Project Profile: Marion County Change Detection





"...With limited staff and no County zoning, it's impossible to keep up with all of the changes in Marion County. This service provided me with exactly which parcels I needed to visit and will save a tremendous amount of labor hours in the field."

Patty Brough | Marion County's Supervisor of Assessments

Project Overview

Marion County, **IL** was in need of an updated flyer in order to identify changes to parcel use. County Assessors knew a flyover would be the most accurate method to map the County and enlisted in Sidwell's expert change detection services.

Assessment

- The County was in need of an updated flyover in order to identify changes to parcel use
- A flyover would be the most accurate method to map the County

Solution

- Sidwell provided an Excel spreadsheet with parcel numbers that changed or needed review to allow the County to delineate which properties need to be visited, saving time and assessment cost.
- This solution's expenses ultimately are recovered by the addition of property value and subsequent increase of Equalized Assessed Value for the County.

Impact

- The County can now pinpoint where they need to assess properties in a timely fashion.
- The flyover resulted in increased Equalized Assessed Valuation; therefore, the increase in property taxes will be lower than it would if changes in property use were not discovered.
- The County can add new construction locations to tax rolls and alert property owners if a structure that reduced the assessment value of a parcel has been removed, if neglected, to be reported.



