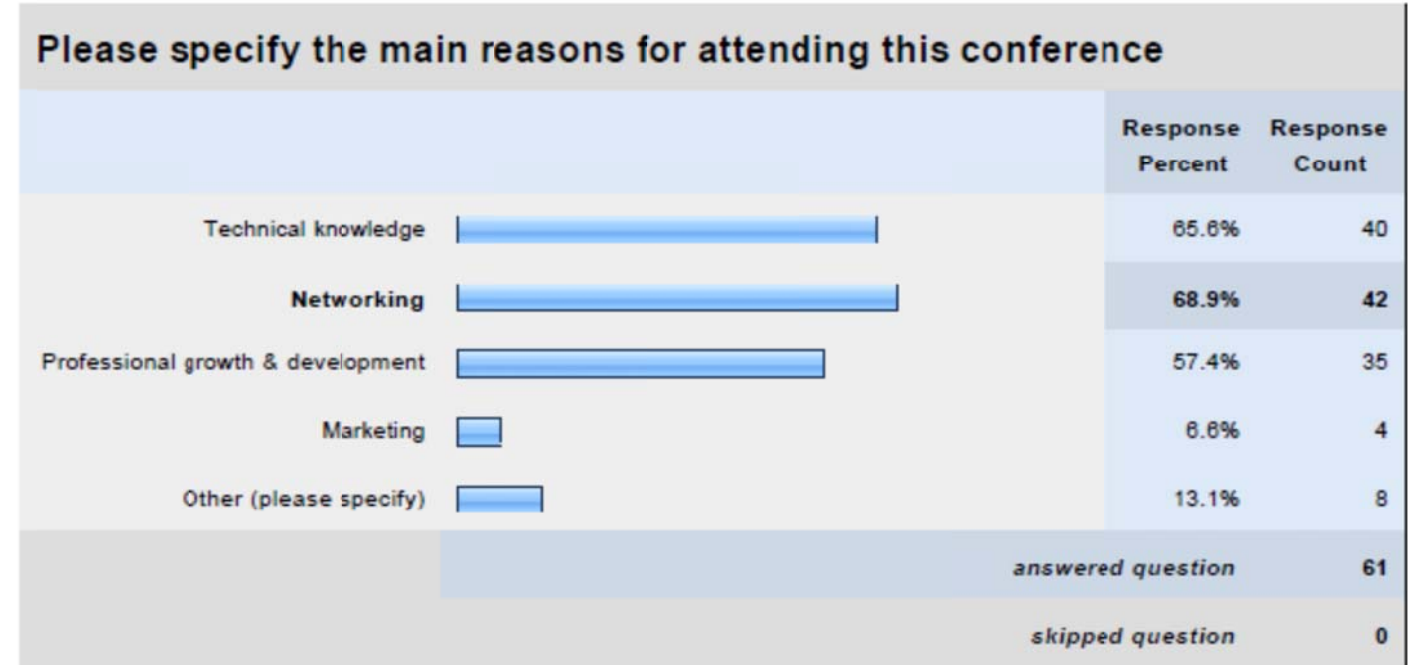
