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## IMAGIN MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### IMAGIN Conference 2010

Re-Imagining our Future:  
Demonstrating Value

IMAGIN's annual conference will be held May 3-4, 2010 at the Causeway Bay Hotel in Lansing. Mark your calendar and save the date now! Additional conference details will be made available over the next few months.

## Mapping the Recovery Act



Follow the money using GIS! The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act affects every state in the nation. Track the projects here.

<http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/maps>

## Membership Renewals

IMAGIN will begin accepting membership renewals beginning September 1st for the 2010 Membership Year, current 2009 IMAGIN Memberships expires on December 31st. Early renewal rates for the 2010 Membership year are: Supporting Organizations - \$175; Supporting Organization Members- \$40; Individuals - \$75; Students, -\$25 each.

As an extra incentive, IMAGIN will be holding a drawing for 1 free conference registration and 1 free room stay for the conference. Names of all members whose dues have been renewed by November 30th for the 2010 Membership year will be entered into the drawing.

Note, memberships renewed after January 1, 2010 will be charged at the Regular Renewal/New Member rate of: Supporting Organization - \$190; Supporting Organization Member - \$40; Individual - \$90; Student - \$25. Invoices will be mailed to all current IMAGIN members.

Dues may be renewed either online at [www.imagin.org](http://www.imagin.org) or by mail to 2277 Science Parkway, Suite 4A, Okemos, MI 48864. Questions may be directed to [info@imagin.org](mailto:info@imagin.org).

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## Foreclosure Mapping

Many states are faced with a growing number of home foreclosures as the economy stumbles. Several states are turning to GIS as a tool to map and inventory the spread of these foreclosures. California and Kansas are two examples highlighted in this article from Government Technology magazine.



## Integrating GIS Across Government Lines

Multiple levels of government, each with their own GIS data, can lead to redundancies in mapping projects. One example of a collaborative project at a statewide level exists in the "Virtual Alabama" project.

## The Surveyor's Role in GIS

GIS and the survey profession are quickly achieving a tighter level of integration thank to many GIS-centric survey tools and plug-ins. This editorial looks at how the surveyor's role is changing with respect to the expansion of the GIS profession.



## Upper Peninsula Mapping Legislation Requirement

Not that we don't love our "Yoopers" or anything, but legislation currently working its way through our Legislature will require that any official state publications with an embedded map include both peninsulas. Click here to [read the text of the bill](#).

## Western Michigan University Wins Award for GIS Projects

WMU's Department of Facilities Management was recently recognized for their innovative use of GIS to manage on-campus facilities by the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers. The award also included a monetary prize and recognition in the APPA journal.



## Musical Mapping in Ohio?

Despite the intense work schedule of most GIS professionals, one found the time to develop the world's first musical map of Ohio. 88 counties in Ohio. 88 keys on a piano. It can't be coincidence! If you have a spare moment, tickle the county ivories!

## EVENTS

- [URISA Annual Conference](#), Sept. 29-Oct. 2, 2009, Anaheim, CA
- [Location Intelligence Conference](#), Oct. 5-7, 2009, Westminster, CO
- [Michigan Digital Government Summit \(FREE!\)](#), Oct. 14-15, 2009, East Lansing, MI
- [URISA Leadership Academy](#), Dec. 7-11, 2009, Seattle, WA
- IMAGIN 2010 Conference, May 2010, Lansing, Michigan.

## TRAINING

- Precision Laser & Instrument, Inc: "[Trimble GPS Seminar Series](#)": Sept. 22, 2009-Wixom, MI; Sept. 23, 2009-East Lansing, MI; Sept. 24, 2009-Perrysburg, OH. See [www.laserinst.com](http://www.laserinst.com) for more details.
- InfoGeographics: "[GPS Data Collection and Processing](#)": Oct. 28-29, 2009, Traverse City, MI
- MSU RS&GIS: "[ArcGIS-Labeling and Map Annotation](#)": October 12, 2009, East Lansing, MI **\*IMAGIN Discount\***
- MSU RS&GIS: "[Geodatabase Design](#)": October 13, 2009, East Lansing, MI **\*IMAGIN Discount\***
- MSU RS&GIS: "[ArcGIS-Map Design](#)": October 14, 2009, East Lansing, MI **\*IMAGIN Discount\***

## SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS SPOTLIGHT

### [Jackson Community GIS](#)

The Jackson Community GIS was established in February 2003 by the Jackson County Road Commission, Region 2 Planning and Jackson County. The purpose of the Community GIS is to promote the use of GIS in everyday business practices of local governments, non-profits and the private sector of the community; to provide technical support; and to assist in eliminating duplicated efforts. The Community GIS is overseen by a 10 member Policy Board made up of representatives from the Road Commission, Region 2 Planning, Jackson County, City of Jackson, Local Governments, Intermediate School District and Consumers Energy. For more information, contact Scott Ambs, GISP at 517-768-6691 or [sambs@co.jackson.mi.us](mailto:sambs@co.jackson.mi.us).



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## GIS ON THE WEB SPOTLIGHT

### City of Boston GIS Data Hub



The GIS Data Hub provides residents and researchers with easier access to a host of useful information. Through this application, residents can see what service issues neighbors have reported in their community; mapmakers can download GIS layers; and anyone can browse through and print out maps from the City's map gallery. Launched with a core set of frequently requested information, the City's MIS Department plans to use this application as a foundation for additional maps and data sets over time.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- [Research Project Specialist](#): Do It Best, Corp, Fort Wayne, IN
- [Location Content Technical Lead](#): NAVTEQ, Chicago, IL
- [GIS Technicians](#): WatchTower Consulting, Cincinnati, OH
- [GIS Programmer Analyst](#): St. Johns, MI

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