

Bringing Real Property Information Directly to Taxpayers

Cattaraugus County

In February 2003, Cattaraugus County Real Property Tax Services with the help of the Information Services Department launched a new assessment software system known as Version 4 (V4) utilizing a Citrix Server, which is a web-based remote, password driven server. The server enables each Town's assessor to access and work on their assessment file from any web browser in a secured environment.

This technology allows each Town to have the ability to view all other Town assessment records promoting collaboration and uniformity amongst the assessors. In addition to collaboration it allows Cattaraugus County Real Property Tax to have updated – real time assessment information which we merge into an on-line property information/ interactive parcel map website which was developed by our GIS coordinator, Daniel Martonis, using LGRMIF grant money and contracting with System Development Group Inc. (SDG) located in Utica, NY.

Our website (www.cattco.org/real_property) provides the following information:

- 1) Ownership
- 2) Assessment information
- 3) Site inventory
- 4) Comparable Property Report
- 5) Deed history
- 6) Surveys
- 7) Aerial imagery
- 8) Parcel boundaries
- 9) Floodplains
- 10) Wetlands
- 11) Soils
- 12) Elevation

Other information found on this site includes:

- 1) Town and County Tax rates

- 2) Village and School Tax rates
- 3) Tax Collectors names and phone numbers
- 4) Equalization rates
- 5) Assessors names and phone numbers

In July 2005 we were honored with a visit from the NYS Division of Budget to discuss how our website was developed and the easy access we have given to the data via the internet to taxpayers, municipalities, and the general public in a cost effective manner. This meeting helped NYS develop the criteria for their new technology grant program recently released.

This vast information that is readily available is accessed in excess of 300 hits per day from many locations both locally and internationally.

Cattaraugus County is proud to be on the cutting edge of technology, which has benefited the taxpayers we represent. 🏠