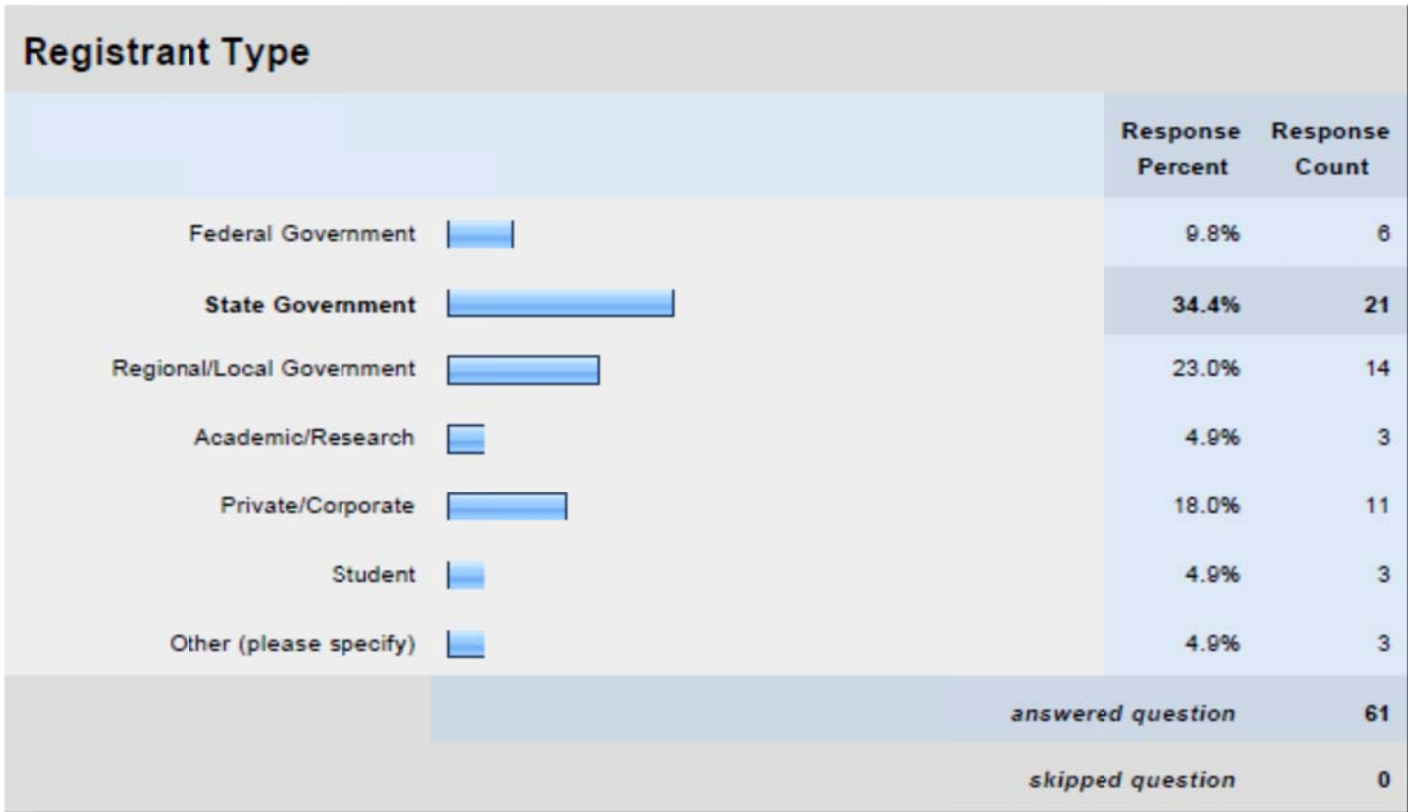


