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**AUDITOR WALDER AND ENGINEER CATTELL INVITE THE PUBLIC
TO CELEBRATE GIS DAY 2024**

CHARDON, OHIO – November 18, 2024 – Geauga County Auditor Charles E. Walder and Geauga County Engineer Joe Cattell invite the Geauga County community to join this year’s Geographic Information System (“GIS”) Day celebration, which will take place on November 20, 2024. As a part of Geography Awareness Week, GIS Day is a global event dedicated to spreading awareness about the real-world applications of GIS technology. This year marks the 25th anniversary of GIS Day.

GIS is a scientific framework for capturing, analyzing, and visualizing location data. The Geauga County Auditor’s Office has been utilizing GIS software and tools for almost 30 years, working closely with the Geauga County Engineer’s Tax Map Office. Geauga County’s GIS Day event will highlight the use of GIS technology in analysis, visualization, geospatial data insights, and mapping technology.

“We are proud of our GIS staff, who work hard together all year providing a high level of support to government agencies and the public on geospatial issues, which builds trust and confidence in Geauga County government,” Auditor Walder said. “Join us for GIS Day to learn about this important technology and meet our local GIS professionals.”

To celebrate, Auditor Walder and Engineer Cattell welcome the public to join GIS staff for donuts and coffee. Guests are invited to drop in anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, to the Auditor’s GIS Department on the first floor of the Courthouse Annex building in Chardon. In addition to engaging with the GIS team, attendees will have the opportunity to obtain an 11x17 2024 aerial print of their Geauga County property and may enter a drawing to win a large poster size aerial print. The event is free to attend.

“GIS is playing a crucial role in improving the daily operations of the Geauga County Engineer’s Office by offering powerful tools for data management, analysis, and visualization,” Geauga County Engineer-Elect Andy Haupt said. “Our goal is to harness GIS capabilities to create a dynamic system that not only maps current features and data but also prepares us for the challenges and opportunities of the future.”

In addition to working with the Engineer’s Tax Map Office, the Auditor’s GIS Department supports the public and many departments and agencies within the County, including the Soil and Water Conservation District, Planning, Water Resources, Geauga Public Health District, law enforcement, courts, and local zoning professionals.

“GIS helps individuals, government agencies, businesses, and organizations of all types make informed decisions,” Auditor Walder said. “Critically, GIS allows us as public officials to better coordinate and work together to efficiently deliver and improve services to help our constituents. That is good government.”

To learn more about Geauga County’s GIS Department and GIS Day 2024, please visit the Auditor’s Site: <https://auditor.geauga.oh.gov/geographic-information-gis/>, the Geauga County GIS HUB Site by visiting: <https://realestate.geauga.oh.gov/> and clicking the “GIS Day 2024” link, or contact Kate Jacob McClain by email at kjacob@gcauditor.com.

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