

# National Capitol Region Hazus User Group Conference Call

Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 10am

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## Thanks:

- Thanks to everyone who is attending the call today and for the presenters who shared with us.
  - o Kevin Mickey - [kmickey@iupui.edu](mailto:kmickey@iupui.edu) (IUPUI): The ‘Secret’ to Successful Data Collaborations (slides 7-42)
  - o Steve Kocsis - [skocsis@co.cambria.pa.us](mailto:skocsis@co.cambria.pa.us) (Cambria County, PA): Capturing Data - Can we alter existing tools to leverage data management at the point of capture? (Slides 43-70)

## Speakers:

- **Call Details** – Meeting minutes, presentation and audio will be posted after the call (slide 2)
- **Agenda** – (slide 3)
- **Announcements** (slide 4-6)
  - o Hazus Courses at EMI announced through October 2015 ([training.fema.gov/emiweb](http://training.fema.gov/emiweb))
    - Next class coming up is E172 Hazus-MH for Flood: July 27-30, 2015
    - EMI Hazus Training Specialist – Jordan Manos ([Jordan.manos@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Jordan.manos@fema.dhs.gov))
  - o FEMA Region III Sponsored E317 Comprehensive Data Management for HAZUS
    - Report on Outcomes
      - Delaware*
        - DEMA and DSHS will coordinate to determine data needs for the Hazus risk assessment that will be utilized in the next Delaware Hazard Mitigation Plan.
        - DEMA will develop a business case and data schema (including stakeholders) for Emergency Management and deliver to DTI. DTI will develop the applications for DEMA to use for their projects.
        - DEMA will identify broader needs for Emergency Management and attributes needed to be maintained and collected
      - Pennsylvania*
        - Cynthia delivered a letter to the Federal Representative on the newly formed GIS advisory board, expressing the need for Statewide geospatial collaboration and governance through an active GIO.
        - PA GIS Professional Association will be coordinating their needs directly through their representative on the board, to inundate them with information on requirements and make them understand the importance of what needs done.
      - West Virginia*
        - Development of a FME tool to translate local data for Hazus consumption
        - West Virginia University coordinating with WV EM-DHS to support the development of Hazus Risk Assessments for future PDC Mitigation Plan updates.

- **Presentation** - The ‘Secret’ to Successful Data Collaborations (slides 7-42)

- Region III can benefit from the lessons learned in Indiana and Georgia
  - Development process to achieve an active State GIO
  - Statewide data coordination and sharing, education and outreach
  - One stop data download website
  - Development of data translators (FME) for conversion of multiple local datasets into an identical format
  - State and Local coordination because they have changed their mentality about –
    - Artificial barriers of us and them – “They don’t want to work with us”, or “We don’t need their help.”
    - Trying to recover the cost of data development by requiring users to buy it.
      - This is not a sustainable or successful model
    - Privacy concerns that limit or restrict data sharing.
    - Duplication of data development and inefficiencies, in order to have access at all times.
- **Presentation** – Capturing Data - Can we alter existing tools to leverage data management at the point of capture? (Slide 43-70)
  - **LGIM** - <http://solutions.arcgis.com/local-government/>
    - Documented and supported data model
    - Existing tools to assist with map publishing, data maintenance, web applications
    - Widespread and growing user community
    - Better customer service, solid data foundation to build upon
    - Data collection in this model provides an opportunity to collect and leverage the attributes necessary for HAZUS
  - Steve will be presenting during the August NCR HUG call to provide an update on his proof of concept, applying the LGIM to Cambria County GIS data, to be used for the Hazus software and other tools.
- Next Call (slide 71)
  - Thursday August 27, 2015 (see call details below)
  - **WE WILL NOT HAVE A CALL IN JULY.** Please come back and join us in August!
  - Cynthia will be transitioning to FEMA Region X in July 2015. She will continue to lead the NCR HUG and future calls will continue each month at the same time. When a new Risk Analyst is selected for FEMA Region III, a new NCR HUG leader may be selected.

#### Related Documents/Links:

- 06/25/15 Slide Deck with Audio Recording:  
[http://www.usehazus.com/uploads/forum/June252015\\_NationalCapitolRegionHUG\\_Presentation3.pdf](http://www.usehazus.com/uploads/forum/June252015_NationalCapitolRegionHUG_Presentation3.pdf)
- All NCR HUG Recordings:  
<http://www.freeconferencecalling.com/Recordings/Podcast.aspx?bridge=697620&accountid=1116753>
- Hazus download: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/resources/hazus>

**Next Call:** Thursday, August 27, 2015 at 10AM EST

- Conference # 1-302-202-1110
- Pass code # 697620
- Presentation: Gwynn Crichton, The Nature Conservancy – Coastal Resilience Portal
- Presentation: Steve Kocsis, Cambria County, PA – Proof of Concept : LGIM application in Cambria County