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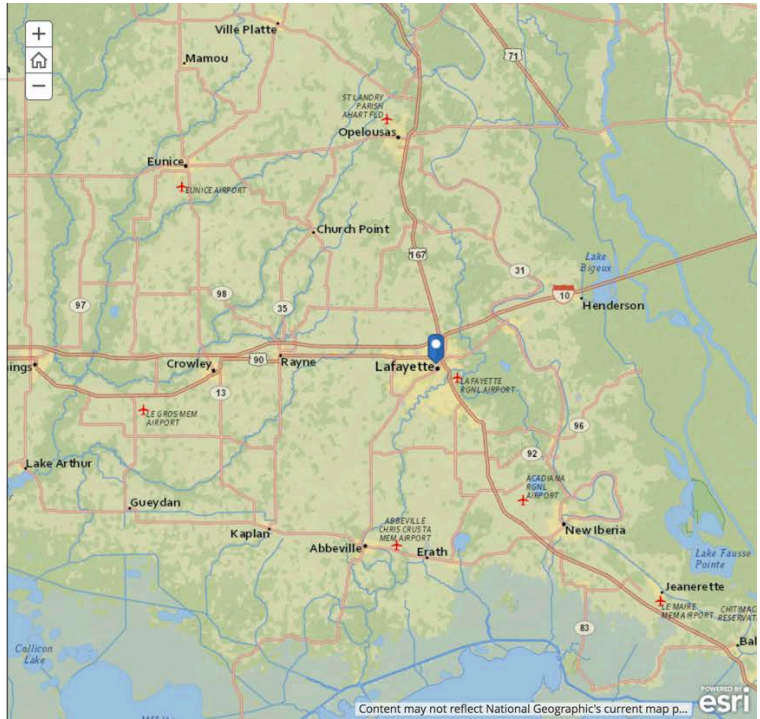
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Artie Robinson: Client Relations Manager, BHA

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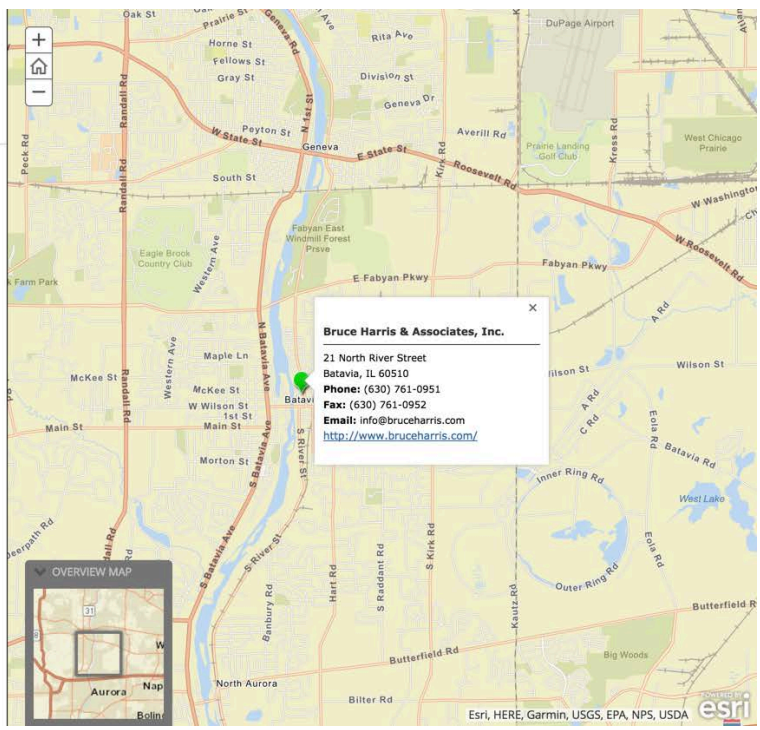
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## Conrad T. Comeaux, Lafayette Parish Assessor

Elected as the Lafayette Parish Assessor on October 21, 1999, his four-year term began on January 1, 2001. He is currently serving another four-year term which began January 1, 2009.

Mr. Comeaux is committed to bringing the most up to date technological advances to the Assessor's office. Digital mapping and advanced computer assisted mass appraisal systems are his top priorities and he has made some major advances in reaching these goals. Technology will allow the Assessor's office to determine the most accurate and fair property assessments.

Mr. Comeaux, a native of Scott, Louisiana, graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette, LA with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry. He later earned his Master of Business Administration from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and a Master of Health Administration from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA.


Mr. Comeaux's diverse work experience includes hospital administration, insurance sales, and owning an oilfield rental tool company.

He is not new to government. Prior to being elected to the Assessor's office, Mr. Comeaux served from 1984 - 1996 as a member of the Lafayette Parish Council.

