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CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS WEB-BASED GIS NOW AVAILABLE TO CAPITOL REGION MUNICIPALITIES

(Hartford, CT) Capitol Region municipal leaders gathered today at their monthly Council of Governments meeting to witness the unveiling of a new regional web-based Geospatial Information System (GIS). The first of its kind focusing on the 29 municipalities in the Capitol Region, development of a regional GIS system has been a goal of the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) for several years.

GIS is heavily utilized by municipalities for planning, zoning, public safety, and general municipal services. This regional system will take Capitol Region municipalities beyond their borders to collaborate more efficiently and effectively on regional projects. Smaller municipalities will also be given the opportunity to work with CRCOG staff to develop customized websites for their own use.

“We are very committed to providing immediate usability for all of our Capitol Region towns,” said David K. Kilbon, First Selectman of East Granby, CT and Chair of the CRCOG Policy Board. “Access to this data is important to all towns, regardless of their size. It is also important for us to help our smaller towns by giving them access to GIS analysis software they could otherwise not afford.”

The current Phase One version of the CRCOG Regional Web-based GIS System compiles 10 data layers from municipal, state, federal, and CRCOG sources. These layers include municipal parcel, land use and zoning data; orthophotos from the CT Department of Transportation; wetlands and soils information from the CT Department of Environmental Protection; FEMA Flood Plain data; and Federal Census data. Though the primary audience is municipalities, the website is accessible to the public.

“The CRCOG Regional Web-based GIS System provides the ability for anyone to view and analyze regional GIS data in an easy-to-understand format. At the same time, it provides higher end functions and download ability for municipal GIS professionals” said Lyle D. Wray, Ph.D., Executive Director of CRCOG. “We have plans for expansion of the data available in Phase Two of this project, which will further enhance our regional collaboration.”

The CRCOG Regional Web-based GIS System was designed by Applied Geographics, Inc. of Manchester, CT and Boston, MA (www.AppGeo.com) using their General Purpose Viewer customizable software. The website URL for the CRCOG Regional Web-based GIS System is: <http://www.crocog.org/gissearch>.