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Basemap data provided by Google Maps.

Supported browsers: because HammondGIS is built on Google technology, our map application adheres to their browser support policy which reads:

“We support the latest version of Google Chrome (which [automatically updates](#) whenever it detects that a new version of the browser is available). We support the current and previous major releases of Firefox, Internet Explorer, and Safari on a rolling basis. Each time a new version is released, we begin supporting that version and stop supporting the third most recent version.

At Google, we’re committed to developing web applications that go beyond the limits of traditional software. Our engineering teams make use of new capabilities available in modern, up-to-date browsers. That’s why we [made the decision last year](#) to support only modern browsers, which also provide improved security and performance.”

If you have problems viewing the map (table of contents or title bar is cut off etc.), make sure your browser window size is maximized

How to use the map:

- HammondGIS is built on Google technology. If you are familiar with Google Maps or Google Earth then using our map should be easy for you. Just like Google Maps, you pan around by clicking and moving your mouse. You can zoom in/out by using the mouse scroll wheel.
- You are limited to having five data layers turned on at one time. If you go beyond this limit, you will get a message asking you to turn a layer off before another is displayed.
- The features on the map are ‘clickable’ – you can click on a feature to bring up more information about that point or polygon.
- If you get lost while panning and zooming, simply click on the ‘Zoom to Full Extent’ tool (see below) to bring the map back to the Hammond boundary.
- To reset the map, simply use the ‘refresh’ button on your web browser.
- Just like Google maps, you can toggle between map backgrounds using the ‘map’ and ‘satellite’ buttons.
- Some layers have legends associated with them. The legend will pop up at the bottom left of the map.

There are additional tools available on the bar at the top of the map. They are (from left to right)



Print – will send the map to your printer. **NOTE: for best results make sure your printer is set to ‘landscape’**



About this map – will open this ‘Help’ document



Create URL link –allows you to create a customized link which you can share with others. The link will take you to our map in the exact state it was in when you created the link. Your layers will be turned on and the map will be zoomed in to the same location



Measure Area – allows you to ‘walk’ around a closed area and have the map calculate the approximate area for you (in square feet, meters, miles or acres). The closer you are zoomed in, the more accurate the calculation will be



Measure Length - allows you to move two markers on the map and calculate the distance between them (in feet, meters, miles or kilometers)



Add Marker - allows you to place symbols on a map at a point that you specify by clicking your mouse



Clear Map - clears all marker symbols and turns off all layers



Zoom to Full Extent - will take your map display back to the entire boundary of Hammond



Open/Close Layer Menu – use this when you want to maximize the map view. This button turns off the Table of Contents to the right of the map and expands the map view



Search for an address – Enter a street address (don't have to include 'Hammond, IN') and the map will display a marker symbol locating that address and pop up a box displaying the latitude and longitude of that location

NOTE: all data layers are current as of August, 2013 unless otherwise noted

Data layers:

Administrative Boundaries

- **City Council** - includes boundaries and information for each of the 6 Hammond City Council Districts as well as information for the 3 at-large Council Districts.
- **City Precincts** – Provided by the Lake County Board of Elections and Voter's Registration and updated in 2015 for the General Election.
- **County Council** - Provided by the Lake County Board of Elections and Voter's Registration
- **County Commissioners** - Provided by the Lake County Board of Elections and Voter's Registration
- **Indiana House** – Provided by the Indiana Secretary of State, Election Division
- **Indiana Senate** – Provided by the Indiana Secretary of State, Election Division
- **U.S. House** – Provided by the Indiana Secretary of State, Election Division

2010 census

All demographic data provided by the U.S. Census Bureau and based on the 2010 Decennial census

- **Tracts** – general demographics summarized on the US census tract
- **Council District**– general demographics summarized on the Hammond City Council districts
- **Planning Area** - this is a geography used by our City Planning Department and represents 'neighborhoods' of the city.
- **Citywide** – general demographics for the city

NOTE: If you would like a printable version of a census map, turn the layer on and click on your feature of interest. The demographics for that feature will be displayed along with a link to a formatted map in PDF format.

Parks Department

- **Parks** – City and County Park boundaries
- **Summer Recreation** Locations
- **Sports Leagues** – point locations of where they play as well as contact info for each
- **Picnic Shelters**
- **Bikeways and Trails** – provided by the City Engineer's office, Hammond Parks Department and the Hammond Port Authority. Shows both existing and proposed routes.
- **Park Buildings**
- **Tennis Courts**
- **Skate Parks**
- **Ice Skating Rinks**
- **City Pools** – both indoor and outdoor

Zoning and Floodplain Management

- **Special Flood hazard Areas:** This layer shows the FEMA-designated SFHAs which have been updated to reflect the work the city has done since 2005 to remove as many residents as possible from the floodplain. If your home or business is within a SFHA and you have a mortgage or home loan, then you are required, by the federal government, to purchase flood insurance. If you are located outside a shaded area then you are not within a SFHA and not required by the federal government to purchase insurance; however, your lender still has the right to require that a flood insurance policy be purchased for your property. This data was provided by Christopher B. Burke Engineering in February, 2016.

