreach mechanisms are being examined to ensure more people's participation. This includes the survey mentioned before, the workshops and any other means.

Because of local behavior, a lot of discussion and solutions are discussed in a more personal level in Delaware. To be able to bring the public aboard new strategies are being considered.

In each report put out to the group it is easy to see Delaware is advancing in this subject. Nevertheless there is always ways we can improve our communication. All suggestions to help cross-agency communications are welcome.

7. Announcements

Cynthia is now the Leader for the National Capital Region for Hazus, which includes Washington DC and FEMA Region III. The main focus is on region wide data inventory updates for Hazus.

To help with this task, Jana from AMEC is moving from Tennessee to the Washington DC area in 2013 to help with communicating updates for the Region through a Governmental delivery e-mail.

Dwayne suggested contacting NCR with the All Hazards Consortium with the group with hazards materials because based on their work with GIS for all evacuation routes it could be a good source for help. He suggested checking with Tony Lee from FEMA to contact Jennifer Nuget (?) (regional planning).

Last announcement, the organization for a Hazus Conference in 2013 is underway for either August/September or October.

Interested people can get involved by contacting Kathleen Goulding - kag@arcaspicio.com

8. Adjourn