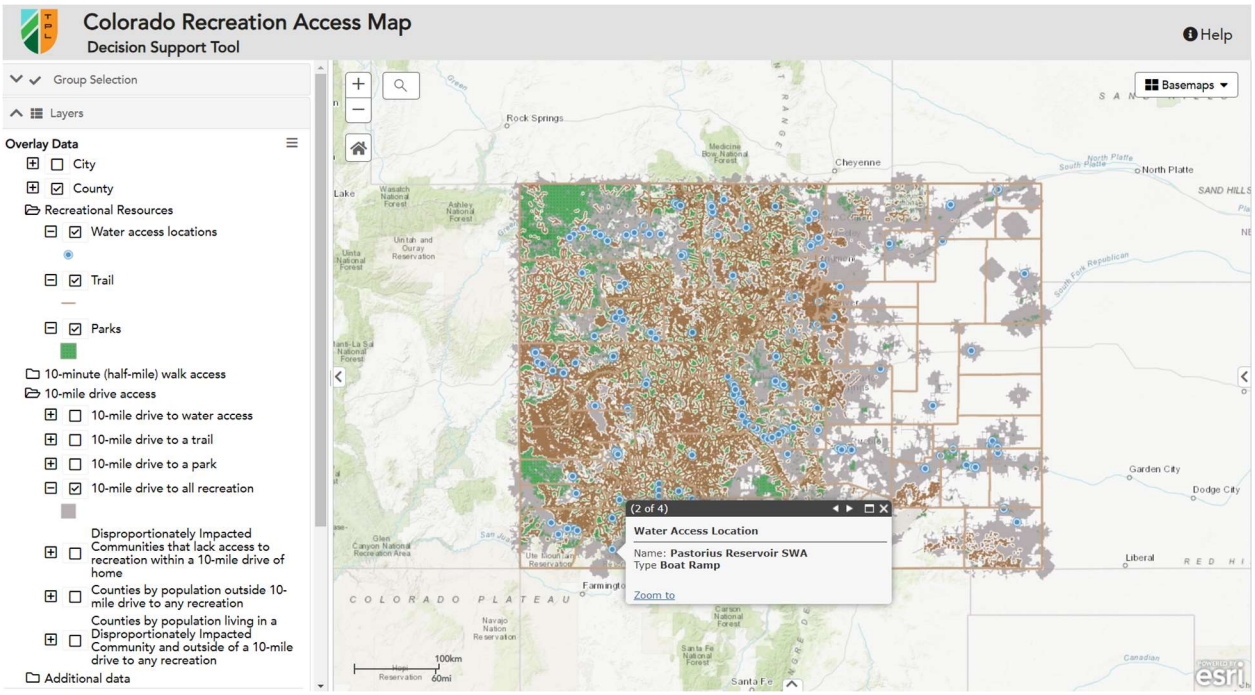
Colorado Recreation Access Map: User Guide

Explore the map

Use the Layers pane to turn layers on and off. Click on the map to learn more about the feature.

