

RESOURCES THAT MAY HELP YOU FIND OUT WHO MAY BE LIVING/OPERATING IN A SEGMENT

In the absence of being able knock on everyone's door who lives in the segment, some online resources can help you determine who may be where. Here are some of the ones that Regional Field Office Staff found most useful in obtaining names of people to contact during Pre-Prescreening Activities which took place in January.

- **AcreValue:** (www.acrevalue.com). This website was set up for farmers, land professionals, and landowners to research agricultural land. With the most comprehensive set of farmland data in one easy-to-use site, AcreValue provides a fast way to research land, identify owners, and find current valuations. Unfortunately, the free accounts no longer allow for access to the landowner names. If you need this service, please reach out to your supervisor.
- **Google Maps** (maps.google.com). This can help find addresses of buildings and properties not included in AcreValue. Google maps can also help screen out commercial and other obvious non-ag areas from others in a segment. Views can be changed to look at either a map or an aerial photo.
- **Google Street View:** This is connected to Google Maps. For some areas, you have the ability to look at particular areas from the perspective of someone driving on the street rather than just the aerial view. This can allow you to look more closely at buildings, driveways, signage, and other landmarks. Between Google Street View and Google Maps, you may be able to narrow down properties to particular street addresses
- **Reverse Address Search Sites:** The most common ones that are easy to use are 411.com, USPhoneBook.com, and whitepages.com. Although these may not be entirely accurate, they can be helpful in looking up addresses and phone numbers for some of the residents.
- **Voter Record Websites** (voterrecords.com): This may be most helpful in Ohio. This website helps to identify names and addresses of registered voters, but you don't necessarily need to know the exact address. Entering a street name and city or township name can get you the list of all of the registered voters and addresses on the street. This, in combination with some of the mapping tools, can be an excellent resource to identify who lives where.
- **County GIS Sites:** Unfortunately, there isn't just one website that you can go to, and every county seems to do something a little bit differently. What might be recommended is to do a Google search for "[county name] gis" or "[county name] parcel viewer" and the site you are looking for should be within the top few results. Most counties appear to have them, but they can be a little clunky. They do have ownership information for every parcel, so it can help with some of the gaps provided on AcreValue.
- **Property Search Sites:** If you have a specific address to look up and don't need the map, you can also conduct a Google search for "[county name] property search". Most counties will have a website where you can just search an address to get the ownership information. Common websites for this are bsaonline.com and beacon.schneidercorp.com, but searching for the "[county name] property search" on Google may be a faster way to get you to the correct place. Some County Assessor's Offices also have similar websites.

The Regional Office also has access to some other powerful non-public resources that could be helpful in tracking someone down. If all else fails, you can check with the regional office.