# 2010 West Virginia GIS Conference Evaluation



### What was the most beneficial aspect of the conference?

	Response Count
	55
<i>answered question</i>	55
<i>skipped question</i>	6

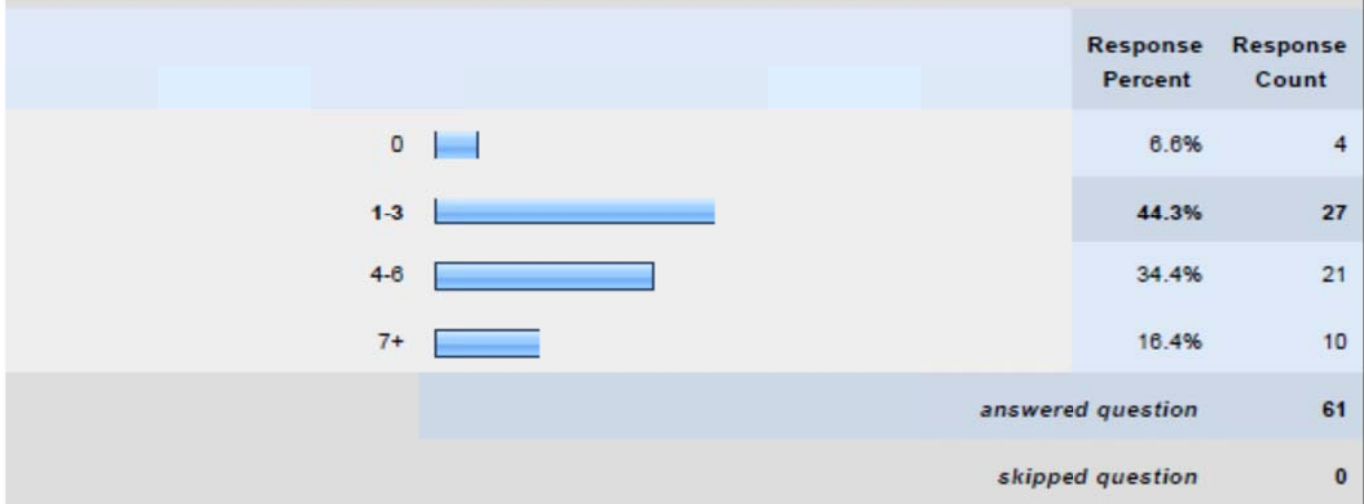
### What was the least beneficial aspect of the conference?

	Response Count
	40
<i>answered question</i>	40
<i>skipped question</i>	21

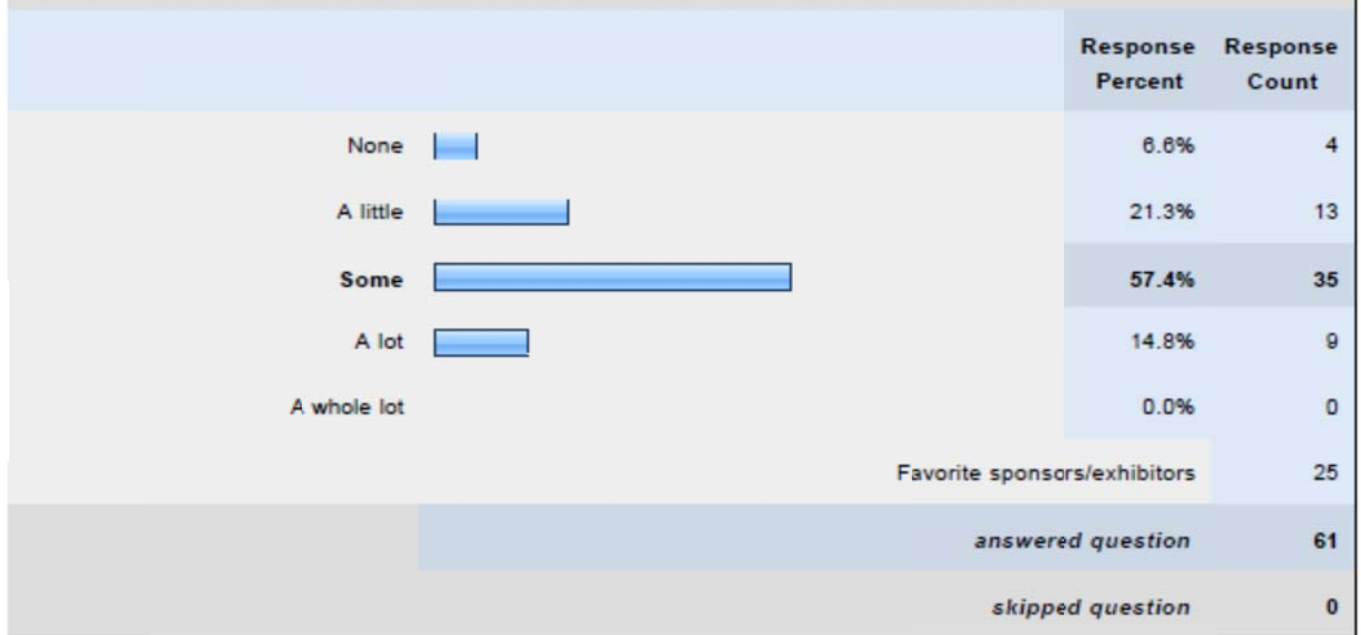
### Did the program provide you with new skills or information?



