

Southeast Michigan GIS User Group
March 13, 2025
9:30 AM
SEMCOG - Woodward Room
Meeting Notes

Attendees

Anthony Kowalchick	AEW, Inc.
Jeff Miller	AEW, Inc.
Kelsey Maas	City of Detroit
Almaz Naizghi	City of Detroit
Jonah Pollens-Dempsey	City of Detroit
Ted Schultz	City of Detroit
Keri Blough	City of Novi
Magda Difranco	Clinton Township
Amina Abdur-Rahim	DRP
Melissa Blaser	FTCH
Mariah Modson	Giffels-Webster Engineers
Ariana Toth	Giffels-Webster Engineers
Josh Csapo	HCMA
Diliana Daskalova	HNTB
Aidan Navarre	Monroe County
Alexis Potoff	Monroe County
Andrew Oberski	Monroe County RC
Karina Vasquez	Northville Township
Calix Martinez	Oakland County
Megan Schildberg	Oakland County Parks
Matthew Catanzarite	Pittsfield Township
Ethan Wissler	SmithgroupJJR
Kyle Clem	State Of Michigan
Simon Medina	State Of Michigan
Ulrika Zay	State Of Michigan
Everett Root	TriMedia
Chelsea Rozek	Washtenaw County
Mallory Walczesky	Washtenaw County
Richard Smith	Wayne State University

SEMCOG Staff

Taylor Abdulhadi	Janet Mocadlo
Karolynn Faulkner	Bailee Pasienza
Michelle Leppek	Bill Schlatter
Chad Misiuk	Cassandra Verras

- I. Welcome & Introductions - Chad Misiuk, GIS Coordinator at SEMCOG, kicked off the meeting with a round of introductions amongst all in the room
- II. Technical Discussions
 - A. Anthony Kowalchick, GIS Analyst at AEW – HGIS and Local Governments, presented an overview of using GIS to map historical data. The presentation included a series of online maps for Shelby Township highlighting cemeteries and historical road names; a map of historical school districts in Oakland Township; and an application for the Romeo Historical Society.
 - B. Bailee Pasienza, Planner at SEMCOG, provided an overview of SEMCOG's new Wetlands StoryMap and Wetlands Mapper tool. Cassandra Verras, GIS Analyst, presented on design considerations for using Arcade in creating custom pop-ups for the Wetlands Mapper tool. The tool aims to help SEMCOG communities plan for wetland restoration and provides a straightforward categorization of wetland type and function for the user. Three custom pop-up types were developed for communities, counties, and individual wetlands.
 - C. Almaz Naizghi, GIS Analyst at the City of Detroit, gave a presentation on the Detroit Legacy Business Project. The goal of the project is to support and preserve businesses which have been established in the City of Detroit for at least 30 years. The presentation included the approach for collecting data from the public using Survey123 and presenting the data as part of the Map registry.

Each presentation was followed by questions and answers from attendees.

- III. State of Michigan update:
 - A. The State discussed MiSAIL efforts. 2024 imagery deliverables have been received for the Southeast Michigan region. Livingston County requested 2025 data and will be flown this spring.
 - B. The State is applying to USGS for funding to acquire updated LiDAR data in 2025/2026.
 - C. The Statewide GIS Users Meeting for May will take place in Escanaba, MI. The following meeting, in August, will be remote only.
- IV. SEMCOG Update:
 - A. The Community Explorer Map and the Equity Emphasis Area Map have been updated with 2023 ACS data.
 - B. The Traffic Volume Map and the Pavement Condition Map have been migrated to the ArcGIS SDK for Javascript.
 - C. SEMCOG's General Assembly will take place on Thursday, March 20 at Michigan Central. The focus will be on economic development.

V. IMAGIN & MiCAMP update:

- A. IMAGIN and MiCAMP will hold their annual conference June 1-3, 2025 in Kalamazoo. Abstracts for presentations are due by March 31.
- B. April meetups are in the planning stages. This region's meetup is scheduled to take place at Great White Buffalo Brewing Company in Northville.
- C. The group is planning AGO/Experience Builder office hours to begin in May.

2025 Meeting Schedule

June 26
September 11
December 11