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## **REGIS Releases Public Internet Mapping Web Portal**

**GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN** – REGIS, the Regional Geographic Information System, an Agency of the Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, announced the release of its Public Internet Mapping Web Portal at its April 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.

The web portal provides area citizens with the ability to access specific mapped geographic information on-line. The system allows access to five map services constantly updated with new information.

The BusFinder service has been developed in conjunction with the Interurban Transit Partnership (ITP). It allows the user to search for locations of bus stops or bus routes for riding The Rapid. The ParcelFinder service provides search capabilities of parcels by the permanent parcel number or an address. The ParkFinder service provides search tools to locate various State, County, Township and City Parks. Finally, the Planned Landuse and ZoningFinder services provide color coded maps per community. Citizens needing help in the use of the system have access to an on-line help page or can e-mail REGIS Agency staff.

REGIS Chairperson and Deputy Kent County Administrator Alan Vanderberg said, "It has always been the intent of the REGIS project to provide greater access to land-based

information for the general public. The release of the REGIS web portal is the beginning of providing that access."

REGIS Board member and Alpine Township Supervisor Cindy Heinbeck said that she is pleased with the ease of use of the web portal and citizens should find it relatively simple to learn and navigate the maps.

REGIS Director Brian Berdanier said this was the just the beginning of the map services and information REGIS would be deploying and more public services are in the works. Berdanier noted, "REGIS is working to empower E-government solutions for its partner communities and is developing a commercial access site that works off of the same principle for release in the near future."

The REGIS Public Internet Mapping Services (REGIS IMS) can be found by clicking on the web portal link on the REGIS home page at [www.gvmc-regis.org](http://www.gvmc-regis.org). The link may also be found on many of the REGIS partner communities' web pages.

*The Grand Valley Metro Council (GVMC) is a regional organization dedicated to promoting cooperation and coordination among local governments in the metropolitan Grand Rapids area. Created in 1990, its membership now includes 33 local governments, representing nearly 665,000 people. For more information on GVMC go to [www.gvmc.org](http://www.gvmc.org)*

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