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RE: THE NEW "MAP MASON MAP VIEWER" WEBSITE

The Mason County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department has created a web application that delivers dynamic maps and data via the Internet. This new "Map Mason Map Viewer" provides online access, via an HTML browser window, to digital map layers. It also links to non-spatial data, such as property information. Data about the county is displayed in the form of maps, tables, and text, and allows customers to search for a property using a parcel number, a street address, or by simply clicking on the displayed map.

This new web application will allow the public to interactively explore maps and information about Mason County. You can use the integrated property search tool to search for real-property parcels, locate a parcel on a map, and access detailed property information reports. You can turn map layers on and off, measure, zoom in and out, find information about features on the map, and print maps. The site also offers aerial photos of most property in the county in an easy to use mapping format. For those interested in visiting the Map Viewer, please go to the GIS Department web page at: <u>http://www.co.mason.wa.us/gis/index.php</u> and scroll down to the "Please click here to go to the Map Mason Map Viewer" button and that will take you to the Map Viewer itself.

Mason County has created this interactive mapping tool in the interest of sharing information with the public in a convenient and easily accessible manner. It is our intent to provide the public with one place where they can access land information. We believe you will find this site helpful whether you are a real estate professional, a home buyer/seller, a business associated with building or developing property or simply an individual wanting information about land in Mason County.

For additional information please contact Lurleen Smith in the GIS Department at (360) 427- 9670 Ext. 769 or from Belfair at (360) 275-4467 Ext. 769.

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