



Improving Michigan's Access to Geographic Information Networks

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Current News

IMAGIN Annual Conference 2009 Geospatial Journey: Finding Our Way Together Holiday Inn South Convention Center Lansing, Michigan May 4-5, 2009

The [2009 IMAGIN Conference](#) planning is well underway and another informative slate of presentations is on tap for Lansing 2009! [The call for presentations](#) has been made and all IMAGIN members are welcome to contribute via a presentation at the conference (abstracts due January 16, 2009). As always, the Map Gallery and vendor displays will be packed with the latest and greatest examples of geospatial technologies.

Vendors interested in [sponsorship opportunities for the 2009 Conference can click here for more information.](#)

Ottawa County GIS Program's Art Project Highlighted in ArcUser

A unique collaboration between the art department of a local university and the county's GIS staff resulted in a sculpture for Allendale, Michigan, that brought lidar data to life. The following article tells the story of how a set of x,y,z coordinates derived from a handful of text files became art. The article was featured in the [Summer 2008 Edition of ESRI's ArcUser publication.](#)

Saginaw County Utilizes GIS to Promote Economic Development

Saginaw County's economic development group, Saginaw Future, Inc., has launched a new website highlighting properties available for development across the county. The site employs a Google Maps mashup combined with data on property square footage, type and many others. Please visit the site at SaginawValleySites.com.

City of Midland Adopts Enhanced Access Fee Schedule

The City of Midland, Michigan recently adopted a fee schedule for their numerous GIS datasets. The pricing schedule includes the option to purchase

layers for the entire city including Pictometry aerial photography. Data shipments are free of charge for email with a five dollar fee added to burn a CD/DVD. Please visit the [City of Midland's GIS Department website](#) for more info.

Consumer's Energy Enters Full Production with GIS-Based Outage Management System

Consumer's Energy recently ramped up their outage management system (OMS) provided by Telvent to full production. The OMS allows Consumer's to view real-time outage maps and handle crew management to address these outages. The system also analyzes system reliability and historical outages. [Click here to read more about the project.](#)

GITA Releases Whitepaper on Geospatial Technologies and their Interconnection to Critical Infrastructure

GITA recently release a detailed whitepaper discussing the intermingling of geospatial technologies and their application to critical infrastructure management. The paper discusses how electric, water, gas, and additional infrastructure components are dependent upon and best managed by geospatial technology. [Read the GITA whitepaper by clicking here.](#)

Upcoming Events

- [December 8-12, 2008](#)
[URISA Leadership Academy](#)
[Seattle, WA](#)
- [May 4-5 2009](#)
[IMAGIN Conference 2009, Geospatial Journey: Finding Our Way Together](#)
[Holiday Inn South Convention Center, Lansing, MI](#)

[For more events, see the IMAGIN Calendar of Events](#)

Training

Date(s)	D*	Organization	City	Description
December 1, 2008	D	RS & GIS	East Lansing	Technical Workshop – ArcGIS-Map Design
December 2, 2008	D	RS & GIS	East Lansing	Technical Workshop – ArcGIS-Annotation and Labeling
January 12-13, 2009	D	RS & GIS	East Lansing	Technical Workshop - Introduction to ArcGIS
January 14, 2009	D	RS & GIS	East	Technical Workshop –

			Lansing	Introduction to Geodatabases
January 15, 2009	D	RS & GIS	East Lansing	Technical Workshop – Getting Your GIS Project Off the Ground
January 16, 2009	D	RS & GIS	East Lansing	Technical Workshop – Integrating Orthoimagery into your GIS
January 21-23, 2009		ESRI	East Lansing	Developing Applications with ArcGIS Server Using the Microsoft .NET Framework
February 23-24, 2009		ESRI	East Lansing	ArcGIS Desktop I (9.3)-Getting Started with GIS
February 25-27, 2009		ESRI	East Lansing	ArcGIS Desktop II (9.3)-Tools and Functionality

D*=Discount for IMAGIN Members

Spotlight on Supporting Organizations

SEMCOG [Southeast Michigan Council of Governments](#)

SEMCOG's GIS capabilities are widely used throughout the region as communities with and without their own GIS technologies identify needs for effective planning tools. Communities without GIS benefit from the SEMCOG partnership, using data in their planning processes. Communities with their own detailed, parcel-based systems take advantage of SEMCOG's wider vision, determining where and how they fit into the regional context. See [their Data and Maps web page](#) for more information.



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Each month this section will highlight two of our [supporting organizations](#). If your organizations would like to be in the spotlight, please [contact IMAGIN headquarters](#) about becoming a supporting organization.

Web Mapping Site of the Month



[Election 2008 Cartograms](#)

Cartograms offer valuable insights into data that may not be evident using typical cartographic methods. Professor Mark Newman at the University of Michigan provides us with a unique view of the results of the 2008 Presidential Elections.

Employment

Job Description	Company/Posting Date
GIS Analyst	Geographic Information Services, Inc 10-30-2008
GIS Web Developer	Geographic Information Services, Inc 10-30-2008
Project Manager (GIS)	Oakland County Information Technology 9-15-2008
Application Analyst Programmer II	Oakland County Information Technology 9-15-2008

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