### How many sponsors/exhibitors did you interact with?



### Did you benefit from your interactions with the sponsors/exhibitors?



### What posters/presentations did you find most useful?

	Response Count
	38
<i>answered question</i>	38
<i>skipped question</i>	23

### What posters/presentations should we consider for the next conference?

	Response Count
	31
<i>answered question</i>	31
<i>skipped question</i>	30

## Would you recommend this conference to others?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Strongly discourage 	1.6%	1
Somewhat discourage	0.0%	0
Neutral 	8.2%	5
Somewhat recommend 	32.8%	20
<b>Strongly recommend</b> 	<b>57.4%</b>	<b>35</b>
<i>answered question</i>		<b>61</b>
<i>skipped question</i>		<b>0</b>

## Please indicate your satisfaction with the following

	Very Dissatisfied	Somewhat Dissatisfied	Neutral	Somewhat Satisfied	Very Satisfied	Response Count
General Impression	0.0% (0)	0.0% (0)	10.2% (6)	44.1% (26)	<b>45.8% (27)</b>	59
Conference Content	0.0% (0)	5.2% (3)	5.2% (3)	<b>51.7% (30)</b>	37.9% (22)	58
Registration Process	0.0% (0)	5.2% (3)	12.1% (7)	25.9% (15)	<b>56.9% (33)</b>	58
Host Site Facilities	1.7% (1)	8.5% (5)	11.9% (7)	37.3% (22)	<b>40.7% (24)</b>	59
Food & Beverage	0.0% (0)	13.8% (8)	16.9% (10)	<b>40.7% (24)</b>	28.8% (17)	59
<i>answered question</i>						<b>59</b>
<i>skipped question</i>						<b>2</b>

## Where would you like to have the 2012 West Virginia GIS Conference?

	1 (First Choice)	2	3	4	5	6 (Last Choice)	Response Count
Beckley	10.2% (5)	14.3% (7)	18.4% (9)	<b>20.4% (10)</b>	<b>20.4% (10)</b>	16.3% (8)	49
Charleston	<b>24.1% (13)</b>	22.2% (12)	11.1% (6)	13.0% (7)	18.5% (10)	11.1% (6)	54
Eastern Panhandle	18.0% (9)	12.0% (6)	18.0% (9)	<b>24.0% (12)</b>	12.0% (6)	16.0% (8)	50
Elkins	3.8% (2)	19.2% (10)	<b>28.8% (15)</b>	19.2% (10)	13.5% (7)	15.4% (8)	52
Morgantown	<b>38.5% (20)</b>	28.8% (15)	9.6% (5)	9.6% (5)	5.8% (3)	7.7% (4)	52
Northern Panhandle	10.2% (5)	8.2% (4)	16.3% (8)	12.2% (6)	24.5% (12)	<b>28.6% (14)</b>	49
Other City (please specify)							14
<i>answered question</i>							58
<i>skipped question</i>							3

