

Making *Community of Interest Maps* for the People's Map Commission in order to have **Fair Districts**

Why?

The people's map commission will be drawing new districts for WI following the 2020 census. **One redistricting criteria is *maintaining communities that have significant common interests.***

That is where we come in! We draw our communities and deliver them to the People's Map Commission so they can take them into account while making sure all of us in Wisconsin have fair districts.

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What?

A community of interest (COI) is a group of people with **shared concerns and interests** that can be affected by legislation. Communities of interest will be considered during redistricting to avoid splitting them, if possible, so the community influence is not diminished.

It can be **rural, urban** or **suburban**.

How?

We will use **free mapping software** created by a group at Tufts University called Districtr. **It's easy and fun** and we will guide you every step of the way.



You draw the lines.



Getting Started - we will ask you questions such as:

- What do people in your community have in common?
- What are some important places in your community?
- What issues and projects need attention and resources from officials?
- What might a community meeting be about?

Examples of Communities of Interest

- Tri-counties with economic interest
- Tri-cities areas with economic interests
- School districts
- Historic areas
- Urban restoration areas
- Rural restoration areas
- Park areas
- Large rural areas of economic interest
- Watershed areas
- Lake or river communities

For more information, go to:

- <https://govstatus.egov.com/peoplesmaps>
- <https://districtr.org/tag/pmc>
- <https://piercecountygro.org/coi>