

GEORGIA HAZUS USER GROUP

Meeting Minutes

03/13/2012

I. Call to order

Moses Wilkins, called to order the regular conference call meeting of the GAHUG at 03:00PM.

II. General Update

- A. Recapped our previous GAHUG call on January 24. Encouraged the group to visit the GAHUG webpage for our previous HUG Conference minutes and presentation that are now posted on our webpage. Using the link below, please check in for more updates about the HUG (<http://www.usehazus.com/gahug>).

Margaret Walton- Briefed the group on the new Hazus 2.1 software. A document was developed for Hazus 2.1 called "Getting Started" it is more concise and user friendly than the standard manual. The "Getting Started" document also highlights the difference in the current version of Hazus software to the older version. To view all the Hazus manuals you can visit <http://www.fema.gov/library/> and in the search box type Hazus manual.

What's new with Hazus 2.1?

1. Hazus 2.1 is compatible with 64-bit computers, a first for Hazus.
2. Hazus 2.1 is compatible with Windows 7
3. Hazus 2.1 is compatible with ArcGIS 10.1
4. The SQL server to 2008
5. The Flood Module Average Annualized Loss (AAL) analysis has been reactivated with the following changes:
 - a) The 2 and 5 year return period extrapolations have been removed from the methodology.
 - b) The 200 year return period has been replaced by a 25 year return period in the methodology.
6. Hazus 2.1 is available, you can order it here: <https://msc.fema.gov/>

Jamie Caplan- Hosts the monthly National Hazus user group conference call 1-570-720-0113 pin 186250#. You may also get more information about the national call and activities on usehazus.com. The next call is schedule for April 30, 2012 at 3:00pm eastern.

III. Guest Speaker - Our guest speaker Terry Jackson from Georgia Department of Community Affairs will discuss training opportunities in Georgia.

Terry Jackson- The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) had received a grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Disaster Recovery Enhancement Fund to supplement Georgia's Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery allocation following two presidentially declared disasters in 2008. The grants funds will be used for activities and products to assist local governments in preparing for future disaster mitigation and resilience. Two key components are to increase disaster mitigation education and awareness and to enhance consistency amongst various required planning documents.

To leverage this opportunity, we've setup virtual training at two additional satellite locations.

Atlanta, GA: Host- 60 Executive Park South, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30329
Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Savannah, GA: 295 Police Memorial Drive, Savannah, GA
Chatham County Annex EOC

Macon, GA: 3300 Macon Tech Drive Macon, GA
Central Georgia Technical College

DCA, in partnership with FEMA and GEMA, will be providing a unique opportunity for your professional development and FEMA certification by presenting a series of FEMA-certified training courses to build competency in hazard mitigation planning for local governments and Regional Commissions. Students completing this training series will receive double FEMA certification as **HAZUS Professionals** and as **HAZUS Practitioners**. Training will be provided at DCA and at multiple remote training sites, participating via teleconference, and with remote training site assistants

Please register at <http://www.georgiaplanning.com/DSS/Hazustrain/> to reserve your seat space is limited.

Course	Dates
IS318: Mitigation Planning for Local and Tribal Governments	12-hour Web-based independent study to be completed before March 26, 2012 http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is318.asp
E190: ArcGIS for Emergency Managers (2.5 days) E313: Basic Hazus-MH (2.5 days)	Monday, March 26, 2012 to Friday, March 30, 2012
E172: Hazus-MH for Flood (3.5 days) Strategic Focus Group Meeting (1/2 day)	Monday, April 16, 2012 to Thursday, April 20, 2012
E170: Hazus-MH for Hurricanes (3.5 days)	Monday, May 21, 2012 to Thursday, May 24, 2012
E317: Comprehensive Data Management for Hazus-MH (3.5 days)	Monday, August 20, 2012 to Thursday, August 23, 2012
E296: Using Hazus-MH for Risk Assessment (3.5 days)	Monday, September 24, 2012 to Thursday, September 26, 2012

IV. **Open Discussion**

- A. Troubleshooting potential Hazus issues.
- B. Set up a test session for the Hazus training course a week prior to start of the class.
- C. Note potential scheduling conflicts. Ex. GAFM conference during March 26, to March 30, 2012

Champions of the GAHUG

Moses Wilkins and Rama Sivakumar (siva)

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