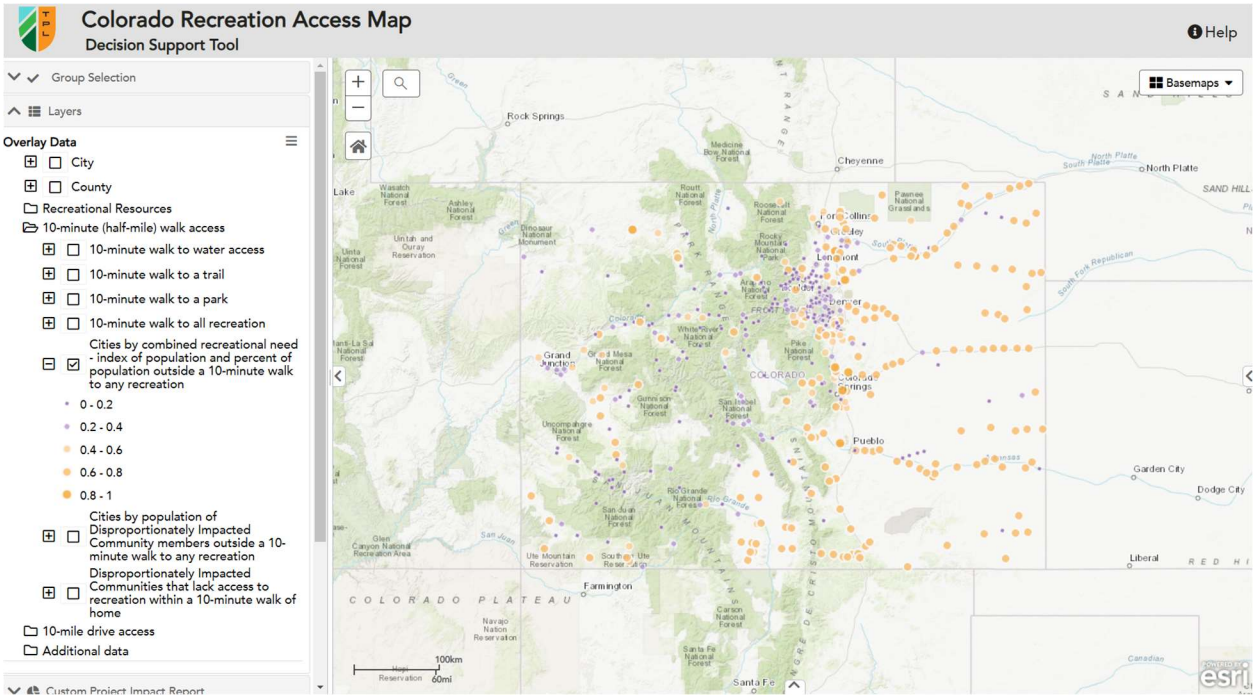


Be sure to check out the top of the pop-up window; use the little arrow to scroll through the various layers that have information. In the example above, there are 5 features with information, as indicated by the “(1 of 5)” text at the top.