For more detailed information please visit the [FEMA Map Service Center](#) or call Don Novak, the Hammond Flood Zone Manager, at 853-6318.

- **Generalized Zoning:** shows just the general categories of zoning for the city. For a more detailed breakdown of these categories, see the City's Planning Department.

Engineering Department

- **Truck Routes** – *(this layer is being finalized and should be posted by July or August, 2013)*
See the Hammond city ordinance for a complete definition of each type of route but in general:
THROUGH TRUCK ROUTES

All through trucks shall use the through truck routes exclusively in entering, going through, and leaving the city, and shall travel on no other streets or highways in the city.

LOCAL DELIVERY ROUTES

For local deliveries only

The street and lighting project data is split into two timeframes: 1992 thru 2004 and 2005 thru the present. The office changed the way they track this information and it could not be integrated easily. The data only reflects street rebuilds and does not include repaving projects.

- **Street projects 2005-2011**
- **Lighting projects 2005-2001**
- **All Projects 1992-2004**

Planning and Development

All data provided by the Hammond Planning Department.

- **Available Commercial and Industrial real estate** – The primary contact for all sites is the Hammond Planning office (219-853-6508). If the site has a secondary contact, that information can be viewed by clicking on a site location from the map. This data is updated regularly.
- **Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Homes** – the locations of formally foreclosed homes which have been purchased by the city to be rehab'ed and resold under the Federal NSP Program. See gohammond.com for more information. The date of the most current update is shown in the 'pop-up' box for each feature.
- **Redevelopment Project Areas**
- **Redevelopment Allocation Areas**
- **STIF Districts**
- **Historical Places** (Listed on the National Register of Historic Places)
- **Historical Districts** (Locally designated Historic Landmarks and Districts)

Police Department

All data provided by the Hammond Police Department

- **Police Beats**
- **Central Police Station**
- **Community Policing Areas (CPAs)**

City Services

- **Municipal Facilities**
- **Recycle Pick-up Areas** – Provided by the Hammond Recycling Department
- **Garbage Pick-up Areas** – Provided by the Hammond Sanitation Department

School City of Hammond

NOTE: this data was provided by the School City of Hammond and is being posted for reference only. Please direct all questions and feedback to them at: <http://www.hammond.k12.in.us/>

- **Elementary school boundaries**
- **Elementary schools** – point locations
- **Middle school boundaries**
- **Middle schools** – point locations
- **High School boundaries**
- **High Schools** – point locations

Points of Interest

- **Attractions**
- **Transit** – bus and train stations
- **Post Offices**
- **Government**
- **Social Services**
- **Schools**
- **Fire Stations**

Regional Bus Service

- **GPTC (Gary Public Transportation Corporation) Route through Hammond** – this layer shows the GPTC Route 12 which travels from the Gary Metro Station to Strack & Van Til's in Central Hammond. *This data was provided by GPTC and is current as of Sept., 2012. Visitors are encouraged to visit the GPTC website at <http://www.gptcbus.com/> for further information.*
- **PACE Route through Hammond** – this layer shows those portions of PACE routes 350 and 364 that connect with GPTC Route 12, for travel into Illinois' south suburban communities. *This data was provided by PACE and is current as of Sept., 2012. Visitors are encouraged to visit the PACE website at <http://pacebus.com/> for further information.*

Traffic

For our use, by Google

- **Traffic** – this layer shows the current traffic conditions on major roads and highways in Hammond and the surrounding area (green for 'clear', yellow for 'building' and red for 'stopped or slow'). According to Google's Official Blog, they use any available department of transportation data which they supplement with data acquired from a technique called 'crowdsourcing': (<http://googleblog.blogspot.com/2009/08/bright-side-of-sitting-in-traffic.html>): "If you use [Google Maps for mobile](#) with GPS enabled on your phone and you choose to enable Google Maps with [My Location](#), your phone sends anonymous bits of data back to Google describing how fast you're moving. When we combine your speed with the speed of other phones on the road, across thousands of phones moving around a city at any given time, we can get a pretty good picture of live traffic conditions. We continuously combine this data and send it back to you for free in the Google Maps traffic layers. It takes almost zero effort on your part — just turn on Google Maps for mobile before starting your car — and the more people that participate, the better the resulting traffic reports get for everybody."