

ICMA Solutions Track Session



Information Rules

Communicating with Residents in the Google Era



Today's Speakers



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Presentation Overview

- Google Era & Citizen Information Expectations
- Successful Online Maps for Residents
- Tips for Creating Useful Maps
- Helpful Data to Share
- Benefits for Local Government
- Questions









About Digital Map Products

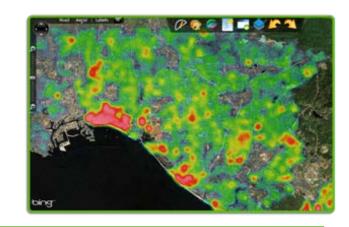
Cloud-Based Mapping Technology Company

- Located in Orange County, California
- Over a decade of experience developing mapping technology for the web
- Mission: embed spatial technology and make it easy to use

Mapping Solutions

- Software-as-a-Service mapping applications
 - Local Government, Real Estate
- Spatial Development Platform , APIs
 - Web services used by real estate sites, technology firms & government agencies
- Parcel Data Solutions: Boundaries, Geocodes









Poll 1: Are you Web 2.0?

Question:

Does your city use Web 2.0 technologies (maps, social media, YouTube, e-gov) to engage citizens?







Google Era Citizen Expectations

In the Google Era: Lives Defined by Information

- Access to vast amounts of information
- Plugged in, online, and technology driven
- Impatient: expect ready info access wherever, whenever
- Accustomed to working with data on maps



Information Expectations

- Data, data, data
- 24x7 online access, including mobile
- Current, interactive & location-enabled





Government Expectations

- Transparency
- Two-way conversations

- Available through familiar channels
- Easy to use technology





Communicating with Web 2.0 Tech

What is it?

Two way communication through the web

facebook.

What does it do for you?

Allowing for 24/7 communication between the City and its Citizens: Fast, Assessable, Effective



A Few Examples

- Allow the citizens to report Pot holes, Street Outages, General Issues
- Communicate Road Closures, Projects and Events

Services that can help

Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Your Website

Tips

- Be dedicated to responding
- **Update Continuously**



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Challenges in Citizen Communication

External Challenges



- New and Exceedingly High Citizen Expectations
 - Access, Technology Medium, Usability
- Rapid Pace of Technology Change
- Economic Realities: budget cuts, staff shortages
- Solutions don't utilize existing assets

Organizational Challenges

- Department mindset for data organization
- Massive volume of data, much spatial in nature
- Online access adds complexity
- Lack of expertise in web 2.0, mapping, mobile, usability

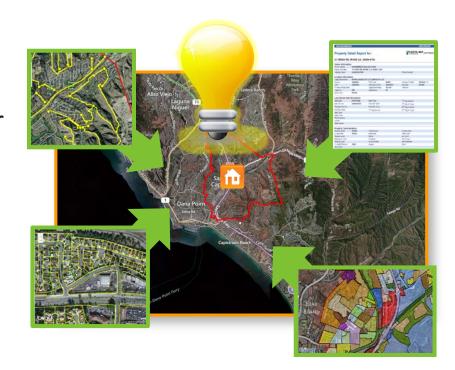






Why Maps?

- Location is universally understood
- Maps are one of the easiest ways for our brains to process information
- Most data can be displayed on maps
- Consumers increasingly map-savvy and expect location context
- Ideal medium for:
 - Displaying large amounts of info
 - Relating Data



- Exploring & Interacting with Data
- Analyzing Data

Maps Optimal for Government/Public Data Sharing







Successful Online Citizen Maps





CommunityView™ Product Overview

Online Interactive Maps for Local Government Websites



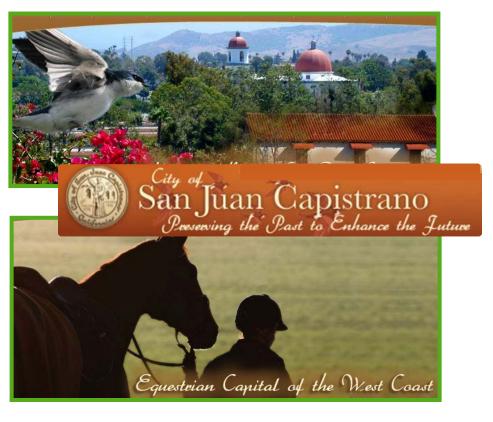
- Platform for publishing your data on public facing maps
- Share
 - Property information
 - Agency data, services, & updates
 - Community amenities & events
- Easy to use: built on popular & familiar mapping platforms
- Lets residents self-service information requests 24x7
- Reduces in-person & phone inquiries & enhances citizens' knowledge of their community





