

Some Basic Tips for Using Our Map

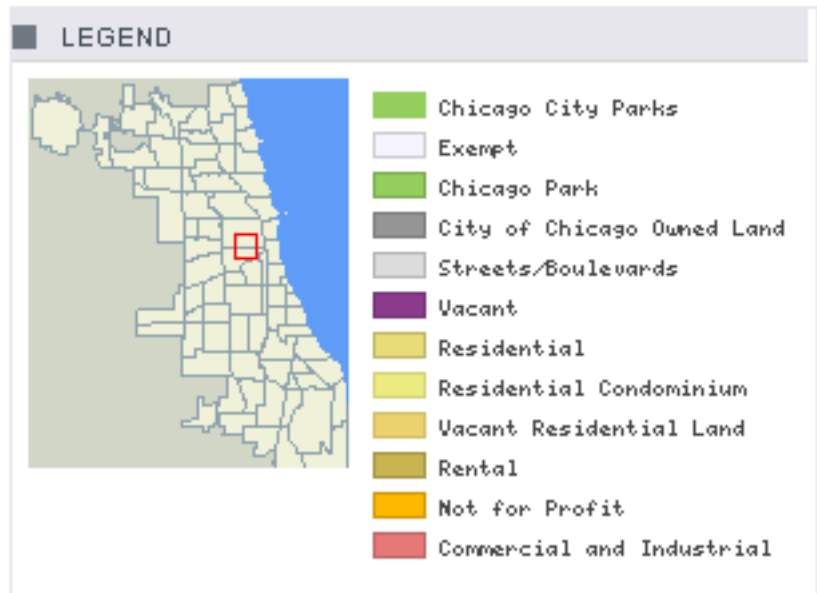
Making a Map

You can access the mapping section of CITY|NEWS by either clicking on the Mapping option on the main menu bar or by clicking on the “Map of this property” button from the Tabular Search of Properties section.



Legend

- Clicking on the inset map in the Legend in the upper left hand corner re-centers the map on that location. The Red Box shows where the map is centered.
- The Legend box also describes what you are viewing on the map. In this case, the parcel layer is active and its color coding corresponds with the land uses displayed in the legend.



Location Identified

- Clicking on the main map re-centers the map to the location that was clicked. When you click on the map when viewing an Indicator or Parcel data you re-center the map to that location & return the value(s) for the active mapping layers. In the example to the right, the PIN id and address are provided for the parcel and the Poverty

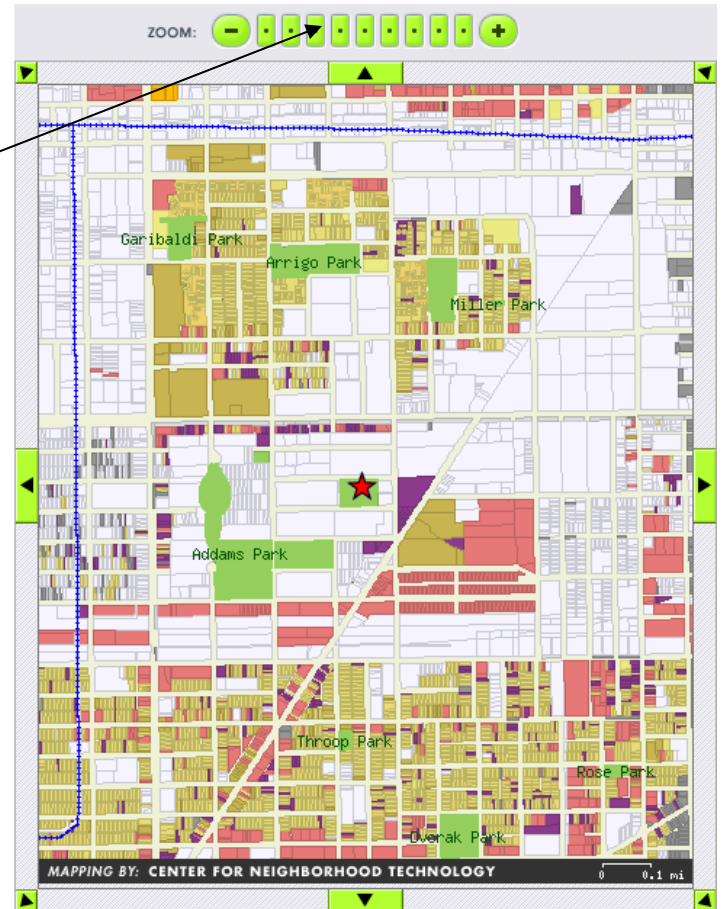


rate is given since that layer was also shown on the map. If after viewing the map you are interested in a different property you can return to the tabular data section by clicking on the PIN id to obtain more specific information.

