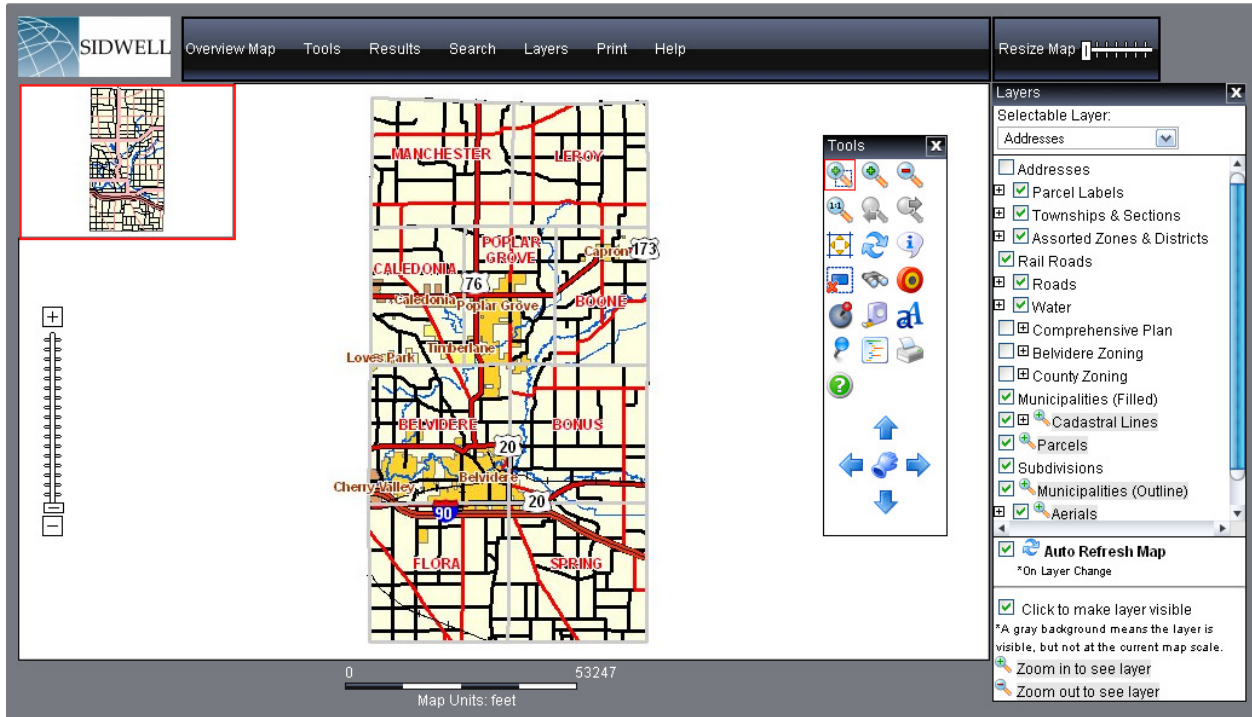


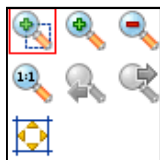
Basic Navigation & Control



Above is a picture of the Sidwell Online Map Viewer. If your screen does not look similar to this, or no map loads, please make sure your browser is up to date, and that you have the latest version of Java (www.java.com).

The Online Map Viewer can help you locate an aerial view of your property complete with lot lines and measurements, check a zoning, see what's developing or could develop in your area, or find a local park, and we're adding more all the time.


One of the most basic tasks you will want to accomplish is finding your house or property. If you know where it is, and are a good navigator, you can simply zoom in to your property using these tools -

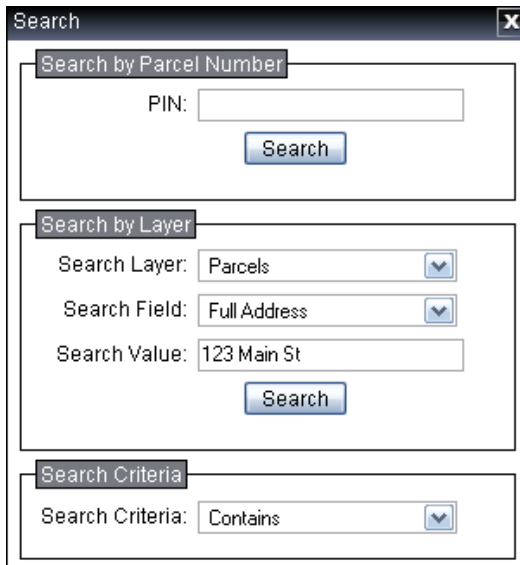


Starting from left to right, top to bottom, we have -

1. Zoom in Box - Draw a box around the area you want to zoom in to.
2. Zoom in Fixed - Click once to center and zoom in.
3. Zoom out Fixed - Click once to center and zoom out.
4. Zoom to Relative Scale. - See the Help Section for information.
5. View Back - This will take you back to the previous map extent.
6. View Forward - This will take you to the map extent you had before you went back.