City of San Juan Capistrano

Embracing the Past & Leveraging Technology for the Future



- Small Southern California city with 35,000 residents and 100 city staff
- Rich history dating back 230+ years
- Dedicated to building strong community, maintaining heritage,
 & preserving open space
- Committed to using technology
- Using Cloud GIS since 2002
- Recipient of several technology innovation awards





Community Information & Maps







Property Information: Boundaries & Details







Community Amenities

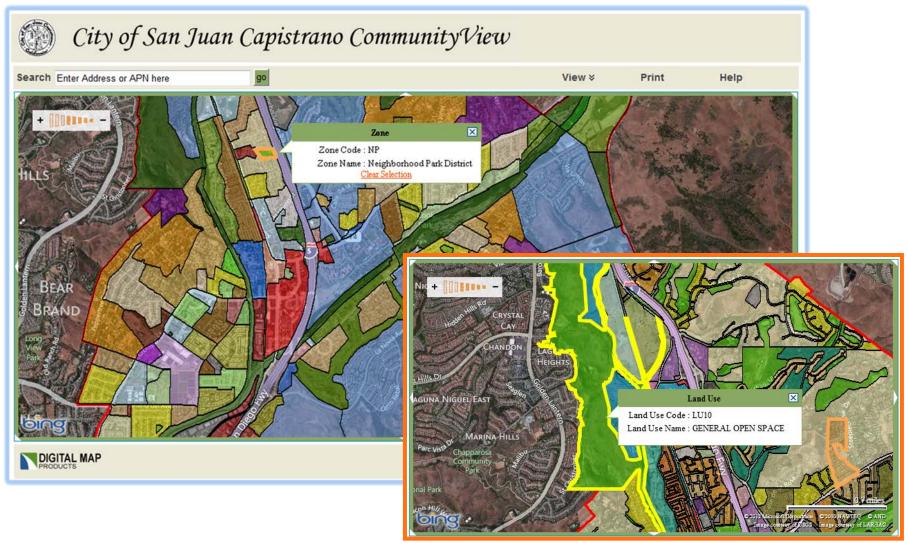


Hiking & Horse Trails & Other Community Amenities





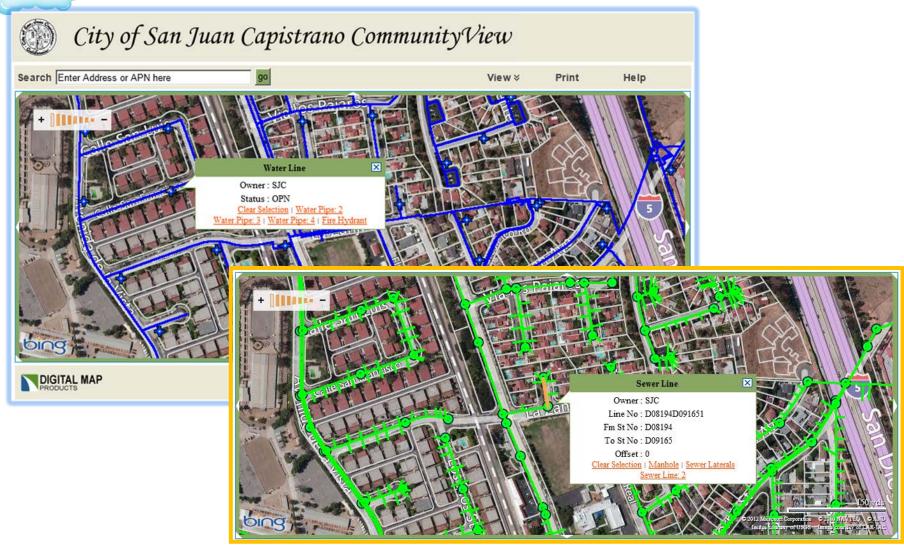
