

WebGIS Newsletter - July 2004

This monthly email newsletter is designed for existing and potential users of WebGIS. For additional information on this service provided by Anderson & Associates, Inc., see <http://www.andassoc.com/> or www.webgis.net

****IMPORTANT NOTICE** WebGIS Software Upgrade**

Within the next few weeks A&A will be upgrading the software on one of our WebGIS processors. We will report on the homepage of WebGIS when this upgrade will take place. We will be upgrading the software during a weekend to avoid any problems with downtime. If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to Support@WebGIS.Net.

WebGIS Enhancements

The following features have been implemented on select WebGIS Sites.

1. All North Carolina sites, the map scale will now show in the status bar with coordinates.
2. We have eliminated the apply button on the layer menu, any layers that you check will be applied immediately. This feature has only been applied to Franklin County at this time. Clients wishing to implement this feature on their site please contact us at Support@WebGIS.Net.
3. All North Carolina sites that have road data, we have added geocoding/road address searches. This will zoom to the point on the road.

For more information or to have select features added to your site, please contact us at Support@WebGIS.Net.

Grayson County, VA

We would like to thank Grayson County for signing onto our WebGIS services! Grayson County is located in Southwest, VA and is home to the highest mountains in VA. Please visit their site at <http://arcims2.webgis.net/va/grayson/default.asp>.

High Tech on a Shoestring

Most of our WebGIS clients are local governments with elected boards, commissions, or councils. One way to demonstrate the benefits of GIS to them is to install projection systems in their meeting rooms so that WebGIS can be used to illustrate issues that come before these elected groups. Since it is commonly accepted that 80% of local government issues have a strong locational component, GIS is a good technique to apply to the decision-making process. Typically, the cost of such a system is relatively low with the major cost being that of a projector (\$2500), a large screen (\$500), and a computer with a connection to the Internet (\$2500). Alternatives to consider are providing elected members with a laptop and using a wireless system to provide them access to the presentations. To keep all members on the same track, the presenter can use a free program, Microsoft's NetMeeting to present to all members simultaneously. Providing the laptops also helps reduce the paper load that most local governments provide to the elected members prior to meetings. Contact Susan Moore for help in planning and installing these systems.

Lee County E911 Project

Anderson & Associates has been chosen to assist Lee County in the implementation of an Enhanced 911. The overall project will involve converting every structure throughout the county from its old physical address to its new 911 address. Representatives from A&A will take GIS/GPS enabled laptop computers to the field programmed to include the aerial photography and centerline data from the Virginia Base Mapping Project (VBMP). The data will be verified in the field for accuracy and updates, and all the roads and habitable structures will be classified. Once the entire county has been traveled and verified, A&A will work with the serving telephone companies and post offices to ensure data conversion is complete.

The final product will allow dispatchers for the county to view an Automated Number Identification (ANI) and an Automated Location Identification (ALI) for each call that comes in along with a map of the county displaying exactly where the call is coming from. For more information or if you need help with your E911 projects, please contact Brandie Moody at 800-544-0147.

Halifax County WebGIS site in the news!

Please visit the following link featuring information about Halifax County's WebGIS site using the VBMP Imagery. <http://www.cnr.vt.edu/gep/pdfFiles/VAGeoNewsletter-Spring2004.pdf>

Wise County Board holds hearing on creating GIS department

WISE - The board of supervisors has received words of support from several officials who favor creating a department to maintain and operate Wise County's geographic information system, or GIS. Please see full story at the following link:

http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?BRD=1283&dept_id=158550&newsid=11925542&PAG=461&rfi=9

X Hits for the month of June!

According to our internal page request register, WebGIS received X requests for the month of June!

WebGIS Hits

Will do at End of the Month

WebGIS Hit Reports

Visit the link below if you would like to sign up to receive a hit report on your WebGIS site or to change your reporting options.

http://www.webgis.net/site_reports/index.php

WebGIS Demo

Interested in receiving a demonstration of WebGIS on a CD or via Netmeeting? If so, please contact Susan Moore at mooresu@andassoc.com, 540.552.5592 or reply to this email and we'll be happy to show you one.

Have a question or an interesting article you want to include in our newsletter? Send an email to Susan Moore: mooresu@andassoc.com. Also please send any tips or feedback you might have.

Sales question? Info@WebGIS.Net

Support question? Support@WebGIS.Net