

UPDATING ADDRESS APPS

Notify GPS databases about address changes

If your township changes one or more addresses, you should notify the seven GPS databases that are used for navigation online and in smartphone apps. Following are the directions for making changes in each database, courtesy of Kristy Deischer-Eddy of Honey Brook Township in Chester County.

Google Maps

- 1) Download Google Earth if you don't already have it (earth.google.com).
- 2) Log in with your Google ID.
- 3) Drop a pin on the map at the location of the address change.
- 4) Report the error by clicking on "Feedback" in the menu.
- 5) Write down the coordinates of the new address for use in the other databases. To get the coordinates, click on the up arrow in the top left corner of the information box for the pin.

Apple Maps

- 1) Go to mapsconnect.apple.com.
- 2) Create an account or log in if you already have one.
- 3) To report anything other than your municipality's location and attributes, you will need to use an iPhone. As of March 2018, such changes are no longer reportable from computers.

Garmin

- 1) Go to my.garmin.com/maperrors/report.faces.
- 2) Click on "No device - map only" in reply to "What device are you using?"
- 3) Choose "United States."
- 4) Click in the "Search Garmin.com" field at the upper right and type in "map errors."
- 5) Choose Garmin HuntView™ Maps under "Select map product."
- 6) Click on "See a list of known map errors."
- 7) Click on "Report a map error to us." You can enter the coordinates from Google Earth, provide a narrative of error details, and upload documentation, such as a PDF of your county map of the area.
- 8) Fill in all the fields.

HERE Maps (used by Android and Windows, Bing, Yahoo Maps, Nokia, Garmin, BMW, and Toyota)

- 1) Go to mapcreator.here.com.
- 2) Join Map Creator or log in if you already have an account.
- 3) Click on "Start Editing."

- 4) In the "Find an area to edit" field, type in the township name.

5) Click on a road to modify it. The right side of the screen will show options to add a road, add a place, or turn on house numbers. The latter will show you where the number has been mapped. Drag to move it to the correct place.

- 6) Click on a business icon to modify it.

Open StreetMap

 (used by MapQuest)

- 1) Go to www.openstreetmap.org/login.
- 2) Create an account or log in if you already have one.
- 3) Click on "Edit" in the upper left corner. This allows you to add streets, remove sections of streets, and add notes to the map for any changes.
- 4) Click on "Add note to map" on the right.

TomTom

 (used by TomTom and Apple)

- 1) Go to www.tomtom.com/mapshare/tools.
- 2) Create an account or log in if you already have one.
- 3) Click on "Routes and Traffic" at the bottom of the screen and then "Report a map change."
- 4) Choose what to report from the menu on the left side of the screen.
- 5) Click on "Find a location" on the right side of the screen.

Waze

- 1) Download the Waze app to your smartphone at www.waze.com.
- 2) Create an account or log in if you already have one.
- 3) Go to "Help Center" and choose "Fix a Map Issue."
- 4) Watch the tutorial on the app for other tips.