Property Information: Zoning & Land Use







Agency Assets: Utilities | Water, Sewer



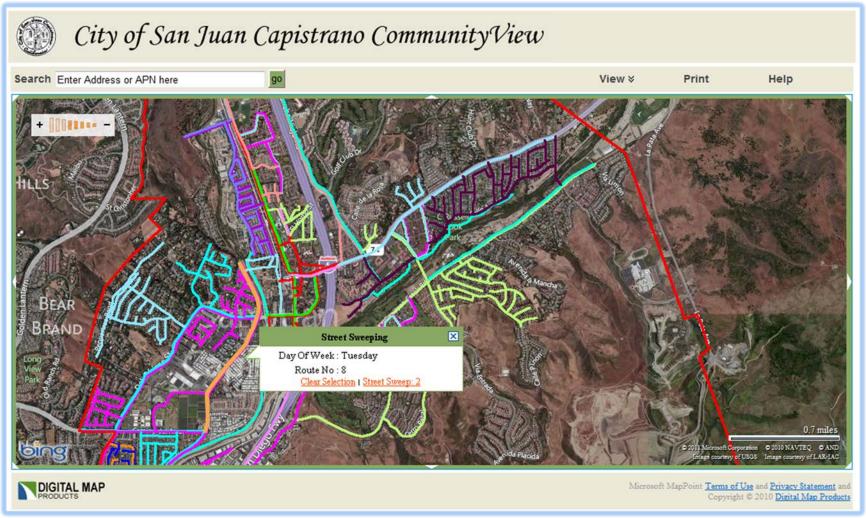


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Agency Services: Street Sweeping Schedules







City of Longview

Leveraging Technology for the Future



- Small Southern Washington city with 35,000 residents and 335 city staff
- Budget cuts decimated the GIS staff down to 1 full time employee
- Long-Standing citizen requests for web-mapping fulfilled
- Traditional approach not feasible
- Virtually all city staff and many citizens using Cloud GIS

DIGITAL MAP



City of Longview, WA

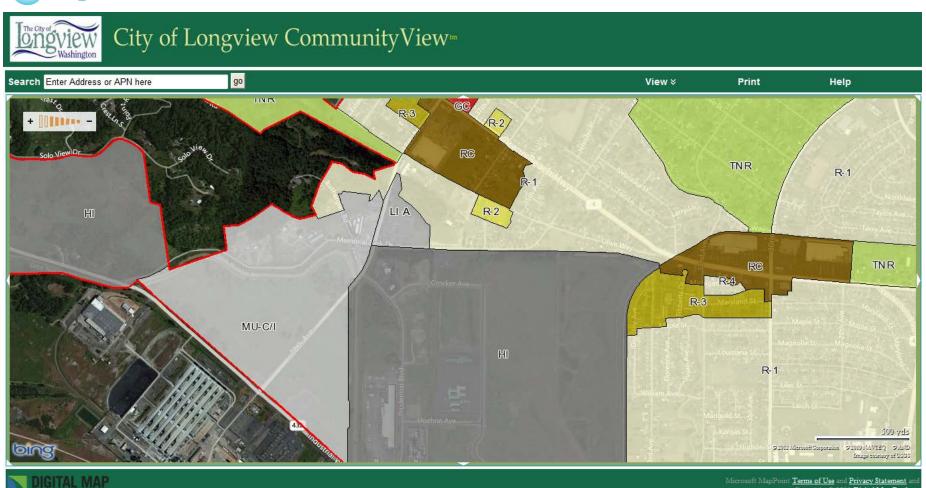


Easy to Find Map!