To find a house or property quicker using an Address or Property ID/Tax ID/PIN -

Click the  icon in the toolbox to conduct a search. It will bring up this window -



If you wish to search by a PIN/Tax ID, simply enter it in the first text box without dashes, and click the search button directly below it.

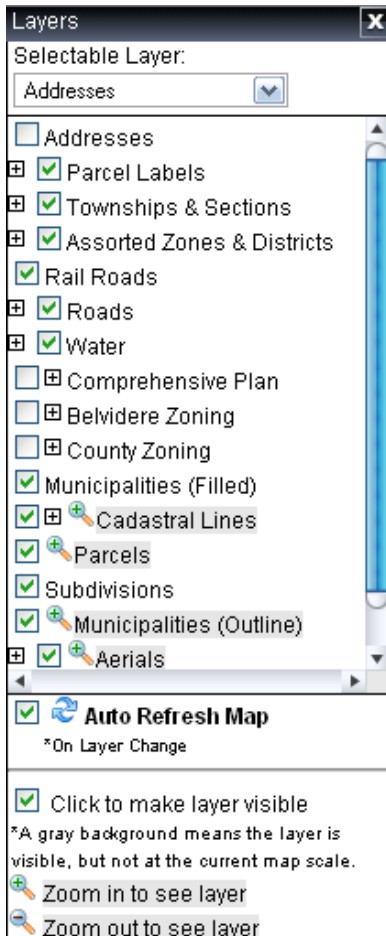
Assuming the PIN exists, the map will zoom to it, and bring up the address information for that parcel.

NOTE: Properties without address (i.e. Farm Parcels, Vacant Lots) are only locatable by PIN number, or manual locating with the zoom tool.

To search by Address, Simply type an address in the “Search Value” box. **Only Type in the first line of the Mailing Address. Do not type in City, State, or Zip.**

You may also search for a subdivision by changing the “Search Layer” drop down to read “Subdivision.” Other layers may become accessible for search over time, or if you upgrade to the

NOTE: Apartment addresses may not be locatable, depending on the addressing scheme used. manual location may be necessary.



Checking Your Zoning / Comprehensive Plan

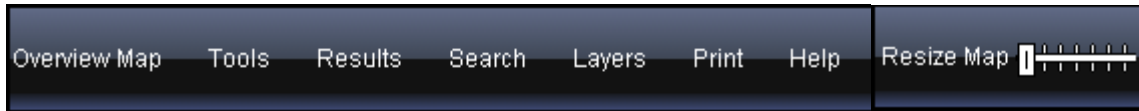
The Layers windows allows you to turn ‘layers’ on and off. A layer is a distinct set of data i.e. Zoning or Roads.

Simply checking a box will allow that layer to draw. Some layers are set to only draw when you are at an appropriate zoom level. These layers are denoted by a magnifying glass next to them.

Checking the box next to the appropriate zoning layer will draw that layer on the map. The zones are color-coded and labeled with their zoning code. Clicking the plus sign to the right of the check box will reveal the legend for that layer.

If there is a plus sign to the left of the check box, that means the layer is a ‘group layer’ and contains more layers. For example, ‘Assorted Zones & Districts’ will reveal more layers for things like School Districts and Voting Precincts. The group layer and individual layer must be turned on to see the layer on the map.

Another convenient layer is the Addresses Layer on top. Clicking this will label parcels by address. An address will only appear if it can fit in the parcel. Turning off ‘Parcel Labels’ will allow more addresses on screen.



If you accidentally close either the Tools window or the Layers window, you may bring them back by clicking the appropriate heading on the main toolbar shown above. You may also start a search (the same as clicking the binoculars icon), turn on/off the overview map, resize the map window to better fit your screen, or print your map. (Using File->Print will print everything on the screen, not just the map.)

Finally, to learn about the advanced controls, or if you need more information you can click on Help. There are easy how-to's and video tutorials to get you the rest of the information you need.

You can also call the Belvidere-Boone County Planning Department for help from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday at (815) 544-5271, or e-mail GIS@BooneCountyIL.org