

# Mapping Michigan: A Step-by-Step Guide to Submitting Your Community of Interest

## Drawing Your Community of Interest on a Map

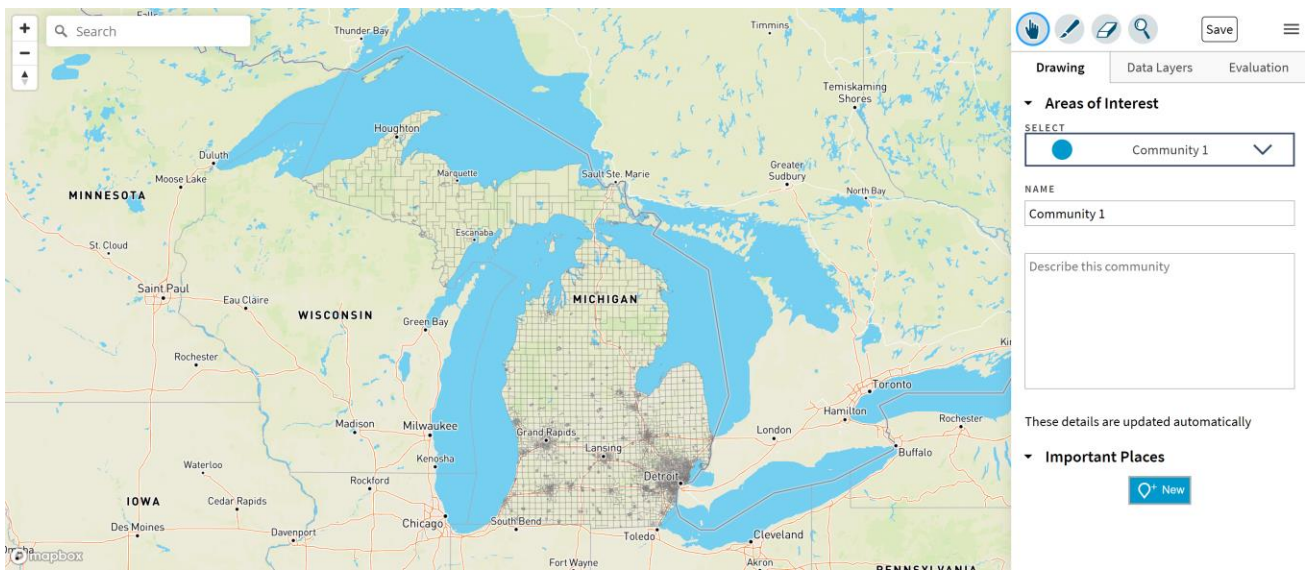
Open your web browser and type in [www.districtr.org](http://www.districtr.org).

In the upper right hand corner click on “Jump to the Map”.

Once the map of the United States appears, click on Michigan.

Under the word “Michigan” at the top of the page you will see two options “Draw Districts” and “Draw Communities”. Click on the “Draw Communities” button, then click on the “Michigan: Draw Identify a community Built out of precincts” button below.

A map of Michigan along with a menu on the right side will now appear on your screen.



The button with the pointed finger will allow you grab the map and move it around.



The paint brush icon will allow you paint the area you consider your Community of Interest.



The eraser allows you erase areas you’ve painted.

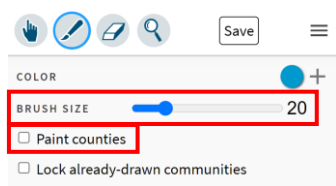


The magnifying button will allow you to zoom in or out.

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Zoom into whatever area of the state you will be drawing your community of interest in.

Click on the paint brush icon and get ready to start “painting” the area within your community of interest.



The slider next to “Brush Size” will make the area you can paint at one time either larger or smaller.

If you live in a rural area, where your whole county will be within your community of interest, you can check the “Paint counties” box.

Once you have the paint brush size set you are ready to “paint” your community of interest.

Click on precincts (or your county) until you are fully painted your community of interest.

Once that is done, in the menu delete the name “Community1” under Name and create your own name for your community.



Once you are ready to save your community of interest, click the “Save” button at the top of the menu. Once you click save, a box will pop up. DO NOT close that box!

## **Submitting Your Drawn Map to the MICRC**

Open a second tab in your web browser at type in [www.michigan-mapping.org/](http://www.michigan-mapping.org/). (It’s important to leave the tab open that has your saved map it!)

Once on the page, scroll down to the submission form and click the “Community” option.

### **Submission Title\***

Example: “Alisha’s Grand Rapids Plan” or “Why competitive elections are important”

Written Testimony

Districting Plan

**Community**

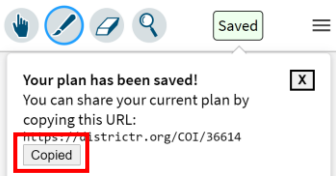
Other Link

File Upload

Add a Comment

Type in a name for your community in the “Submission Title” field.

Click back over to the browser tab, so that you can copy your map’s URL address.



In the box under the URL link, click the “Copy” button.

Click back to the browser tab with the MICRC’s comment page open on it, and paste (ctrl + v) your map’s URL into the box titled “Districtr Community URL\*”.

### **Districtr Community URL\***

A Districtr COI url

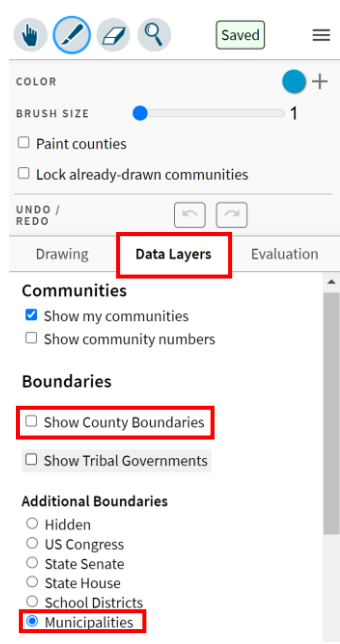
If you submitted written public comments either online or in-person to the Commission, copy and paste your comments into the box titled “Tell us about your community of interest.” If you did not submit comments yet, please describe why this is an important community of interest to you.

Fill out all of your personal information in the “Tell Us About Yourself” section, check the two checkboxes above the “Submit” box.

Review your information is correct!

Click submit and your done!

# Mapping Tips:



When in the “Paint Brush” mode, if you click on “Data Layers” you will see options to see county lines by clicking on the checkbox next to “Show County Boundaries”.

You can see other municipal lines (cities and townships) by clicking the circle next to “Municipalities”. To hide municipal lines again, click on the circle next to “Hidden”.