

Notes from Geospatial/GIS Meetup August 12, 2025

Zoom

Attendees: Janet Reyes, facilitator

Via Zoom: Barbara Martinez Neda, Canserina Kurnia, David Biggs, Linda Rideout, Luis Barrios, Mark Long, Ray Uzwyshyn, Steve Ries, Ulices Ramirez, Will Porter

Announcements

This meeting was recorded; video is available [here](#). The passcode to view is ZA^1!x4n

At our [next meetup](#), on **Tuesday, September 16**, Janet will provide an overview of geospatial resources at UCR. Please share with new faculty, students, or staff who may be interested.

The [Spatial Data Science Conference](#) will be held in New York October 14-15.

Any UCR affiliate who is interested in being interviewed about their research for the new podcast “The Reference Desk” is invited to contact Digital Scholarship Librarian Jing Han at jingh@ucr.edu.

Shared links

Several notable updates have been made to [ArcGIS StoryMaps](#), including enhancements to the Map Tour feature and the introduction of AI assistants in the realms of writing, accessibility, and theme.

Blog posts from the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division:

- [the Geospatial Software and File Formats Documentation Web Archive](#)
- [Los Angeles filming location maps from the 1980s](#)

Presentation

Janet attended the **2025 Esri User Conference** virtually and created an ArcGIS StoryMaps [Briefing](#) on her takeaways. Free, virtual attendance is possible for any UCR affiliate, although some sessions and events are excluded.

Recordings from the [Plenary sessions](#) are available to all UCR affiliates. For those who registered to attend the User Conference, recordings of dozens of conference sessions are available for viewing now if you log into the conference website. In late October, some content will be made publicly available from the [proceedings page](#).

The information shared in the presentation was derived from sessions relating to:

- ArcGIS Pro (includes a [link](#) to Tips and Tricks digital handout)
 - how to set up a Definition Query was briefly demonstrated

- Spatial Data Science / Spatial Analyst / Visualization for Spatial Analysis
- GeoAI
- Designing Thematic Maps
- ArcGIS Business Analyst
- ArcGIS Web Editor
- ArcGIS Indoors

Refer to the briefing to see the specific takeaways shared. Many links are included.

Additionally, the briefing contains a link to the [slides for the Science Summit](#), which were shared on LinkedIn by Esri's Chief Scientist, Dawn Wright.

Discussion

Mark mentioned that all the User Conference sessions he attended regarding state and local governments were packed, with a lot of enthusiasm in the room.

In the chat, **Canserina** shared that there will be an Open House at Esri headquarters in Redlands on October 15. The registration page will be available soon.

Canserina also mentioned that resources from the [Education Summit](#), which preceded the User Conference, are available. They can be found in this [blog post](#).