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Geographic Information Networks

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Mapping Michigan roads with the highest number of auto crashes just became easier. Check out this extensive database and Google Maps interface of hazardous Michigan roads, courtesy of the Detroit Free Press.

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IMAGIN MEMBERSHIP NEWS

IMAGIN Conference 2010

Re-Imagining our Future:
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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.

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 or by mail to 2277 Science Parkway, Suite 4A, Okemos, MI 48864. Questions may be directed to info@imagin.org.

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[Cartographic Milestones](#)

Examine a thorough and detailed history of major milestones in thematic cartography and data visualization via this innovative timeline slider documenting events from 550 BC to present.



[CIA World Factbook in Google Earth](#)

Visualize data from the renowned CIA World Factbook in Google Earth via KMLFactBook.org. Examine demographic, economic, and geographic data via a three-dimensional surface or traditional 2-D map interface.

[GIS and Dog Registry Tracking](#)

Sault Ste. Marie (Canada) has found an innovative way to map out dog licenses via their in-house GIS team. Designing a dog registry, municipal official now map dog locations and track registrations in a spatially efficient manner.



[National Association of Realtors\(tm\) Creates National Property Database](#)

Recent data acquisitions by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) are leading towards the creation of a parcel-based GIS database of over 140 million parcels in the U.S. The database will assist NAR's Realtor's with property information on a national scale.

[Google Maps Base Data adds Parcel Features](#)



Google's recent decision to "go it alone" with base data, including parcel data (Genesee County, Michigan included), could have long-lasting repercussions. These recent decisions are covered in Direction Magazine's podcast discussing Google Maps.

[Mapping Expert Wins McCarthur "Genius" Grant](#)

Mapping and visualization expert, Maneesh Agrawala, an associate professor of computer sciences at the University of California-Berkeley, was recently awarded a McCarthur Foundation "genius" grant for his innovative visualization and mapping efforts.

EVENTS

- [URISA Leadership Academy](#), Dec. 7-11, 2009, Seattle, WA
- [International LiDAR Mapping Forum](#), March 3-5, 2010: Denver, CO
- [GIS & CAMA Technologies Conference](#), March 8-11, 2010: Little Rock, AR
- [Geospatial Infrastructure Solutions Conference](#), April 25-29, 2010: Phoenix, AZ
- IMAGIN 2010 Conference, May 2010, Lansing, Michigan.

TRAINING

- MSU RS&GIS: "[Introduction to ArcGIS](#)": November 30-December 1, 2009, East Lansing, MI

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS SPOTLIGHT

[Natural Resources Conservation Service](#)



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) puts nearly 70 years of experience to work in assisting owners of America's private land with conserving their soil, water, and other natural resources. Local, state and federal agencies and policymakers also rely on our expertise. We deliver technical assistance based on sound science and suited to a customer's specific needs. The NRCS is part of the US Department of Agriculture. For more information: see the USDA - NRCS web site



[City of Troy, Michigan](#)

The City of Troy's GIS was developed in part to allow its citizens and employees to make informed decisions with timely, spatially accurate information. The GIS serves as a data warehouse for much of the city's infrastructure and allows city departments to analyze the physical features that currently exist in the city prior to making decisions to facilities, services and infrastructure. This ability to examine many of the factors effecting development helps the city to make more informed decisions

GIS ON THE WEB SPOTLIGHT

[Kalamazoo County GIS](#)

Kalamazoo County provides its residents with a robust, interactive mapping service. The site includes the requisite parcel data along with 2009 color aerial photography.



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