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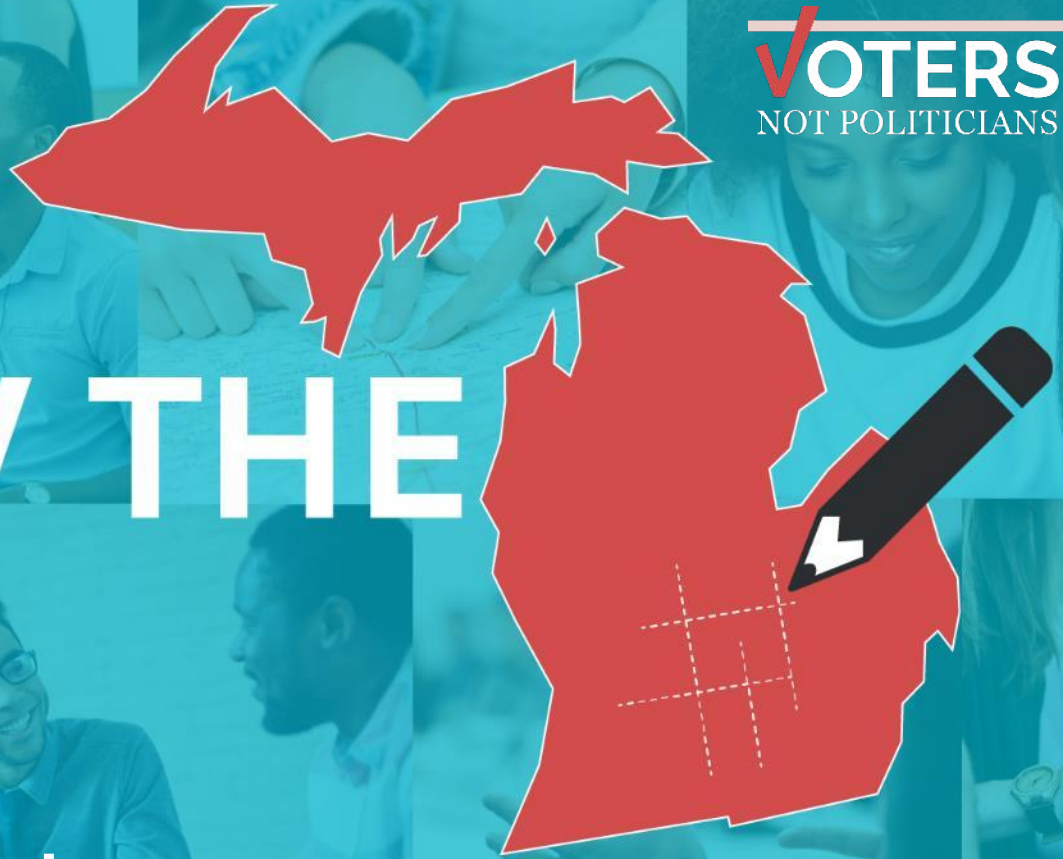

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WHO IS VOTERS NOT POLITICIANS?

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VNP is a grassroots movement working to
restore political power to all Michigan citizens.

VNP welcomes all volunteers and is not affiliated with any political party or partisan agenda.

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But we still have work to do!

Today, let's talk about...

- ➔ What does MI's new **redistricting process** mean for your community?
- ➔ How can COIs **impact** the new redistricting process?
- ➔ How can COIs **create maps** to describe themselves to the MICRC?

What does MI's New Redistricting Process ***Mean for your Community?***

“All political power is inherent in the people...”

- Article 1 Section 1 Michigan Constitution

Who serves on the Redistricting Commission?

Democratic Commissioners

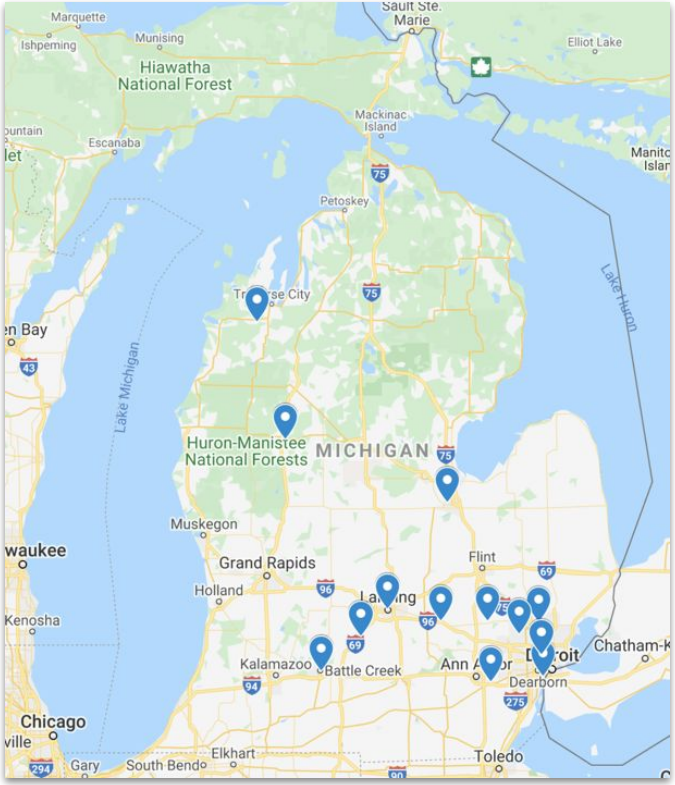
Juanita Curry (Detroit)
Brittni Kellom (Detroit)
M.C. Rothhorn (Lansing)
Dustin Witjes (Ypsilanti)

Non-Affiliated Commissioners

Anthony Eid (Orchard Lake)
Steven Terry Lett (Interlochen)
Rebecca Szetela (Canton)
Janice Vallette (Highland)
Richard Weiss (Saginaw)

Republican Commissioners

Douglas Clark (Rochester Hills)
Cynthia Orton (Battle Creek)
Rhonda Lange (Reed City)
Erin Wagner (Charlotte)



Role of Redistricting Commission

Draw and approve election district maps...

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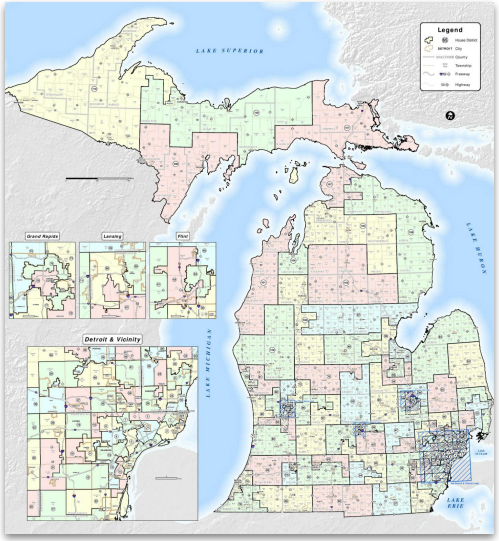
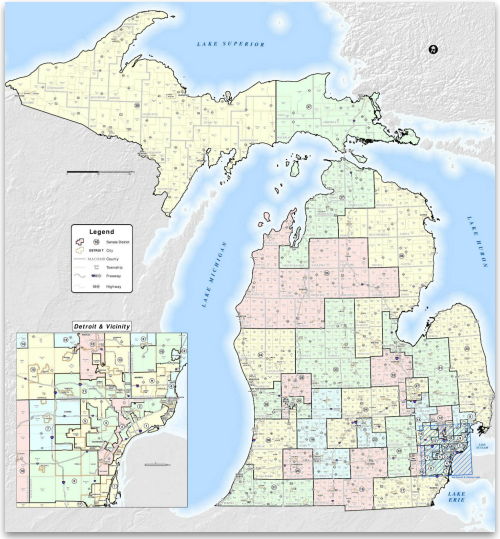


~90,000 people per district
110 Districts Total

State Senate



~260,000 people per district
38 Districts Total

U.S. Congress

~768,000 people per district
13 Districts Total

REQUIRED CRITERIA for drawing maps

(in ranked order)

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What is a

COMMUNITY OF INTEREST?

According to the Michigan Constitution, Communities of Interest,

ARE DEFINED by:

- ✔ economic
- ✔ cultural
- ✔ historical
- ✔ other shared interests

ARE NOT DEFINED by:

- ✘ Political party affiliation
- ✘ Loyalty to a candidate or elected official

Timeline for the Redistricting Commission

May - July 2021

Public Hearings:

At least 10 **before** maps are drafted

At least 5 more **after** maps are drafted

November* 2021

New maps must be approved by November 1, 2021

2022

New maps will be used in the 2022 Elections!

Commission Public Hearing Schedule

Jackson - May 11

Marquette - May 18

Midland - May 25

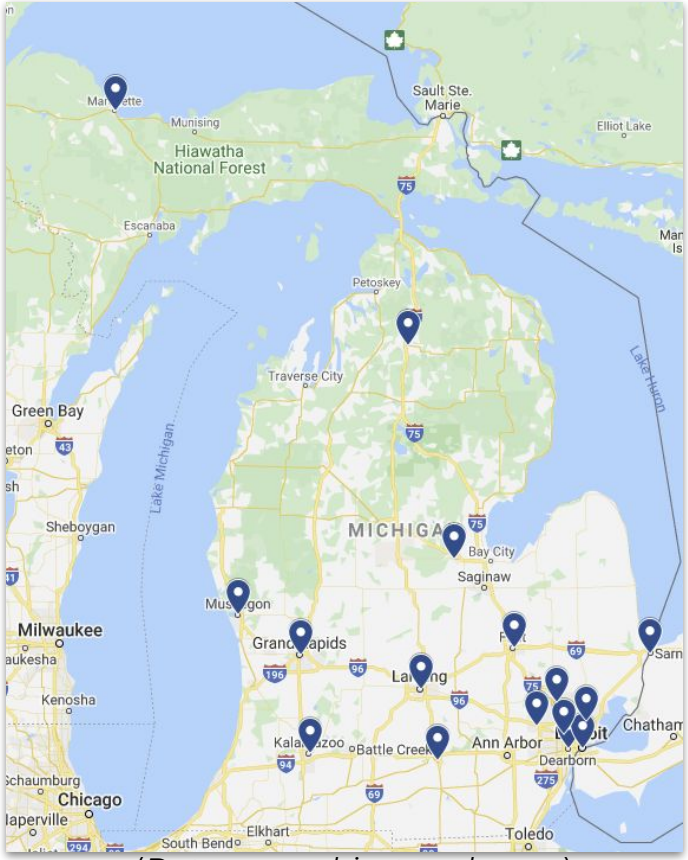
Flint - June 1

Novi - June 8

Detroit - June 15

Port Huron - June 22

Muskegon - June 29



(*Dates are subject to change*)

Kalamazoo - May 13

Gaylord - May 20

Lansing - May 27

Dearborn - June 3

Pontiac - June 10

Detroit - June 17

Warren - June 24

Grand Rapids - July 1

The Essentials of Creating a Map for Your COI

1) Map (where): what are the boundaries of your community?

2) Description of your community (what): what holds it together, what cultural, economic, historical or environmental concerns you share?

Tonight's Goals...

- ➔ Demonstrate the **Menu of Options** for creating a map
- ➔ Offer the **benefits and drawbacks** to each of method.
- ➔ Provide a **better understanding** for which method is right for YOU!

