DC Maps Instructions for desktop

[Douglas County's DC Maps application](#) **relies on navigation and controls very similar to those used by Google, Yahoo, and Bing maps.**

To move around, or pan:

- Click on the navigation control's arrows.
- Click your mouse and drag to pan the map.

To zoom in:

- Click on the + button.
- Double click to zoom in one level.
- Spin your mouse's scroll wheel forward.
- Hold the SHIFT key, and then click and drag to select an area you want to zoom to.

To zoom out:

- Click on the – button.
- Spin your mouse's scroll wheel backward.

To return to a full view of the County:

- Click on the button in the center of the navigation control.

To know where I am in relation to the County:

- Click on the Geolocation Button which is below the navigation controls. This function will display the approximate location from your web browser and is best used with a tablet or laptop on a wireless (WiFi) connection to the internet.

To view imagery from different years, angles and aspects:

- Click on the Pictometry button below the navigation controls. Click again to deactivate.

To view Google Street View:

- Click the Google Pegman button and drag to access Google Street View.

On each map, there are three base maps to choose from located on the upper right of the screen:

- **Standard**: a traditional map with roads, landmarks, municipal boundaries, and labels.
- **Hybrid**: an aerial map with roads, landmarks, municipal boundaries, and labels.
- **Aerial**: an aerial map, without roads, landmarks, municipal boundaries, and labels.

Optional Layers:

- Optional Layers are accessible from each map just above the map itself. After you click on the Optional Layers, you will be able to show or hide each layer by clicking on the associated check box.

The Map Gallery:

- The maps within DC Maps are available from the Map Gallery, which is accessible on the upper right corner of the browser window.

Download GIS Data:

- The GIS Open Data Portal contains a full suite of data products available for free download in many formats.

Map Information:

- Contact the department directly for questions on each of the maps in the Map Gallery.

FAQs

What browsers can I use for this application? This application has been tested using the following internet browsers and versions:

- Internet Explorer version 10 and higher.
- Chrome version 21 and higher.
- Safari version 5 and higher.
- Firefox version 14 and higher.

How do I get to the Tools and Legend? Click on the button to the right of the Tools or Legend text.

When I am using Tools (like Measurement, Selection, and Drawing), how do I return to 'normal map' mode where I can use my mouse to navigate the map?
Click on the left most button in any of the Tools tabs.

Is there a simple and quick way to zoom into a specific area of a map?
Hold the SHIFT key, and then click and drag to select an area you want to zoom to.

How can I close a popup window on the map?
Popup windows, which show details on parcels and other map features, may be closed by clicking on the 'X' in the upper right corner of the window.

How can I turn off a tool (like Home, Pictometry or Google Street View)?
Clicking on a tool will activate and deactivate the tool.

Is there a limit to the number of records returned from a property search?
At most, 1500 records will be returned from a search.

Is there a limit to the number of properties I can select using the Selection Tools?
At most, 1500 records may be selected (through the use of your mouse or using the buffer function).

I am looking more advanced property search and data export tools. Is such a tool available?
The Assessor's Office Quick Reports application is a very flexible and comprehensive tool for property search and data export. It offers a significant number of search options from a variety of property, assessment, and sales datasets.
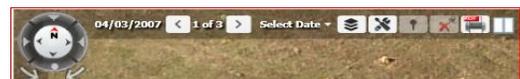
I've clicked on an Optional Layer, such as Address Labels, but do not see any change in the map afterwards. Is this working?
Some optional layers, like Address Labels, are 'scale dependent' meaning that they are designed to be visible only when the map is more zoomed in. This is done to keep the maps from becoming too cluttered or overwhelming with drawn features and labels.

Once I've drawn a graphic, a circle, square or measurement, for example, can I change it? The Drawing and Measure tools allow for selection of a specific drawn graphic and subsequent modification of that graphic object via the 'Select Graphic' button. Click the 'Select Graphic' button, and then click on the graphic object.   From there, you may change the color, transparency, line style and line width.

Can I compare imagery from the most current to the least Current? The Pictometry tool accesses imagery from different years and different views. Scroll through by clicking the arrow buttons. By accessing the navigation wheel, imagery can be seen from different angles and zoom levels. The split screen button allows for imagery comparison. Layers can be turned on and off. Tools are available to measure height, area, and distance. Bearing and elevation are also included in the toolset.