Property & Planning Information



Property and Planning Information





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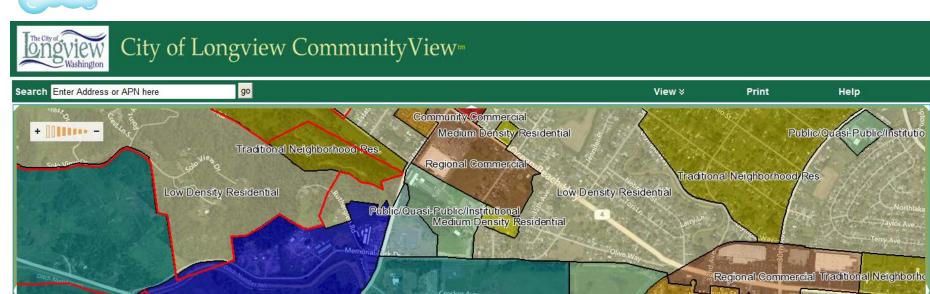
High Density Residential

Public/Quasi-Public/Institutional

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Property and Planning Information

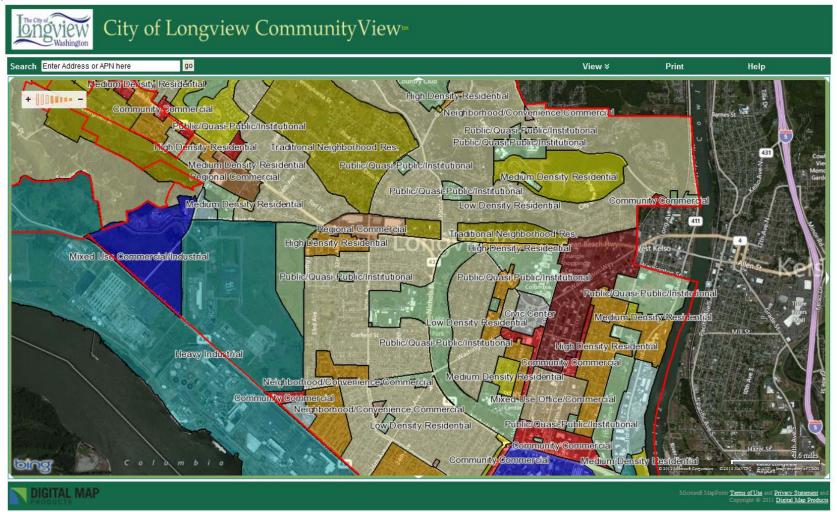


Heavy Industrial

Mixed Use Commercial/Industrial



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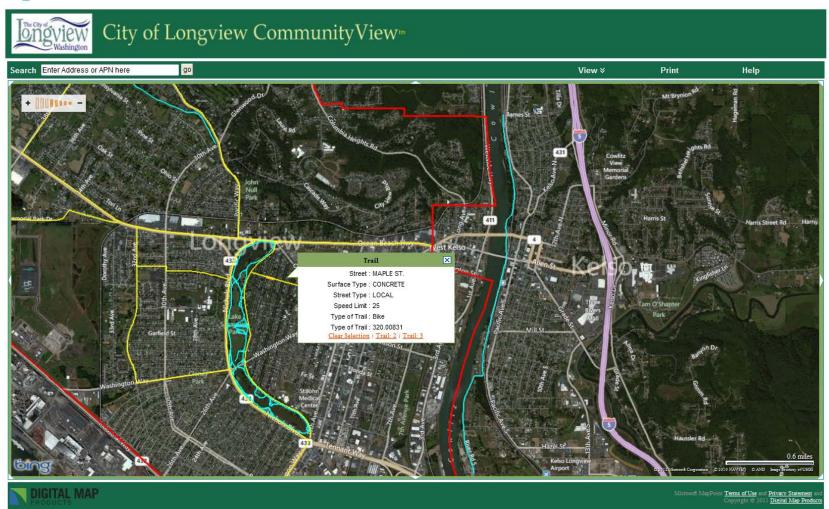