## Any other comments? We'd love to hear any input you may have.

	Response Count
	27
<i>answered question</i>	27
<i>skipped question</i>	34

### Question 3: What was the most beneficial aspect of the conference?

- Networking, seeing how different organizations use GIS
- The sessions were nicely spread out to provide a variety of information.
- Paper sessions
- To acquire more knowledge
- Networking, touching base with other professionals using GIS in the state
- Lidar workshop
- Networking and learning about the different GIS projects and data generation activities going on throughout the state; observing how other GIS professionals work with limited resources and develop projects
- Networking
- The opportunity to share with the professional world of GIS in WV what we are doing in the education world concerning GIS.
- The LIDAR workshop and the ability to network with other GIS professionals
- Learning what other companies and agencies are doing across the state.
- Meeting people
- The Technical Paper sessions from the WVDOT
- The opportunity to network and learn from our current and potential clients
- Networking with other professionals, and technical knowledge.
- Increased knowledge, networking
- Presentations on ArcGIS 10, GPS technology, new projections, open source GIS programs, and, of course, the fact that it was in my hometown of Huntington.
- Networking opportunities were excellent.
- LiDAR Workshop
- Getting to interact and share ideas with other GIS professionals. Also, to see the latest in GIS software and data.
- Networking and hearing all the different projects that are going on during the conference.
- Student presentations
- Technical Seminars, paper presentations and meeting other peers from the GIS community
- Networking meet new professionals seeing presentations. seeing the Gov
- Conferring with geospatial colleagues, especially ones I haven't seen in a while; I was encouraged to see a lot of "new" faces in the crowd
- Presentations and Workshops
- Networking
- The governor's speech.
- I enjoyed the break out presentation sessions on Wednesday because it helped me understand the issues in West Virginia and how GIS is being used to address them. However, from my perspective, the most interesting and useful day was Thursday at the LiDAR Workshop.
- Seeing new tech, what data is out there and what is in development
- Workshops
- Interactions with vendors and other GIS professionals
- Networking
- I found it extremely beneficial as a student to be able to hear about recent developments and professional contexts for GIS.

- LiDAR Training
- having the opportunity to meet new folks and the HIFLD session
- Seeing what other GIS professionals are doing in their area as far as gis goes
- Being able to interact with all the GIS representative in the state, and seeing what it going on.
- Workshops
- LiDAR workshop
- The county presentations. And finding out what level other counties are on.
- Meeting GIS professionals throughout the State in person.
- LiDAR workshop
- Learning about what other government orgs are doing with GIS and meeting people.
- The sessions.
- URISA conference; state agencies use of LiDAR data
- networking, knowledge
- Variety of users
- The presentation
- Being able to network with other colleagues and attend presentations that will be very beneficial not only to me, but to my agency.
- The talk about everyone working together and sharing information.
- The LiDAR seminar was very interesting.
- Question/Answer sessions at the quick fire presentations
- Paper Presentations

**Question 4: What was the least beneficial aspect of the conference?**

- The distance. Members of our office almost didn't come. Please make it more centralized next time.
- ESRI intro to ArcGIS10
- achivement
- I do not know of anything.
- ?
- none
- The first day was alittle to general
- Very minor but if breaks could have been in the exhibit hall that would have provided more exhibit traffic.
- Possibly too many sessions-many did not have enough time to adequately present their content.
- None
- Thursday. Not that the presentations weren't great, it is just that I don't really need to know that much about either lidar or the DHS.
- N/A
- Key note session
- The lunch.
- The govenor
- "lightning rounds" - too many speakers/organizations, not enough time - as a substitute I would like to see the State Roll Call Book brought back, even though I know it is hard to gather info and produce, but I think especially for Tony's use it is a valuable resource - maybe WVAGP can look at supporting the production of this document (and publish it online) as an outgrowth of the new strategic plan
- too many topics to choose from for paper presentations
- The speaker during Tuesday's lunch.
- Tuesday's agenda at the conference was of little use to me. The politicians and others that spoke on Tuesday morning taught me nothing, although I really enjoyed Governor Manchin's talk, due more to his presentation style than the content. The lightning sessions were marginally useful, but

I wouldn't attend them again. In my opinion, a better idea would be to have break out sessions with federal, state, and whatever other topics you want covered by speakers who give the normal 20 minute presentation on their activities. Obviously not everyone will get to hear everything they desire, but the information provided will be of more use.

- Some of the roll call stuff seemed redundant with the papers on Wednesday.
- Travel distance
- In my opinion, the papers and posters, In academia, papers convey a new idea, a new way of doing things, etc where the ones at the conference that I attended were basically showing what they were doing. No new information was conveyed nor new ideas.
- N/a
- The MAPP speech during lunch.
- I think it was all beneficial
- Governor's address
- Presentations were a little short... but that was a good thing when I had no interest in the subject. It wasn't a major drawback, but it seemed like some of the presenters on Wednesday could have used a little more time. Also, some of the seating sucked. Uncomfortable chairs that were too close together. You should really consider having the next conference at a place that has Lazy-boy recliners. Yeh... now I am asking for too much.
- Nothing!
- Too many workshops at same time--not able to attend all that I desired. Some of them were in rooms that were hard to find, resulting in lower attendance for those presentations.
- None
- Nothing
- All of the sessions happening at the same time.
- Splitting time between presenters on Wednesday; all very interesting stuff
- time, although the meat of the conference was 2 days there were valuable workshop on monday and thursday which made it 4 working days. if i couldn't have traveled daily i may not have been able to come or only come for a day or 2.
- It was all beneficial
- None that I can think of.
- I did not like the panel sessions on Tuesday. There was not enough time for anybody to go into very much detail and the entire day seemed very rushed. I would have liked for there to be more time for each person to have spoken.
- Marshall's facilities.
- MAPPS Presentation

