



# McHenry County GIS Department

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### McHenry County Celebrates International GIS Day

WOODSTOCK, IL – On Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, McHenry County celebrated “International GIS Day”. This event showcased how the County uses geographical information systems (GIS) to: improve public safety, reduce staff time, manage resources more efficiently, improve decision making, and provide better information to the public. GIS empowers the County to integrate digital information with maps as tools for decision making. Representatives from multiple County departments were on hand to demonstrate how GIS technology assisted in their everyday functions.

“Over 200 attended our first GIS Day. I was thrilled to hear participants saying they now understand GIS,” stated County GIS Director Nicole Gattuso, “...people enjoyed meeting staff from 8 departments and having the ability to learn more about what the County does to make better decisions and improve efficiency. We are looking forward to hosting GIS Day again next year and doing more public outreach.”



For more information on International GIS Day or the McHenry County GIS Department, please visit [www.mchenrycountygis.org](http://www.mchenrycountygis.org) or by contacting them at 815-334-4496.

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McHenry County GIS users from different Departments



GIS Director Nicole Gattuso and County Board member Mary McCam



GIS Displays



Amanda Foley demonstrating GIS web features