Future Land Use





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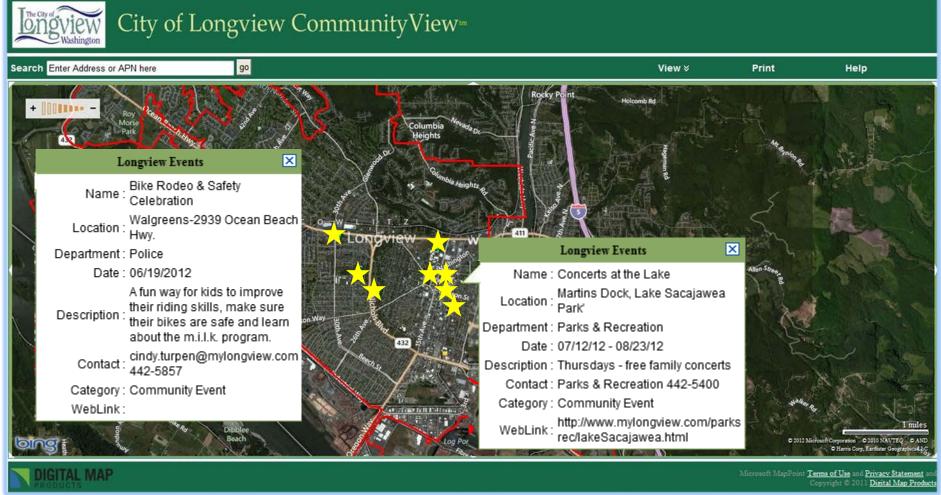


Biking and Walking Trails





Community Events & Activities

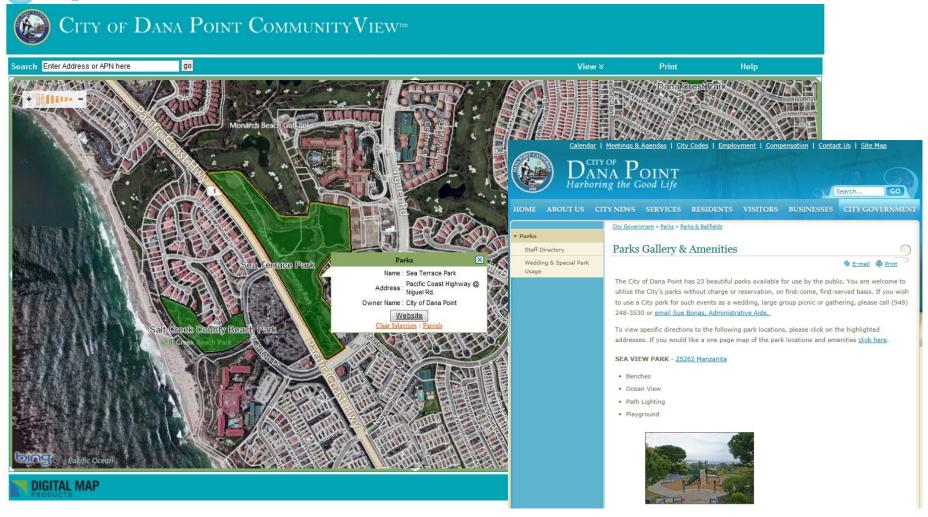


Concerts, Farmer's Markets, Celebrations...





Community Services: Parks & Recreation



Linked to: Facilities, Hours, Rental Forms, Directions, Events



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Community Services: Public Transportation

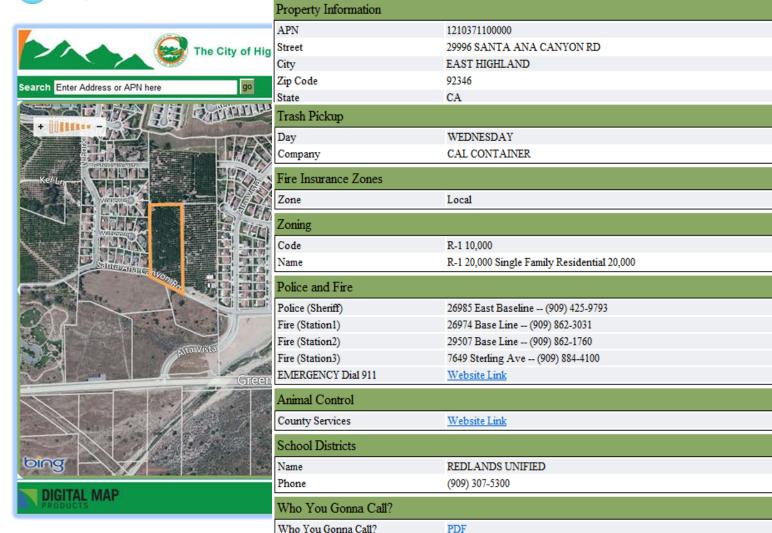


Bus Stops, Routes Linked to Additional Transit Information





Public Data: Pulling it all Together



Water and Sewer Water and Sewer



Website Link

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Property Information & Related Links



