Abstract

GIS Education for Youth and Community Development

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Hopeworks is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to using technology as a means to youth empowerment and community development. Hopeworks focuses on youth aged 14-23 who are either in high school or current dropouts, teaching the basics and complexities of GIS using ArcGIS, ArcPad, etc. In addition, the trainees collect information about the community in which they live (such as locations of vacant housing, streetlights, street trees, etc.), providing a service to other organizations working in and around the city of Camden, NJ. Our presentation addresses the specifics of creating and running such a program for at-risk youth.

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