

Good Morning Friends of GIS!

The attached is the latest report from the GIS Data Library we've been working on steadily for the past several months. We have over 600 separate layers of data available in our GIS, the majority of those of course being archived tax maps for each township, city, and village. We have always had hundreds of scanned maps available on the GIS Web Page, but the data in the Library is different; it contains layers of data. In other words, a scanned tax map comes up in our GIS program as a "map", with coordinates, and can be placed over top of or underneath other data layers, such as aerial photography or any other data. It proves useful time and time again for looking at parcel splits that may have been done decades ago, or looking at previous property owners names for comparison to other records. The best way to understand this is to see it in action so, if anyone is in the neighborhood feel free to stop by my office any time!!

The GIS Server is up and running and contains all of our GIS data, and is serving it up to several computers in the map department and the GIS department. This has made sharing of data much easier, and regular backups of key databases and data layers are done regularly and behind the scenes.

Our Pilot Project for digitization of our structure outlines is proceeding, and we look forward to getting that data back for review very soon.

That's it for now - please e-mail or call with any questions.

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