Property Information

- APNYear Built
- Lot sizeLegal desc
- Tax RateExemption

Linked Information

- View Tax Bill
- File an appeal
- Get an Exemption
- Change mailing address



Property Information: Aerial Imagery



- Historical aerials
- Bird's eye / obliques





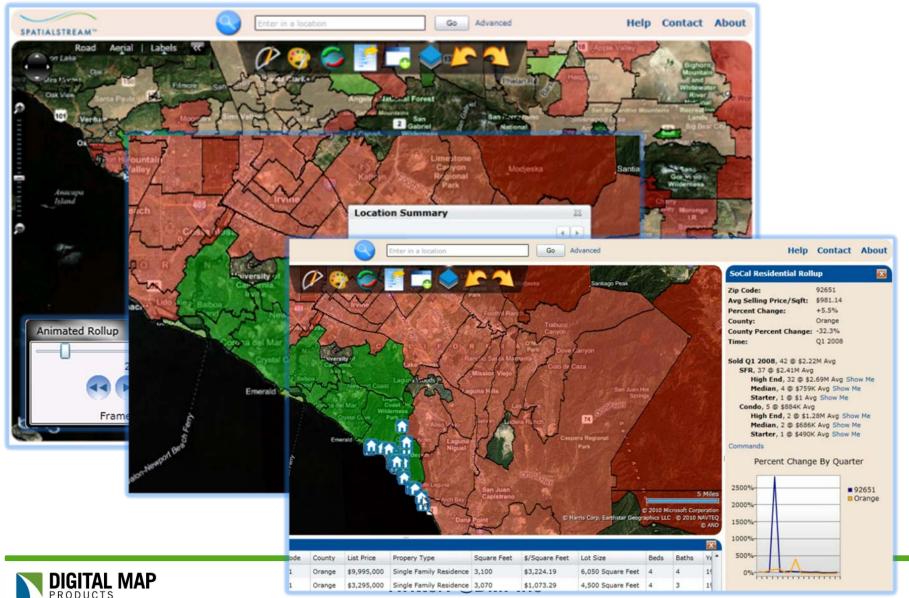
Property Information: Recent Sales







Animated Layers: Trends Over Time





Citizen Engagement

- Publicizing Community Events
 - Council Meetings location & link to agenda
 - Event Logistics: route, road closures, and parking
 - Holiday celebrations
 - Farmer's Markets
- Issue Reporting
 - Streetlight Outage
 - Graffiti
 - Abandoned Vehicles / Blight
- Public Participation
 - Provide feedback on proposed projects
 - Submit events and announcements







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Citizen Engagement

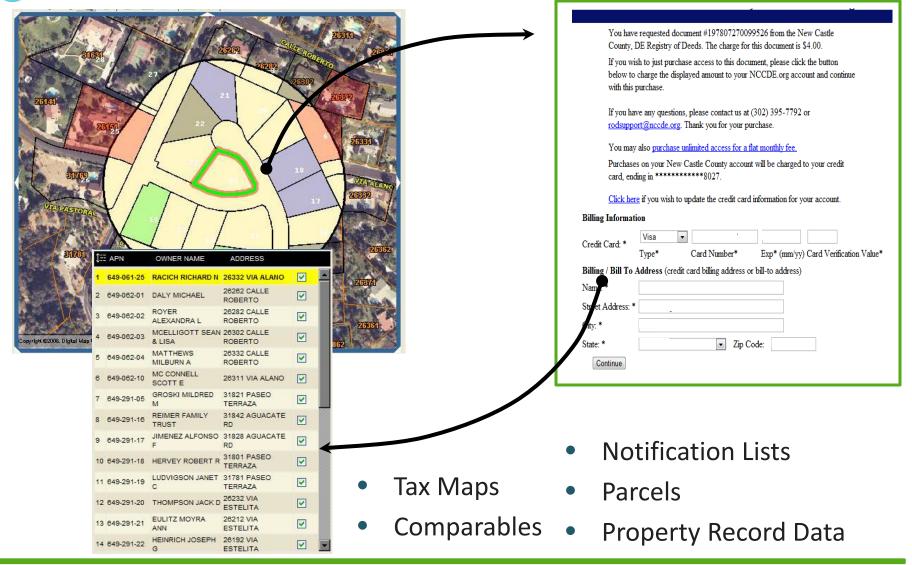
CommunityView 9 Find a location **Issue Report** Reported Date: Description: Kilroy was here. Type: Abandoned Vehicle Urgency: Low Reporter: Jeff Reporter Address: my house Reporter Email: jwilson@digmap.com Reporter Phone: 555.5555 Status: Resolved Date : DIGITAL MAP

