Frequently Asked Questions
About COI mapping in Districtr

How can other people (e.g., neighbors) add to my map?
Send them the link you made when you clicked “Save” on Districtr. When they add to it, it will re-save with a new URL that they can share in turn.

I made a mistake. How can I fix it?
If you’re in the original browser session, simply use the undo, erase, and delete tools. When you’re satisfied, hit “Update.” If you’re working in a different browser session (say, a week later), the only difference is that a new URL will be generated: remember to share the new one!

Can COIs overlap?
Yes.

How many communities can be on a map?
The technical limit is 250 per Districtr COI map. However, what makes these maps and descriptions meaningful is that they reflect communities you have personal experience with. Don’t try to map your whole state!

What if my COI doesn’t line up with block group or precinct boundaries?
That’s okay. For the most part, you’ll want to fill in block groups or precincts that include even a small part of your community. You can then use the description field or add an Important Place to note the edge of your community, e.g., “extends as far east as Broadway.” It’s better to be inclusive because sometimes, when drawing districts, mapmakers will split precincts to balance population. If a mapmaker knows that your community includes a specific part of a precinct or block group, they can better take this into account if they need to split a unit.

Is there a way to look at more data than is shown on the map?
Yes! We can work with you to customize a module or set up a new one.

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