

Instructions For Viewing Dakota County's USNG Maps Online

Go this web site: <http://gis.co.dakota.mn.us/website/dakotagnetgis/>

Once you are in the application (DCGIS) you get to the maps by turning on the appropriate layer, zooming in to your area of interest, and using the “**Identify Features**” tool (“i”) on the application toolbar.

Here are the steps to do that:

1. Find the layer by clicking on the "**Layers**" tab on the right side of the screen. You should see a scrolling list of folders.
2. Find the folder called "**Base Map**" and click on it to open it and display a list of layers.
3. The USNG maps are called "**Neighborhood Maps (1K)**", "**Topo Maps (10K)**", and "**Topo Maps (quarter-quad)**". Click the checkbox next to each layer. If the checkbox is grayed out, you need to zoom in on the map display to see them.
4. Use the "**Zoom in**" tool to click or drag a box on the map and zoom in until the map outlines and names appear.
5. Select the “**Identify Features**” tool and click on the map display. On the right panel you will get a scrolling list of things that were under the cursor when you clicked.
6. Scroll down that list until you see the layer names corresponding to the USNG maps with the map name below it (e.g. Farmington, VK85, 15TVK8354).
7. Click on the map name to open the information associated with it.
8. Click on the "**View Map**" hyperlink to see the map. The map should appear in a separate browser window using Adobe Acrobat Reader. If it doesn't work, you may need to download the free Acrobat Reader extension. You can get that if you need it at:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>