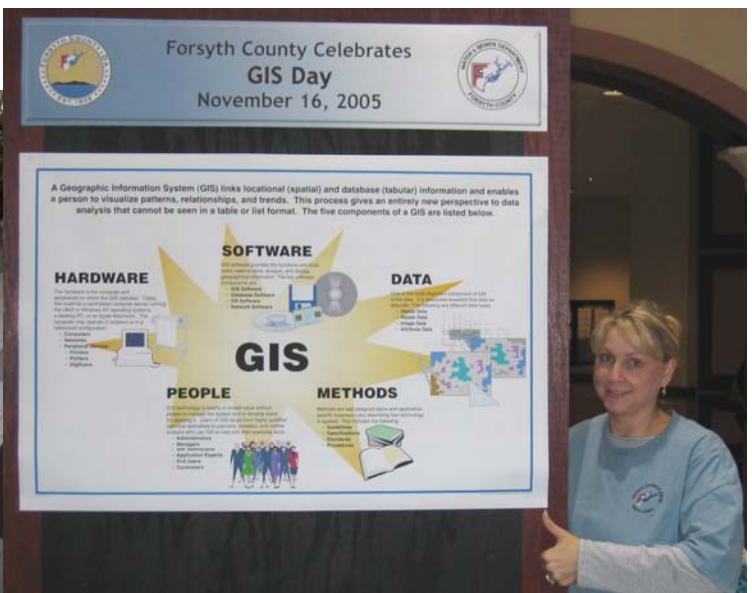


GIS Day 2005 at Forsyth County, Georgia Cumming, Georgia, USA

This year we had quite a celebration on GIS Day! It started with the County Board of Commissioners declaring November 16th, 2005, officially GIS Day in Forsyth County. We held an all-week Open House with a Map Gallery and on GIS Day we had a formal celebration including members of the Cumming/Forsyth Chamber of Commerce, County Residents, and members of the GIS Staff.



Pictured (L-R) Pam Bowman (Economic Development Manager, Cumming/Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce), Brian Dill (Vice President of Economic Development, Cumming/Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce), Jeff Quesenberry (County Manager, Forsyth County), John Kilgore (GIS Manager, Forsyth County)



GIS Analyst Mary Jo Black Enderby poses by the display boards put together cooperatively by the entire GIS staff.

We are all pictured below in front of the County Administration Building where our event was held. Featured is the "[Egg Man Statue](#)," a sculpture of a man holding a chicken and gathering eggs with a young girl. The man in the sculpture is "wearing" one of our logo/GIS Day t-shirts, as is the young girl. Also featured is the papier-mâché globe that was made by North Forsyth Middle School art students to celebrate GIS Day.



Bottom (L-R) April Haygood, Cindy Macon, Dawn Hamby, Mundo Silverleaf, Ray Hampton, Mark Kooperman

2nd Row (L-R) Wynette Wallace, Jason Clemis, Karen Delaney, Matthew Neet

3rd Row (L-R) Robert Thomas, Jihoon Son, Mary Jo Black Enderby, John Kilgore, Al Luthringer

In addition we held a "Geography Bake-Off" with stringent rules and regulations such as "must have a geography theme," and "must taste super yummy!" Four brave entries comprised the field and ALL we consumed – SUCCESS!



Robert Thomas (Trimble GPS Handheld Unit Cake), Mary Jo Black Enderby (Globe Cake with GPS Satellites), Wynette Wallace (Haystack Cookies Around the World), and John Kilgore (GIS in Georgia Cake dedicated to Tom Mettelle, a leader in Georgia GIS)



Those were supposed to be geosynchronous satellites...

County GIS Staff members also offered short courses throughout the day such as "ArcGIS 9 – Tips and Tricks," for county staffers who often use ArcGIS during their workday.

All in all we had a fabulous GIS Day 2005 and hope everyone else enjoyed as much fun and camaraderie as we did.

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