Our starting point

*One type of map is **not** necessarily better than another.*

4 map **methods** we'll cover:

Paper & Pencil

Google Maps

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representable

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DistrictR

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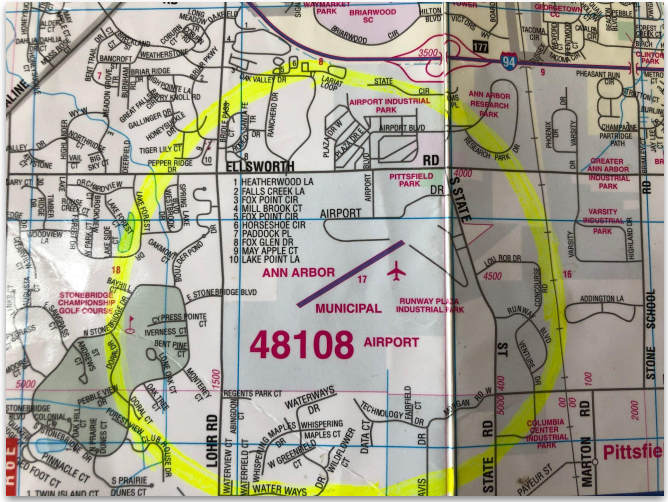
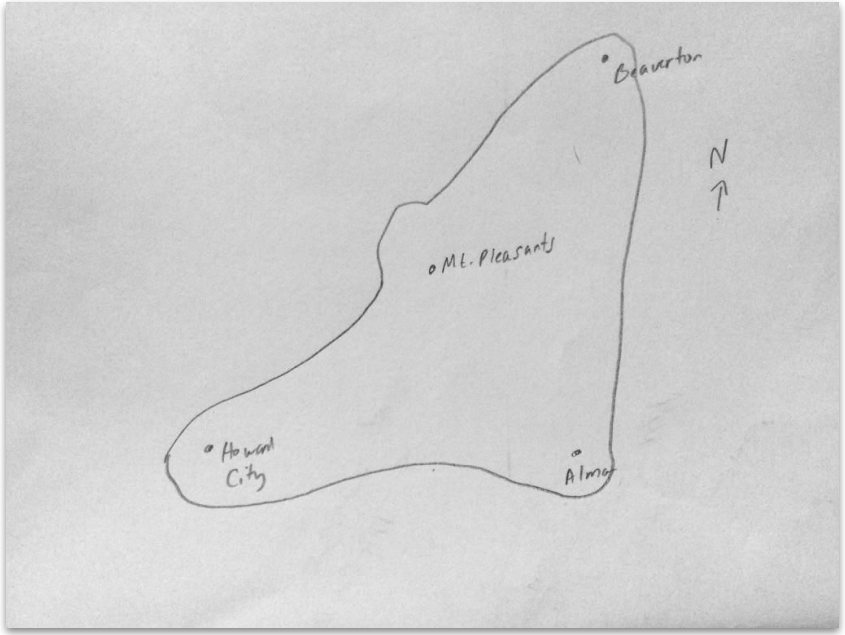
Paper & Pencil

Paper and Pencil Maps





Paper and Pencil Maps

Potential Benefits

- **Quick** and Easy
- Offers a way for community members to **overcome technological barriers**
- **Scale is obvious** if the map starts with a printed AAA or Google map

Potential Drawbacks

- Getting it **to** the Commission
- Still **one step removed** from importation into the MICRC mapping software

Making your Map with Google

Google Maps

maps.google.com

unadilla,mi - Google Search

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Unadilla Township, Michigan - Wikipedia

Unadilla Township is a civil township in the southwest corner of Livingston County, **Michigan**, United States. The population was 3,366 at the 2010 census.

County: Livingston
Area code(s): 734
State: Michigan
ZIP code(s): 48137 (Gregory); 48169 (Pinck...

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http://twp.unadilla.mi.us

Unadilla Township > Home

Unadilla Township is located at the southwest corner of Livingston County, **Michigan**. **Unadilla** Township is a general law township which includes the ...

Handout · Unadilla Township > Zoning... · Unadilla Township Clerk Linda...

https://www.realtor.com › Michigan › Livingston County

Unadilla, MI Real Estate & Homes for Sale - Realtor.com

View 19 homes for sale in **Unadilla**, **MI** at a median listing price of $180000. See pricing and listing details of Unadilla real estate for sale.

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Unadilla

Weather: 51°F (11°C), Wind NW at 10 mph (16 km/h), 32% Humidity
weather.com

Local time: Sunday 6:37 PM

Population: 3,412 (2019)

Events

Sun, Apr 25 6:00 AM — Winter Market, Howell Opera House

Sun, Apr 25 8:00 AM — The Trail Marathon/Road Ends, Pinckney

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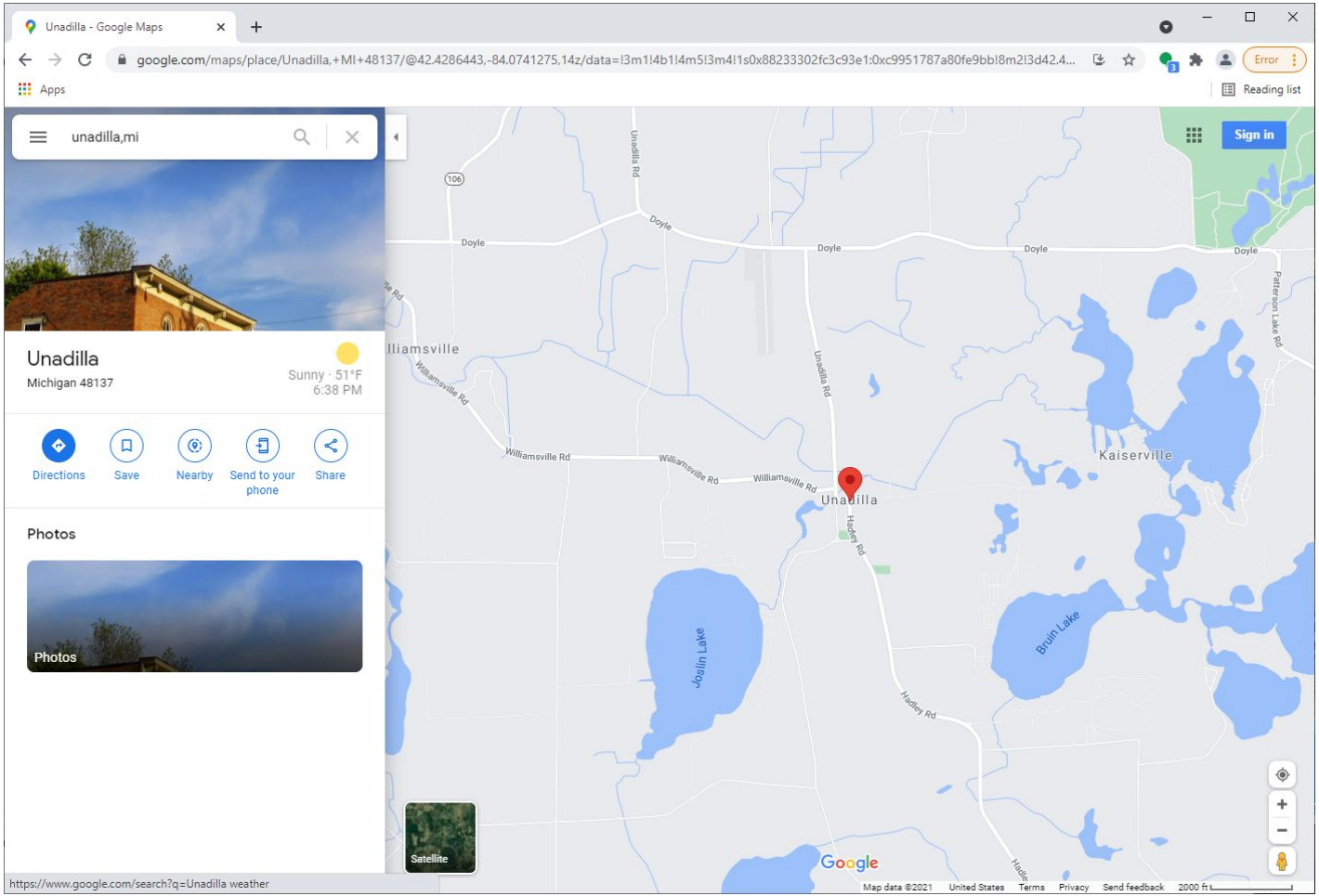
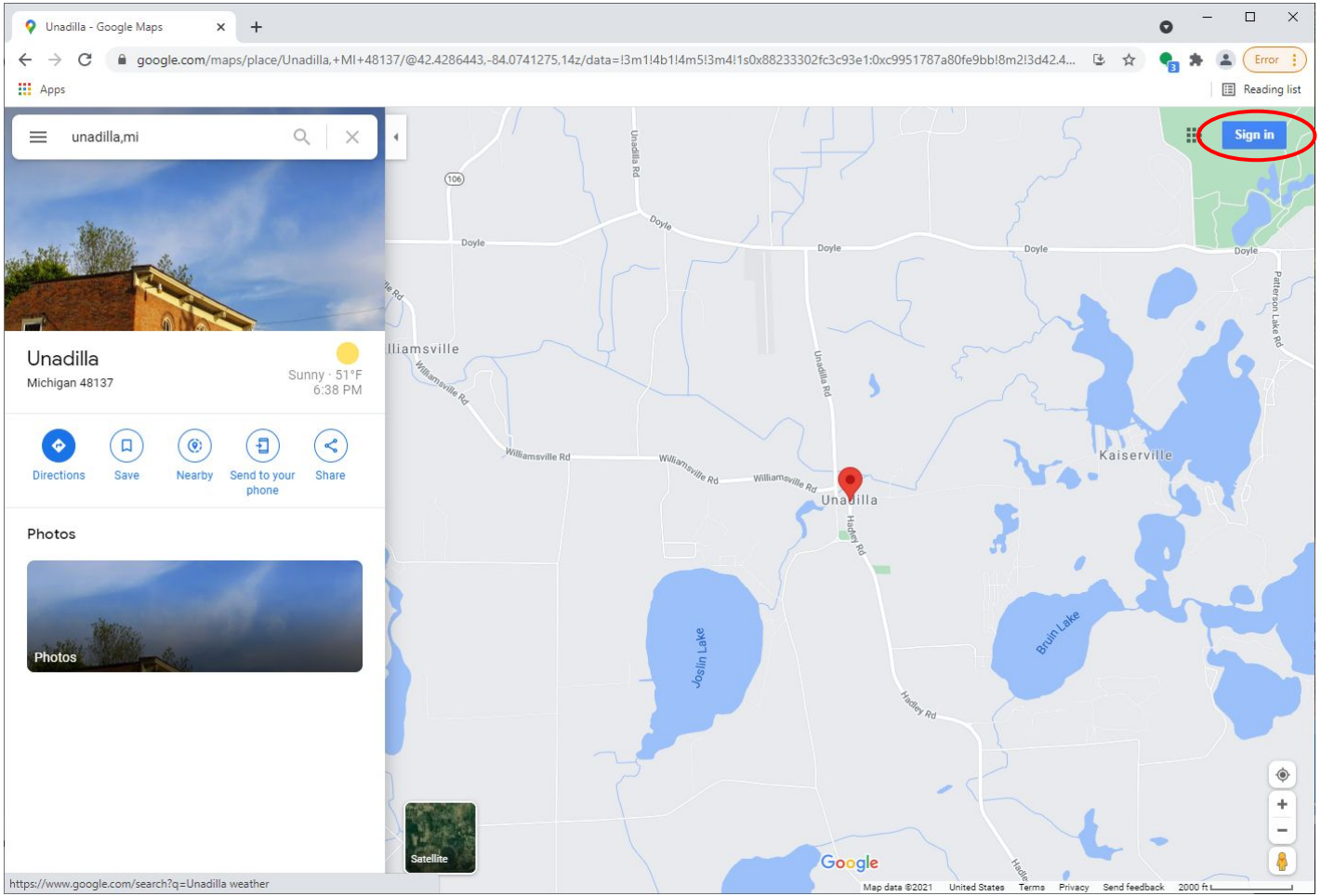
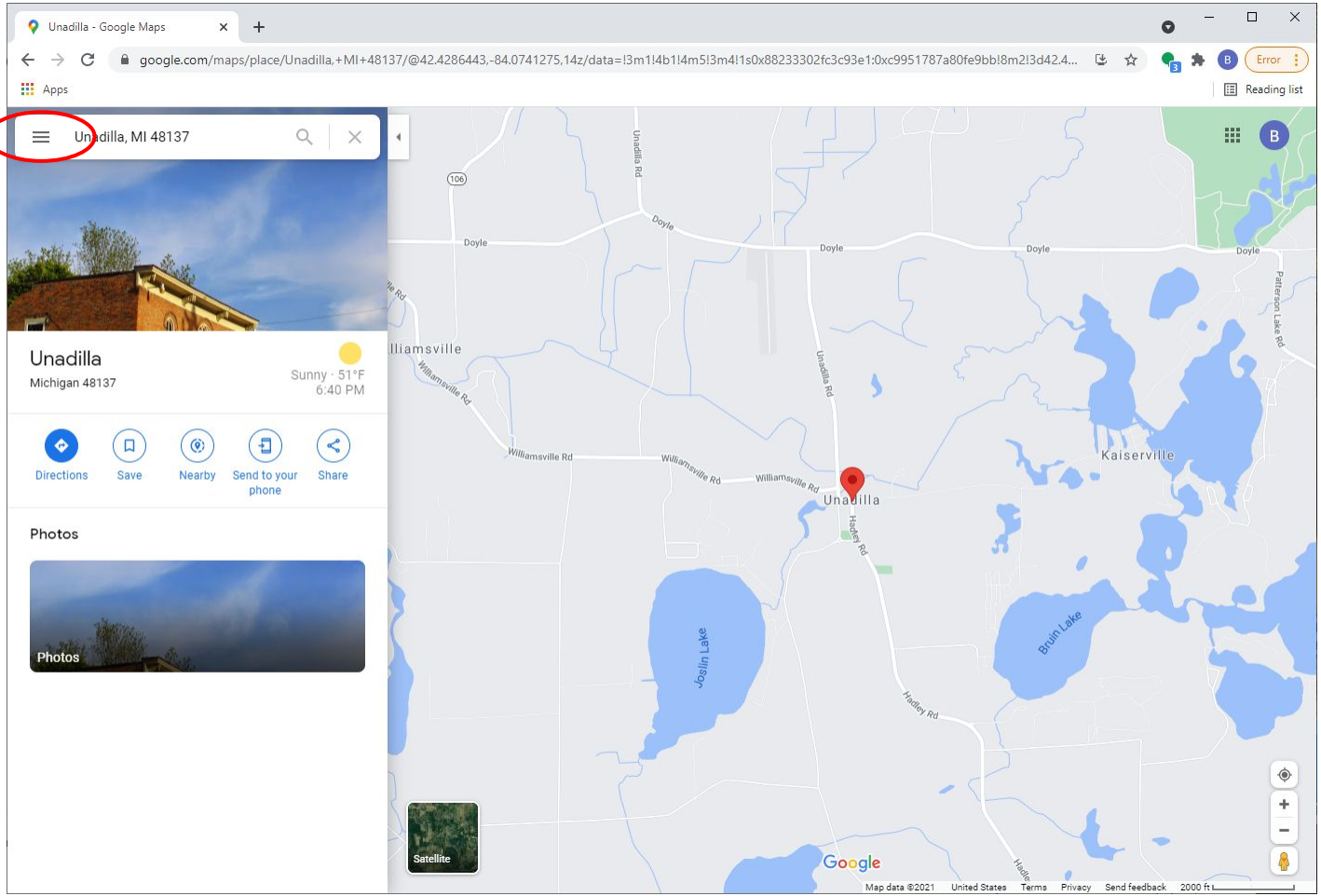