As well as being an elected official, Mr. Comeaux has been very involved in community and business organizations. Currently, he is a member of the LA Assessor's Association, the International Association of Assessor's Offices, the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association, and the Performing Arts Society of Acadiana.

He is a past member of the Health Sub-Committee of the National Association of Counties, past board member of Goodwill of Acadiana and the Lafayette Chapter of the American Red Cross, past president of Lafayette Junior Achievement, and past board member of the Scott Jaycees.

Mr. Comeaux is married to Jackie Lyle and they have three children - Crawford, Caroline and Candace.





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**Item of Interest**  
 The delay between the election and the beginning of Mr. Comeaux's term is due to the change to the Louisiana State Constitution in 1975. Prior to the change, elections for Sheriffs, Clerks of Court and Assessors were held in the spring, with the general election usually held in May.

The victorious Sheriffs and Clerks would then take office on July 1st. Assessors, however, were required to wait until the tax assessment processes for that year were complete. Completion is December 31st.

In the Constitution, the elections for these offices were changed to coincide with the election of statewide officials during the preceding fall. Making a change in the starting dates for their terms was unfortunately not addressed in the constitutional revision process, thus causing the long delay between the

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**We're here to serve you!**  
 Information on property valuations, tax calculations and available property tax exemptions are here at your fingertips, and we always welcome you to [contact us](#) with any questions or concerns you have.

**Search our data**  
 You may [search our database](#) by either street address or assessment number for detailed information about valuations and tax assessments.

**Property Tax Information**  
 Our [Tax Estimator](#) gives an unofficial estimate of taxes for property you own or wish more information about. You may also view a [sample tax calculation](#).

**Visit our offices**  
 Our staff is available from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, except for holidays and public necessity, to answer your questions. Our office is located at 1010 Lafayette St., Suite 402, in Lafayette, Louisiana, across from the Lafayette Parish Courthouse. You'll find maps and directions on our [contact page](#).

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- Install for Windows
- Install for Macintosh

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### Compatible Operating Systems and Browsers



Operating System****	IE 11	IE 10	IE 9	IE 8	IE 7	Firefox 38.x.x****	Firefox 42.0.x, 43.0.x****	Safari 6.x.x****	Chrome**	
Windows 10***	10/12/2021*	-	-	-	-	09/31/2016	12/31/2016	-	09/30/2015	
Windows Server 2012 R2***	10/12/2021*	* Supports 64-bit mode								

\*\* Chrome is no longer supported, due to restrictions in the browser.

\*\*\* Silverlight is not available in the Microsoft Edge browser, but is supported in Internet Explorer.

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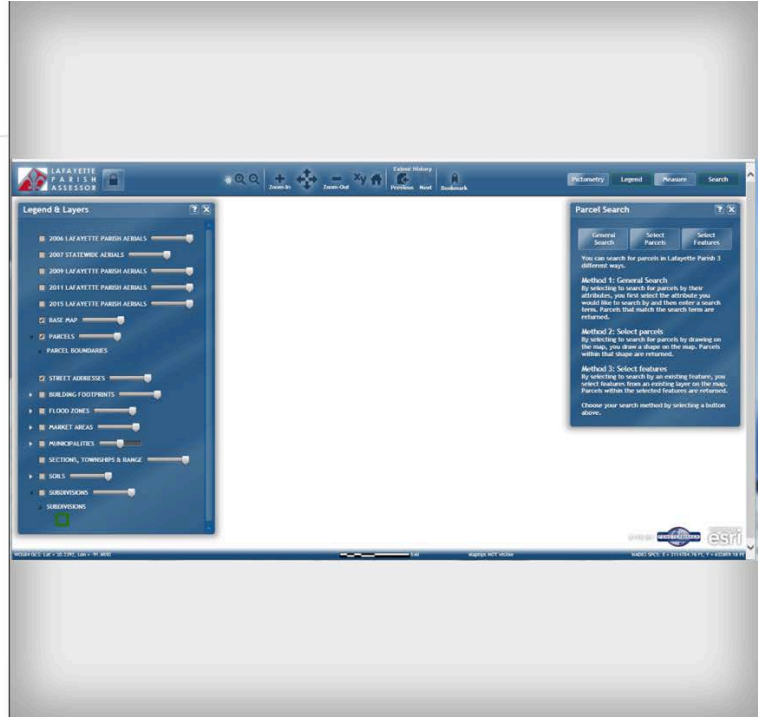
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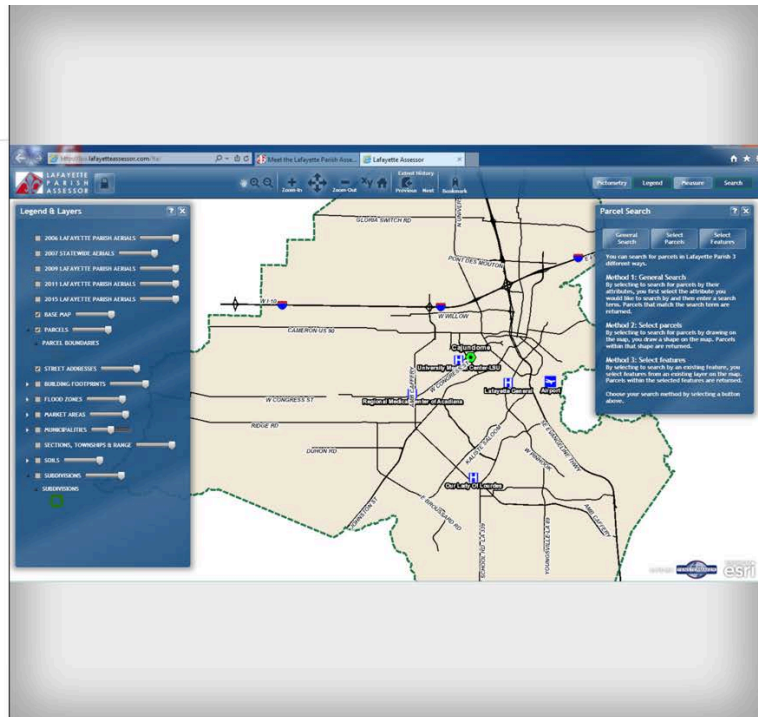
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## NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT

