

Ohio Valley Regional

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OVRDC GIS USER GROUP

OVRDC GIS User Group Meeting

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Development of the group

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- The name of this informal group would be “**OVRDC GIS User Group**”
- The draft mission: “The OVRDC GIS User Group is an informal group that promotes geographic data sharing, supports data standardization, and provides a network for the exchange of technical information between all **Geographic Information System (GIS)** users. Our goals include developing a forum for open discussion of GIS issues and fostering personal communication between GIS users of all skill levels in the public, private, non-profit and educational sectors.”

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- Some of the main goals in forming this group would be:
 - Offer and promote communication and coordination with the GIS community across the OVRDC District and GIS information sharing.
 - Keeping our counties informed on GIS related topics from local, regional, state and national levels.
 - Promote training and educational development throughout the district.
 - Promote data sharing, encourage data standards and provides a network

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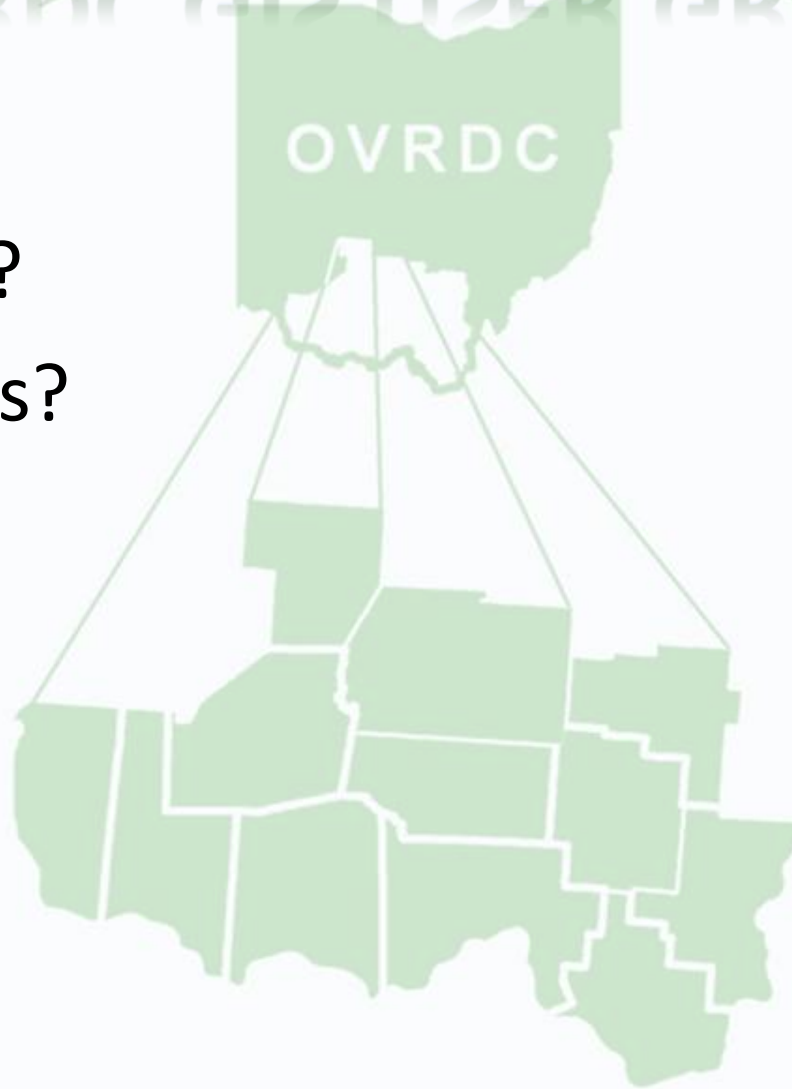
- Background:
 - There was a GIS User Group for our region years ago, started by former OVRDC staff in the mid-1990's.
 - The old group just lost interest in general.
 - Jason started in 2001 – just new to the position and learning everything.
 - Worked with GIS staff from OVRDC counties on a one on one basis.
 - OVRDC staff assisted some counties with GIS
 - In spring 2010, Fayette County expressed interest in forming a GIS users group, felt that OVRDC could take the lead due to the central location.
 - OVRDC took the lead in researching and forming the group.

