MWDG Meeting Minutes

9:15am - Introductions and light breakfast. Julianne Solum gives introductions and a preview of the MWDG program. Dana Rohrbough introduces herself as the new acting director of the GIC. All of the members introduce themselves.

9:25am - Sarah Pragg introduces the group to the Complete Communities Planning Toolbox. Worked with Milford and Elsmere. The program in it one size fits all, but adjusts to the needs and circumstances of the community.

9:35am - Sarah introduces the group to the website as a helpful tool highlighting the different sections of <u>completecommunitiesde.org</u>. The sections are "Getting Started, Planning Tools, Community Design Tools, Public Engagement Strategies." Also highlighted videos, GIS maps, and visual tools like the visual preference survey and photo gallery.

10:00am - Sarah Denison talks about the historical marker program. Markers all are free-standing signs and made of metal. The program began in the 1930s.there are 600+ markers state-wide.

10:10am - What can you mark?: Notable Delawareans, houses of worship, schools, historic sites, social groups/clubs, historic buildings, cities and towns. Things that do not qualify... cemeteries, pieces of infrastructure (bridges or roads)

10:30am - Break

10:45 - Ed McNeeley talks about the Thunderstone search appliance. Thunderstone pre-dates Google and Google actually took some ideas from Thunderstone. Thunderstone is highly customizable. GIC is building a custom search for Delaware towns and municipalities.

11:10am - Julianne Solum talks about the town highlight for the month, Frederica. Ben Kaminski talks briefly about Google Analytics.

11:20 - Roundtable and final questions/comments.

11:35 - END