



GIS Puts Rural Tennessee County “On the Map”

Name: Tipton County GIS

Location:
Covington/Tipton County

Products/Services:
Geographic Information System

Leadership: Shawn Anderson,
GIS Director

Founded:
2000

Reach:
County-wide

Innovative Insight: *“It used to take days for us to answer questions for the public, now it takes hours or even less.”*

Importance of the Broadband:
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Covington, TN - While the state of Tennessee implemented a statewide GIS (Geographic Information System) in 2000, few rural counties have utilized the system to the degree that Tipton County in West Tennessee has.

Tipton County GIS is a provider of map data to the business, consumer and Internet community. Tipton County GIS’s goal is to be the county digital map database compiler, providing the foundation for an ever-expanding set of diverse customers who require high quality, cost-effective map data. Tipton County GIS endeavors to provide the public and our clients with the most up-to-date and comprehensive databases available. Or, to put it in simpler terms, Tipton County GIS “makes maps for a living,” according to GIS Director Shawn Anderson.

Currently, the county uses the system for a multitude of different operations, from mapping utilities to zoning to crime mapping. In addition, the public can also access the system by visiting <http://www.tiptonco.com/gisweb.htm> in order to utilize features like interactive mapping showing parcels, property information, aerial photography and much more. “It used to take days for us to answer questions for the public, now it takes hours or even less,” explains Shawn.

And without broadband technology, such an advanced GIS program in a rural county like Tipton would be impossible. “Internet has completely changed out world,” says Shawn. “As a county, if we don’t have Internet, we will be left behind.”

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