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- Structure of group.
 - Informal group
 - Do we want a chairperson that would be responsible for organizing and running the meetings?
 - Do we want officers to help provide support for the group and meeting?
 - OVRDC can take the lead in supporting and developing the group.

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- Thoughts?
- Questions?
- Discussions?
- Ideas?



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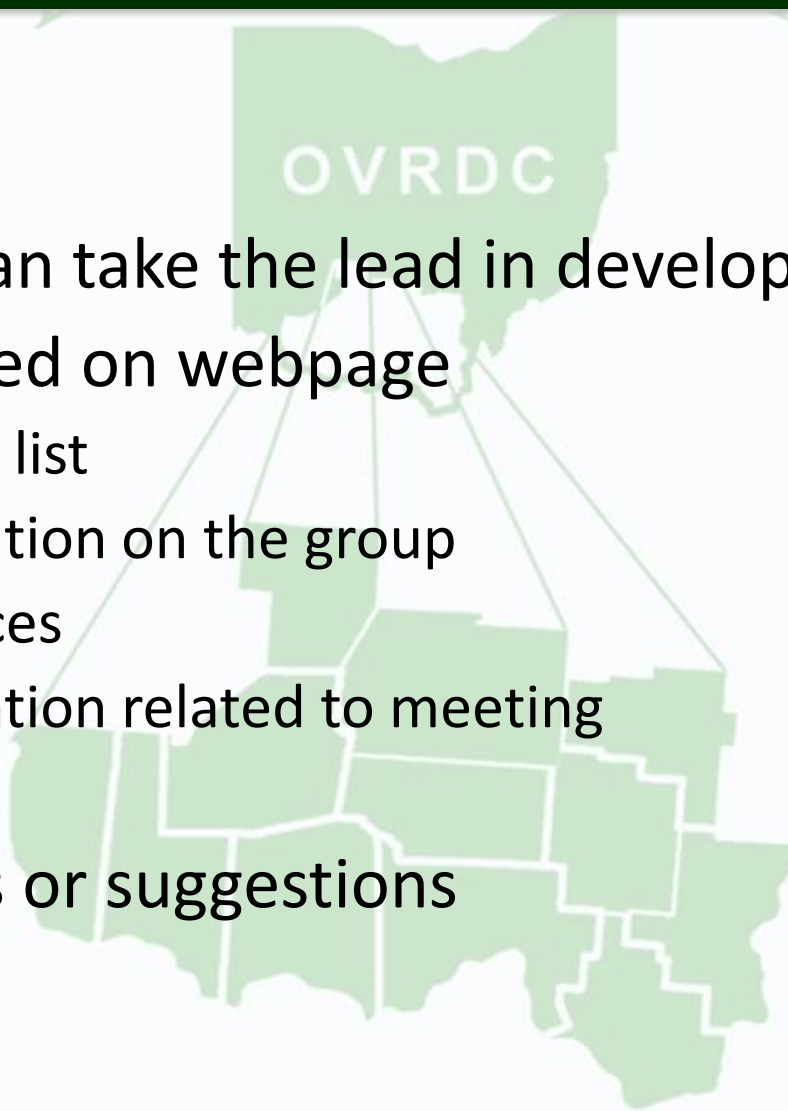
- Meetings:
 - Meet at least 4 times a year.
 - Discuss possible dates and times for the meetings
 - OVRDC can serve as a meeting place for its central location.
 - We can move the meetings around to different counties to showcase their GIS.
- **Setting the next meeting.**

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- Topics
 - From the survey people were interested in:
 - Server, hardware, licenses and software requirements to develop web base GIS.
 - New technology and software for GIS
 - Learning ArcView and similar software.
 - What other topics would you like presented at this meeting?
- Ideas for a workshop or conference

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- Website:
 - OVRDC can take the lead in developing a webpage
 - Items listed on webpage
 - Contact list
 - Information on the group
 - Resources
 - Information related to meeting
 - Other?
 - Any ideas or suggestions



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**Group Discussion
Next Meeting.**

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