

Wayne County Auditor Provides Valuable Information with GIS

WAYNE COUNTY, OH, Jun. 30, 2023 — Did you know that the Wayne County Auditor’s Office has been maintaining a Geographic Information System (GIS) for over 25 years? Wayne County Auditor Jarra Underwood was quick to recognize the vast potential of GIS, thus making it a central component of her office.

“The field of Geographic systems is constantly evolving and is only limited by the imagination of those who use it. We have integrated GIS into nearly every facet of the Wayne County Auditor’s Office,” said Underwood.

SO WHAT IS GIS?

A GIS is a system of hardware and software that allows the user to capture, display, and analyze virtually any type of data, giving it a spatial component. Simplified, GIS can map and then analyze any type of information.



WHERE CAN YOU FIND WAYNE COUNTY’S GIS?

Wayne County’s public facing GIS can be found at waynecountyauditor.org/map, or by following the MAP link in the upper right corner of the Wayne County Auditor’s website.

WHAT CAN GIS DO FOR YOU?

The Auditor’s GIS website provides a tremendous amount of information to the user. Locate your desired location by searching for Address, Owner, or Parcel Number. You can also navigate to the desired location by panning and zooming on the map.

Popup Window - Click a parcel to display a popup window with additional data

- Recent sale information
- Pictometry/Eagleview enhanced aerial views
- Download a Property Record Card
- Download the Tax Map
- Link to Auditor's Parcel Page

Layers - Use the "Layers" tool to add additional data layers to the map

- See what properties recently sold for in your Neighborhood
- Find Elevation/Contour data for your property
- Is your property in the 100 year floodzone? 500 year floodzone?
- What soils are located on your farm?
- In what Fire District are you located?
- In what School District are you located?
- Where are the Rover/Utopia/Nexus Pipelines?

Basemap Gallery

- View several years of aerial imagery to see how your property has changed over time.

Measure Tool

- Location: Acquire Latitude/Longitude for locations on your property
- Distance: Measure any distance. How long is your proposed fence? What length garden hose should you purchase? How long is your driveway?
- Area: How much mulch or gravel is needed? How large is your hay field?

Print Tool

- Export a PDF map of your property

MARKUP TOOL

- Sketch your own information on the map, including Text.
- Your markup and text will be visible on the PDF map you export.

ADDITIONAL GIS WORK

The Wayne County Auditor's GIS Department performs many additional duties beyond the public website.

- Maintains various data sets for Wayne County
 - Parcel/Property Data
 - CAUV landuse data
 - Base layers for 911 Dispatch
 - Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Data
 - Planning Department data
 - County Engineer asset data
 - Board of Elections data
 - Soil and Water Department data
- Assists Medway Drug Enforcement Agency with mapping
- Assists Fire Departments throughout Wayne County with mapping
- Assists Townships, Cities and Villages with mapping
- Assists the Wayne County Health Department with mapping
- Manages aerial imagery flights of Wayne County

Underwood summarized, "We could fill a page with the cool and life-changing things GIS has to offer, from mapping areas of high crime to fine tuning school bus routes. GIS will continue to be a prominent part of the Auditor's Office in the future."

For more information on the Wayne County Auditor's GIS Department, or questions regarding the GIS website, email waycogis@wayne-ohio.org or call (330) 287-5411.

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