



**Michigan Association of
Township Supervisors**

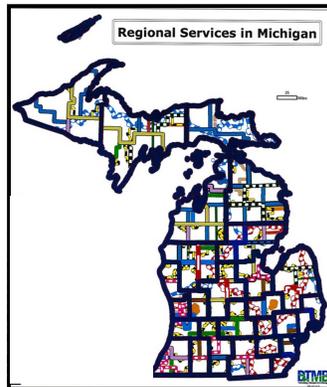
Last week in Holland the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors held their Annual Meeting. I was invited by Alpine Supervisor Alex Arends to speak to the group about Grand Valley Metro Council and our West Michigan Regional Prosperity Alliance.

The group represented Township Supervisors from throughout Michigan and we focused on our many collaboration and cooperation initiatives and the structure and workings of GVMC. Our organization is unique and we discussed how we collaborate to make West Michigan a better place to work and raise our families.

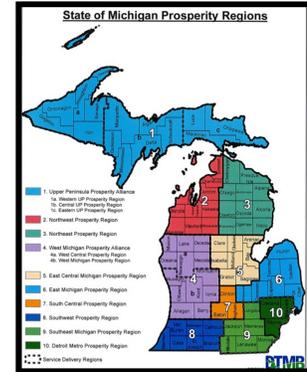
We also discussed our RPI process and the projects that have been selected as "Projects of Regional Economic Significance". Finally, we talked about the great

progress that the State of Michigan has made in restructuring state government service areas. In less than one year, state agencies have been realigned to follow the boundaries of the Michigan Prosperity Regions.

Alex Arends Alpine Township Supervisor stated, "John offered an excellent presentation on a topic that should be relevant to Township Supervisors across Michigan." Paul Keson, Supervisor of



January 2014, Michigan service areas with over 80 boundary lines in our Region



October 2014 Michigan service areas aligned with the Prosperity Regions.

Pere Marquette Township in Mason County added, "The presentation explained the success of collaboration with public, private and nonprofit sectors all working together to achieve a common goal. John explained that our region has great potential and benefit from everyone working with each other toward a shared interest and vision leading us towards economic prosperity."

If you would like me to speak to your group or service club, please feel free to contact me.

**Ottawa County Water Quality
Forum**

When: November 7th 8:00-3:30
Where: 12220 Fillmore, West Olive
Registration: Please contact Misty mcunningham@miottawa.org or 616-738-4898
Space is available for 150 participants

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Due to a scheduling conflict with our regular meeting location our Board Meeting will be:

Thursday November 6, 2014

8:30 am

Wyoming City Hall

1155-28th Street, Wyoming Michigan