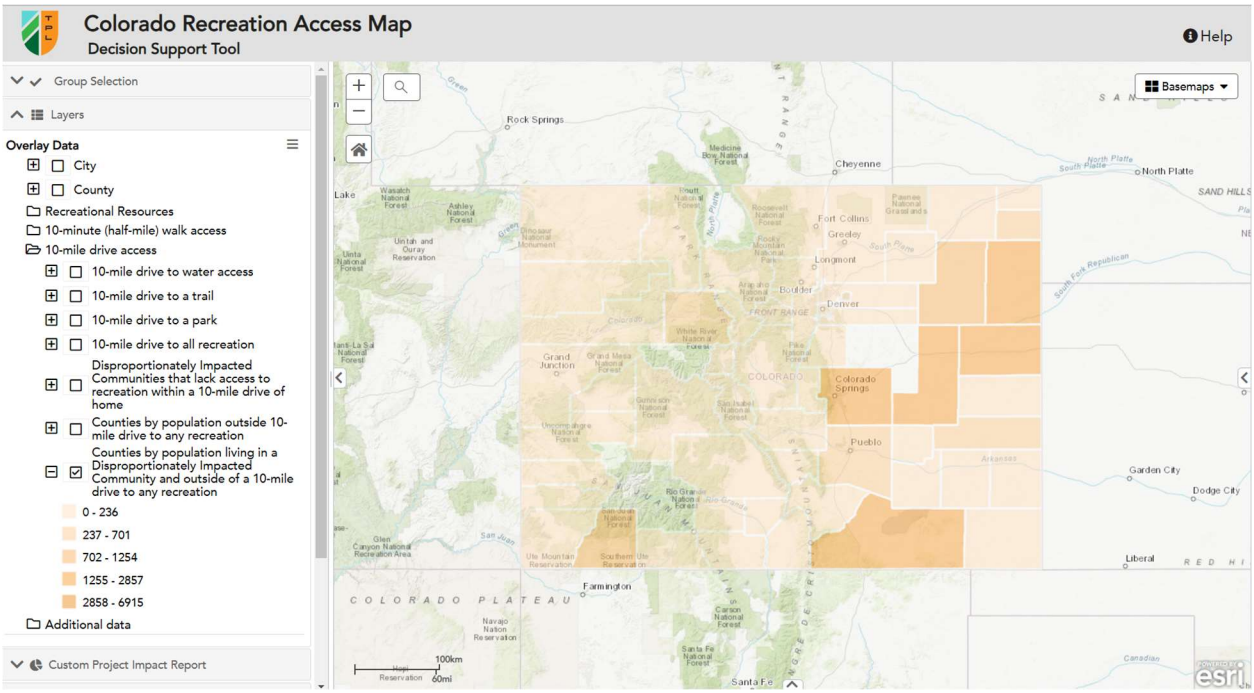
Explore high priority communities

This tool houses two proximity analyses – 10-minute walk and 10-mile drive – organized into separate folders in the Layers pane. Cities are prioritized based on need for expanded 10-minute walk access, and counties are prioritized based on need for expanded 10-mile drive access.

City prioritization:

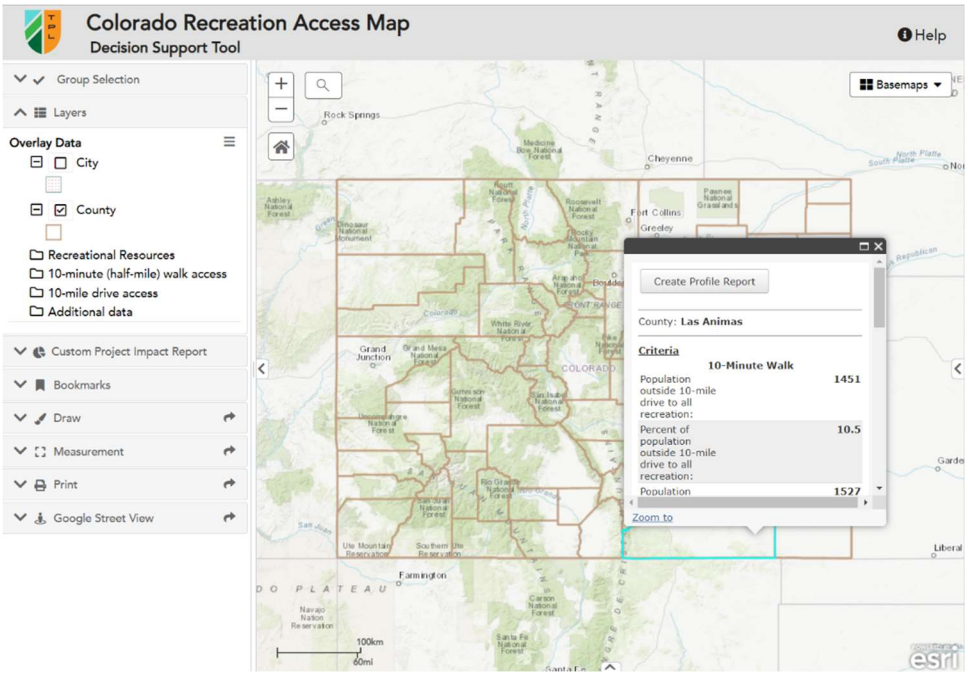


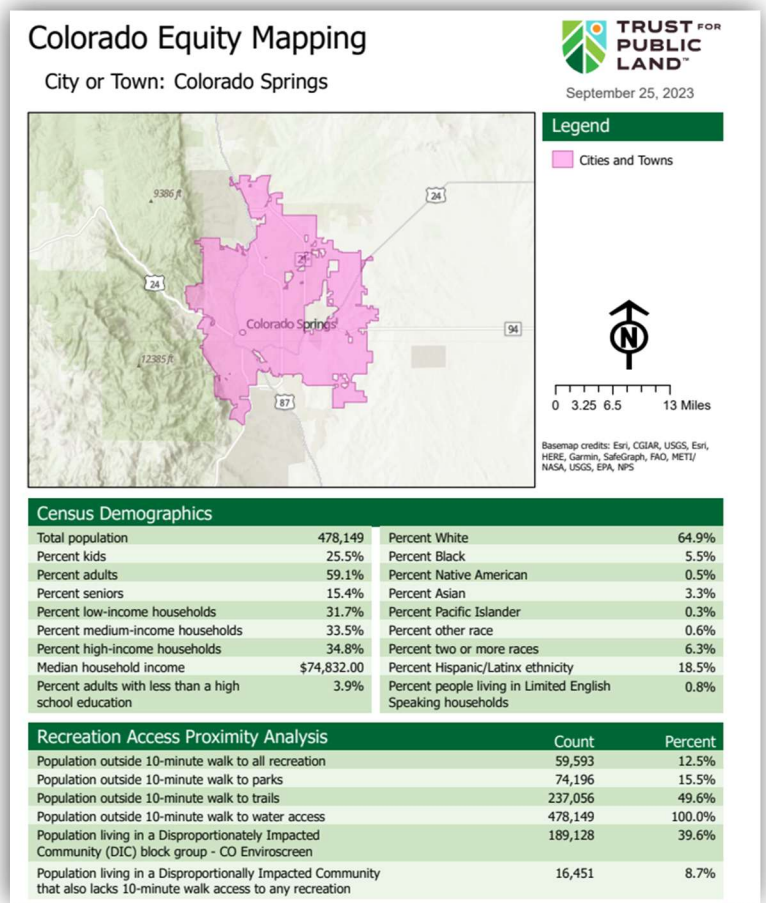
County prioritization:



Community PDF Reports

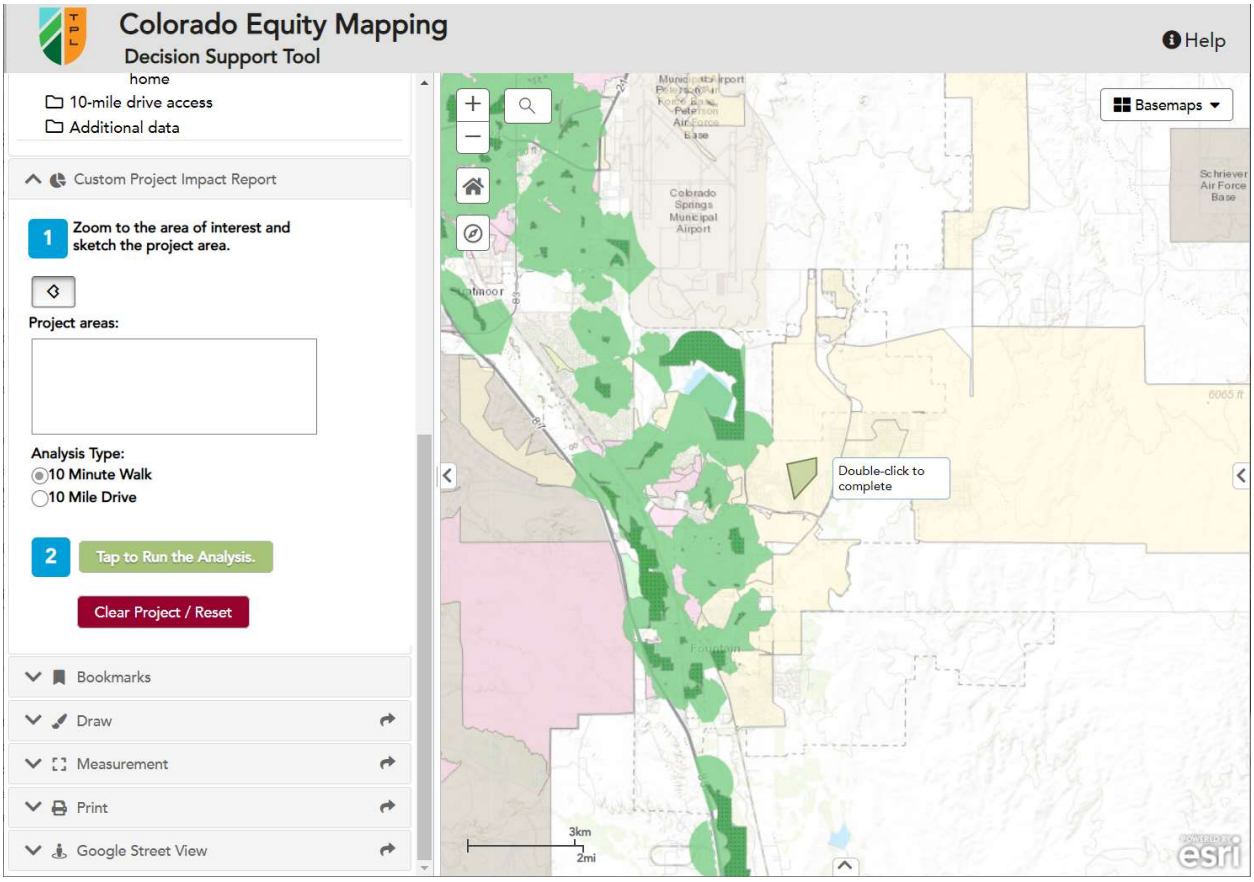
The top two layers in the Layers pane – city and county boundaries – are built to create Community PDF Reports. Turn the layer on then click on a feature on the map. Click “Create Report” in the pop-up!