**Question 5: Did the program provide you with new skills or information? Additional Comments:**

- I did not attend very many sessions, so am hesitant to comment here.
- The LiDAR Workshop was particularly informative, and I always appreciate the chance to work on my presentation skills.

**Question 7: Favorite sponsors/exhibitors:**

- Aerial photography
- Surdex, Merrick
- WV GIS Tech Center
- Precision Laser & Instruments, Inc
- ESRI
- N/A

- York Grow knows his stuff.
- ESRI
- ESRI
- Landmark forestry
- CDM, Surdex, DOT, and Anderson & Associates
- ESRI, Landmark Forestry
- USGS, of course!
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- Earth Vectors, CDM, Pictometry
- ESRI
- DOH, USGS, ESRI
- GIS Tech Center
- WV DOT, Photo Science, Anderson & Associates
- ESRI
- CDM
- ESRI
- Pictometry, Trimble
- WVU NRAC; the presenter was very energetic and a pleasure to listen to. You could tell he loves his job. We talked for almost 20 minutes about LiDAR after his presentation. Please bring him back!!!!
- Michael Baker, Anderson & Associates, ESRI

### **Question 8: What posters/presentations did you find most useful?**

- Applications of GIS
- Online mapping & E911 information; I also liked the sessions on Tues where we heard from each organization type in the WVAGP
- Posters: Elmes (Ailanthus spreads), Mac Lennan (Trash), Randall (crop residue) Presentations: open source GIS, stormwater, flood mapping, LiDAR, NHD
- the ones presenting new ways of looking at/analyzing the data; plus presentations of available datasets
- They were all interesting
- descriptions of data sources and projects
- open source GIS.
- Panel sessions
- The State Posters and state and GTI presentations were done well
- The state dept. presentations
- ArcGIS Server presentation from CMD (I believe). Really enjoyed the technical part of presentation.
- HIFLD
- I liked the poster highlighting the DOT's efforts to correct road maps in Cabell County. See also answer #3 for my favorite presentations.
- Tu Tran - Student from Marshall University
- state tax department
- All
- many
- Lidar workshop was good; the solid waste/recycling presentation stood out as a unique and actually useful application
- Cadastral and LiDAR
- ArcGIS 10 and Server sessions-Also K-12 Education Session
- CORS Presentation by York Grow
- I didn't get a chance to really look at the posters, but I enjoyed most all of the presentations I went to on Wednesday.
- The tax map sales paper. Not due to the paper but the interaction with the presenter after the

- paper presentation.
- Zahid Chaundry ArcGIS Server app. presentations
- Updating the Geographic Names Information System, naturally.
- WV DOT
- HIFLD
- The ones that pertained to County Level Tax Mapping
- I enjoyed the oblique photography presentation. The software demonstrated would have been very useful on a project I was working on last year. I also enjoyed the LIDAR workshop. I felt it was a little heavy on the acquisition of the LIDAR data and not enough information on the products produced with that data. It was very interesting to see how the data is acquired, but I don't plan on buying a plane and collecting my own data. The depth of it was a bit overbearing. Both instructors did very well with presenting the information.
- Map Books presentation
- County Mapping; Broadband
- The presentations on LIDAR and the LIDAR workshop
- LiDAR, NHD
- WVU NRAC definitely; why didn't it win anything???????? It seemed the other posters were really lame. NRAC's had great information and an awesome layout. The only downside was that I didn't see their abstract in the handout.
- Information regarding E-911.
- N/A
- LiDAR Applications

