

Julia Pilarski

Project Manager, Verified Industrial Properties Program



Julia Pilarski is Project Manager for the Detroit Regional Partnership's (DRP), Verified Industrial Properties (VIP) program. The DRP is a leading economic development nonprofit serving the 11-county Detroit Region. It uses the VIP by DRP program to simplify the site selection process providing corporate decision makers with an easily accessible online inventory of vacant industrial properties vetted by third-party civil engineers. Maintaining the necessary inventory of industrial properties bolsters the DRP's ability to compete for, and win, new projects that bring jobs and investment to the Region.

As a member of the DRP's real estate team, Pilarski is skilled in GIS, spatial analytics, and mapping, and assists the identification process for sites to be considered to enter the VIP by DRP program. Pilarski also supports the vice president of real estate in the procurement process with letting RFPs and drafting required reporting for grant compliance. In 2022, Pilarski created the award-winning VIP by DRP portal, which visually displays industrial sites and provides relevant information needed to evaluate them for development. She is a licensed drone pilot and captured the video for the pilot sites during the inception of the program. Pilarski now oversees the outsourcing of the drone work as VIP by DRP has grown and scaled into a nationally recognized program.

PAST EXPERIENCE AND EDUCATION

- Associate Manager, GIS and Site Intelligence, Detroit Regional Partnership
- Intern, Road Commission for Oakland County
- Bachelor of Science, Economic Geography, Michigan State University
- Certified, Geographic Information Systems, Michigan State University
- French Language and Literature Specialization, L'Institut de Touraine

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Community, Economic, and Workforce Development Applied Research Award, "Fostering Collaborative Community/Regional Initiatives" Category, Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness, 2023
- Community, Economic and Workforce Research Award, Council for Community and Economic Research, 2021
- Certified Drone Pilot, 2021
- Proficient in French