<u>Note for Paper & Pencil map-makers</u>

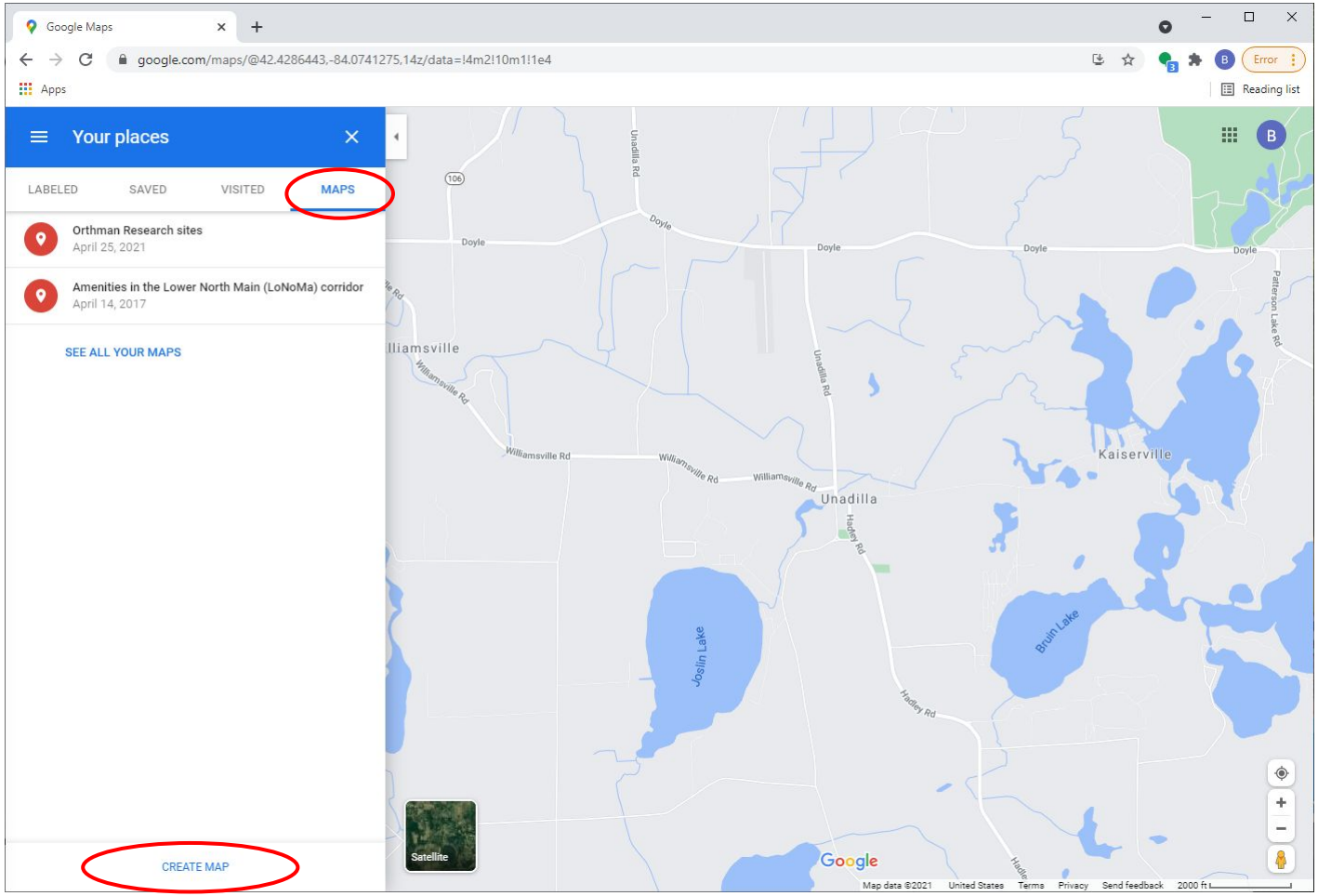
At this point, **you could print out this page**, use a writing utensil to create the outline of your COI, and **take a photo or scan this page** to include with your COI's testimony to the MICRC.



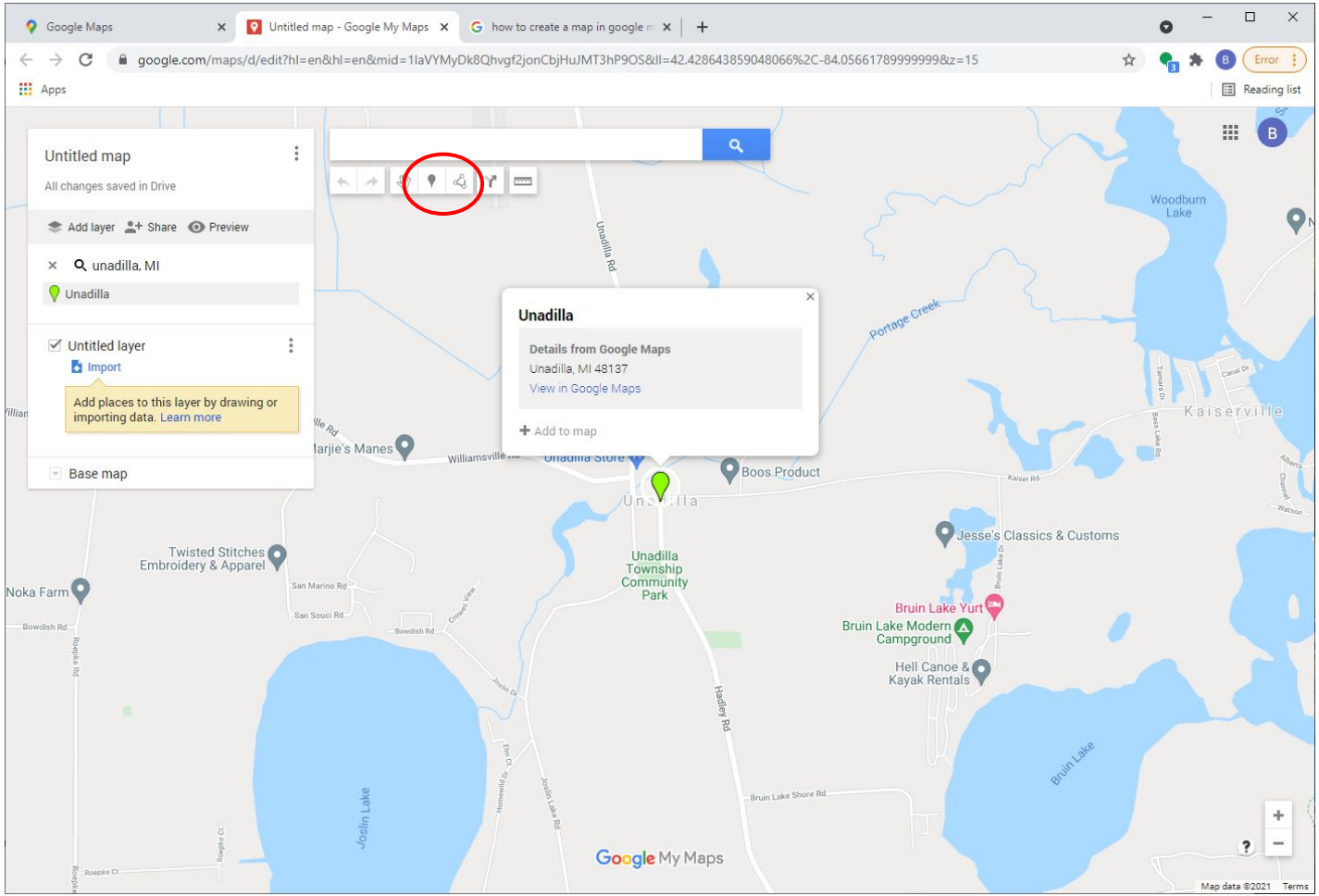
Sign in to your google/gmail account to **create and save** a custom map



