



GVMC Holds Spring West Michigan GIS Meeting

On Tuesday April 12th GVMC held its biannual West Michigan GIS



Users Group meeting. This group was formed in the fall of 2015 as a part of our ongoing efforts to promote collaboration and cooperation. At the Spring meeting **Everett Root**, **Outreach Specialist from the State of Michigan's Office of Technology Partnerships** spoke on the State's GIS efforts and how local government and other organizations fit into their efforts. We also want to thank Western Land Services for helping sponsor the event.

Here is what Everett had to say about the meeting:

"It was a pleasure meeting and interacting with the group at the West Michigan GIS Users Group meeting. The opportunity to meet with such a diverse group of GIS professionals is one that we at the State of Michigan will always make a priority. There are many GIS initiatives underway at the State and describing them in a setting that promotes an easy exchange of information is extremely valuable. It's also a great help to those of us at the State to hear about what others are working on and explore opportunities to collaborate on current and future projects."

Twenty-five GIS professionals from local government and the private sector attended. This is a great way for individuals to network and learn about the hot GIS topics in our region. Here is some of the feedback from attendees:

Jamie Way, GIS Specialist, West Michigan Shoreline Re-

gional Development Commission (WMSRDC)

"I really enjoyed the GIS User Group meeting on Tuesday, it was a great opportunity to network with other local GIS users and see what projects are in the works. It is always nice to see Everett Root and get an update of the state on GIS in Michigan and was glad to see a demonstration of the new GIS portal to state data."

Brett Heist, GIS Supervisor, Western Land Services-*"The WM GIS Users Group has been a great opportunity to network with other professionals in the area who share a passion for GIS. I've enjoyed hearing about how this technology is being applied to multiple sectors within the state and the different directions those sectors are taking it. The future looks very promising and I was excited to hear about the new initiatives discussed by Everett Root that the state is currently undertaking. I look forward to future meetings and what they will have to offer!"*

SAVE THE DATE
Friday
May 6, 2016
8:30 - 11:30 am

Wisher Center
Cascade Township Library
2870 Jack Smith Avenue
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

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Michigan's Sewer and Water Infrastructure Funding Gaps and Needs:
Mark Coscarelli,
Public Sector Consultants

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