### **Question 9: What posters/presentations should we consider for the next conference?**

- All the topics were good
- Sessions about natural resource projects, how to obtain free/up to date (with info of sites and orgs that give it)
- state imagery, 2' contouring, WVSAMS, groundwater modeling, affordable planimetric feature collection
- GIS and Society - how people influence and interact with GIS in the State of WV, and how GIS data can be disseminated to the public
- Emergency Management/911
- A presentation on Statewide mapping programs
- I think presentations that are a little more technical would possibly be more interesting. Maybe a few less general concept presentations.
- N/A
- Anything from ESRI, even if it does drift into a sales pitch. Some more hands-on workshops would be great, too, especially if access to a computer lab can be attained. I'd also like to see more stuff for the water/wastewater industry and maybe something on using CAD or microstation files in ESRI.
- New technologies and real work presentations
- CSX/ Norfolk Southern
- anything along the same lines
- How about a workshop on how to write a GIS RFP, focusing on local agencies; would like to see increased participation by state agencies on their work
- more workshop/interactive sessions
- See my comments about presentations -vs- lightning rounds under the "least beneficial aspect of the conference" question.
- See item 4
- Web mapping applications
- I would enjoy more applications of GIS, and GIS in practice. Not to say that there weren't plenty of these at the conference, simply that I found them to be the most interesting/applicable.
- Mapping created with LiDAR.

- Homeland Security
- More practical applications on the county level
- I was only able to attend Wed and Thu, so I am not sure what events occurred before, but I'd like to see more software demonstration and more practical application with data. I am always looking for ways to make my job easier and finding new ways to improve the products that I develop.
- More on LIDAR
- I would consider having a County Mapping workshop, possibly a half day or so, focused on getting the County Mappers and Assessors together for a lessons learned session. Many of the Counties have been through the process of converting their mapping to GIS, and they have a lot of useful advice to pass on to others who have not yet made the conversion. The Counties would otherwise not have the opportunity to share their experiences and advice, so this would give them a chance to get together and help the ones out who need it.
- Web based GIS and LIDAR
- LiDAR applications, ArcGIS applications
- WVU NRAC, please!
- An thing than concerns GIS and state.
- No comment at this time.
- N/A

**Question 13: Any other comments? We'd love to hear any input you may have.**

- I really enjoyed the geocaching session and the after events (mixer, etc). It's nice to get together with peers in an informal setting.
- Get more professional posters, limit DOT entries
- Had a lot of classes on Wednesday at the same time and could not attend all of them. Maybe overlap some vendor time with class time.
- I hope that more sessions can be dedicated to GIS in the K-12 classroom now that we have begun to move forward with this initiative. Perhaps invite teachers to present student work or even better, offer a venue where students can come and present their own work. Possibly demonstrate interaction among students, their teacher, and their GeoMentor. Hopefully, this could occur in more than one presentation.
- I know scheduling presentations is tough to do but I would have liked to attend other presentations that overlapped with others I was attending.
- I thought the organizers did a great job with everything. No technical issues to speak of, agenda was detailed and closely followed, and lots of great information was shared.
- Thanks!
- Consider sending a confirmation email when registration is received. The failure to do so drove my accounts payable folks nuts. Also make it more clear in the conference information which meals @ off-site facilities are being paid for by WV GIS and which ones need to be covered by the participants.
- For Key note sessions, I would love to hear from local Senior GIS professionals in the state, or some technical talks from ESRI, WVU/Marshall Professor or any talk on Real Technical GIS - something cool and new about GIS - no political talks
- Very well organized and thought out conference
- In addition to the poster competition, a web application and/or desktop application, or other completion would be a nice addition.
- Very well done the best ever
- > the combined membership/conference registration discount incentive was a good idea to attract new members, but the process needs to be made clearer next time > I thought the Marshall facilities somewhat lacking, especially having to move between 3 floors to different rooms was annoying and some presentations attendance probably suffered as a result; breaks should have been in the exhibit hall to encourage more interaction with vendors > all-in-all well done overall, and especially Kurt and Tech Center for carrying the bulk of the workload again !
- Great conference! Should it be done every year

