



2015 NEURISA DAY SPECIAL NEWSLETTER



Message from the President

Dear NEURISA Members,

This last year has been exciting for NEURISA! We held several trainings and webinars, hosted "Mappy Hour" networking socials, and coordinated activities with several other GIS organizations across New England. We gained several fresh faces to the Board of Directors, and experienced some natural turnover as well. And now it's time once again for our annual NEURISA Day Conference!

The 2015 NEURISA Day Conference is quickly coming up! We are mixing things up this year with a new venue this year. Join us on September 14th at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. Regular registration rate of \$45 ends August 28th! Want to get involved in NEURISA Day? We have so many ways for you to participate! We invite our current sponsors and other interested vendors to register as Exhibitors! We are also inviting students, recent graduates, and young professionals be a part of our Poster/Networking Session! Or come offer to be a Moderator for one of the great sessions planned for NEURISA Day. And nominate someone who has made a significant contribution to the GIS Profession in New England with our Special Achievement Award.

NEURISA recently had some changes in our Board of Directors. Brian DuPont is stepping down from the NEURISA President-Elect due to a major promotion (and therefore more work!) at the Town of Wellesley, MA. Congrats Brian! Erin Jacque has been elected as the 2015 President-Elect, with Liz Crutcher elected as the Communication Coordinator and Brian assuming the Treasurer position. Thanks to everyone for all your hard work!

We are always looking for anyone interested in serving on the NEURISA Board of Directors in the future. Please feel free to reach out to any one of the members of the Board of Directors at the Conference to express your interest in serving!

Thank you again to all of our current members and sponsors! We hope to see you on September 14th at NEURISA Day!

Chris Akin
President, New England URISA (NEURISA)



2015 NEURISA Day

Monday, September 14

New Location!
Publick House, Sturbridge, MA

[Register Today!](#)

The New England Chapter of the Urban & Regional Information Systems Association (NEURISA) will host its annual **NEURISA Day conference on Monday, September 14, 2015**. This one day conference will include a keynote session, exhibitors, and presentations from professionals in the GIS community.

We are excited to announce that for 2015 we will be at a **new location** at the Publick House in Sturbridge, MA. NEURISA Day will once again have **two concurrent tracks** in order to offer more for our attendees!

In addition to networking and hearing relevant presentations, conference attendees will get to spend a few minutes in one-on-one conversations with participating geospatial vendors as a means to build introductions and discover mutual business or professional interests.

Registration Rates:

- Early Registration: \$45 through August 28, 2015
- Late Registration: \$55 August 28 - September 11, 2014



Preliminary Program

7:30 - 8:30 Exhibitor Setup

7:45 - 8:45 Registration

8:45 - 9:00 Welcome

Chris Akin, NEURISA President

9:00 - 9:30 Exhibitor Shout Out

9:30 - 11:00 SESSION 1

Room 1 - LiDAR - Moderator: TBD

- [Using LiDAR Data to Create 3D Building Footprints](#), David McKittrick, Blue Marble Geographics
- [NOAA's Topographic and Bathymetric LiDAR Products and Services](#), Jamie Carter, The Baldwin Group, NOAA Office for Coastal Management
- [Maximizing the Use of Open Source Imagery & LiDAR Data](#), Claire Kiedrowski, Kappa Mapping

Room 2 - Wetlands - Moderator: TBD

- [Bringing Source Water Protection into the Modern Era by Leveraging the Latest Web and GIS Technologies](#), Josh Coefer, Corona Environmental Consulting
- [Determine if Wetlands are Connected to Perennial \(Permanent\) Streams via Intermittent \(Seasonal\) Streams](#), Geoff Tapalu, Graduate Student, University of Rhode Island
- [Mapping Flood Reduction Benefits of Potential Wetlands Restoration](#), Justin Bousquin, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

11:00 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:00 Keynote

Mr. Phillip Granberry, Senior Research Demographer, Boston Redevelopment Authority, will discuss the upcoming Boston Master Plan and using large data sets to make population projections for small geographic areas.

12:00 - 1:15 Exhibitor Visit / Lunch / Special Achievement Award Ceremony

1:15 - 2:45 SESSION 2

Room 1 - State GIS Solutions - Moderator: TBD

- [Sharing Addressing Insights](#), Christian Jacqz, Massachusetts Office of Geographic Information
- [Rhode Island Statewide Planning](#), Shane White, State of Rhode Island
- [Geospatial Evolution: The Transformation of Vermont's GIS in the New Millennium](#), Steve Sharp, VT Center for Geographic Information

Room 2 - Utilities and Municipal Inventory - Moderator: TBD

- [Commonwealth Connect - A Regional GIS Solution](#), Jeff Mooney, SeeClickFix
- [Norwich Utility Inventory](#), David Poore, Norwich Public Utilities
- [South Windsor Streetlight Audit and Installation](#), Tim McVey, Evvari GIS Consulting, Inc.

