

Adding a Community of Interest to MyDistricting

You live in one district and your neighbors across the street are in another. But all of you are interested in the same thing; it might be a community park, it might be recognition for a community member, or it might be a community of shared ancestry. You might want to create a community of interest to express your shared identity.

What is a community of interest?

Communities of interest are used to help stakeholders understand local interest in preserving areas within a district. A community of interest can be a subdivision, a city, a neighborhood, or any geographic area defined and submitted for consideration.

What are some examples of communities of interest?

- A neighborhood organizing to have a library built in their area
- Residents who have been working together to restore their neighborhood after a natural disaster
- An ethnic group advocating for special recognition of their cultural holidays
- Community members in an area trying to keep their neighborhood from becoming a food desert
- Neighbors who want to close a nearby health hazard

How do I create a community of interest?

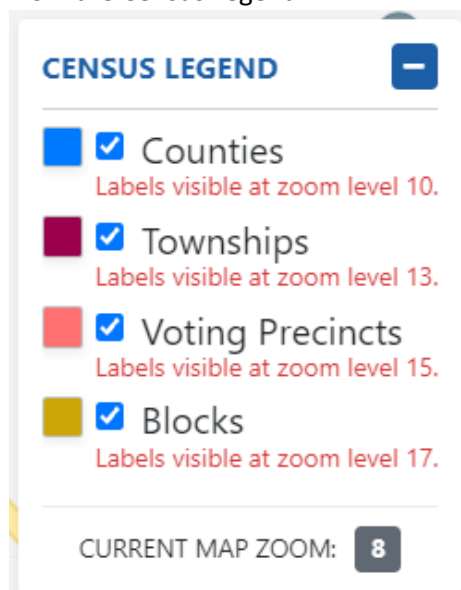
MyDistricting has provided a web-based application for submitting suggested communities of interest. Each submission is verified by email. You can submit multiple communities of interest. Each will have to be separately verified. It should be noted that sometimes the process of balancing population in a district along with other demographic issues may result in splits even if a community of interest is known.

Where do I start with creating a community of interest?

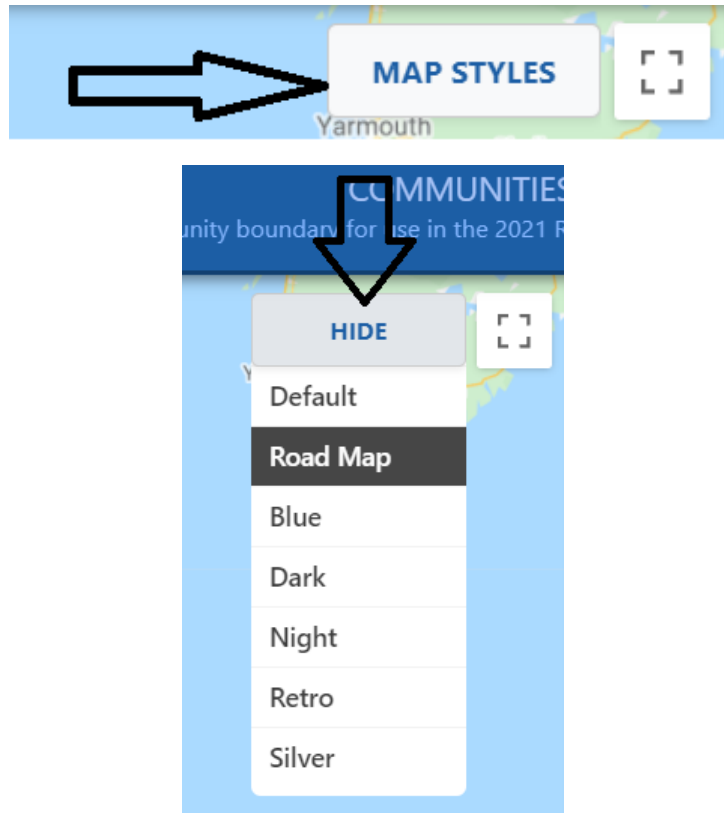
1. Log onto the website https://app.mydistricting.com/legdistricting/rhode_island/community.
2. Watch the video in the upper right corner titled SHOW ME HOW.



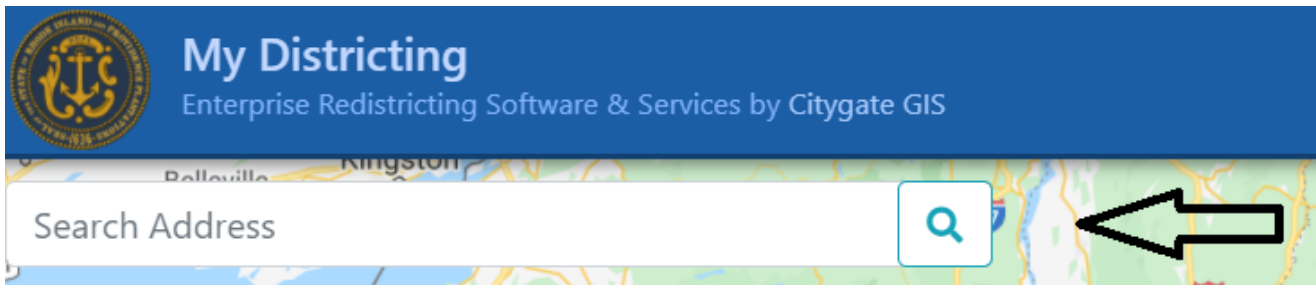
3. The Community of Interest tool uses Google Maps.
4. Data layers can be turned on and off from the Census Legend.



