Welcome to Botetourt County Virginia’s GIS site!

Whether you are contemplating the relocation of your residence, seeking data related to real estate, demographics, and other commercial interests, or just browsing; Welcome!

In the next few pages, we’ll explore the basics of our GIS site. From School Districts, Parks and Recreation, and Emergency Management Services, to Land Records, Transportation, and Infrastructure information, it’s all here!
Settings and Tools
Get familiar with the settings and tools before you begin!

Layers: Layers show certain map features when selected.

By default, Parcels, Sub lots, and E911 Addresses are shown.

To see other Layers, click the box marked with a + sign to expand each list, then from the list of available options, check each layer you wish to see. You may do this for each layer and option you wish. Just remember that each layer you add will increase the amount of information displayed, and things could get a little confusing! It might be better to experiment with layers and then select the ones you actually want when you do a formal search.

Legend

Legends distinguish the various features on the map. These help clarify things like types of roads, bodies of water, boundaries, etc. on the map.

The Legends displayed may change depending on what you are viewing.

Remember, you can always refresh the page to start over, so don’t hesitate to experiment.

Let’s get started!
Basic Parcel Search *(maximize your browser window for best results)*

- If you wish to search using the Parcel ID, enter it in the Parcel ID box. Press Enter key.
- If you wish to search by name, enter the name in the Owner Name box. Press Enter key.
- If you wish to search a specific location, enter the area in the Parcel Location box. Press Enter key.

The results of your search will appear at the bottom of the page, in Table format. Scroll through until you find the result you are seeking, then click on the record that you are interested in and the map will focus on the property and the parcel information box will appear.

*Example 1: Searching by Owner Name*

1. At the home page, click on the layers tab (as shown on page 2) and ensure that Parcels, Sub-lots, and E911 Addresses are selected. Also select Structures.

2. Click the magnifying glass icon, then enter Botetourt County School Board into the Owner Name field, and press the Enter key. The following should be displayed: (screen shown is not actual size)
Click the first row in the Results box.

The map will change to show the parcel for Lord Botetourt High School, with corresponding information in the Details box.
**Example 2: Searching by Parcel Location**

1. At the home page, click on the layers tab (as shown on page 2) and ensure that Parcels, Sub-lots, and E911 Addresses are selected. Also select Structures.

2. Click the magnifying glass icon, then enter 21 ACADEMY ST in the Parcel Location field, and press the Enter key. The following should be displayed: (screen shown is not actual size).

3. Click on the only row in the Results box.

You may also search by Parcel ID. This method is more technical in nature and less-often used. However, if you have the Parcel ID, simply follow the instructions above using Parcel ID!
**Identify Adjoining Parcels**

You might want to see what parcels are near a parcel that you are interested in. In that case, you can use the “Identify Adjoining Parcels” option in your search. Simply enter your search criteria per example 1 or 2, the click the “Identify Adjoining Parcels” near the top of the Details box.

The information will be displayed in the Results box. Click on a row to view the Parcel information in the Details box.
Other Features

At the home page, you may use your mouse wheel to zoom in and out of the map, as well as click-and-hold to drag the map in all directions. As you zoom in, you will notice that individual parcels become visible. If you click on a parcel, its information will display in the Details box. This is a good way to explore Botetourt County even if you don’t know your way around!

Land Cards

Refer to the example on page 5 to find Fincastle Library. Then click the Current Land Card link to display the Real estate Property Record Card. This provides various information about the property. Please note that the records’ content will vary depending on parcel type.

View in Google Maps

In the Details box, click “View in Google Maps” to open to an aerial view of the parcel.
Tool Navigation—Layers/Legend

You may notice that once you enter your search criteria and press Enter, the Layers/Legend menu disappears. To make it visible again, click on the menu bars. Click again to hide.

Tool Navigation—Results Grid

You may also have noticed that once you have entered your search criteria and see the parcels in Results grid and clicked on one, the results disappear. To make them visible again, click the Results tab.

Tool Navigation—Location

If you wish to show your current physical location on the map, click the Find my location “compass”. This will mark your approximate location.