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Fairfield County Auditor Celebrates GIS Day

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Auditor's Office is pleased to announce GIS Day, Wednesday, November 18. GIS Day is an annual global celebration of Geographic Information Systems (GIS), held on the third Wednesday of November.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are an essential resource for county government. While GIS is often thought of as a mapping tool, its true value goes far beyond maps. GIS connects information, departments, and people, helping county government operate more efficiently, make informed decisions, and better serve its residents.

A County Auditor's GIS department plays an important role in supporting multiple county offices and agencies. Through collaboration with 911, Real Estate Assessment (REA), Regional Planning, the County Engineer, the Soil and Water Conservation District, the Parks District, and others, GIS provides accurate, accessible geographic information that benefits the entire community.

Real Estate Assessment (REA) – Supporting Accurate Property Information -
GIS is a foundation of the real estate assessment process. Parcel boundaries, ownership information, aerial imagery, land use, and property characteristics help support accurate and equitable property assessments. GIS assists with tracking property splits, combinations, new construction, and development while providing valuable information to property owners, real estate professionals, and the public. Accurate parcel information also serves as a foundation for many other county departments.

911 – Protecting Lives Through Accurate Information - GIS is critical to emergency response. Maintaining addressing and road information is one of the most important contributions GIS makes to public safety. By conducting these activities within the county, there are cost savings for the public.

Regional Planning – Building Stronger Communities - GIS helps regional planning agencies, townships, villages, and municipalities make informed decisions about future growth and development. GIS supports comprehensive planning, economic development, infrastructure improvements, and responsible land management.

Maintaining Infrastructure and Roads - GIS has a strong partnership with the County Engineer through mapping and managing roads, bridges, culverts, drainage systems, rights-of-way, and infrastructure projects. Bringing engineering information into GIS improves coordination, accessibility, and long-term infrastructure planning.

Perhaps the greatest value of GIS is its ability to bring these departments together through shared geographic information. A new residential development, for example, may involve REA establishing parcel information,

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Regional Planning evaluating land use, the Engineer reviewing roads and drainage, and 911 receiving accurate addressing information. GIS helps connect these efforts, reducing duplication, improving communication, and making information more useful to everyone involved.

GIS also provides opportunities to support election administration, emergency management, economic development, agricultural programs, public utilities, and online public information services.

The County Auditor's GIS department is much more than a mapping operation. It is an important partner in delivering county services. GIS is the science of where, but its greatest value is what we do with that knowledge to improve the lives of the people served.

A special thank you to our Fairfield County Auditor's Office GIS team:

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GIS & Mapping Team - Curt, Stacy, Patrick, Michael, & Bobby

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