Click on this menu on the left and **pull down** to **"Your places"**



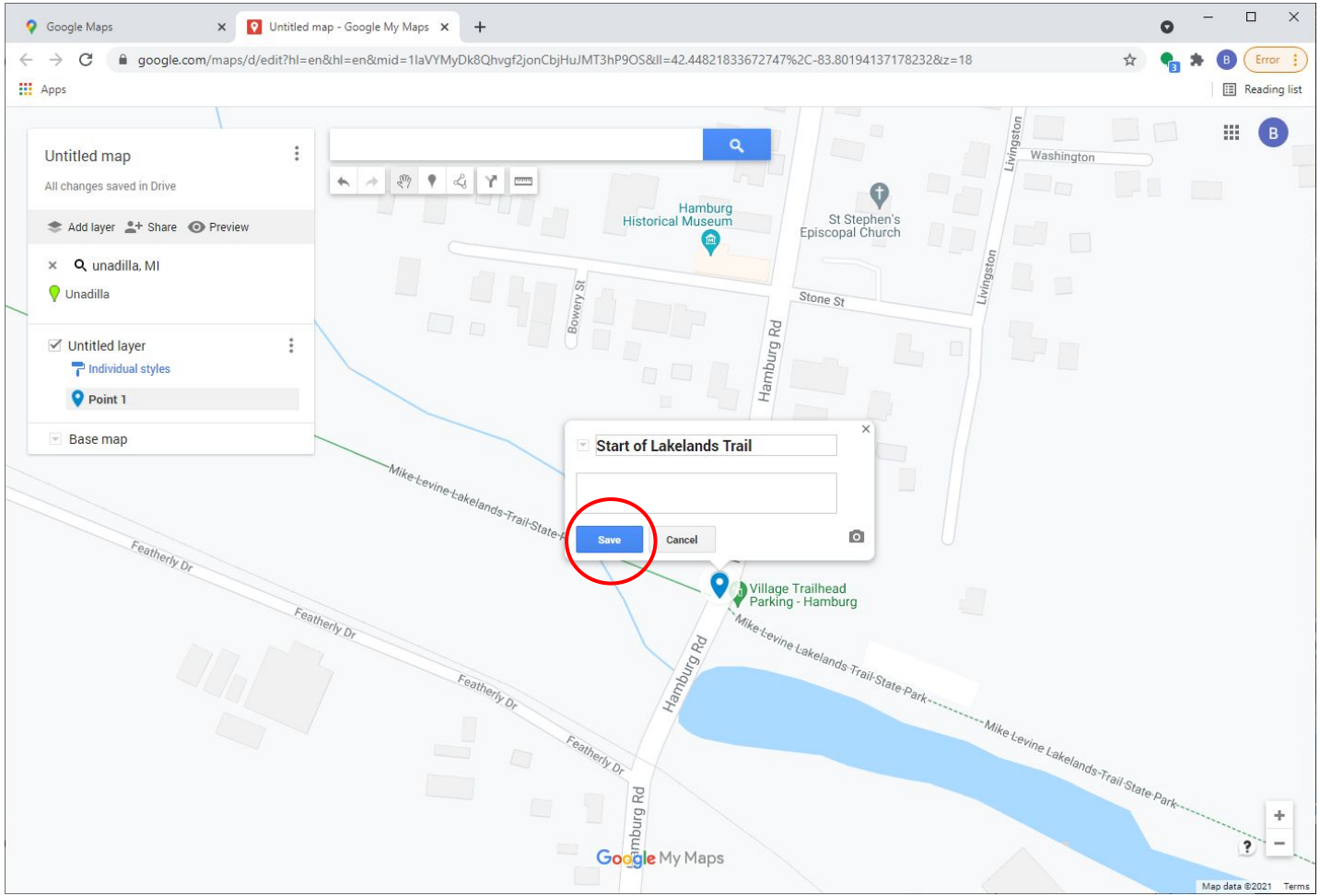
On the **MAPS** tab, click **CREATE MAP**



Check out your **drawing tools**!

Add Marker: **Dropping Pins** for naming and describing a place and/or landmark

Add Lines & Shapes: **Creating Boundaries** to show geographic range of your COI

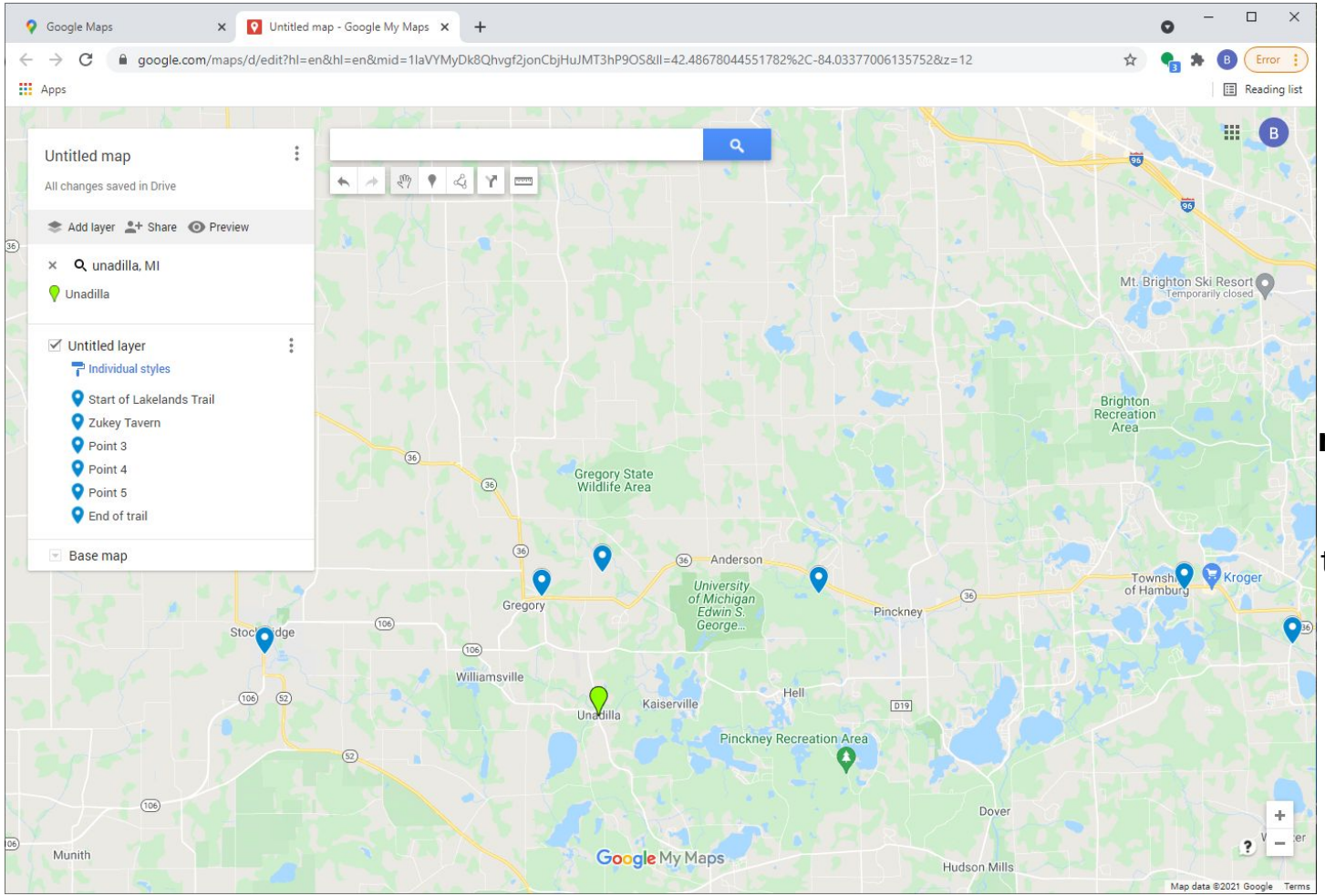


Example

I belong to a Lakeland Trails COI

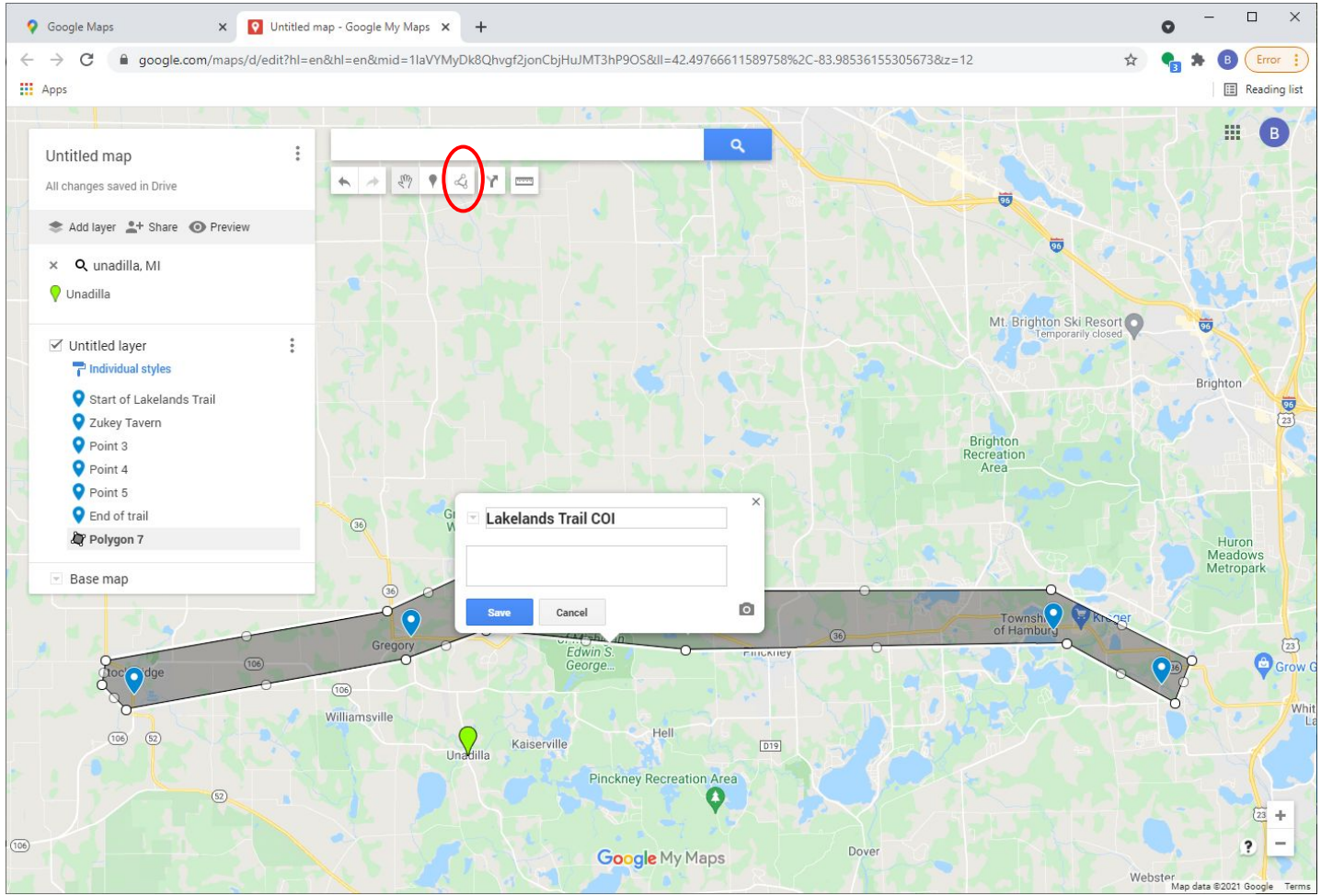
I've **selected the entrance of the trail** to get started

Now I'll **Add a Marker,** and give it a name.



Example (cont'd)

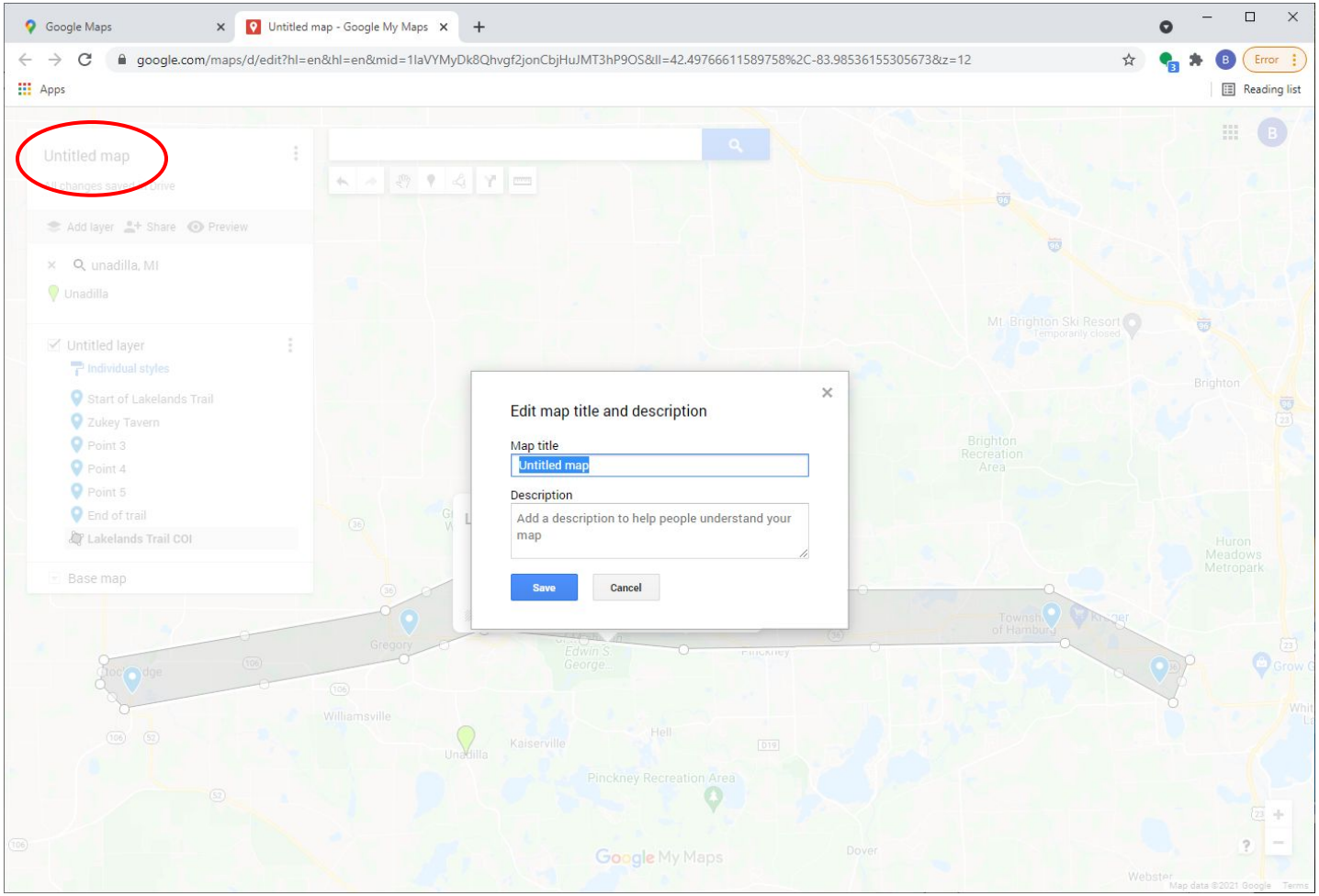
I've **added several other markers on the map** to further demonstrate the route of the trail