Constituent Issue Reporting from CommunityView™





Facilitating Information Transactions Online









Tips for Creating Public Maps





Example Data to Share on Maps

Property Information

- Details: boundaries, lot size, APN, assessed value, owner
- Restrictions: setback, easement, ROW
- Aerial Photos & Historical Images
- Zoning
- Redevelopment Areas
- Permits
- TODs
- Tax Maps Tax Rates

Municipal Assets & Activities

- Road work / street closures
- **Capital Improvement Projects**
- Emergency Response / Disaster Info
- Utilities, streetlights, parking
 - Voting Precincts / Locations
 - Meeting locations
 - Proposed Plans & Updates

Municipal Services

- Street Sweeping / Trash Pickup Days
- Parks & Recreation
- **Utility Service Areas**
- Government Offices & Post Offices
- Public Health & Safety (fire, police, hospitals)
- Publicly owned properties

Community Amenities

- Libraries & Schools
- School Districts / Attendance Zones
- Neighborhoods / HOAs
- Public Transit Stops & Routes
- FEMA Flood & Fire Hazard
- **Local Events**
- Demographics
- Trails, Bike Lanes
- Businesses





Creating Maps the Public Will Love

Tip #1: For Maps that Please, Think of the End User

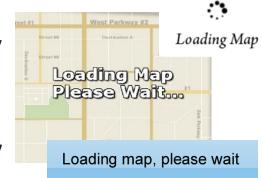
- Simple, fast, and familiar
- Intuitive color schemes & terms, good data display
- User Interface, UI, Usability: invest in it!

Tip #2: Be Obsessed with Performance & Accuracy

- Layers & searches need to load FAST
- Optimize for the web environment
- Keep data current

Tip #3: Make Your Maps Easy to Access

- Prominent Links: home page, departments
- Group data into themes
- Cross browser & mobile compatible





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Benefits for your Organization



- Meets residents' 24x7 online information access needs
- Increases community participation & engagement
- Heightens resident awareness of community amenities
- Enables residents to self-service many information requests, saving municipal staff time & money
- Highlight community features to attract businesses and visitors
- Supports green initiatives through:
 - Reduced trips to gov't offices, printing
- Fosters government transparency



Online Maps: Progressive Government & Leadership



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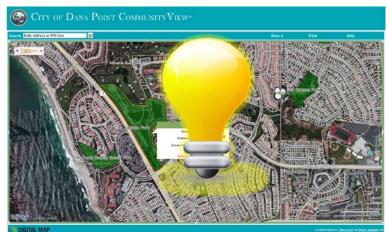


Your Citizen Engagement Cheat-Sheet

The Information Age Brings New Expectations...



- Residents want 24x7 online access to info through easy to use tools that offer 2-way communication
- Maps are ideal to share data with the public
- Longview: leverage the cloud & commercial technologies to make the
 - most of limited resources
- San Juan Capistrano: combine web 2.0 technologies to highlight amenities
- Highland: linking info increases usability
- For maps that please, think of the user



...Online Maps Improve Efficiency & Constituent Service



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More information and Resources

- Digital Map Products & CommunityView™ Information
 - www.DigitalMapProducts.com
 - http://www.digmap.com/products/communityview.htm
- Mapping Best Practices
 - Whitepapers, Articles, Videos, Recorded Webinars
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