2:45 - 3:15 Break

3:15 - 4:45 SESSION 3

Room 1 - Grab Bag Potpourri - Moderator: TBD

- [Mass Wildcat - The Massachusetts Wildlife Climate Action Tool](#), Jonathan Brooks, MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife
- [UAS for your GIS](#), Tayler Engel, University of Vermont Spatial Analysis Laboratory
- [8 Critical Skills You Need to be a Successful GIS Professional](#), Chris Akin, Novara GeoSolutions

Room 2 - Web and Cloud and Accessibility...Oh My! - Moderator: TBD

- [What's your Cloud Strategy?](#), Raj Singh, IBM
- [Modern Web Mapping for Local Governments](#), Kate Hickey, AppGeo
- [D3.js and Web Mapping](#), Ben Krepp, Central Transportation Planning Staff, Boston Region MPO

4:45 Conference Adjourned

Please join us after the conference for networking and a cash bar in an adjoining room.



Call for Exhibitors

NEURISA invites your company to participate as an exhibitor

NEURISA Day is one of the largest gatherings of geospatial professionals in the region. As an exhibitor, you'll have an excellent opportunity to showcase your company's products and services to potential clients in municipal/regional/state government, higher education, and the nonprofit sector.

Your registration includes...

Our new venue, the Public House, will provide ample space and other amenities that you've come to expect from a more modern conference facility, while still preserving that classic colonial New England charm. By registering as an exhibitor, you'll receive:

- table space in the [historic Barn](#)
- complimentary high-speed internet access
- registration/meals for one (1) attendee (others must register at the General Attendee rate)

Registration is available online at

<http://www.neurisa.org/NEURISADay2015>

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us directly at neurisa@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there!



Students, Recent Grads & Young Professionals

NEURISA Day Poster Session

At NEURISA Day 2015 we will be holding a Networking Poster Session to give students, recent graduates and young GIS professionals a chance to “show their stuff”!

Present your recently completed work, answer questions, and network with other attendees and GIS professionals. All students, recent graduates, and young professionals are encouraged to submit an abstract and PDF of their poster for consideration.

To submit a poster please submit a short description/abstract (under 120 words) describing the content of your research on the link below, and email a copy of the poster you wish to present to neurisa@gmail.com.

The NEURISA Day Conference Committee will select seven lucky posters to be on display at the conference, and poster presenters will be provided with a **free** 2015 NEURISA Day registration!

Submit your poster today!
[Poster Submission Form](#)

Volunteer at NEURISA Day!

If you would like to be a volunteer at NEURISA Day please contact neurisa@gmail.com for more information.

Become a Member!

NEURISA hopes to recruit students, recent graduates and young professionals within the GIS field as members to the organization, so please sign up to be a member at <http://www.neurisa.org/application>.

Becoming a member is **free** and provides free access to training, and information on upcoming events, job postings and important information on “goings on” in the GIS community.

We hope to see you all soon!



Special Achievement Award

Have you nominated someone for the NEURISA Special Achievement Award (SAA) yet? There's still time!

Potential Recipients: GIS Practitioners in New England

Criterion: Through the use of geospatial or other information technologies, the individual has made a significant contribution that greatly enhances the efficiency and effectiveness of an organization; or realizes a significant return on investment; or greatly improves the quality of services. This contribution may be a single act or a cumulative performance. Significance will be measured by a positive impact on an organization or a community.

Nomination Process: Nominations will be solicited from geospatial and information technologies professionals and the NEURISA Board. Announcements will be made on the NEURISA web site and through email blasts. A web-based form will be provided for submitting nominations. Nomination deadline is normally 2 months prior to the annual NEURISA Day conference (or URISA GIS-Pro) to ensure that the selection committee will have ample time to complete the selection process. The nomination process usually begins June.

Selection Process: A committee of three individuals (president, president-elect and past-president) will select from nominees submitted based upon a set of predefined criterion. The NEURISA Special Achievement Award does not need to be given annually, but rather only given in years when someone truly deserves due to his or her contributions. This award can be shared when more than one outstanding individual are selected within the same year.

Nominate someone for the SAA here: <http://neurisa.org/Recognition>

The deadline for submissions is August 14, 2015!



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