

WAURISA

The Washington State Chapter of
The Urban & Regional Information Systems Association

Serving Washington's GIS Community



WAURISA – The Washington State Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association – is committed to serving the entire Washington State GIS Community.

Join: **WAURISA** invites all those with an interest in GIS in Washington State to join! (<http://www.waurisa.org/joinus.html>)

Chapter: **WAURISA** is organized as an IRS 501 (c) (6), not for profit, state wide professional association of the nationally recognized Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA). **WAURISA** is organized to recognize, support, and encourage broad professional growth, education, communication, technical development and service to its members and others in the field of geospatial information technology. The chapter provides broad support, encouragement, and recognition for government, academic, and private development and dissemination of accurate and complete spatial data, relevant software, and geospatial products. The chapter is a platform neutral forum with respect to operating systems, geospatial software products and vendors. The Chapter welcomes and supports participation from the public and private sector equally. **WAURISA** supports and promotes the GIS Code of Ethics as approved by the URISA Board of Directors.



Value: **WAURISA** is committed to proving value to its members:

Students: Volunteer opportunities, networking, map contest, and student presentations at the Washington GIS Conference, resume posting and employment news on the Washington GIS Forum. The annual Dick Thomas Award student paper competition provides students an opportunity to present their work to their peers and to potential employers. **WAURISA** can help students launch their career in GIS in Washington State.

GIS Users: Access to a variety of educational and informational resources to help GIS users maximize their investment in GIS tools and technology. **WAURISA** programs and services help users accelerate their GIS programs via access to the extensive knowledge base that our members represent.

GIS Professionals: **WAURISA** is committed to advancing the GIS profession in Washington State. Our events and publications facilitate the sharing of GIS 'best practices.' Many of our events provide GIS professionals with credit for GIS Certification, and our support of the GIS Code of Ethics advances the standing of the profession.

Other GIS User Groups: **WAURISA** is not the only organization that serves GIS users and professionals in the state. We coordinate and cooperate with local 'grass roots' GIS user groups, state or regional chapters of other professional organizations (GITA, ASPRS, ACSM, etc.), and GIS organizations in nearby states and in Canada.

GIS Service Providers & Vendors: Vendors and GIS service providers are a key part of the Washington GIS Community and **WAURISA** depends on their generous support. We provide GIS vendors and service providers with value as well, by offering a variety of venues for the community to publicize how they have used outside GIS services or products to help meet their business needs.

Services: **WAURISA** serves the GIS community across the entire State of Washington via a variety of services and programs:

Annual Washington GIS Conference: **WAURISA's** annual GIS Conference has grown year after year into the premier gathering of GIS users and professionals in Washington State.

Washington GIS Community Forum: **WAURISA's** on-line discussion forum allows access to a wide variety of topics, from training, employment, data & imagery issues, to technical questions and general news for the Washington GIS community.

The Summit: **WAURISA's** quarterly newsletter provides in depth articles about local GIS programs, GIS educational opportunities, information about GIS volunteers and notable personalities, and a forum for opinions about key issues that impact the GIS community.

Educational Workshops: **WAURISA** sponsored educational workshops bring experts together to share their knowledge and experience to help disseminate best of breed GIS tools and techniques.

The Summit Award: **WAURISA** sponsors an annual 'GIS person of the Year' award, to recognize 'The Highest Level of Contribution to the Washington GIS Community.' The award is presented during the Washington GIS Conference.

The Dick Thomas Award: **WAURISA** sponsors a student paper competition named in honor of Dick Thomas, held during the annual Washington GIS Conference.

WAURISA Announces its Fall 2008 Workshop Best Practices for Developing Geographic Information Models



The Future: **WAURISA's** plans for the future include more frequent educational workshops, events in other parts of the state, and an outreach program to schools and young professionals. Make sure **WAURISA** is part of your future – join today!

For more information:

WAURISA Web Site: www.WAURISA.org

Washington GIS Forum: <http://waurisa.org/phpBB3/>

Join WAURISA: <http://www.waurisa.org/joinus.html>

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THE SUMMIT

News From and For
The Washington GIS Community

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