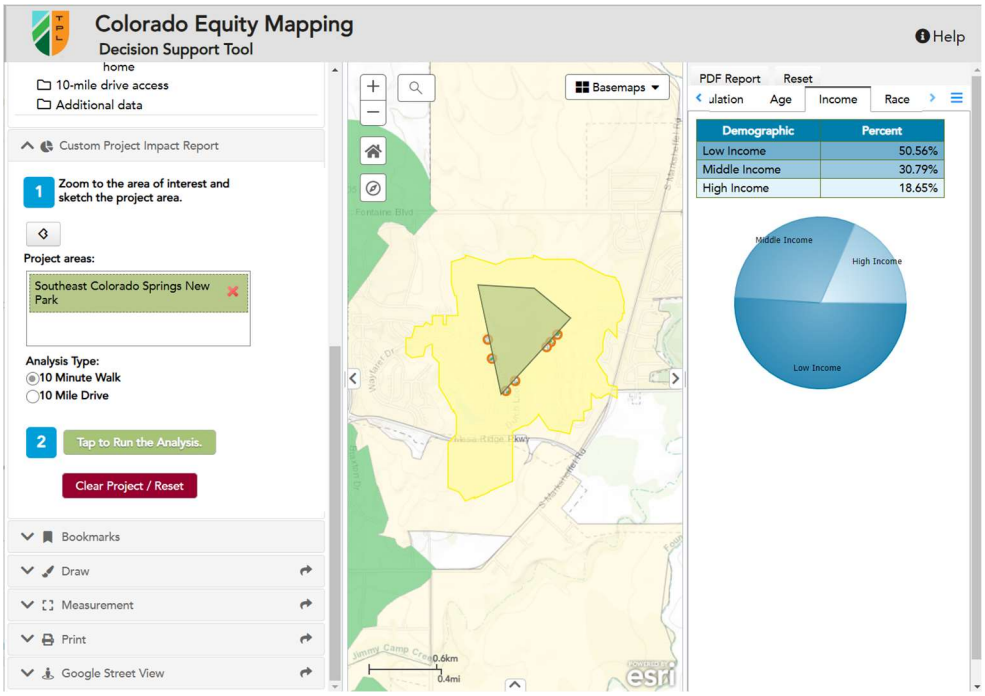


Site a new recreational resource

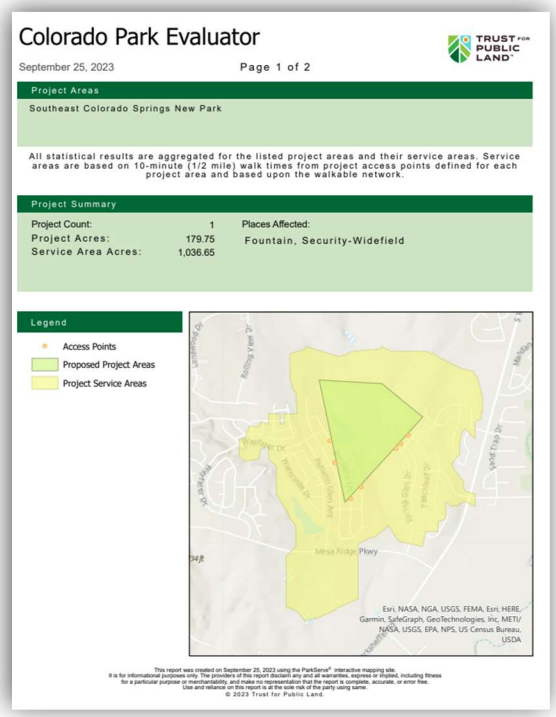
In the screenshot below, we see parks, their 10-minute walk service areas, and the Disproportionately Impacted Communities that lack 10-minute walk access. The Custom Project Impact Report tool allows the user to draw in a potential new recreational resource. Click on the polygon shape under Step 1 and start drawing on the map. Double click to complete the shape. Choose which service area distance you would like, 10-minute (half mile) walk or 10-mile drive. Then click the green button under Step 2.



After the analysis completes, the right-side pane is populated with the demographics of the people who live within the 10-minute walk or 10-mile drive of the new site.



Click “PDF Report” to get a printable version of the analysis results.



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Project Areas

Southeast Colorado Springs New Park

All statistical results are aggregated for the listed project areas and their service areas. Service areas are based on 10-minute (1/2 mile) walk times from project access points defined for each project area and based upon the walkable network.

Project Summary

Project Count:	1	Places Affected:	
Project Acres:	179.75	Fountain, Security-Widefield	
Service Area Acres:	1,036.65		

Legend
- Access Points
- Proposed Project Areas
- Project Service Areas

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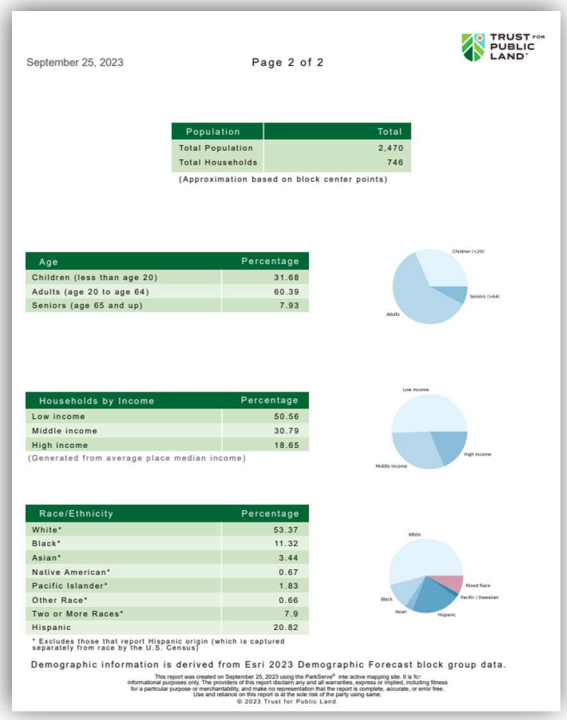

