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For immediate release:

On September 24, 2014, the Lorain County Auditor's Office was presented with 2014 Ohio GIS Best Practices Award at the Ohio GIS Conference held in Columbus, Ohio. The Best Practices Award is presented annually by the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program (OGRIP), a State agency made up of mostly volunteers who share a common interest in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and in using geographic information in Ohio.

The Best Practices Award recognizes Ohio organizations that implement Geographic Information Systems (GIS) that support OGRIP's goals of providing data to multiple users, facilitating data sharing among multiple groups, and demonstrating use of GIS as a decision-making tool. The Lorain County Auditor's Office received the award for its recently implemented Zoning Editor Application. This new internet-based application will enable all 35 zoned communities within Lorain County to maintain their own digital zoning map information via a secure connection on existing hardware with no additional cost to the community.

The Zoning Editor Application, developed in partnership with Bruce Harris and Associates in Batavia, Illinois, leverages online GIS technology and advanced distributed editing protocols to grant communities the ability to use cutting-edge GIS software where budgetary limitations may have prevented it in the past. The Lorain County Auditor's GIS department administers this application as well as many other GIS applications including the Lorain County Auditor's GIS website.

The Lorain County Auditor intends to use the technology upon which the Zoning Editor Application is built to implement future GIS applications that will foster further information sharing among the many communities within Lorain County.

For more information about the Lorain County Auditor's GIS programs or the OGRIP 2014 Ohio GIS Best Practices Award please visit the following websites:

Lorain County Auditor's Office: <http://www.loraincounty.com/auditor>

OGRIP: <http://ogrip.oit.ohio.gov/Home.aspx>

Bruce Harris and Associates: <http://www.bruceharris.com>