GIS Connection

Whiteside County GIS Office

- ILGISA Fall Conference October 16-17, 2012
- Mapping the Olympic Medals: http://bit.ly/OoCQBi
- The farmland land use layer updates derived from the new aerial photography are about 90% complete.

GeoBlade

- We are deep in the process of upgrading our GIS software to Arc Server, ArcSDE databases, and various other upgrades. This includes an upgrade in our Public Safety GIS facilitated through E911/ETSB. GeoBlade dispatch and mobile applications by Geographic Technologies Group will utilize the new software to provide maps and data to police officers, fire fighters, and EMS personnel. This upgrade will allow mobile and dispatch users to employ the newer color aerial photography and will facilitate significant time savings in getting the latest updates to the units in the field. Using geographic data to assist public safety officials is an essential part of the way GIS is implemented in Whiteside County.

Image: www.geotg.com

Beacon Website Tip

When completing a search by Name, Address, or Parcel ID (PIN), you are able to sort the results by the information in the columns. Click on a column heading (i.e. Owner) to sort A to Z or click again to sort Z to A or in the case of Parcel ID to sort increasing or decreasing numerically. The columns which can be sorted include Parcel ID, Owner, Property Address, and City.

In the Report tab for a parcel, you can collapse or expand each of the sections be clicking on the double arrow symbol in the upper right hand corner of each section. At the top left hand corner of the parcel summary are icons for Print Setup, Printing, and an Email link. At the top right hand corner, you can set the active layer which is Parcels by default.

The Beacon GIS Website is located at www.beacon. schneidercorp.com. The map portion is subscription only.

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"Things were here before you and will be here after you're gone. The geographic features, especially, give you a sense of your own place in the world and in time."
- Tracy Kidder

Our GIS Website is:
http://www.whiteside.org/assessor/gis.html

- All links are clickable in your PDF newsletter. If you currently receive a hard copy of the newsletter but wish to receive the emailed PDF copy, please forward your email to llee@whiteside.org.

- Scientist Use a Microsoft Kinect (meant for a video game console) to Map Glaciers in 3D: http://bit.ly/OdRVyM

- Beautiful Visualization of Ocean Currents: http://bit.ly/Oj0b3c

Land use. Land use. Land use.

The majority of my time this summer has been focused on updating the land use layer according to the new aerial photography. Consequently, there is not much new to report for this newsletter.

Thanks to the help of Megan from the Assessor's office and the GIS Intern, Andres, we can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel and new projects on the horizon. Stay tuned...

The land use layer is an important component of calculating farmland assessments each year.

Old Landuse Layer   New Landuse Layer