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Population	Total
Total Population	2,470
Total Households	746

(Approximation based on block center points)

Age	Percentage
Children (less than age 20)	31.68
Adults (age 20 to age 64)	60.39
Seniors (age 65 and up)	7.93

Households by Income	Percentage
Low income	50.56
Middle income	30.79
High income	18.65

(Generated from average place median income)

Race/Ethnicity	Percentage
White*	53.37
Black*	11.32
Asian*	3.44
Native American*	0.67
Pacific Islander*	1.83
Other Race*	0.66
Two or More Races*	7.9
Hispanic	20.82

* Excludes those that report Hispanic origin (which is captured separately from race by the U.S. Census)

Demographic information is derived from Esri 2023 Demographic Forecast block group data.

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Getting there

Accessing the site

- Use the following link to connect to the Colorado Recreation Access Map tool landing page:

https://web.tplgis.org/colorado-recreation-access/

Navigating the map

Zoom & pan

- On the left-hand side of the map, click the (+) sign to zoom in and the (-) to zoom out.
- To zoom in to a particular area, hold down shift, click your mouse on one corner of the desired extent, and drag your mouse to the opposite corner of the desired extent.
- Click and drag your mouse to the right, left, up or down to pan around the map (adjusting your view).

Note: As you change the viewer extent the map detail changes. As you zoom in the map becomes more detailed.

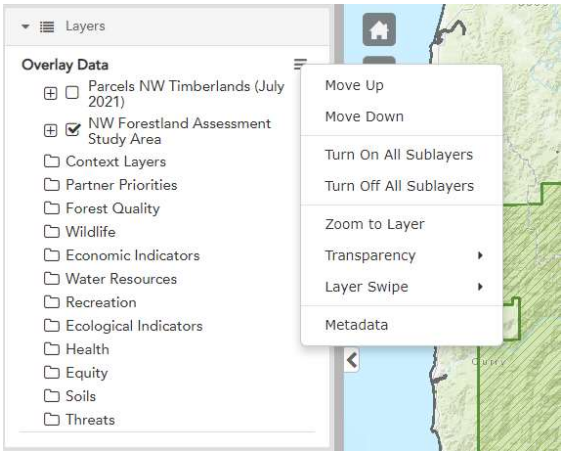
- Click the button to return to the extent of the study area.

Change the map background

- Click the

tab to the right of the map. Then click the checkbox next to the basemap you desire.

Layers menu (transparency, layer swipe, metadata)

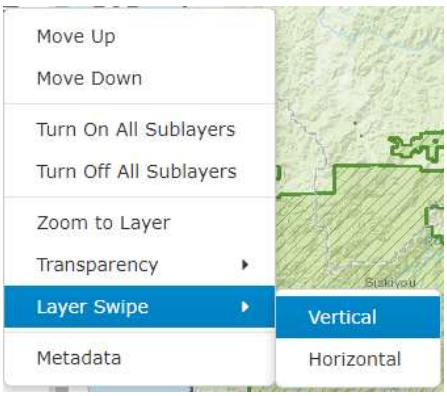


The layers menu provides tools that adjust the view of overlay data and analysis results you see on the map as well as metadata that provides information about all of the data included in the tool. There is an independent layers menu for overlay data and analysis results. Click on the to the right of the *Overlay Data* heading to access the following tools:

- *On/off functions:* Turn on all the overlay sublayers, turn them all off or zoom to the layers.
- *Transparency slider:* Changes the transparency of the overlay data so that you can see mapped features underneath the overlay data. Click the rectangular tab on the slider and hold the mouse button down to drag it to the left or right.
    - Experiment with different transparency levels. Notice that the transparency level of <u>all</u> overlay data changes as you change the transparency level.

