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AUDITOR'S OFFICE UNDERTAKING LARGE SCALE IMAGING PROJECT
Property Photos Being Updated in Preparation for 2014 Property Reassessment

HAMILTON, Ohio – A countywide property-imaging project began on March 26 in Morgan Township and is expected to be in Oxford Township in the next few weeks.

Roger Reynolds, Butler County Auditor, has contracted Tyler Technologies, Inc. of Dayton, Ohio to provide detailed, high-resolution street level images for the county's 2014 general reassessment. Tyler Technologies field staff will photograph properties from customized white vans that will be clearly marked with signs indicating they are conducting an imaging and address verification project for the county.



The imaging crews are expected to be in the county for a total of 14 to 16 weeks. During that time they will be in constant communication with the Auditor's Office. Information concerning their routes will be provided to 911 dispatch centers.

The digital photographs will improve the quality of visual data used by Butler County appraisers during and after the reassessment, as well as assist in the verification and correction of addressing discrepancies. The photos will be helpful for emergency management recovery reports that are necessary for state and federal assistance. With recent and accurate images, the Auditor's Office will be able to further assist homeowners and business owners by providing "before" pictures if ever they need to file a property loss claim, in addition to supporting up-to-date and accurate property valuations.

The project is segmented in six phases. Phase I includes Morgan Township, Reily Township, the city of Oxford, Oxford Township and College Corner.

PROJECT GOALS AND BENEFITS:

- Validate property addresses to identify homes for fire, police, and medical emergency response
- Improve the overall quality of property tax appraisals
- Complete a property inventory of all improved parcels in the county

- Save taxpayers money by making the property tax administration process more efficient
- Assist homeowners and businesses with “before” photos in case of losses
- Enhance emergency management recovery reports necessary for state and federal assistance

Because your privacy is important, all photographs are taken from public right-of-way whenever possible. Project members are deputized to access driveways or private lanes, only when necessary to obtain an unobstructed image from the vehicle.

For further information, please contact the Auditor’s Office at 513-887-3154 or online at www.butlercountyauditor.org.