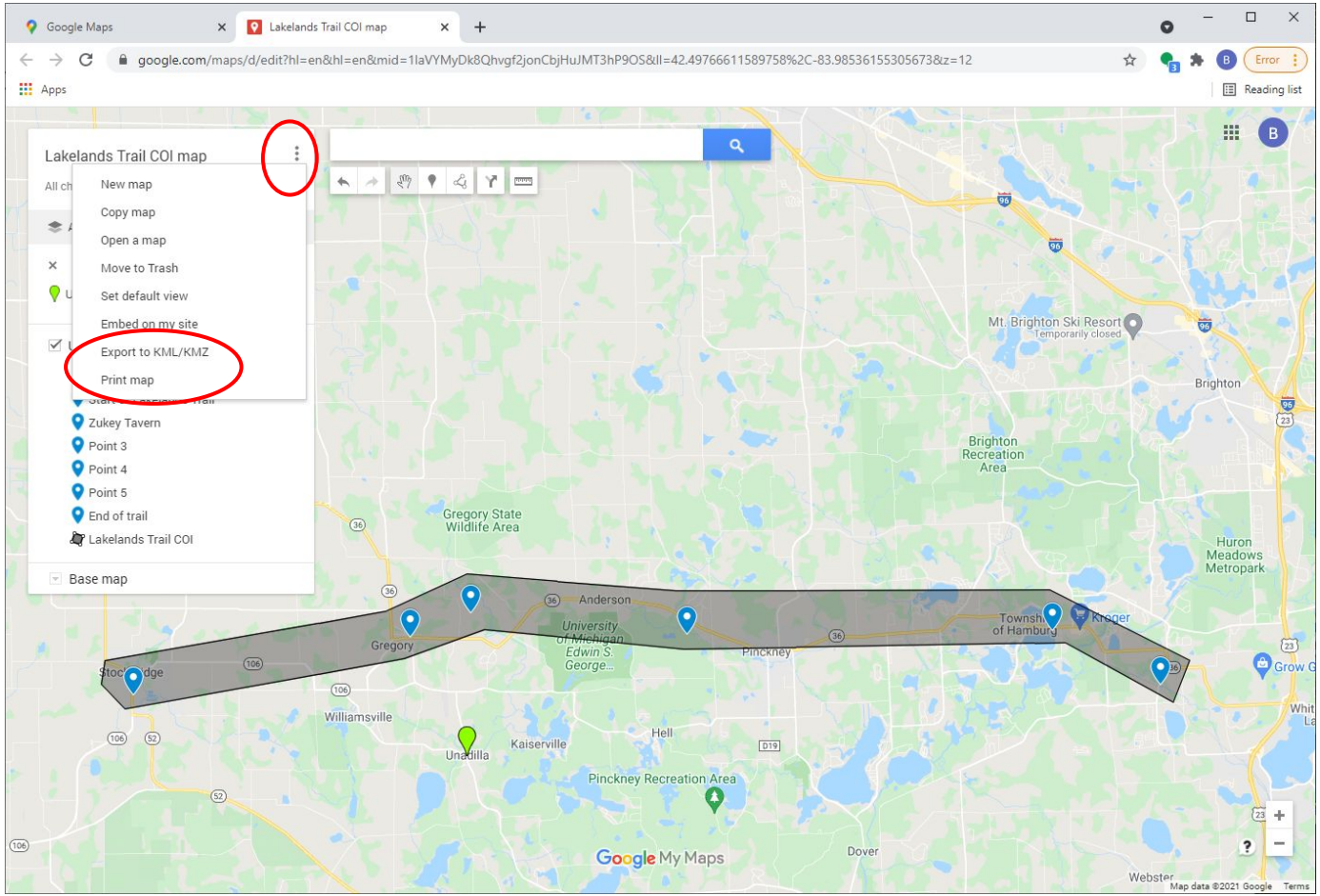
Example (cont'd)

Using the Add a Line or Shape Option, I can **start drawing** the COI **boundaries**.

Now I have a map that represents my COI!



Click on Untitled map, to **name and describe** your map



You can now **print and/or export** your map as a .KML file.

What is .KML?
KML is Google's map-file format for describing geographic data. It is **widely compatible** with most mapping software programs

Google Maps (*maps.google.com*)

Potential Benefits

- **Familiarity.** Most popular mapping application in the U.S. You probably already have a Google account.
- Comprehensive display of **landmarks**, roads, towns, rivers, etc. Offers **satellite** view
- Fairly **easy to convert** and upload

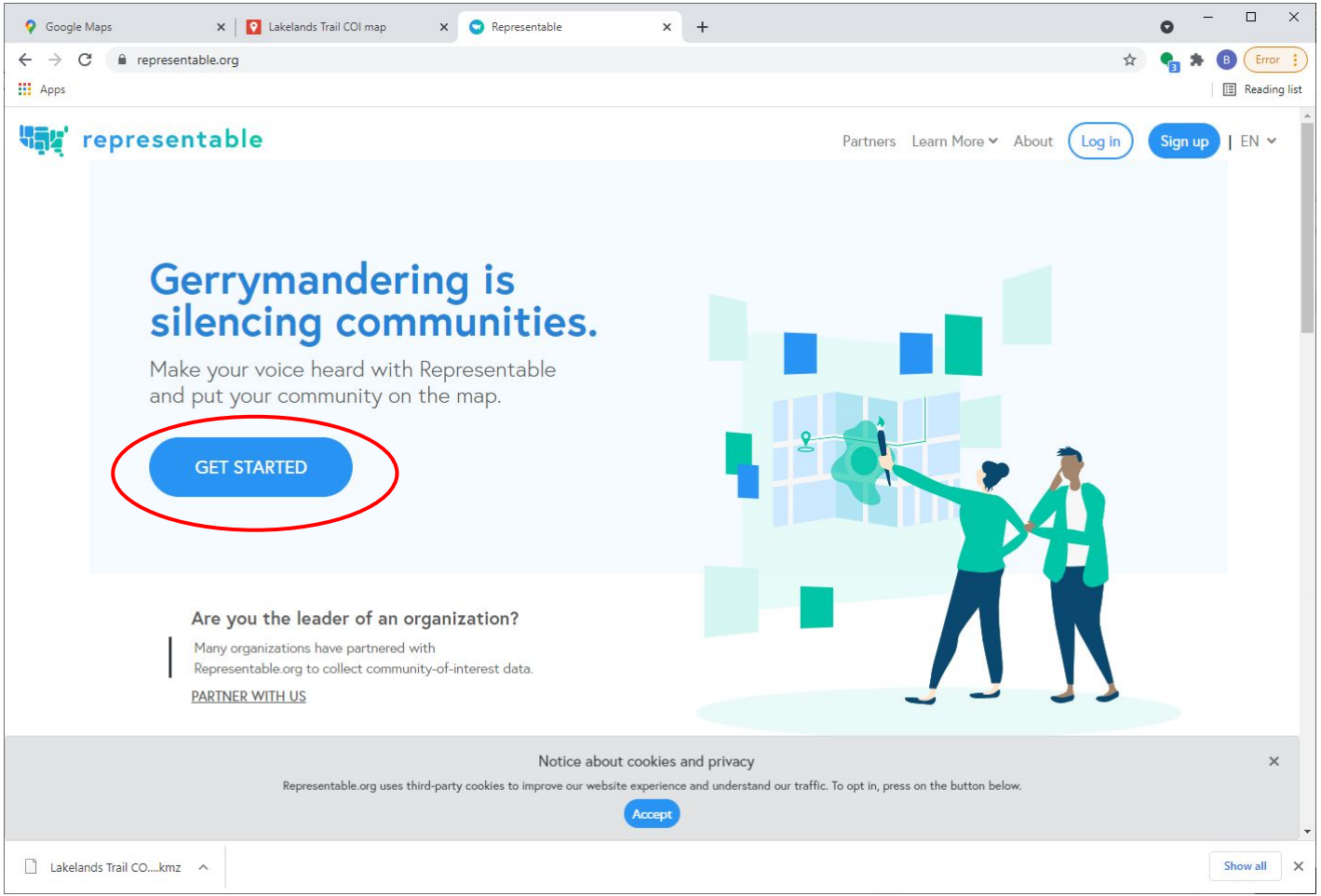
Potential Drawbacks

- **Not specifically designed** for COI map-making unlike Representable or DistrictR
- **If you are not familiar with Google maps**, it may better to start with Representable or DistrictR
- **Complex** COI boundaries may be **tougher** to articulate

