



City of Lynchburg Honored for Special Achievement in GIS

Geographic Information System Provider Esri Awards the City of Lynchburg at Annual User Conference

San Diego, California—June 30, 2016—Esri, a world leader in geographic information system (GIS) technology, presented *The City of Lynchburg* with a Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award June 29th at their annual User Conference. Selected from over 300,000 eligible candidates, *the City of Lynchburg* received the award for its innovative application of technology, data collection, geospatial information visualization, and thought leadership through GIS in the field of *Local Government*.

“The SAG Awards serve a great purpose,” said Esri founder and President Jack Dangermond. “A Special Achievement in GIS Award recognizes best practices for organizations implementing technology to change the world. Highlighting good work benefits the entire GIS community and that’s very valuable.”

*The City of Lynchburg was nominated for the SAG award for its **Open Data Portal** and its **My City Services** applications.*

Open Data Portal - The City of Lynchburg supports the transparency of operations and open access to public data. Our goal in creating the Open Data Portal was to provide easy and open access for Lynchburg's citizens to see and use datasets of interest. The City of Lynchburg's Open Data Portal application combines the power of ArcGIS Server map services and ArcGIS Online to offer over 100 datasets for free download. Taking advantage of ArcGIS Open Data, the Open Data Portal is a powerful resource that is easy to maintain and easy to use.
<http://data.cityoflynchburg.opendata.arcgis.com/>

My City Services - is a map based application and portal for City services and other amenities related to a specific address. By simply submitting an address, users gain access to a wide selection of data about available City services, planning designations, property information, the nearest fire station, park and trail access points, recycling centers, school districts, public transportation, ward and voting information demographic data, and other useful information.
<http://mapviewer.lynchburgva.gov/mycityservices/>

“The City of Lynchburg is honored to be recognized for our achievements utilizing GIS technology”, said Mike Goetz, Director of Information Technology for the City of Lynchburg, Virginia. “We are constantly seeking to apply innovative technology solutions to improve service and transparency to our citizens, and the application of Esri’s GIS solutions has allowed us to make meaningful progress toward these goals.”

“We are honored to receive this award from Esri! The applications chosen for the award provide data from several of our enterprise systems and represent the efforts of not only the GIS Team, but also the many city employees that maintain the data within the other enterprise systems. We are pleased to be able to work together as an organization to provide these GIS based applications to help improve decision making within our organization, and as a means of providing easy access to city information for our citizens and the community.” said Allison Johnson, GIS Manager for the City of Lynchburg, Virginia

The City of Lynchburg was one of 167 organizations in fields such as agriculture, defense, transportation, non-profit, telecommunications, and state and local government to receive a SAG Award. Esri staff nominate thousands of candidates annually from around the world for consideration and company President Dangermond selects the finalists.

“SAG winners are diverse in their geographical representation by design,” Dangermond said. “We purposely focus on the different regions of the world because we’re looking for best practices of GIS in different cultures and different geographies.”

For more information on how *The City of Lynchburg* is innovating through the application of GIS, visit *The City of Lynchburg’s Mapping and GIS Division’s home Page*

Mapping and GIS Home page - <http://cityoflynchburg.maps.arcgis.com/home/index.html>

About The City of Lynchburg’s GIS and Mapping Division

The City’s GIS and Mapping Division is under the Department of Information Technology. The three person GIS Division administers all of Lynchburg’s online GIS applications, including our ArcGIS Online services and Apps. It is responsible for managing the GIS servers and maintaining the GIS Database. Duties also include training and creating custom tools to facilitate use of GIS by other City Departments, integrating GIS with other enterprise systems to streamline workflows and enhance service capabilities, as well as providing support and GIS related services to all city departments as well as citizens and outside professionals

About Esri

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