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City Launches Improved GIS Viewer Online

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg’s Geographic Information System (GIS) recently improved its mapping system and GIS viewer online to allow for more capabilities.

The city’s GIS technology combines layers of information to give the public a better understanding of a specific area. Different layers of information can be combined to tell a story about that piece of property. Some layers include streets, public facilities, parks, property lines, and city limits. Information about specific parcels of property is also available through the GIS system.

The improvements to the city’s GIS system have enabled it to be more user friendly and responsive, which allows it to work on a desktop computer or smartphone. When the data and maps are updated, it will be reflected online almost immediately.

“The GIS system is a resource that holds a wealth of information, which is free and accessible to the public,” explained Nate Rexrode, GIS administrator. “We encourage members of the public to take a look at the site and utilize the information that is available to them.”

Property owners are encouraged to visit the GIS site for zoning information, acreage, voting and school districts, and data specifically involving their property. This site is also beneficial for realtors, surveyors, engineers, planners, and those who often research property-related information.

To access this site, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/GIS.

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The new tools are:

Icon	Tool Name	Capability
	Basemap Gallery	Gives users the option to turn on or off different basemap or background images.
	Bookmark	Allows users to save a specific area of the map to quickly go back to.
	Legend	Shows what features are in the map and as you zoom in, more features start to show up.
	Draw	Users are able to draw points, lines, polygons, and/or text to the map.
	Print	Allows users to export the map into a different file type for printing.
	Search	Users can search for a specific address, owner name, or tax map number.
	Measurement	Lets users measure distances, whether it be an area or a line.
	Layer List	All of the layers are listed and users can turn on and off different features within the map.
	Zoom In Zoom Out	Users may select to get as close or as far away as needed to a parcel.
	Home	This will take users back to the default extent of the map.
	My Location	This feature is ideal to use on tablets and smartphones. It will use the GPS receiver on the device to bring the map to your current location.
	Previous Next	These arrows allow the users to go back to their last view of the map or to the view of the previous map before they clicked the previous arrow.

Visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/GIS to check out the updated system.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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