

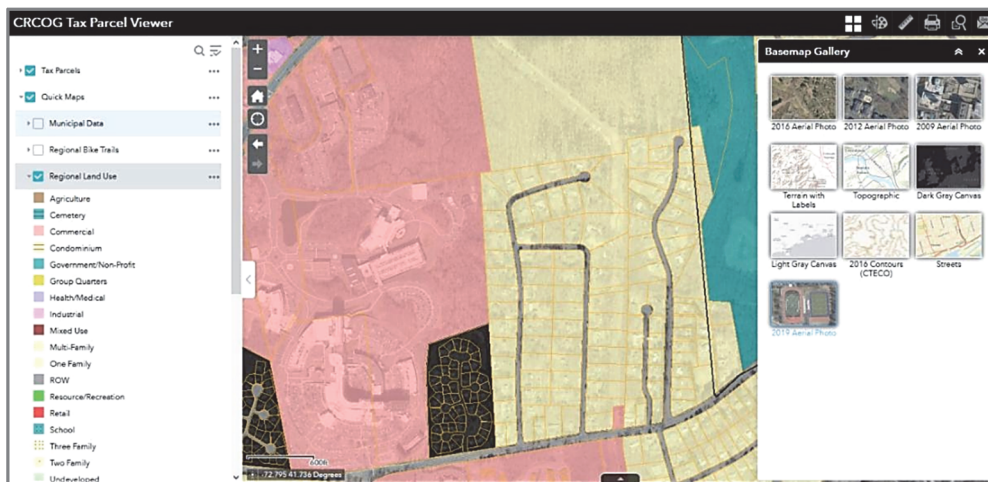
PRESS RELEASE:

Capitol Region Council of Governments, CT & CAI Technologies Receive Special Achievement in GIS Award

The Capitol Region Council of Governments, CT (CRCOG) and CAI Technologies have been selected to receive a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award from ESRI, the providers of ArcGIS software. This award is given to user sites around the world to recognize outstanding work with GIS technology. The CRCOG/CAI Parcel Viewer and Regional GIS Portal stood out from more than 100,000 other applicants.

The goal of the project was and is to deploy a self-hosted and self-maintained Regional GIS Portal and Parcel Viewer to serve CRCOG member municipalities as well as to provide a flexible infrastructure for internal and external users. Features include automating the collection and linking of parcel and property assessment (CAMA) data for each community hosted as a 38 community fabric of parcels, providing productivity tools including generation of abutter lists and labels, and providing contextual data from local, State and Federal partners such as infrastructure, environmental conditions, natural resources, census information, and political geographies. Project tasks also included streamlining and automating the update of CAMA data to the site. CRCOG GIS staff are now able to add town-specific data layers without incurring additional costs.

The Portal Project is providing the region with an invaluable repository of property information to support local and regional planning and development while also allowing CRCOG to implement an ArcGIS Platform which will be expanded to serve other needs of the COG organization and member



communities. The Portal project continues to be a collaborative effort between CRCOG and ESRI Business Partner CAI Technologies and should serve as a model for other regional planning agencies to follow.

The portal site can be visited at <https://crcog.org/regional-gis/>

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is the voluntary Council of Governments organization supporting 38 municipalities in the Metropolitan Hartford CT area including the City of Hartford. It is the largest of the 9 regional planning organizations in Connecticut. CRCOG provides services to member towns to promote efficient transportation, public safety, responsible land use, preservation of natural resources and economic development as well as supporting shared service initiatives between member communities.

CAI Technologies, originally named Cartographic Associates, Inc., was founded in 1985 as a municipal mapping company. Since that time, and to meet client's growing needs, CAI Technologies

has become a leader in GIS solutions, while still providing a wide spectrum of mapping services. Throughout this growth and expansion of services, the company never lost sight of the importance of providing top-quality and cost-effective services. As a direct result of that guiding principle and the commitment of the entire CAI Technologies staff, the company serves nearly 500 local governments and large regional utilities. Additionally, as an Esri Business Partner with an ArcGIS Online Specialty endorsement, CAI Technologies successfully and economically brings the most powerful and ubiquitous GIS technology to clients. The CAI team leverages cutting-edge ESRI technology and combines it with extensive local and regional government experience, providing clients with previously unattainable solutions. CAI Technologies has developed extensive GIS solutions for a wide spectrum of applications, from administration and assessing, to planning and public works.

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