

Regional Parcel Viewer Kickoff Meeting

2:30pm, Thursday, Sept 12th | Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, Wilton CT

A meeting to showcase MapGeo (the WestCOG Regional Viewer built by AppGeo), provide a walkthrough on how the program will be implemented, explain how towns will be involved, and most importantly, provide a space for dialogue between municipal staff, WestCOG, and AppGeo. Additional details will be provided as the meeting approaches.

View the “WestCOG Regional GIS Site” Presentation PDF for details on MapGeo features, project schedule and on AppGeo the company.

Sample MapGeo Sites include:

- [Nashua Regional Planning Commission MapGeo Site](#)
- [New Milford MapGeo Site](#)

Stakeholders

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WestCOG Member Municipalities: Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Greenwich, Newtown, New Canaan, New Fairfield, New Milford, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman, Stamford, Weston, Westport, Wilton

Project Scope

Phase 1: Program Governance, make sure WestCOG creates a strong governing roll.

Phase 2: Create platform- collect data, migrate, and build map visual. See WestCOG's [Regional Data List](#) is an active list of intended regional data layers for the parcel viewer. WestCOG is open to feedback from member communities on what data should be included and how it should be displayed.

Phase 3: Establish a maintenance program and make sure WestCOG is in a good place to have data updated regularly. See the [Regional Data List](#) for status updates on this process.

Phase 4: Support towns data needs (as needed basis).

Project Benefits

Easy Access: A single resource for users to view multiple communities worth of parcel data across town boundaries.

- Providing faster review of parcel data,
- Facilitates business Facilitates local business and real estate activities.
- Allows user logins for municipal staff to review select datasets
- Abutter features can be used across town boundaries
- Allows for more robust queries to identify unique properties in neighboring jurisdictions (e.g. Golf Courses, pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities etc.). This can support valuation and abatement case management.

Market of Options: Communities without a parcel viewer can refer to the Regional Viewer, as a cheaper alternative for the service. Communities with existing parcel viewers now have options, can also consider switching to using the regional viewer if desired. The latter option providing some cost & time savings, however the community would be giving up some level of municipal site specificity (e.g. town logo, site colors, symbology styles).

Supports Partner Departments/Agencies: Access to authoritative parcel and CAMA data can support economic development (commercial site selectors), public safety (emergency services, mutual aid) and regional planning.

Moves towards improved and Authoritative Data: A mapping portal provides a framework for sharing community data and parcel information and starts a dialogue between municipalities and COGs on what data is important, how it can be maintained, and how it can be authoritative while keeping maintenance work to a minimum. It also provides a location to store authoritative parcel, zoning, land use, and wetlands data for interested communities (e.g. WestCOG can host data, and towns can edit their data).

Regional Data List

See WestCOG's active google document, [Regional Data List](#), to see how the regional data list is progressing. The document is intended to log all the datasets overseen by WestCOG for implementation into the regional Parcel Viewer application as well as the associated strategies for data maintenance.

Please send data requests, comments, concerns to Mike Towle, Deputy Director at WestCOG.
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