



HAZUS User of the Year!

2009 3rd Quarter



Congratulations to Dr. Michael Scott of Salisbury University, the 2009 3rd Quarter HAZUS User of the Year. Dr. Scott has been a forerunner nationwide in using HAZUS-MH. As the Director of the Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) at Salisbury University, he was an author and a leader in the “An Assessment of Maryland’s Vulnerability To Flood Damage” project. This project was one of the first statewide HAZUS-MH Level I analyses to be completed. The report provides a systematic examination of the vulnerability of Maryland’s built environment to riverine and coastal flooding utilizing HAZUS-MH.

Dr. Scott uses HAZUS-MH to explore a wide range of flooding issues and includes his undergraduate geography students in this process. Working with the students, they look at the data, operate the model, troubleshoot errors, and explore the best way to communicate the results. Dr. Scott believes that because the HAZUS-MH program can be operated in discrete steps, it is easy to break it down for an undergraduate and thus enhance their understanding of flood processes and geographic information science.

Dr. Scott is also the point of contact for the Maryland HAZUS User Group (MDHUG) and takes advantage of every opportunity to share information about HAZUS-MH, emphasizing its capabilities and usefulness to communities. He has presented at workshops and conferences, such as 2009 TUgis (Towson University Department of Geography and Environmental Planning, annual Geographic Information Sciences Conference), in an effort to build and grow the HAZUS-MH user community. He has also presented on GIS and HAZUS-MH to floodplain managers during the E-273 course in Maryland explaining how HAZUS-MH can help them. He has also supplied “HAZUS-friendly” local data for a FEMA Region III pilot project.

Michael Scott’s motivation and enthusiasm for HAZUS-MH and his leadership of the Maryland HAZUS User Group make him an outstanding HAZUS-MH champion. FEMA is proud to recognize Michael Scott as the 2009 3rd Quarter HAZUS User of the Year.

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