

Allen Parish is proud to announce the release of its new, parish wide interactive GIS Website.

This Website is an interactive parish map that includes a multitude of data layers available to the public that can be turned off and on to customize the public's interface on screen. Some of the layers include, but is not limited to, tax parcel ownership, FEMA flood zones, parish and state roads, individual taxing districts such as road districts or school districts, and parish owned bridges among other things that will be beneficial to the public. All of this data is overlaid over recent, high quality aerial imagery of Allen Parish that was taken during the winter of 2020.

Funding for the project was provided by a Federal Grant through the Delta Regional Authority for Economic Development. The overall goal of the project is the creation of a public/user friendly GIS map of Allen Parish to promote Economic Development through ease of access to public data.

This website is the result of 18 months of hard work in conjunction with several consultants and Allen Parish interagency cooperation, which include the Tax Assessor, the Police Jury, the Sheriff Department, and the School Board. A special thanks is extended to Fenstermaker and Associates, Us Land Grid, and LA Digital Reproductions for their hard work and assistance in standing this website up. This accessible as well as versatile tool is easily navigated through by simply clicking on the lines that one would like to view. You may view what you would like by a simple click. For instance, a piece of parcel can be shown to a viewer and then with a click of zooming in, one can find out who owns the property.

Richard Earl stated that the program uses 2020 Aerial Imagery they allows them to do various things like measure the square footage of houses and discover property all over the parish. This imaging has gone from 1993 to 2020 update with a substantial difference on how one can view what the GIS System has to offer. Earl also thanked Jacob Dillehay in the meeting on Monday for putting so much work into this program as well as Lewis Williams. Williams sifted through 16,000 parcels to make sure this system is up to date and accurate.

Kent Reed also had several positive statements to make about the system. Reed said that people are always moving in and they need to quickly know the school their children are zoned in as well as the bus route. This can be accessed at the click of a button now which makes the process easier overall to register for school.

The website can be accessed at <https://allen.totaland.com/>. The link to the website will be placed on the Tax Assessor and Police Jury's websites for easy access.