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National Magazine Features Mapping Web Site

FAYETTEVILLE - Cumberland County's online mapping services are featured in a national magazine this month. The Aug. 24 issue of *Government Computer News* looks at how the Planning and Inspections Department uses mapping software to provide the public with valuable information, all just a few mouse clicks away.

Mike Osbourn, the county's E911 Planning Coordinator, is interviewed in the story which highlights the county's mapping Web site at www.ccmaps.org. The site is a clearinghouse for land-related information that has proven useful for residents, real estate professionals, bankers, developers and potential newcomers.

The posting of mapping information required by real estate agents and developers has proven so useful, in fact, that Osbourn tells the magazine the number of phone calls the county fields about such data has been reduced 60 to 70 percent.

Visitors to the site will find an extensive menu of maps, including those related to transportation projects, schools districts, bus routes, and voting districts. There is also a tutorial available to help you take full advantage of the mapping services.

"We've modified the site over time, and we try to be as responsive to the community's needs as possible," Osbourn said.

It's working. The site is getting approximately 1.7 million hits per month, Osbourn said.

To read the story in Government Computer News, go to http://gcn.com/articles/2009/08/07/nc-mapping.aspx?sc_lang=en.