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Quarterly Highlights

New Statewide Imagery / LULC

A joint project between USGS, URI, and RI Statewide Planning will provide an update to available imagery for the state. Cost estimates for obtaining a Land Use / Land Cover update are under discussion.

Flown on April 28th and May 2nd, ortho-imagery is being assembled and inspected. The images have 4-bands with a spatial resolution of 6 inches, matching the existing 2011 dataset.

3D Nation Study

Near completion, USGS has been working with all states in preparing reports for the 3D Nation project.

A final draft of RI's summary report was generated and shared with our state champions Ms. Michele Giorgianni and Mr. Charles LaBash.

The final version of the report is expected to be released soon.



Municipal Resource Map

RI Division of Planning's Christina Delage Baza has updated the interactive Municipal Resource Map providing the status of each municipality's GIS program and links to data.



RIGIS Coordinator

Due to COVID-19 and the subsequent hiring freeze, filling this position has been delayed. Once a FY 21 budget is in place, it is anticipated that this will move forward.

Status Reports

Data Management & Technical Standards Working Groups

These working groups have jointly been comparing VISION's MassGIS CAMA extract against Rhode Island's parcel data standard to evaluate their compatibility.

Outreach Working Group

A RIGIS User Group meeting was held February 25, 2020. All talks are available on the RIGIS website - <https://info.rigis.org/resource-library/user-group-presentations>.

The group intends to hold a Virtual User Group Meeting in February of 2021 and is soliciting ideas for topics and anyone willing to give a presentation. Please send any suggestions to Lynn_Carlson@brown.edu

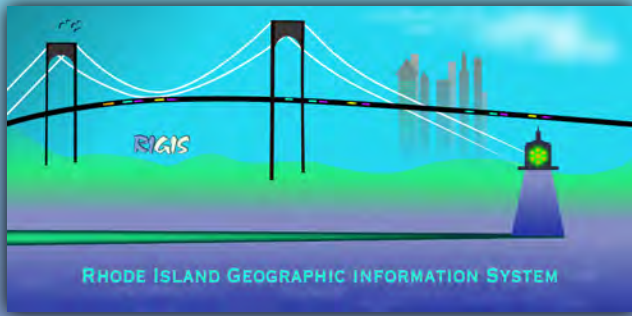
Education Working Group

The working group has been assisting NEURISA in their efforts in reaching out to New England colleges and universities to promote GIS in their curricula.

Exec Comm member Pete Stetson reported The Wheeler School and Hope Highlands Middle School were the 2020 state awardees of ESRI's ArcGIS Online Competition for Middle and High School students. Congratulations to Isaiah Suchman (Wheeler), and Caden Baum (Hope Highlands)!

Utilities User Group

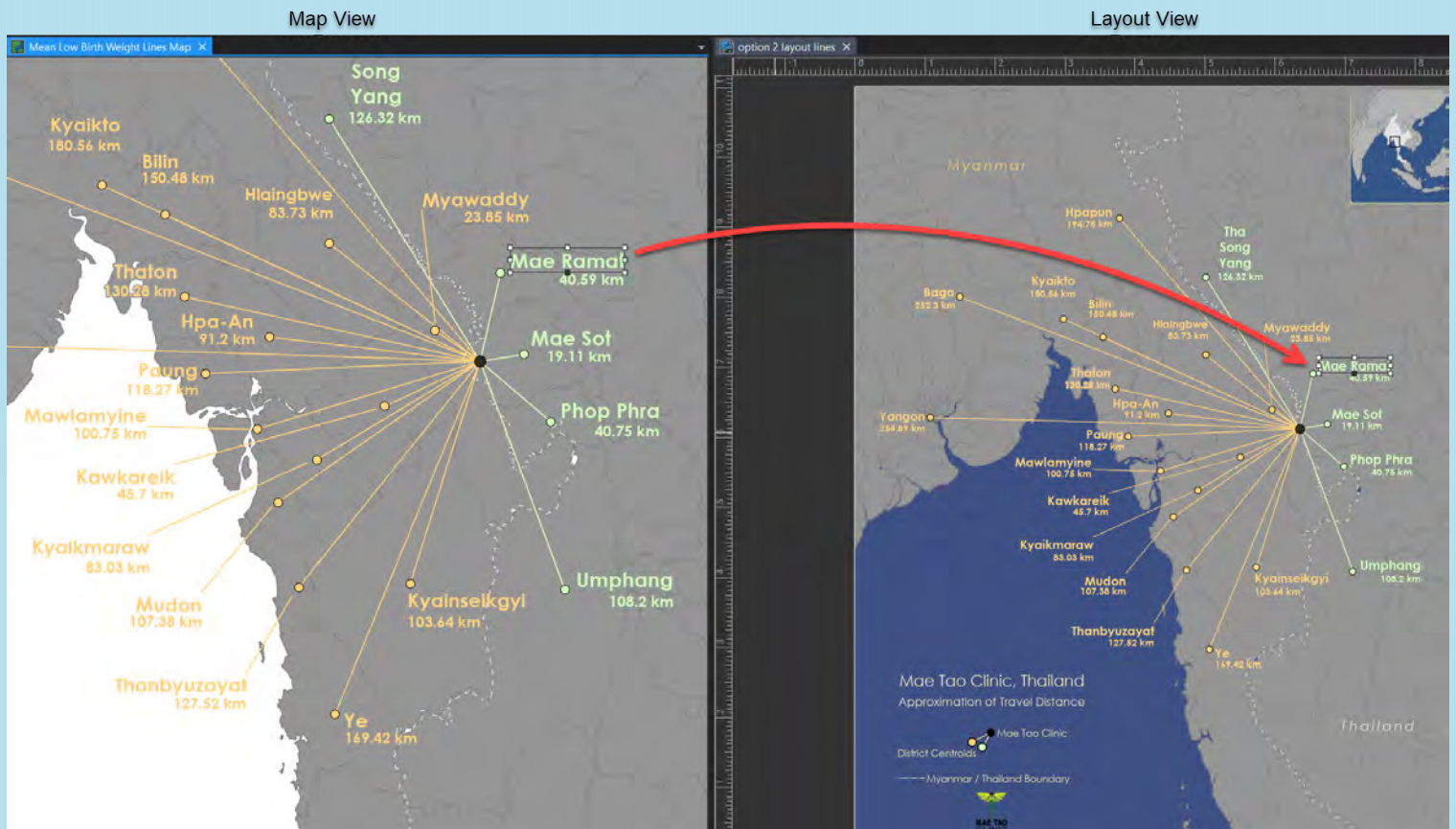
Introducing the Utility User Group's mission during the February 25, 2020 RIGIS User Group meeting resulted in an extensive contact list, which will help with outreach as they move towards developing a data standard that is useful to everyone. If you wish to be included on this list, please contact Kristin Meseck (kristinm@provwater.com) or Shelby Southworth (ssouthworth@kentcountywater.org).



ArcGIS Pro Tips

Place your Map and Layout Side by Side

A big time-saver! When editing annotation or graphics text in a map, having the layout open simultaneously allows you to see the changes you make immediately.



Lock the Items on Your Layout

Want to make sure nothing on your Layout changes by accident?

Click the lock icon adjacent to each item

in the Contents. This will prevent the item from being moved or edited in any way. Click the icon again to unlock and be able to edit once again.

