

Howard County 2012 Edition

The Maryland Department of Planning has assembled this DVD to assist *MdProperty View*, *FINDER Quantum* and *FINDER Online* Subscribers in accessing digital Real Property (tax) maps and Parcel data, searching for parcel locations countywide and performing more sophisticated analyses. Both the DVD product and the online product include the State's computerized property (tax) maps; Parcel and Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) datasets and a start-up Sale dataset; and the x,y linkages (point or polygon) to the datasets.

From within each Parcel or Sale dataset record, you can link directly to the current parcel information via the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) Real Property Search website and view the tax map where the parcel is located. For *MdProperty View* Subscribers, MDP's custom ArcGIS map document file (mxd) enables you to view and analyze data in conjunction with a wide range of other map and data layers including layers accessed via the MDiMAP portal. For *FINDER Quantum* Subscribers, the **free** Quantum GIS software and custom project file included on the product DVD perform this function, while *FINDER Online* Subscribers have access to a range of online tools and map display options.

For Howard County, the 50 property maps are current as of June 2012, the information contained in the Parcel dataset is current as of early May 2014 and the start-up Sale dataset included on the DVD is for the 12-month period ending May 2014. **Limited street address cleanup was performed on Howard County.** Howard County has a population of 304,580 people (July 1, 2013 Census estimate) and contains 103,773 properties.

The jurisdiction is located midway between Baltimore City and Washington, DC and is bounded by Montgomery County to the west, Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties to the south, Baltimore County to the east and Carroll and Frederick counties to the north. The datasets contain a parcel record location point in x,y coordinates (NAD83 meters) – the vast majority of properties, 101,476 parcels (97.79%), were located by the subdivision lot or parcel number as shown on the property maps.



Howard County *MdProperty View*, *FINDER Quantum* and *FINDER Online* also contain reference grids including a grid for the property (tax) maps, an ADC map book grid, a grid for the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) road, stream and feature maps and a grid for USGS 7.5' Topographical quad maps; and additional SHA files including a digital centerline roads file, data derived from SHA digital grid maps, an SHA major roads file and a county boundary file.

Other map layers included are land use/land cover data; congressional and legislative district boundary files; census geography and census demographic data; ZIP code boundary files; Priority Funding Area (PFA) designations; protected lands boundaries; watershed data; generalized zoning designations; sewer service area boundaries; and large-scale, high resolution color digital-ortho imagery. Included in *MdProperty View* and *FINDER Quantum* only are floodplain data including DFIRM data for selected jurisdictions, public water service area boundaries for selected jurisdictions, National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Maryland coverage and residential Sales x,y point and summary files derived from SDAT Parcel and Sale data.



For additional information about *MdProperty View*, *FINDER Quantum* or *FINDER Online*, call (410) 767-4420 or visit MDP's Property Map Products website at:

<http://planning.maryland.gov/OurProducts/PropertyMapProducts/PropertyMapProducts.shtml>