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Coming soon - Changes to the **HURREVAC** download portal within the hurricane module! Updates are underway and will allow real-time download of hurricane forecast and evacuation data from NOAA.

User Group calls:

September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

Leaders calls:

November 5
January 15, 2014

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2013 Hazus Symposium Highlights

The 6th Annual Hazus Symposium took place in Indianapolis, IN and was hosted by the Central Hazus User Group (CHUG), including David Coats and Kevin Mickey.

“It was a great success,” said Coats, the Associate Director of The Polis Center at Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI). “We had amazing contributions from speakers, an outstanding speech from Congresswoman Susan Brooks, and a tremendous opportunity to share ideas and meet new users,” he added.

The Symposium took place between August 5th and 7th. People from a number of organizations and countries were in attendance including Canada, Pakistan, and Singapore.

“The conversation about risk assessment is moving away from insurance and towards resilience among the communities—Hazus is an integral part of that discussion,” said Eric Berman in his welcome speech, setting the tone for the Symposium.

Over 23 presenters brought presentations that covered a broad

VISION SURVEY QUESTIONS

- In your experience, who are Hazus' key audiences, now and in the future?
- What does Hazus need TODAY to achieve its mission and to run optimally?
- Imagine Hazus 10 years from now... What does it look like?
- What barriers do you currently face in data management and data sharing? Suggestions?
- What else would you like to see as Hazus evolves?

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a range of topics including the tsunami model, adapting Hazus to Canada, uses in Singapore, and how Hazus fits into Benefit-Cost Analysis. The Symposium brought 93 attendees from 17 different states and 4 countries.

Special events at the Symposium included a User Group forum where attendees discussed a “Vision” for Hazus and a 1913 Flood Exhibit at the Indiana Historic Museum.

For a full list of presenters and to download the proceedings from the event, visit <http://www.usehazus.com/ncrhug/>.

...In Pictures





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Fall Training

E0190: ArcGIS for Emergency Managers
October 21-24, 2013

E0313: Basic Hazus-MH
November 18-21, 2013

E0172: Hazus-MH For Flood
December 2-5, 2013

EO174 Hazus-MH for Earthquake
December 9-12, 2013

To download the course schedule and enroll, visit <http://training.fema.gov/EMICourses/>. For updated training information visit www.fema.gov/hazus-training

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“What we need to keep in mind is that it’s not about Hazus; it’s about savings lives and property,” says Dave Coats, Associate Director of The Polis Center at Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis (IUPUI). Dave has been at the Polis Center since 2000.

Coats, who was instrumental in organizing and facilitating this year’s Hazus Symposium in Indianapolis, was also integral in the proliferation of the use of Hazus in hazard mitigation plans.

“It was the Risk Assessment portion of the DMA 2000 [Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000] that really sparked The Polis Center’s heavy involvement in using Hazus to assist in their mitigation plans,” said Coats.

Kevin Mickey, Director of Professional Education at The Polis Center, was a large advocate, bringing Hazus-MH to Polis. While teaching Hazus-MH and GIS nationwide, Mickey would discuss The Polis Center’s operations, and eventually we were getting asked to conduct Hazus for mitigation plans outside of Indiana, added Coats.

“72 counties in Indiana asked us what we were doing,” says Coats, “and it evolved to include working with several Universities, other states, and other users of Hazus.”

The Polis Center is currently one of the foremost advocates of Hazus, using it as a tool to further understanding of hazard mitigation.

Said Coats of the Hazus Community, “I think the [Hazus] community is made up of people from a number of different backgrounds, but that share the same passion and the same goal in achieving each step of the emergency management cycle.”

Coats was raised in Indianapolis and has been a familiar face to the community. Previous to the Polis Center, Coats was the Executive Director of the Greater Indianapolis Progress Committee (1996-2000).

Coats was the former Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and received his Licentiate in Canon Law from The Angelicum in Rome in 1988, and the Master of Divinity from the School of Theology at St. Meinrad in 1974.

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Open Government: Sharing Flood Risk Data

Hazus-MH Program Manager, Eric Berman, has begun an initiative to assist in providing a framework for Regions to work, share, and collaborate on their production of flood risk data through use of the [FEMA GeoPortal](#).

The GeoPortal provides an

open platform for data producers to submit data, and receive data once it is uploaded. The project is in its initial stages and aligns with the Open Government Directive set forth by the Office of Management and Budget in 2009.

Would you like to take part in shaping this initiative? Email your suggestions to hazus@arcaspicio.com.

Submission Guidelines fro Flood Risk Assessment Data to the GeoPortal



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