

GIS Education Initiative Action Team

Notes: Conference Call, May 24, 2010

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Purpose: Follow up from VGIN Advisory Board action - Initial organizing meeting for GIS Strategic Plan Initiative #3 "Facilitate Geospatial Educational Opportunities"

Near term objectives:

- Complete Charter and publish on VGIN website by July VGIN Board Meeting
- Establish task milestones for 6 month, 12 month and beyond

Discussion

- Elevation FIAT has a need for educating users on Lidar and Elevation applications. Some overlap with Education workgroup – need to coordinate the two
- There will be some overlap with GIS Strategic Plan Initiative #4, Advocacy and Outreach.
- Host an information workshop with VAMLIS at the fall GIS conference
- Catalog existing opportunities for GIS education at all school levels. Consider private training opportunities and desired end user training
- Piggy back on existing public service communication vehicles (news releases, calendars, etc.)
- Consider how we want to encourage public involvement
- Create educational videos similar to the [Geospatial Revolution Project](#), except make it Virginia focused
- American Association of Geographers has some resources for cataloging GIS education programs at the universities
- Sample VBMP ortho tiles covering universities and community college campuses will be clipped and provided for instructional use
- Find various methods of advertising our message, such as purchasing reading bookmarks for printing
- Identify low hanging fruit for near term accomplishments to gain momentum
- Include the VAMLIS education committee
- Identify opportunities for volunteer participation in Education workgroup
- Boy Scouts offer Geocaching badges – possibly a GIS Badge?
- JMU to manage K-12 ArcGIS licensing
- Mike Goodchild to visit JMU in November 2010