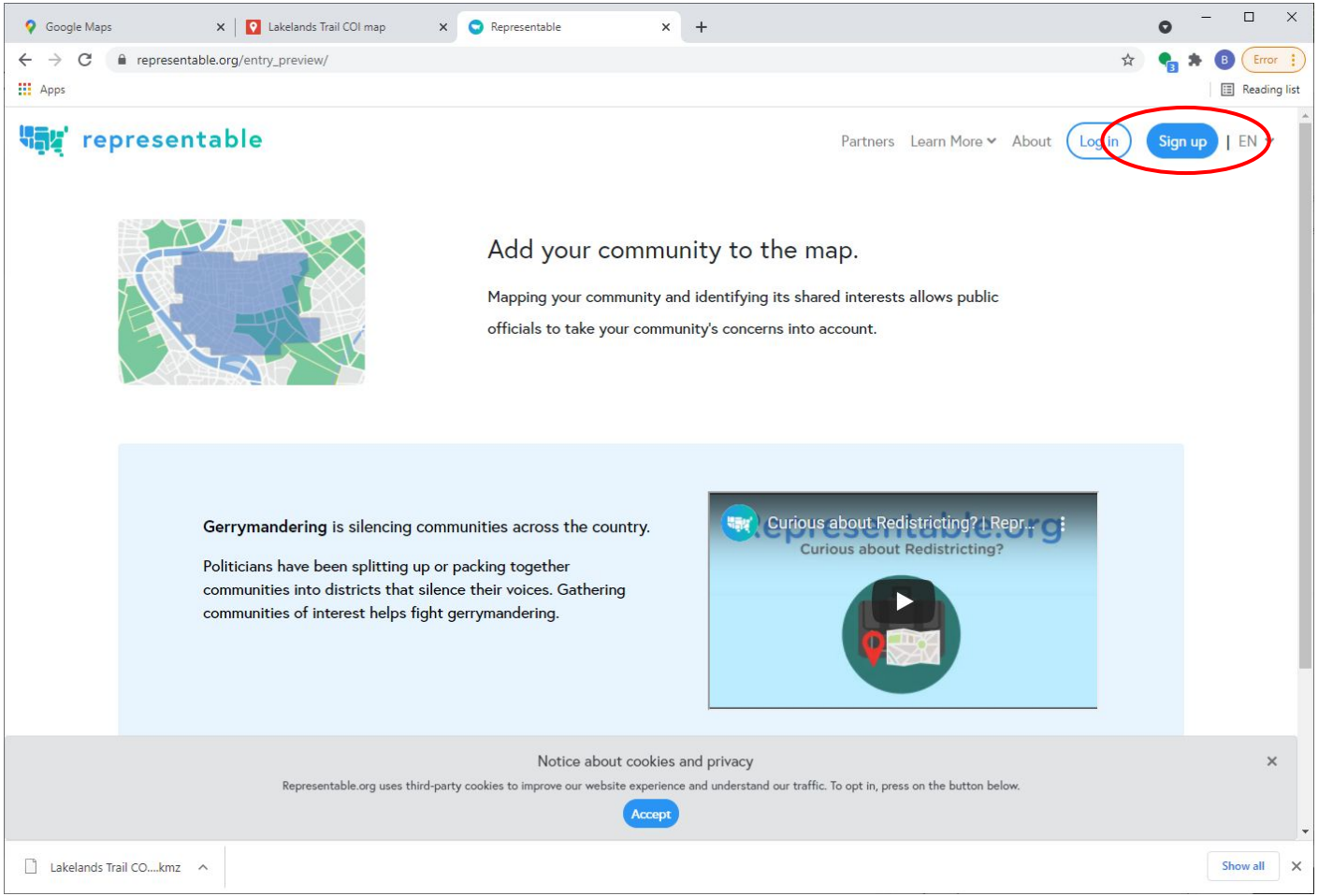
Making your Map with Representable

representable

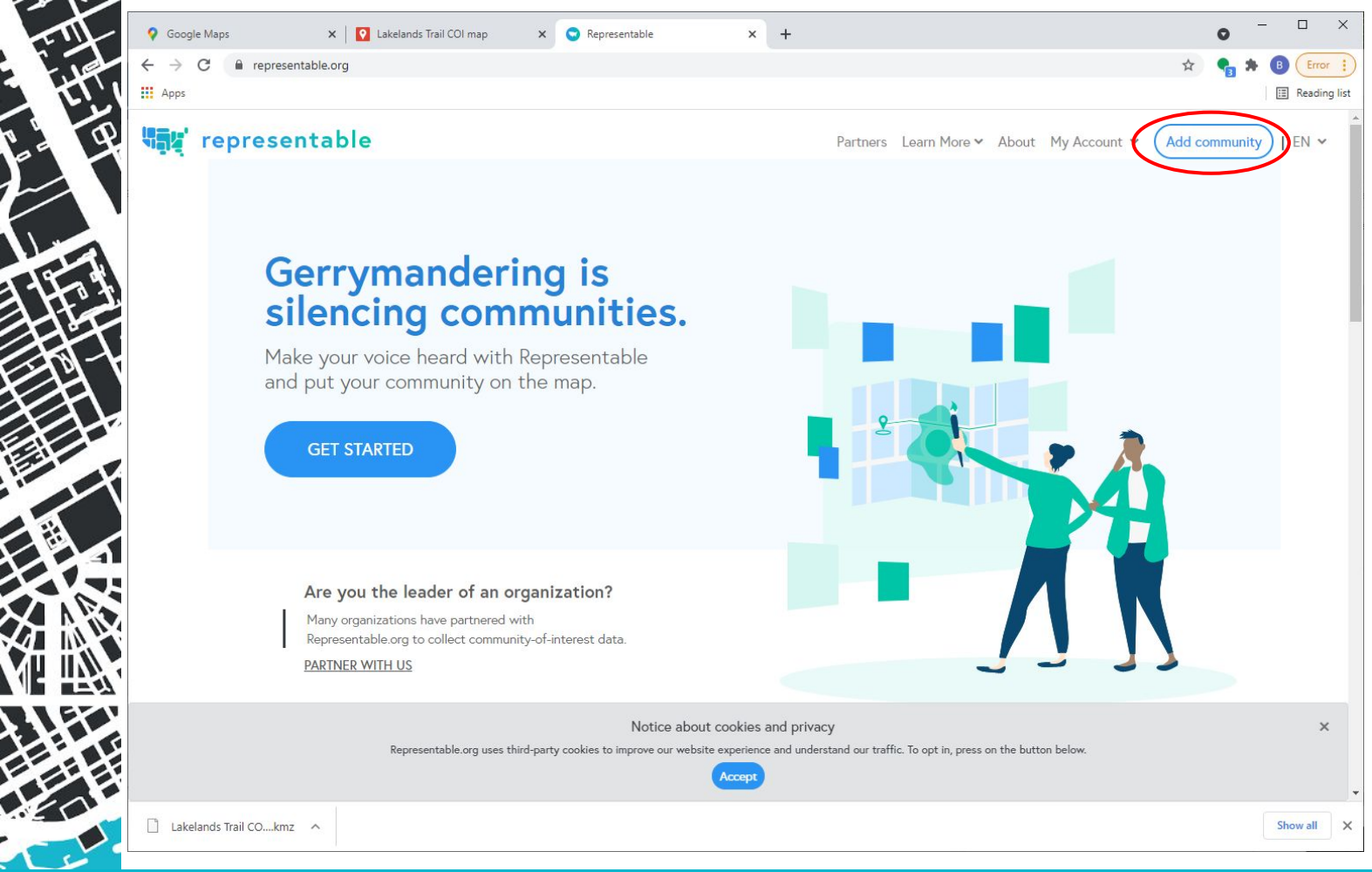
*representable**.org***



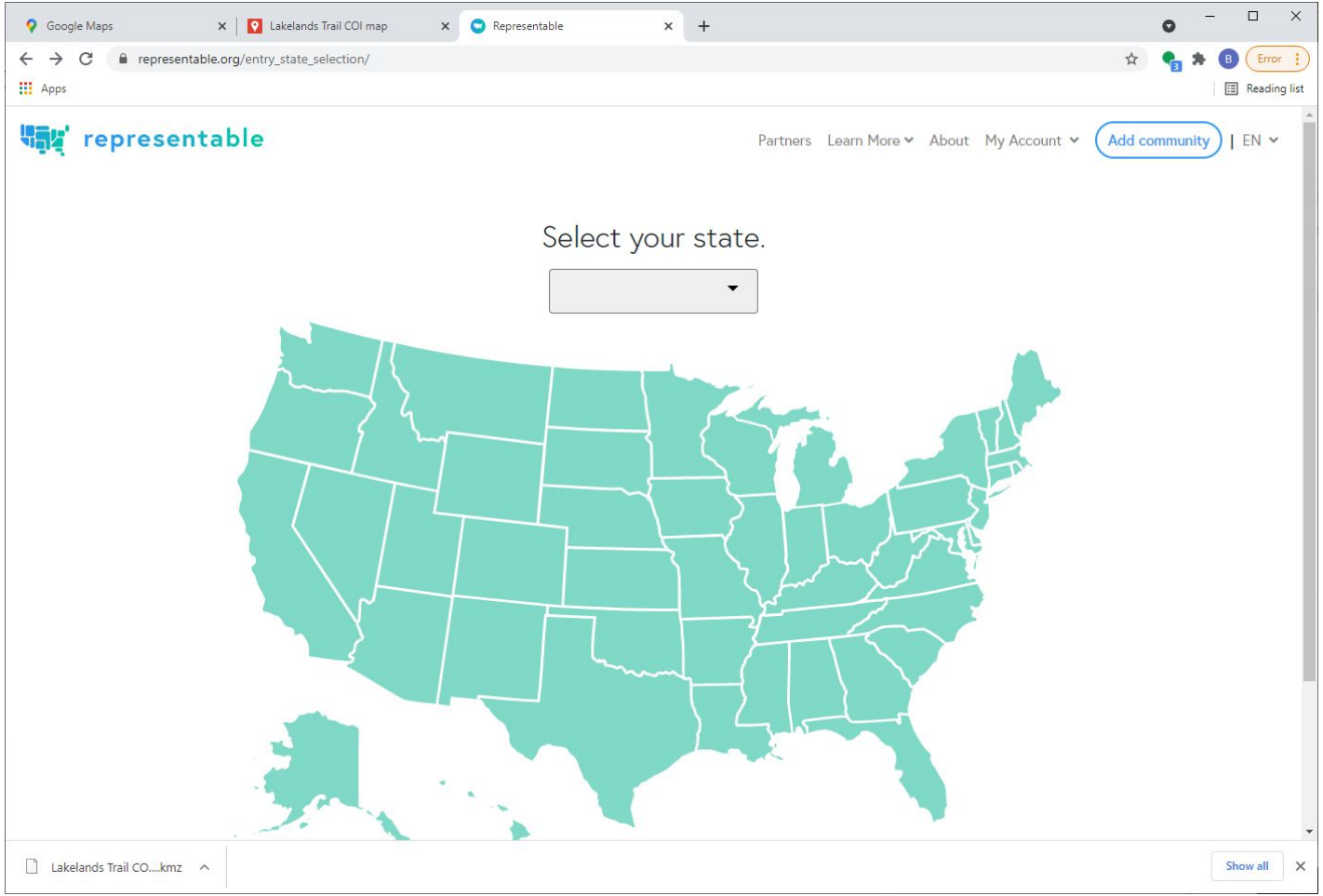
Start by going to **representable.org** and click **GET STARTED**



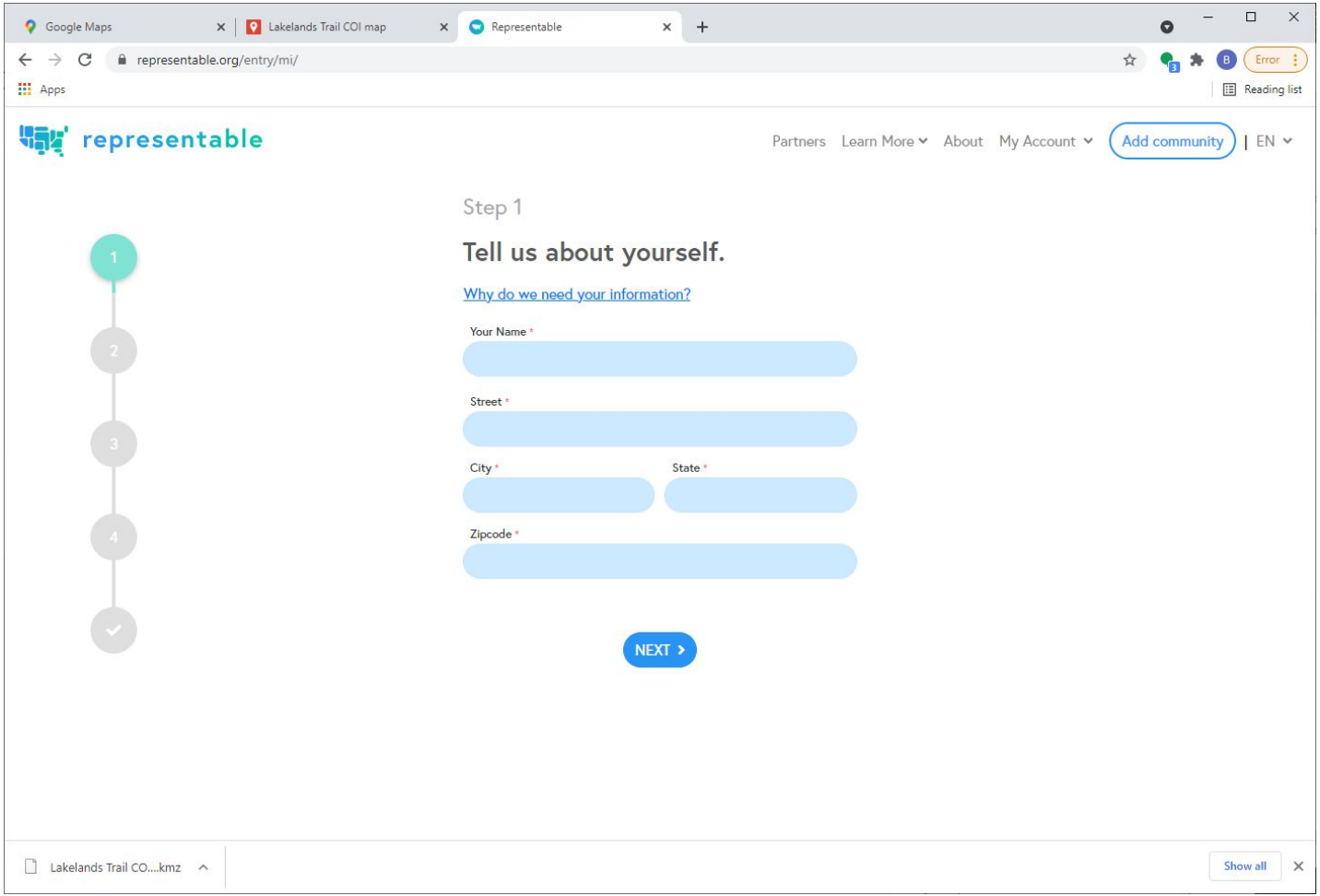
Sign up to create a free account.



