



Town of Billerica, Massachusetts

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) policies

Overview

The Town of Billerica is located 20 miles northwest of Boston and borders Lowell to the south. Incorporated in 1655, the town remained predominately agricultural until the mid-nineteenth century when a major mill complex was sited on the Concord River in North Billerica.

Currently Billerica has close to 40,000 residents. The town is within minutes of Routes 3 and 495. The town has bus and train service provided by the Lowell Regional Transit Authority and the MBTA at North Billerica. The remnants of the historic Middlesex Canal, an outmoded means of transport, traverse the town north to south. Two rivers pass through town. The Concord River is a major regional water feature while the Shawsheen River rambles through the southeastern part of town.

As the local government, the Town of Billerica provides guidance for residents, state and local officials in planning growth and development.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for the Town of Billerica

The Town of Billerica keeps pace with advancing technology in the field of GIS. The Town of Billerica has 1 fulltime staff member, a GIS Analyst (Jr. Civil Engineer), who is responsible for creating, updating and maintaining GIS data for the town and assisting other departments with maps and reports for a wide array of projects. The Assessors, Building, Conservation and other departments are involved in GIS projects and data sharing. The Town of Billerica has seven (7) ESRI's Arcview 9.2 single-use version software license.

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Costs

The Town of Billerica provides GIS data and maps for its member communities at no extra cost. State agencies and local government organizations are considered as member communities and are covered in the GIS policy. The costs shown below reflect pricing for the data or maps requested by individual residents and private organizations.

Printing costs: \$2 per square foot (revised dated March 2005)

8 1/2 x 11 size map	-	\$2 (>2 Sqft.)
11 x 17 size map	-	\$2 (02 Sqft.)
24 x 36 size map	-	\$12 (06 Sqft.)
36 x 48 size map	-	\$24 (12 Sqft.)

Data costs:

Data produced and developed by TOB	-	\$5 per Mega byte (no extra costs for CD writing)
Data acquired by other agencies	-	FREE (extra costs for CD writing)
CD writing costs:	-	\$5 per CD (including CD)

GIS Services available @ \$50 per hour and will be reduced depending upon the size of the project. Call 978-691-1302 to get an estimated quote.

For more information visit www.billericadpw.org/gis.asp