Main Map

You navigate through the main map three primary ways:


1. *Change zoom.* Moving toward the minus sign on the left zooms the map out, while moving toward the plus sign on the right zooms the map in.
2. *Change view.* Clicking on the arrows on the maps borders moves the map right and left, and up and down.
3. *Re-center.* Clicking on the map itself recenters it to the area that is clicked.

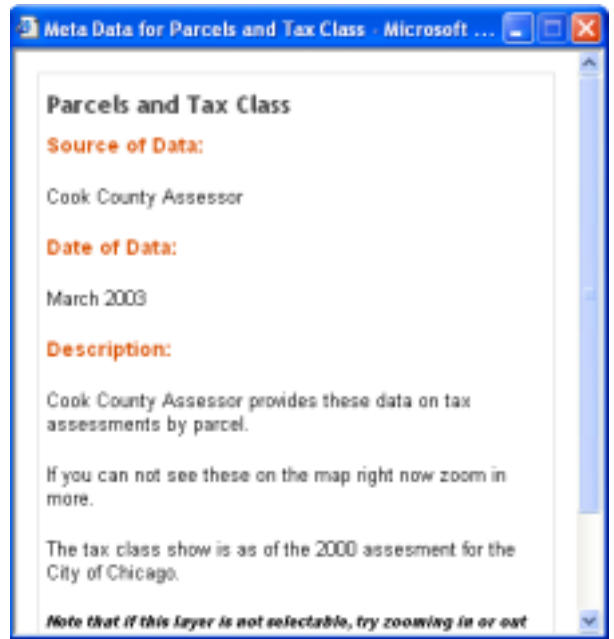


Map Options

- You can turn on and off map layers in the *Things to see* section by clicking on their respective boxes. To view the selections or any changes to selections, click on the *Update Map* button.

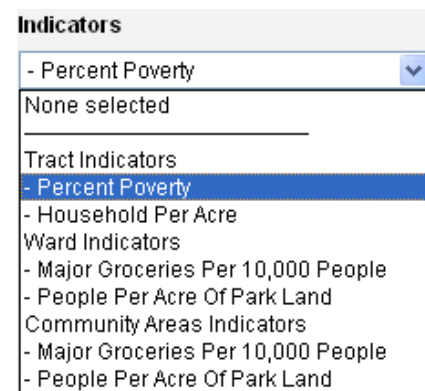
Note: Not all of the *Things to see* layers are available at all zoom levels - sometimes it is necessary to zoom in or out before a particular layer will be selectable.

- You can click on the  to right of each of the *Things to see* labels to view their Metadata, i.e., the source of the data, the date of the data, and a brief description.

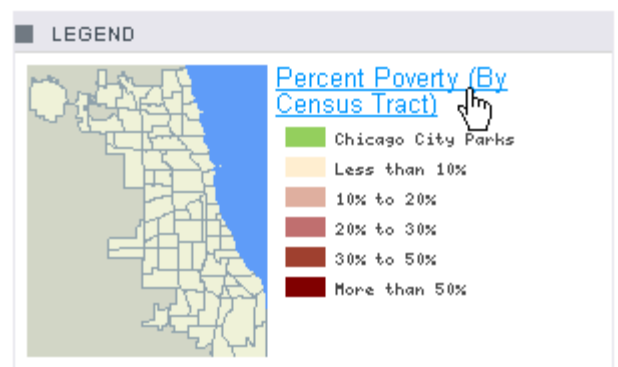


CITY|NEWS allows users to compare their community with others in Chicago.

What sets CITY|NEWS apart from other Internet based property search engines is its community indicators and vitality index component. Indicators can help summarize the current situation of a community area and can help to plan for trends at a simple glance of the map. CITY|NEWS has several indicators that are currently available with plans to add additional ones in the near future.



Access the *Indicators* by clicking on the drop down menu. Click on the *Update Map* button or the map itself to refresh the map and display the Indicator. You can view the Indicators alone, or compare them to the available mapping layers in the *Things to see* section. For example, when viewing the Housing Affordability Indicator, you can look at public transit or the locations of city parks to see if a pattern emerges in regard to housing affordability.



- In the Legend box you can click on the title of the Indicator displayed to find out its metadata and to read a brief description of what the indicator tells us.