At the recent Willamette Valley GIS Users Group (<u>WVGISUG</u>) meeting in Corvallis, interest was expressed in establishing a regular Corvallis area Open Source GIS gathering.

We are modeling this group on the successful Portland and Seattle groups.

The awesome Portland Chapter, PDX-OSGEO is a recognized Columbia River Region Subgroup of URISA and is working to be recognized as a chapter by OSGEO. Take a look at their Wiki: http://wiki.osgeo.org/wiki/PDX-OSGEO and also at their Google Group PDX-OSGEO.

The Seattle OSGEO Chapter is called the Cascade Users of Geospatial OpenSource (CUGOS). They are already a recognized chapter and are doing some pretty incredible geospatial stuff. Check out their website: http://www.cugos.org/

If interested, please come to the inaugural meeting of what will hopefully become a long running Corvallis Open Source GIS Interest Group.

We are going to try meeting once a month for around an hour + 15, possibly followed by a visit to a nearby pub for those so inclined.

Location: Alsea Geospatial. 257 SW Madison Ave. (upstairs above Coleman Jewelry,) There should be plenty of space but I would appreciate an RSVP if you intend to come.

Time: Wednesday December 7 at 6:30PM

Agenda: Introductions, a short (20 minute) demo on QGIS, planning for next meeting

Please pass this message along to interested parties.

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