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LAGIC Report

Training: Alaa Shams, LAGIC Training Coordinator, taught two ArcGIS classes for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. Our next ArcGIS Class will take place at Louisiana Tech in Ruston, LA., where he will be teaching ArcGIS II and III. The following week Mr. Shams returns to BR to teach ESRI Spatial Analyst.

Outreach: LAGIC has coordinated with the South Central Arc Users Group and the Louisiana Arc Users group to host a ½ day ESRI Seminar on July 27th in Bossier City entitled "What's New in ArcGIS 10".

LAGIC recently met with Tangipahoa Parish to request their cooperating with two ongoing LAGIC projects; the USGS funded Structures Project and the Broadband Addressing Project.

Broadband: LAGIC has begun a pilot point address data collection project with West Carroll Parish. Chris Pennington developed an easy to use web based tool for editing address points, without the need for GIS software or GIS training. LAGIC made a presentation to the North Louisiana 911 community about the web tool and how it will be used in the pilot project.

LAGIC has been asked to develop the curriculum and conduct four Broadband Grant Workshops in July and August with local governments in the Delta region and two other rural locations.

Gretchen Cazalot, an LSU Graphics Art major recently hired by LAGIC, has made significant improvements to the Louisiana Broadband Initiative website. We will demo the website for GIS Council members as soon as we can go live with the website in early August.

LAGIC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Louisiana Health Quality Forum to survey health care providers throughout the state to determine their level of broadband capability.