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City of Wakefield Selects mPower Innovations for Enterprise GIS Solution

Project will allow the city to better manage its municipal and utility infrastructure

Last month the **City of Wakefield** unanimously approved a proposal from **mPower Innovations** to provide a powerful enterprise geographic information system (GIS) solution to help digitize their electric and water system assets and maintenance processes. This system will help the City of Wakefield support its goal of constantly working to improve and provide reliable service to their residents.

The City of Wakefield will utilize mPower's Integrator software, a powerful web-based GIS asset management and system integration application that will enable the City to view and update all of their utility assets and access critical information from one browser-based system—eliminating the tedious process of searching for information in multiple sources and maps. Moving to a GIS-based asset management

system will dramatically improve communication and response time to planned and unplanned service interruptions and maintenance.

“With mPower, the City of Wakefield will leap into the 21st Century by deploying powerful technology that will provide City Staff with quick access to information, dynamic reports, and the ability to track an accurate inventory of City assets. In addition, residents will be able to view and report power outages and submit work orders from the comfort of their mobile devices. We are excited to deploy this software in the coming





City of Wakefield Municipal Building

months,” said Robert Brown, Jr., City Manager of Wakefield.

“The City Council took a bold step in adopting this technology, but they saw the benefits. I’m happy they went down this road,” said Robert Brown. With limited resources, a declining population in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and manpower shortages, the mPower GIS will allow us to do more with less. We’ll be able to fill major deficiencies in city assets, rate and grade their condition and incorporate information on utility poles, street lighting, city streets and utility meters.

Staff will be able to generate and edit reports in the field with minimal training. We haven’t had a capital improvement plan in two decades, but with this technology we’ll be able to incorporate up-to-date information into our master plan.”

Jason Brown, President and CEO of mPower Innovations added, “Partnering with mPower is a positive signal that the City of Wakefield is embracing new technology and committed to the residents and customers they serve. Building a solid GIS is critical to maintaining an efficient, safe, and reliable utility.”

The City of Wakefield is one of mPower’s many Michigan municipal customers. The city has completed the onboarding process and is expected to have a fully functional GIS solution by the end of the year. 💡

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