- Nobody new where the ArcGIS 10 Demo was going to be on Monday. The parking info was mailed on a Sunday, the day before the travel day/1st day of the conference. Need to bring back tables for during the talks to write on. Different floors between talks on Wednesday was inconvenient (2nd floor to basement and back again).
- Overall it was good. I very much enjoyed the interaction with Tony, The DOH, and most of the people there and meeting other GIS professionals especially a few who are doing the same basic job as me. I also enjoyed being able to complain to ESRI face to face. Like I said, being my first GIS conference, I was unimpressed with the papers. Papers, to me, are to convey new information and ideas not just to "show off". I understand that people need the credits for their certification but it is not very interesting to watch. Perhaps just call them presentations if no new ideas or information is conveyed. Also, not the fault of the organizers, but the "intro to ARC 10" was pitiful, more like a sales pamphlet than anything else I can think of. Very little technical information and since most people attending are technical people I guess I expected more than ESRI provided.
- Thanks for all the hard work of hosting another great conference.
- Thanks for the parking arrangement. One suggestion - A large poster board in the main registration area that announces where the classes are. It would save a piece of paper. There was some confusion about where the first session was going to be held. I got the wrong information from a student and was almost late for the session. I was upstairs in the Morris Dining area when I should have been in the basement. Other than that you all did a fantastic job. Thanks again.
- I would like to see the conference happen every year instead of every two years. Technology changes too fast to have it every two years.
- I really enjoyed Huntington. I had never been to Huntington and I was very impressed with it. It's a very nice town. It was nice to be able to walk to a restaurant or bar with no worries. I can't say I've felt that way in many of the places I've visited. Thanks for the great time.
- I think we should have more discussion on job posting or at least have GIS jobs bulletins so we can see available jobs listings.
- I would strongly suggest converting this conference to an ANNUAL conference. There is obviously enough interest in the GIS community and this conference to justify an annual meeting. In the information technology world, methods, software, and hardware change very much over the course of two years. Currently, there is too much time between conferences. I think an annual conference would help keep everyone connected and would allow everyone to expand their networks, as well as give everyone the opportunity to get some training on an annual basis.
- I appreciate the program. Thanks!
- Most of the presenters I saw on Wednesday needed more than 20 minutes. There may be a need to give certain subjects more time or a double slot to expand on their activities and/or methods. I would also like to see more hands on "how-to" presentations for those just beginning in GIS.
- None at this time.
- Perhaps include more of a range of GIS application presentations/topic areas. A lot seemed to be more toward the environment than anything else.
- 1) In some ways it was good to have choices with the 3 Tracks of presentations, but there unfortunately were also many instances where presentations which interested me overlapped with others of interest. 2) Things in general seemed to be a little too rushed and constrained by time, especially the Lidar workshop which most interested me. 3) It was unfortunate not to see more involvement from the private sector. Overall, I thought the conference was pretty good. "Congratulations!" and "Thanks!" to all who were involved and for all the time and hard work.
- Awards for best student presentations were biased (this is my personal Opinion) if not then Judges doesn't have clue where GIS is going as I think presentation from Tu, Tran was the best. His idea was great, very innovative, and different approach. He is a student and I know that even at GIS professionals level, through the nation, there are very few GIS developers. He demonstrated the use of open source technologies to share data, do GIS analysis from the web. That's the future...
- It will be good if you can move students presentations on First day and better schedule first day and have only one session on Thursday. If you divide all attendees into three groups, there will be sessions without attendees that's what happened to my presentation, beside facilitator, there were only presenters. so what's the point of giving presentation
- State, federal, local and private sectors report can be merged into One 15 minute presentation for each (one for state, one for federal etc) in One session

- Keynote address was very boring. With state wide ban on travel and trainings, it will be great, if you can get a guy from ESRI or Trimble, ERDAS or any GIS vendor and demonstrate new technologies