SUBMITTED TO:  
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SUBMITTED BY:  
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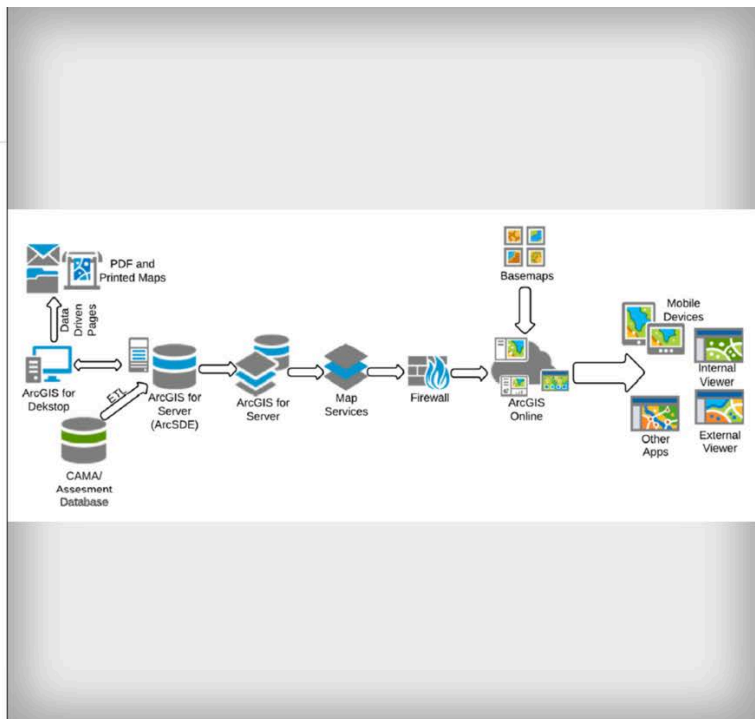
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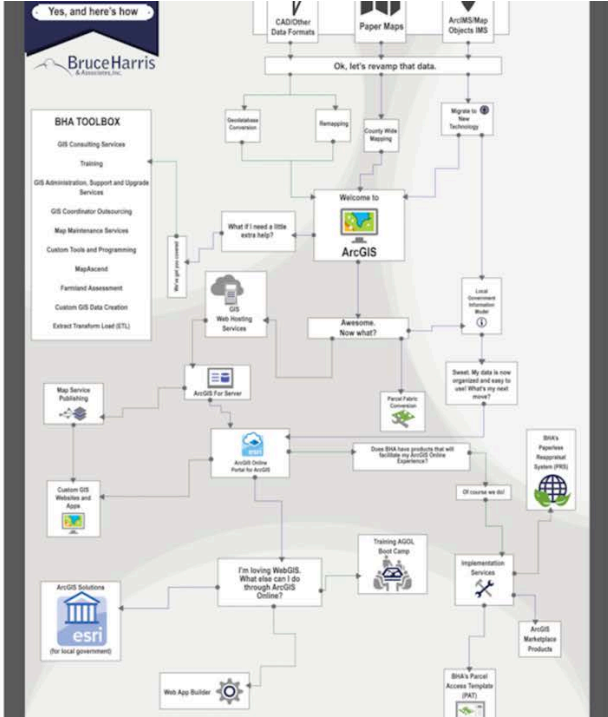
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