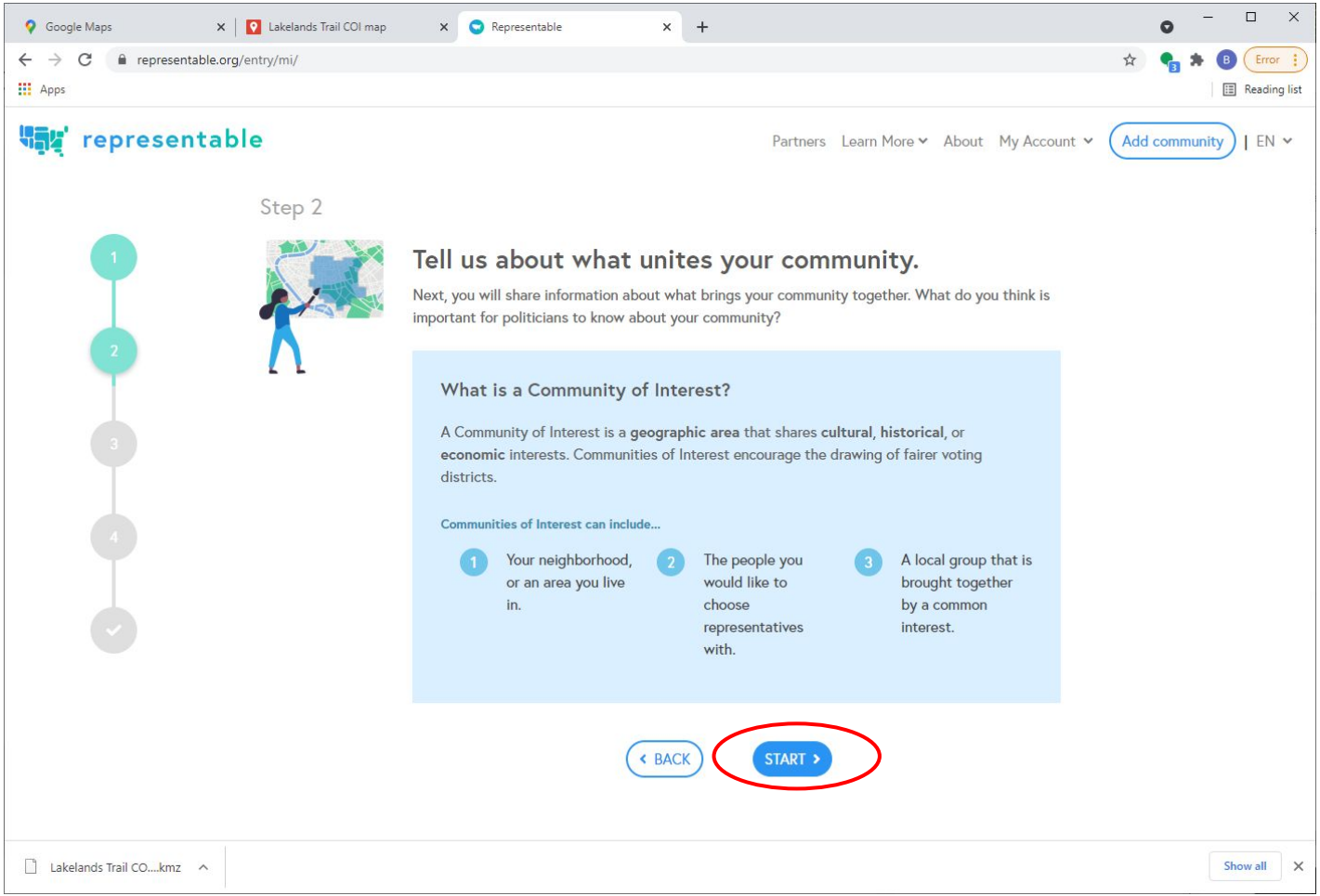
Click **ADD COMMUNITY** to start creating a COI map



Select **MICHIGAN**, scroll down to bottom of page to **START MAPPING**

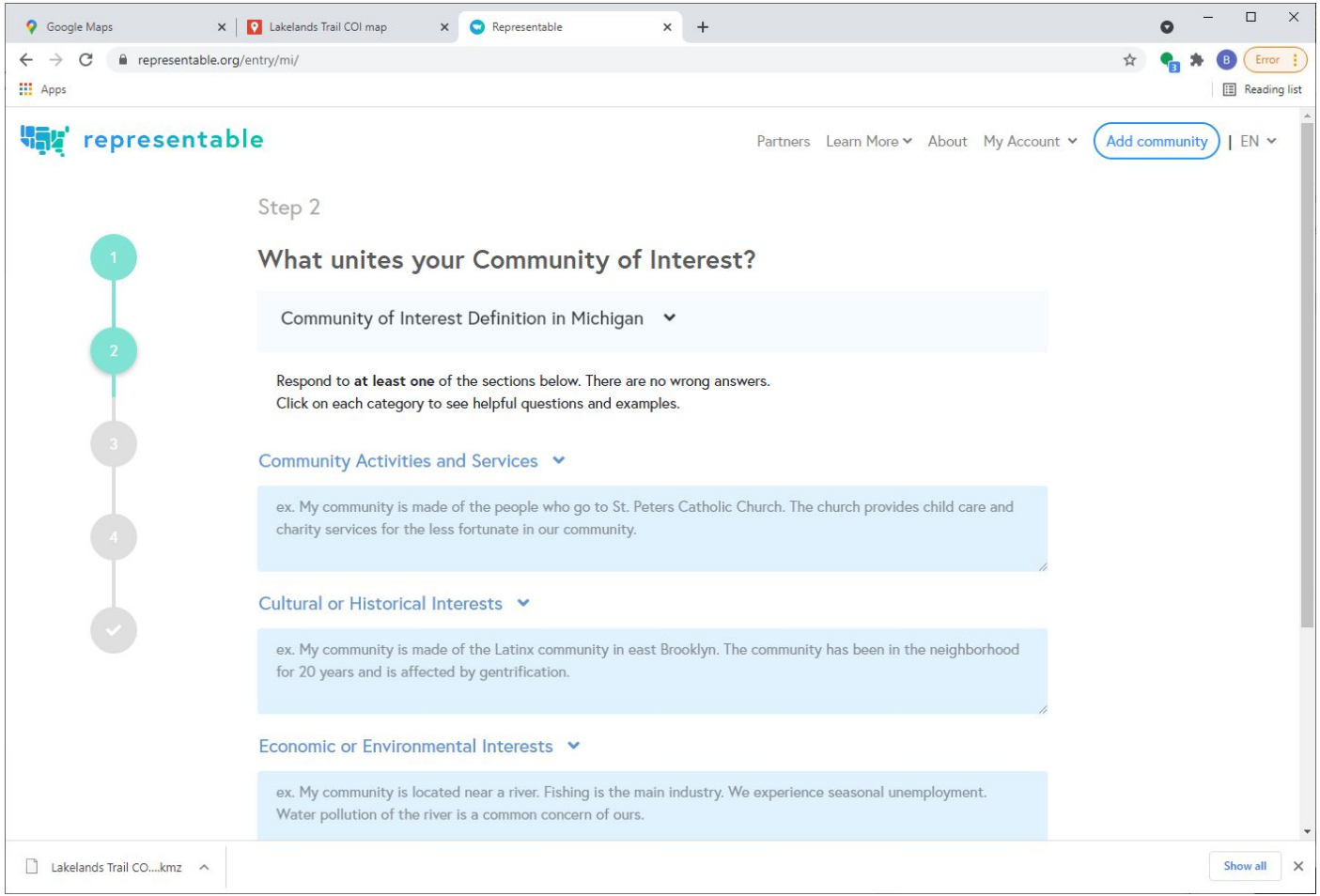


Complete the initial **Tell us about yourself**

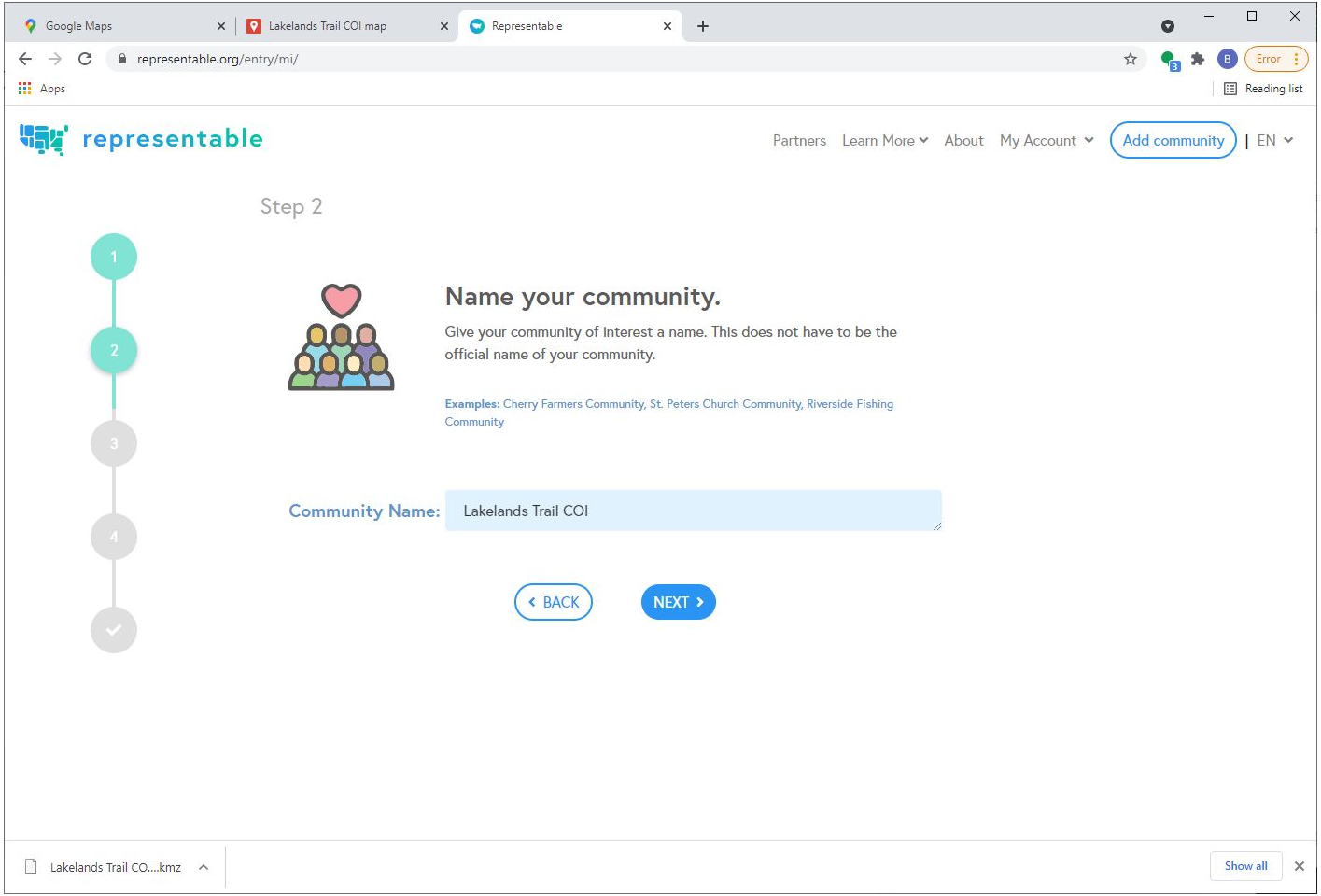


Offers a summary of the concept of COI's for redistricting purposes.

