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Upper Merion Township Launches Interactive GIS-based Mapping System To Keep Citizens Informed on Public Works Operations

KING OF PRUSSIA, PA (January 5, 2017) – In an effort to keep residents better informed about public works operations, Upper Merion Township is launching a web portal that will provide vital information to the public via an interactive GIS-based mapping system. This portal, called TRAIRS, will show exactly when and where leaf removal, street sweeping, and snow removal has occurred in the township.

TRAIRS uses GPS devices installed on township vehicles to track real-time information related to public works activities. The information from the GPS devices is transferred back to the system, and will be updated on the public map every 15 minutes.

The most important use of this technology will be during snow events. Residents can log on to the portal via the township website and see an interactive map of snow emergency routes. Once the snow stops and the township begins final clean-up mode, only then will the map reflect which roads have been plowed: green roads have been cleared, light grey roads are still to be completely cleared. Residents can search by address to see the times the streets were plowed. The system will also show road closures and detour routes related to weather events.

“TRAIRS will provide another layer of transparency for our residents that hasn’t been available until recently,” said Supervisor Chair Bill Jenaway. “Real-time tracking will not only bring more efficiency to Public Works operations, but also provide residents with better information to hopefully alleviate some of the concerns associated with storm cleanup.”

The public portal and a brief instructional video on how to navigate it are available on the township website. **Data will not begin to show until a storm event has passed and the crews are in final clean-up mode.**

Access the public portal [here](#). Access the informational video on how to use it [here](#).

For more information, contact Allison Pimm, Chief Public Information Officer, at 610-205-8544 or apimm@umtownship.org. View the portal at www.umtownship.org.