- *Layer Swipe:* Provides the capability to use a slider to see what the map looks like with a layer on or off.
    - If you hover your mouse over the *Layer Swipe* you can choose either vertical or horizontal. A bar will appear in the viewer and you can slide it up/down or right/left depending on if you selected vertical or horizontal. Sliding this bar will show you what the map looks like with or without the data.
    - To exit *Layer Swipe* mode, click on the

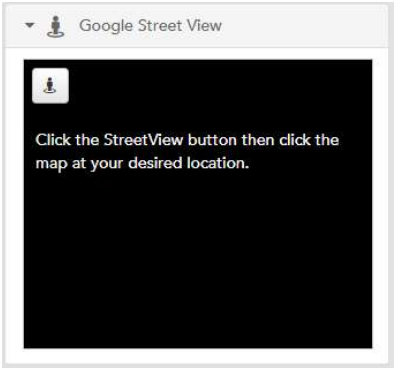
box at the top of the map.



Additional tools

Google Street View

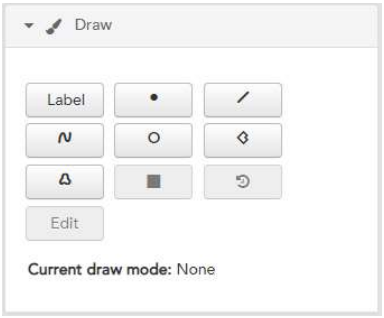
Users can see the street view image for anywhere on the map in two clicks.



- Open the *Google Street View* tab.
- Click , then click the area on the map you would like to see in Google Street View.
- You can choose other locations to see in Google Street View by repeating the process above.

Draw

The draw tool allows you to add graphics to your map.

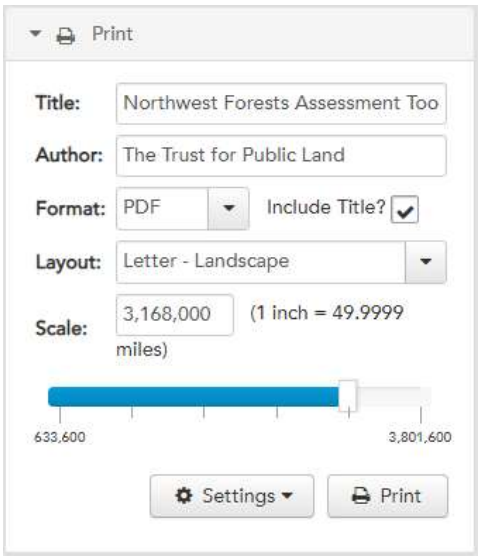


- Click the *Draw* tab on the left panel to add graphics to your map.
- To sketch a polygon on your map, click the button.
- Begin sketching a shape on your map by clicking on your map. Double click to finish the sketch.
- You can also add points, lines, circles, and freehand polygons to the map by using the other draw buttons.
- If you want to change the graphics, use the button, and recreate the graphics using the methods described above. **Note:** This action will erase all your drawings.
- To stop drawing click the button.

Measurement

The measurement tool allows you to calculate measurements by area, distance, or location

Print (a custom map)



Users can print custom maps with a legend and title of your choosing that includes analysis results and/or any overlay layers that match your interests or goals.

- To print a custom map that reflects the data and zoom level that you have chosen above, click the *Print* tab on the left panel.
- Enter a title for your map in the space provided.
- Choose the format and layout you would like.
- Click Settings to make other adjustments to your printed map.
- Click the Print button once you have completed the above steps.
- Be patient while the mapping site generates a map for you. This process can take up to a minute.
- In the PRINT tab a file will appear once the export is complete. Click on the link to open your map.
- An 8.5 X 11 formatted map will be displayed that you can print or save to your computer hard drive to share with others.
- Close the export window to return to the original map.

Bookmarks

- The bookmarks tab allows you create bookmarks in the tool.

Get help

- You can always click the Help button at the top right corner of your map for a copy of this user guide and tutorial.

Still need help? Send an email to gis.support@tpl.org