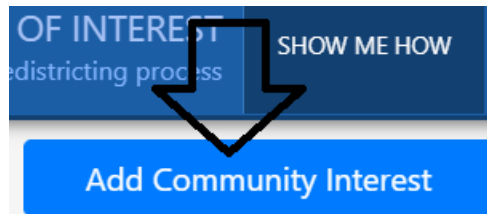
5. Multiple base map options are provided. Play around with them to see which you prefer. Once you have selected your base map, click the button again to hide the drop-down menu.



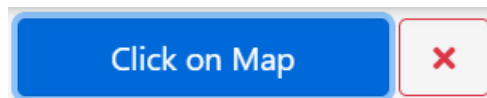
6. Zoom in or search to find your address.



7. To add your community, click the Add to Community of Interest button.



8. Next it says to Click on Map.



9. Place your cursor at the first intersection and click once. Then, draw your shape, clicking along each turn of the line. When you get to the end, double click to close your shape.



10. A popup box will occur. Fill it in with your information.

Community Of Interest ×

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Description

Your fullname

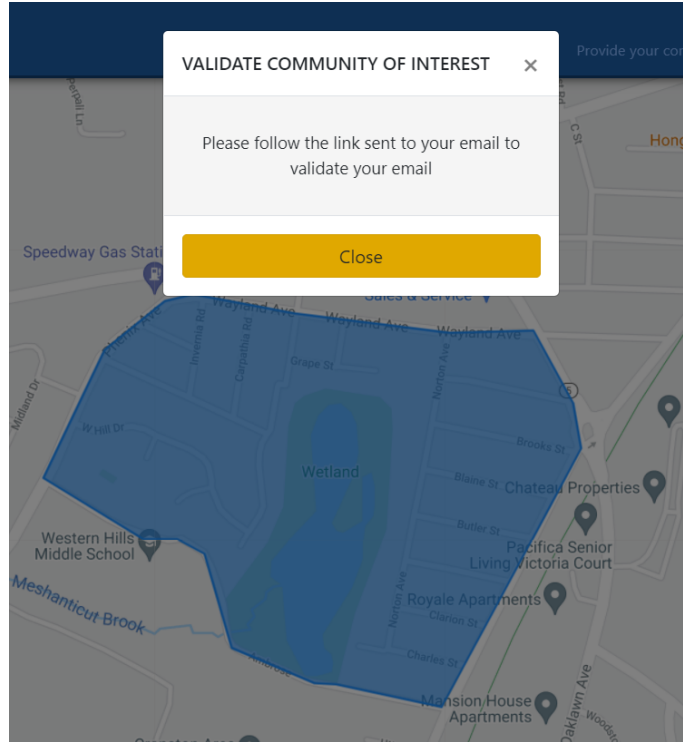
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Phone

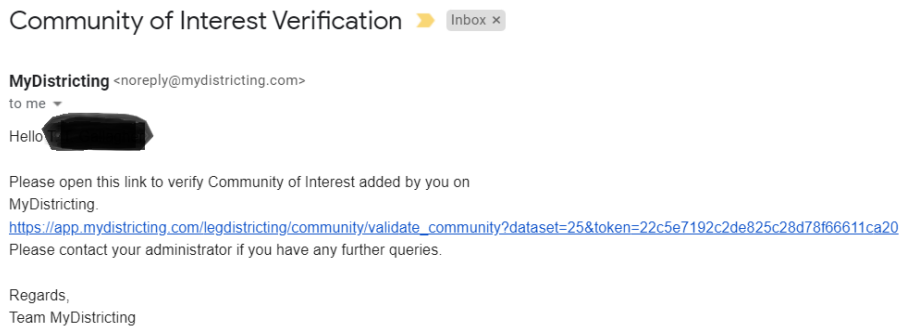
Do you wish to be contacted?

11. Enter information about your community and yourself. Then click the blue Add Community of Interest button at the bottom. It will show that this is processing.

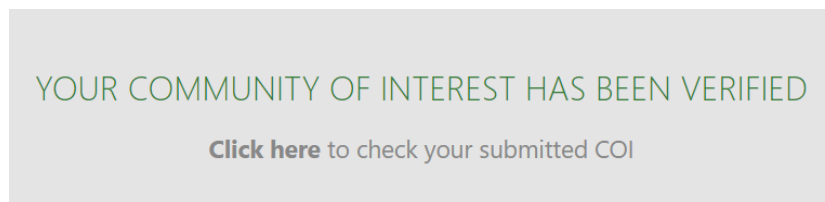
12. When it is finished, there will be a popup message asking you to check your email and follow the link to validate your email. Close this message.



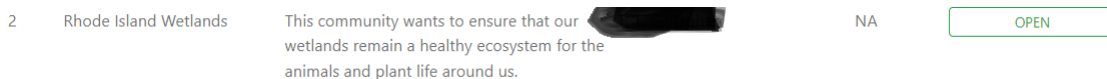
13. Open your email and click on the message received. Click on the link provided to validate your request.



14. You will see a screen like the below. If you wish to view your submitted Community of Interest, click on the words Click here.



15. Clicking on that link will take you to a screen which shows all of the Communities of Interest which have been submitted.



Your Community of Interest has been submitted and you can create more communities as you wish.