Center For Neighborhoods
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Knowledge Is Power: Online Resources

The following websites are excellent resources for gathering information as you plan your project, or work to create positive change in your neighborhood.
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http://centerforneighborhoods.org/knowledge-is-power

Websites to know:

Neighborhood Mapping & Data Resource Center
https://neighborhood-mapping-data-resource-center-1-cfn.hub.arcgis.com/ - Access interactive maps thoughtfully crafted with local and timely data. Available to citizens, community leaders and nonprofits, this resource is for anyone interested in powering up their knowledge of neighborhood initiatives that reinforce a healthy community and support a higher quality of life in Louisville neighborhoods. A one-stop-shop for regional data and information resources.

Metro Louisville Website
http://louisvilleky.gov – connects you to services and information from your city government, including the Mayor's Homepage, Metro Council information, Metro departments and agencies, Metro TV and newsroom, maps, Metro 311, construction permit information, event permitting and more.

Codes and Regulations
https://aca-louisville.accela.com/ljcmg/Default.aspx - New portal for accessing all things related to permitting, licensing, code enforcement, public works, and more!

Metro 311
https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metro311 -It's the place where you can request a service, offer a suggestion, ask a question, share an opinion, or register a complaint relating to city services and events.

Subscription to all things Metro
https://louisvilleky.gov/government/city/subscribe-follow-stay-informed – Subscribe to Metro Government emails (Metro Council, Planning and Design, Special Events, etc.).

Louisville Checkbook
https://louisvillecheckbook.louisvilleky.gov/agencysearch/AgencyHome.aspx - Your source for seeing how the city spends your money. Information is updated weekly. To start your search, click any of the search categories, such as Agency. For search tips, definitions and answers to Frequently Asked Questions, click the FAQ tab. Louisville Checkbook includes city spending within our existing system using accounting categories. Like your checkbook, this system does not always include a detailed explanation of each expenditure, so take that into consideration in making interpretations.

Office of Performance Innovation and Improvement (OPI)
https://opi.lsvll.io/- Performance evaluation statistics of Metro Government departments.

Vacant and Public Properties Administration (VPPA) & Community Development
VPPA - https://louisvilleky.gov/government/community-development
VPPA Community Development online resource center - https://louisvilleky.gov/government/community-development/resource-center - This website is a one-stop-shop for citizens to learn about the programs and resources available through Metro to prevent abandonment; ensure that properties are maintained according to Code via enforcement tools; to support property redevelopment through acquisition and sale of properties.
Land Bank Authority - https://louisville-ky-publicity.tolemi.com/ - acquires, manages and sells distressed properties and vacant unimproved parcels to responsible developers who can affect increased property values and stimulate the tax base. Key advantages of the Landbank Authority include merging property tax liens and other miscellaneous liens with title and extinguishing them to benefit subsequent buyers.

Legistar
https://louisville.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx/- The Louisville Metro Agenda and Meeting Portal host the Metro Government Boards and Commissions Calendar, with links to videos, meeting minutes, and documents related to past meetings.

Louisville Metro Open Data Portal
https://data.louisvilleky.gov/ - This open data portal provides anytime access to the latest city-data.
Visit https://data.louisvilleky.gov/how-use-site for tips on how to get started.
Civic Innovation & Technology - Citizen Services - https://louisvilleky.gov/government/civic-innovation-and-technology/citizen-services/ - landing page for connecting to Louisville Metro's Smart City Initiatives

Louisville/Jefferson County Information Consortium (LOJIC)
http://www.lojic.org - Multi-agency effort to build and maintain a comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) to serve all of Louisville Metro, Kentucky. Online maps which feature:
 Property Lines
Streams, wetlands, flood-prone areas
Zoning
Streets, bike routes
Historic Districts
Parks
TARC Routes
Subdivisions
Utilities
City/Municipal Boundaries
Planning Districts

Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator
http://jeffersonpva.ky.gov – The PVA's mission is to assess all property equitably, maintain accurate parcel information and provide outstanding customer service. Largest PVA office in Kentucky. Duties and tasks of the PVA include appraisal of all real estate in the county for listing on the property assessment roll, tracking ownership changes, maintaining maps, updating building characteristics, and administering proper exemptions for real property. This is a subscription-based service that can be accessed free of charge at any Louisville Free Public Library branch (library card required).

Jefferson County Clerk
http://www.jeffersoncountyclerk.org – Provides online access to land records, delinquent property tax records, and other legal documents, as well as motor vehicle registration and voter information.
search.jeffersondeeds.com - Deed Room

Jefferson Circuit Court Commissioner's Office
http://www.jeffcomm.org – Provides information about court sales of foreclosure properties, including results of past sales.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
http://www.jcsoky.org – Primary property tax collector in Jefferson County. Other services available online include sex offender search, process paper search, and community services information

CrimeMapping.com
https://www.crimemapping.com/map - Online tool that helps LMPD provide the public with valuable information about recent crime activity in their neighborhood. Its goal is to assist police departments in reducing crime through a better-informed citizenry. Creating more self-reliance among community members is a great benefit to community-oriented policing efforts everywhere and has been proven effective in combating crime.

Kentucky Secretary of State
https://sos.ky.gov/Pages/default.aspx – Provides numerous online services and forms with access to information about:

Business Records - issues certificates of existence, authorization, and certified copies of the original document on file with the Secretary of State.

Business Filings - administers the incorporation of businesses, both domestic and foreign, profit and nonprofit, including the administration of documents of merger, dissolution, name changes, and certain stock matters. This office is entrusted with filing, maintaining, and preserving certain historically significant documents and public records of the Commonwealth. These records include organizational documents for more than 100,000 corporations doing business in Kentucky and trademarks and service marks.

Elections - As Chairman of the State Board of Elections, the Secretary is responsible, along with members of the state board, for: maintaining a complete roster of all qualified registered voters within the state by county and precinct; furnishing each county clerk with a master list of all registered voters in the county; maintaining all information furnished to the state board regarding the inclusion or deletion of names from the voting roster. Also, the Secretary of State is the filing official for: candidates seeking statewide office or an office to be voted for by the electors of more than one county; members of Congress; members of the General Assembly and all judicial candidates.

State Land Office - the place of record for all land grants, warrants, surveys, and other similar transactions.

In addition, the Secretary of State is the keeper of the Seal of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and maintains records of all official acts of the Governor as well as all legislation passed by the General Assembly, appoints notaries' public, and in cooperation with the Office of the Governor, issues Kentucky Colonel Commissions.

US Census, American Fact Finder
https://data.census.gov/cedsci/ (**previously**: http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/index.xhtml) - A source for population, housing, economic, and geographic information. American FactFinder come from several censuses and surveys.

Guidestar
http://www2.guidestar.org – A public charity website that provides nonprofit information to a broad audience at no cost. They gather and publicize information about nonprofit organizations to facilitate connections and support, and provide access to IRS Form 990 filed by 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations.

Walk Score
https://www.walkscore.com/ - Walk Score's mission is to promote walkable neighborhoods. Walkable neighborhoods are one of the simplest and best solutions for the environment, our health, and our economy. Enter your address to find walkability information about your neighborhood.