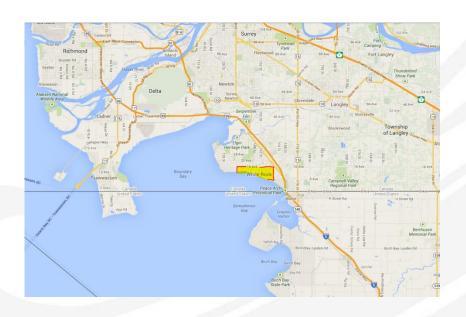




Introduction



- Land Area 5.28 square km
- Population in 2011 19,339
- Population density 3,500
- Median age 50.9
- % of the population over 15 years 90%
- 4500 Parcels

Organizational Overview

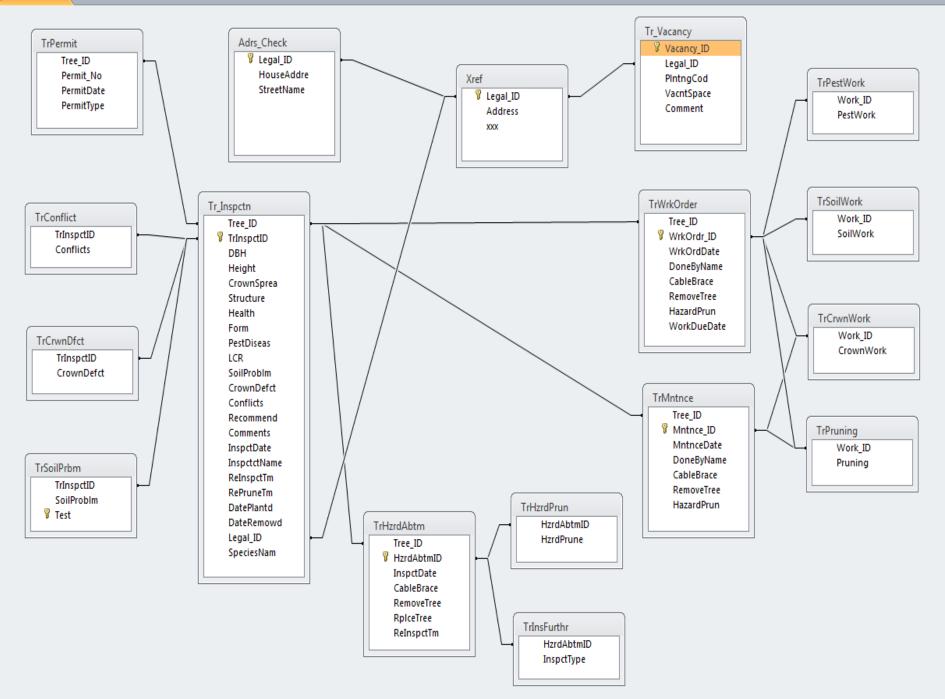
- One of the smallest City's in BC
- Only 2 GIS full-time professionals
- Enterprise GIS system, SDE database
- We develop in-house customized mapping solutions
- Focus on latest technology
- Trying to stay with the trend of technological change
- Intranet 10 customized applications
- Public website hosted by City of Surrey

Tree Management App - History:

- White Rock ocean view importance
- Trees are considered City's value assets
- Trees are centerpiece of controversy
- Spring of 2011 Council decided on development of Tree Management App.
- Summer of 2011 and 2012 Data collection
- Spring of 2012 customized app for data collection
- 2013 building the Silverlight App for City Intranet
- Fall 2013 fully functional app

Data Design

- Arborist provided what data to be collected and how data to be used
- Cover all aspects of tree definition, maintenance, including work orders, tree permits, environmental impacts
- 17 tables
- 20 domains
- 261 Species names
- Entity-Relationship Diagram:



Data Collection – 1st year

- Spatial accuracy very important
- GPS GeoXH + Laser Finder
- Con-Net Post-processing Account
- 4 students all Forestry graduates with GIS knowledge
 - 1 person doing GPS/Spatial collection + tagging trees
 - 3 persons doing attribute collection
- 2 months available time slot
- Need for continuous collect. process adjustment & improvement

Data Collection Challenges

- Orientation on the field just hardcopy maps available
- Address problems legal vs. actual address
- Missed trees by attribute crew
- Organizational
 - All share one vehicle
 - Waiting for one another
 - Planning the route
- Coffee/Lunch brakes and GPS set-up time
- GPS post-processing time
- Visualizing what is accomplished
- Finding discrepancies spatial vs. attribute

1st year data collection summary

- 1170 trees collected
- 29% of the total City area (no parks included)
- Spatial accuracy below satisfying over 300 points had to be shifted to match Orthophoto
- Organizational difficulties with 2 separate data collection groups
- Orientation difficulties on the field
- Lots of manual processing time in the office

Conclusion:

- Overall collection method below satisfaction
- Find new data collection model for next year

2nd year data collection model

- Don't use the GPS for the Spatial collection
- Custom built windows ArcGIS project application loaded on the laptop
- Map part with orthophoto background for manually placing tree point locations
- Customized form for attribute data input
- 3 students 3 checkouts to synchronize laptops with SDE at the end of the day
- Each student does all steps: spatial + attribute + tree tagging

Advantages:

- Solved all orientation problems
- Address is obtained from selected parcel by application
- No mismatched data spatial vs. attribute
- No missed trees
- Solved all organizational problems
- Everybody's work from today is next day on the screen of each person
- Much easier planning and tracking
- Same spatial accuracy as the year before
- No post-processing nor spatial adjusting data needed
- Very productive method

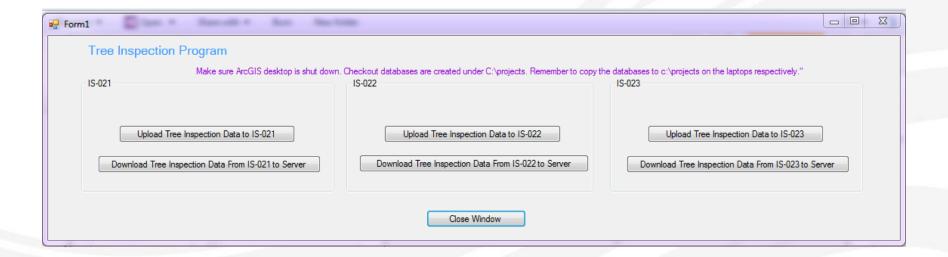
Final Data Collection Notes

- Total trees collected: 5822
 - 1st year 1170 with 4 field persons
 - 2nd year 4652 with 3 field persons
- 2nd year 5.32 times faster (considering one person less)
- Covered entire City owned portion of the land
- 7 students in total
- 4 months of field data collection time
- Overall: very satisfaying data collection

Tree Applications

- 1. Upload/Download Data
- 2. Data collection
- 3. Tree Management Website ArcGIS Server Silverlight API Application

Upload/Download Data



Data Collection

- Installed on each laptop
- Simple interface
- Easy work flow
- Validate user input data

Data Collection Application Demo

Tree Management Silverlight Application Demo

