Got Paint?

For those of you who have stopped by the WUPPDR office in recent months you may have noticed something different in the air...paint fumes! The WUPPDR office revitalization began after a few WUPPDR staff members uncovered drawers of files that outdated them, literally. While a lot of the relics were saved, many found a new home and the younger staff found a new appreciation for the technology that graces the office today. Can we interest you in a Mobile Housing Study from 1973? We invite you to stop in anytime to see what the staff is working on or relive the past by perusing our archives. Can we interest you in a Mobile Housing Study from 1973?

When snow was snow...

...And men snowshoed in fur coats? We don’t know where exactly this photo was taken, but we do know it is somewhere in our region. While we won’t be donning fur coats on our outings this winter we will be heading out to play in the snow and we hope you will too.

WUPPDR continues to assist efforts in establishing a permanent trail system throughout the Western U.P. because tourism plays a key part in our local economy. A permanent trail system would not only enhance winter tourism, but year round tourism as well. For more information about the trails please contact our offices at (906) 482-7205.

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Dear Friends,

At the holiday season our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our success possible. It is in this spirit we say...thank you and best wishes for the holidays and a healthy and happy new year.

The WUPPDR Staff
Kim, Mary, Sue, Lori, Meg, Jim, Courtney, Ken & Steve

Seasons Greetings from the WUPPDR Staff...
The Westerly View

WUPPDR Celebrates 39th Annual Meeting

In April, 2007 WUPPDR was one of four agencies in the nation to receive a Cooperative Agreement Grant from the U.S. Department of Geological Survey to work in our region to collect regional geospatial data sets (i.e. information on roads, parcels, structures etc.) to host on The National Map.

The National Map is a consistent framework for geographic knowledge that provides public access to high-quality, geospatial data and information from multiple partners which helps support decision-making by resource managers and the public. The National Map is the product of a consortium of Federal, State, and local partners who provide geospatial data to enhance America’s ability to access, integrate, and apply geospatial data at global, national, and local scales.

In conjunction with The National Map, WUPPDR’s Global Information System (GIS) staff has launched an online interactive map that serves the six county region. The web-mapping program can be found at www.wuppdr.org.

GIS staff will be working with all local units of government in our region collecting public domain data to host on the interactive map. This will allow governmental units, communities, businesses, and tourist to view the data via the Internet and use for general planning purposes.

Please contact Ken Marshall, GIS Specialist, with any questions or for more information on how The National Map can help you.

WUPPDR Commission Meeting Schedule

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* Executive Committee and Full Commission meeting times to be announced.

Joan Antila of Houghton, formerly of White Pine, received the Oreste Chiantello Public Service Award at the annual meeting in September.

The award was established by WUPPDR and Michigan Works! in memory of Oreste “Chip” Chiantello from Gogebic County, who was a long-time member and Chairman of both boards. Chip provided many years of distinguished public service to the residents of the western U.P. The annual award is given to an individual from the western U.P. who demonstrates outstanding quality of service, dedication and leadership.

Joan graduated from Lake-Anse High School, received BS and MA degrees from Northern Michigan University and taught five years away from the area before moving to White Pine in 1965. She was a teacher/counselor at the White Pine High School from 1965-70 and 1992-97 and served on the White Pine Board of Education. While in public office, Joan was a member of the Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners for 23 years, serving as Board Chairman for half of those, 22 years on the WUPPDR Commission, 21 years on the Michigan Works Board, and 23 years on the Western U.P. Health Board, three times as Chair.

She and her husband Roland have two children, son David of Minneapolis and daughter Regan of Chassell.

Joan Antila receives the Oreste “Chip” Chiantello Public Service Award from WUPPDR Chair Ed Jenich at the 39th Annual Meeting in September.

In September, WUPPDR held its Annual Meeting at the new conference center in the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Copper Harbor. Along with the usual budget and bills business, meeting goers enjoyed sumptuous presentations, the Oreste Chiantello Public Service Award presentation, Keweenaw County hospitality and a fantastic meal.

Keynote speaker, Curt Pianalto of America’s Byways Resource Center, shared his visually rich presentation on America’s Byways and discussed the potential of our National Byway, The Copper Country Trail (find more information at the website: www.coppercountrytrail.org).

Joan Antila was the recipient of the Oreste Chiantello award (see article below), and the audience enjoyed Jim Saari’s revealing tribute to Joan highlighting her years of service to the community.

During regular business, The FY 2007-2008 Budget was approved and Kim Stoker was named Executive Director (see front page article).

We look forward to seeing you at the 2008 Annual Meeting in Gogebic County.

Our Congratulations & Appreciation Joan Antila!

GIS Services Offered:

- WUPPDR’s Geographic Information System (GIS) Department offers a wide variety of services, products and tools to fit your needs including:
  - GIS Assistance
  - GIS Training
  - Data Development (i.e. parcel mapping, 911 addressing updates)
  - Data Implementation &/or Management
  - Capital Improvement Data Analysis
  - Web-Mapping Services
  - Tax Maps

We can offer solutions to your mapping needs. Contact Ken Marshall at (906)482-7205 or 1-800-562-7614 or at kmarshall@wuppdr.org