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WEEKLY UPDATE
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Greg Carlino Receives ESRI Certification

A member of our REGIS team recently received certification from the Environmental Studies Research Institute. ESRI is the developer of the main software used by REGIS.

The certification recognizes proficiency with the ESRI software and all its components. The process of certification has only been completed by a few GIS professionals in our area.

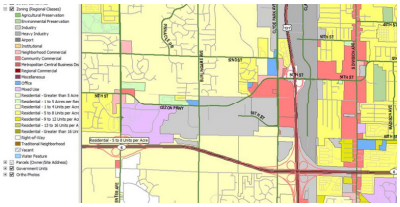
ESRI certification is only given to those individuals with the experience and training necessary to provide leadership in the GIS field. After training and meeting the experience qualifications, Greg had pass a major exam in order to complete the certification. We congratulate Greg for his accomplishment and are proud to have him as a member of our REGIS team!

September Board of Directors Meeting

Our next BOD meeting will be held on Thursday September 1st at 8:30 am. It will be held in the Kent County Building.

Single Source Project Update

Our Single Source GIS project officially kicked off last spring with a presentation at our March GVMC Board Meeting. Since then staff have been making great progress communicating with all GVMC members collecting current zoning and master plan data to pull together one regional GIS map. This single source will display zoning & master plan data with common colors and regional categories. This process has truly been a collaborative effort with all GVMC departments and all other partners involved in the region.



West Michigan Prosperity Alliance Public Engagement and Grant Award Meeting

October 3, 2016
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
L. William Seidman Center
Grand Valley State University
50 Front Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI

Parking Available in the GVSU Fulton St. Lot

Join us on October 3rd and help rank 6 regionally significant proposals.

Attendees will view presentations from project sponsors and vote on the priority of each.

In total, over $200,000 in grant funding will be distributed this year.

RSVP Required ASAP
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This is the only opportunity we know of where the public can so directly influence grant outcomes.

West Michigan GIS User Group

As part of our strategic initiative to provide leadership and facilitation, GVMC/REGIS formed the West Michigan GIS Users Group. We have hosted two meetings of the group both of which were attended by over 40 GIS professionals. Public and private sector GIS professionals have joined the group from throughout our region and as far away as Manistee. The group includes private engineering and real estate companies, city, county, township and village governments, representatives of the State of Michigan and road commissions. The next meeting will be held on October 11 from noon until 2:00 at GVMC. The speaker for this session will be Andy Henry from Wayne County.

Anyone interested in GIS is welcome to join the West Michigan GIS Users Group. Please contact Jason Moore at moorej@gvmc.org for more information.