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FROM: Michael Dolak, City Engineer
DATE: March 19, 2014
SUBJECT: GIS Mapping
Steubenville Prepares to Map its Utilities

STEUBENVILLE - Steubenville will begin mapping water, sanitary sewer and storm water utilities as part of an Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) grant funded program. ARC will provide \$79,500 towards the cost of GIS services and new GPS equipment through a program offered by the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program (RCAP).

Large cities and counties across Ohio have implemented Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to better manage their infrastructure and services. GIS enables communities to maintain an up-to-date map and associated database of their utilities. In addition to helping city utility staff locate valves and manholes faster when responding to emergency breaks and back-ups, the GIS program will allow them to update changes in the system and begin keeping inspection and service records.

City staff will begin locating and marking utilities this week. They will go street by street over the next 12-15 months until the entire city has been captured. We ask our residents to help us by not disturbing the paint markings. Sometimes people may try to remove them or cover them up. We understand they might appear unsightly, but they will go away. In most cases, utility locations will be logged using a GPS unit within two weeks after marking. Please do not be alarmed if you see a City Utility Worker or RCAP GIS Team member in your yard trying to find valves and sewer cleanouts. Also, the City employees and the RCAP workers will have an official ID that they can show you if you have questions. Usually, they will only be there for a few minutes and then move to the next location. The City thanks the residence in advance for their cooperation during this project. If you have any questions you may contact the City Engineer at 740-283-6000 extension 3303.

The project is expected to be completed by September of 2015.