

NORTH SHORE GIS COLLABORATIVE

Steering Committee Meeting #1

October 15th, 2008
10:00 AM
Beaver Bay Community Center



MEETING SUMMARY

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. The meeting was called to order and the attendees were asked to introduce themselves, including; Mike Roth- Grand Marais, Lee Klein- Two Harbors, Gerry Sjerven- NRRI, Jesse Schomberg- Sea Grant, Heather Roberts- Beaver Bay, Clinton Little- DNR & Coastal Program, George Pope- Silver Bay, John Swardstrom- Lake County, Nate Eide- Lake County Forestry, Dave Gustafson- Silver Bay, Lana Fralich- Silver Bay, Wendy Langanki- Silver Creek, Kara Kent- ARDC, Ben VanTassel- ARDC
2. Project Overview
 - a. Ben VanTassel gave an overview of the project and discussed the timeline, grant money, and expected outcome of the North Shore GIS Collaborative. Roles were discussed including advisory and interface participants. Discussions were had on who would administer the sight, if there would be private log-ins, and the need for more data development acknowledging that the expense is a barrier.
3. Area Efforts Presentation
 - a. Kara Kent gave an overview of some previous GIS efforts in the region. She discussed the Laurentian GIS Collaborative and some of the lessons that were learned through this process.
4. North Shore discussion
 - a. The need to avoid duplication was discussed. There was some discussion on the availability of free data currently and also the clarity of aerial photographs that will be on the interface. Also noted was the importance of communicating the outcomes of this project to the NSMB representatives and member government officials.
5. Community Data Assessment
 - a. A technology survey was dispersed and an explanation given for how it will be utilized in the process.

The next steps in the process were discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

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