Register Today for the VAS Winter Seminar!

Register today for the VAS Winter Seminar, providing continuing education on Fundamentals of GIS to be held Friday, January 25 in Fredericksburg. Early registration ends January 4 and the deadline for hotel rooms at the VAS discount rate is January 14. Click below for information, hotel reservations, and registration.

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Merry Christmas from the VAS. I thought that I would step outside of the normal lines of surveying and discuss the season through one of my yearly obsessions, Christmas tree sales.

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Answer to Last Month’s, "Are you Prepared for the National Datum Changes Planned for 2022?"

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County Boundary Adjustments Get Attention in News, General Assembly

Revisions to county boundaries are earning attention in the news, as well as in the Virginia General Assembly. The Free Lance Star in Fredericksburg recently reported on an adjustment needed between Essex and Caroline counties. Meanwhile, HB 1649 has been pre-filed in the Virginia General Assembly for the 2019 session that convenes in Richmond in January. Both the county matter and the legislation seek to utilize county GIS maps for the boundary change. The VAS Legislative Affairs Committee has been studying the bill and will soon make recommendations for amendments. The VAS committee is concerned that a county Geographic Information System (GIS) is not an authoritative source of boundary data. It usually includes information from a tax map, which is often more a schematic than an actual map. In fact, when one considers Fairfax County, which is recognized nationally and considered one of the best county GIS in Virginia, it is built 99 percent from scanned tax maps and only 1 percent on surveyed points on the ground. Establishing boundaries based on GIS puts public health, welfare and safety in jeopardy. Such arbitrary boundary adjustments affect individual citizens' taxes, healthcare, voting rights, and other government programs, services and rights. The committee's preliminary findings is that the General Assembly should study the implications of dependence on unauthoritative and unreliable county GIS boundaries before enacting legislation that could create more problems than it solves.
Recruit a Member
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