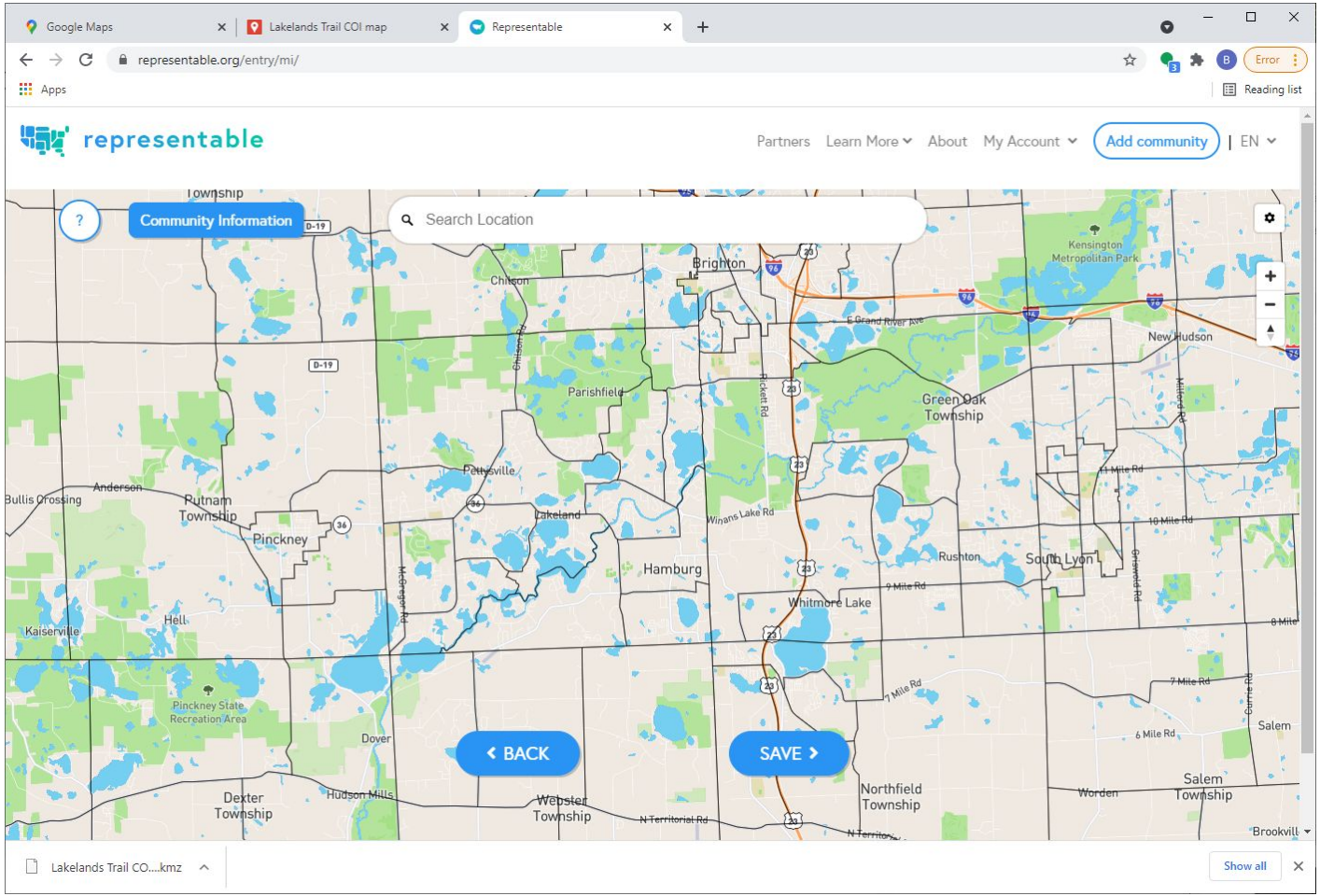
When ready, click **START**



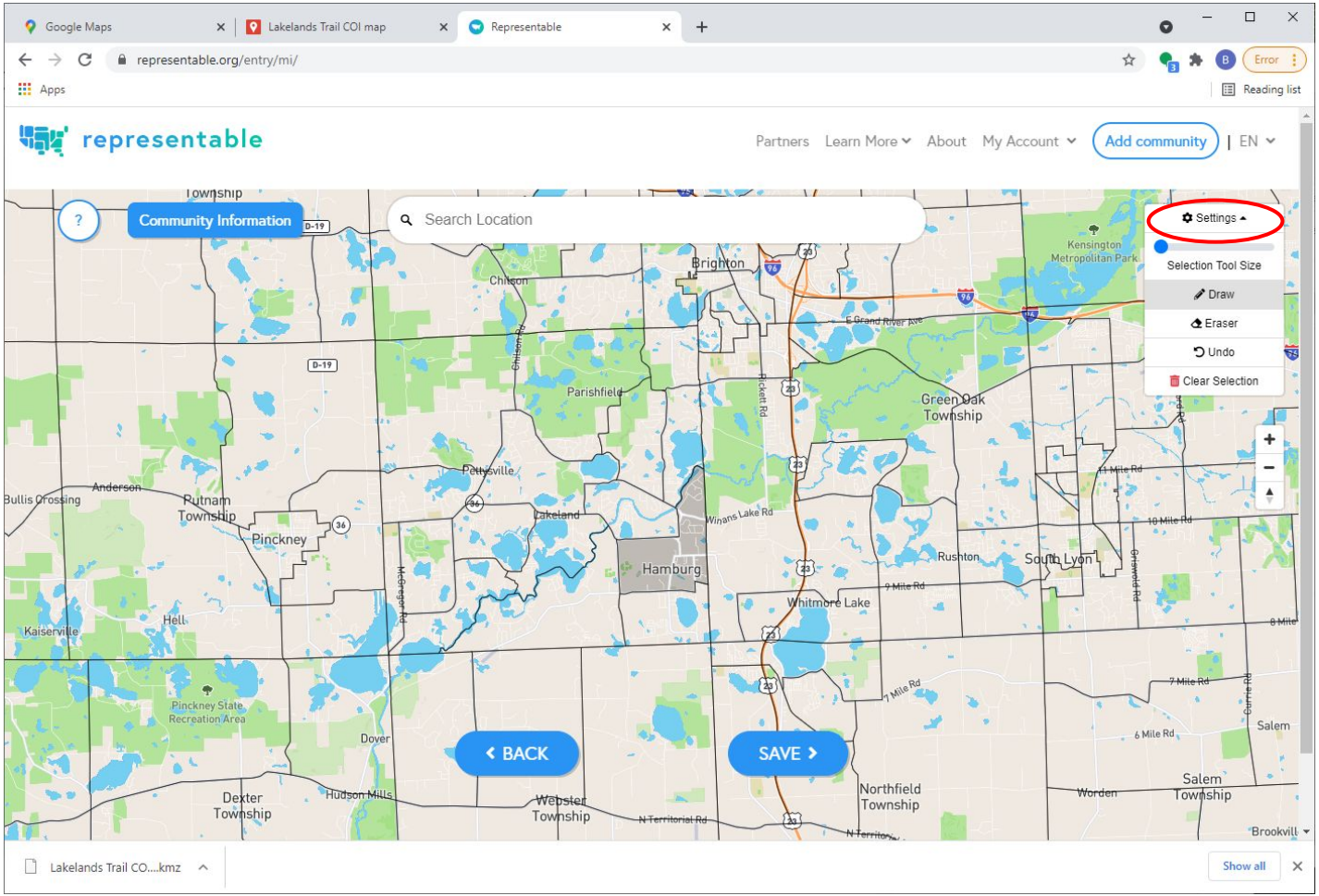
Now it's time to **describe your community**. This will be the **written** information that representable will **save with your map**.



After describing your COI, click **NEXT** to **give it a name**. Then, click **NEXT** to **map your COI**.

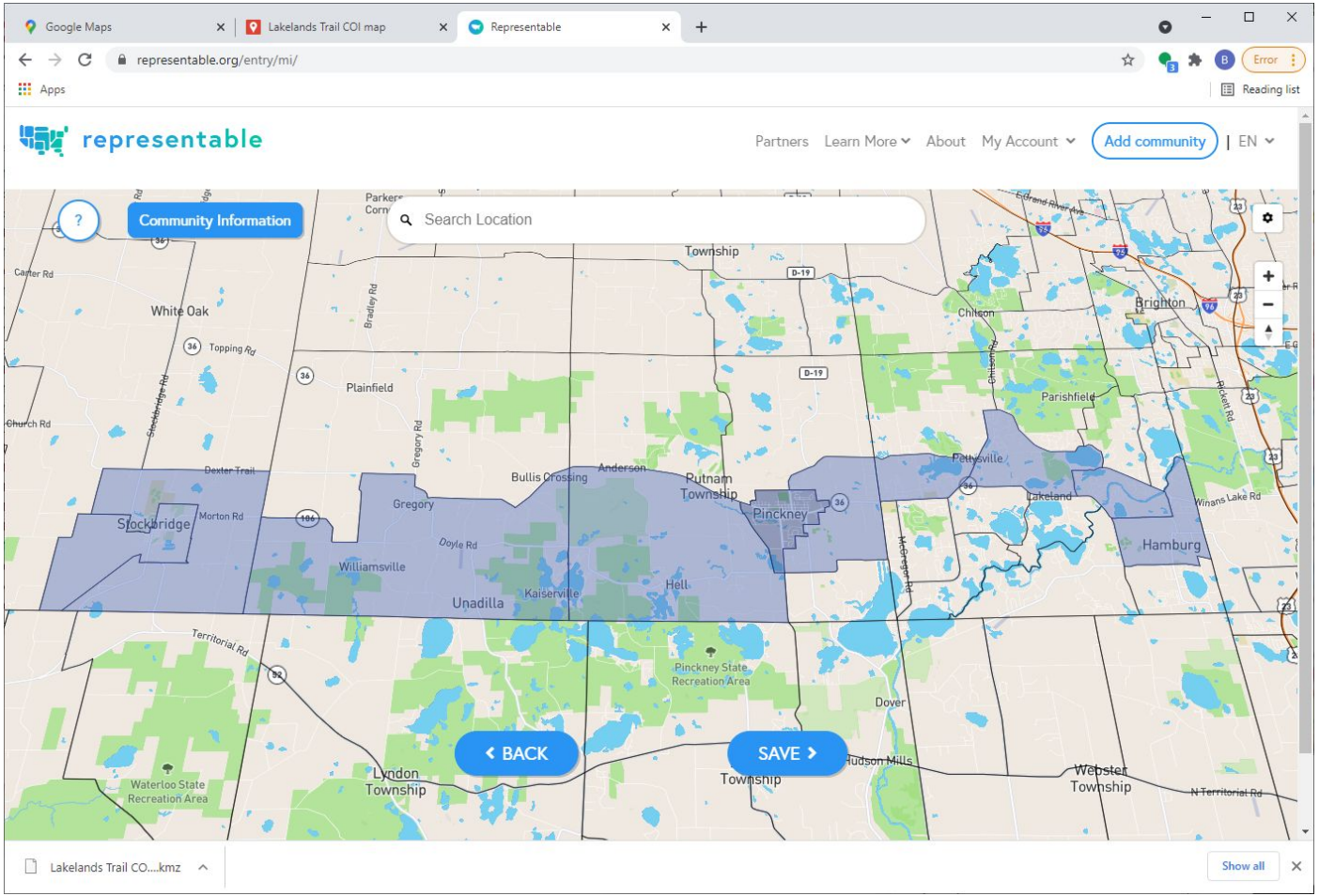


Search Location allows you to **navigate** to a named location like a **city, address,** or **point of interest**.

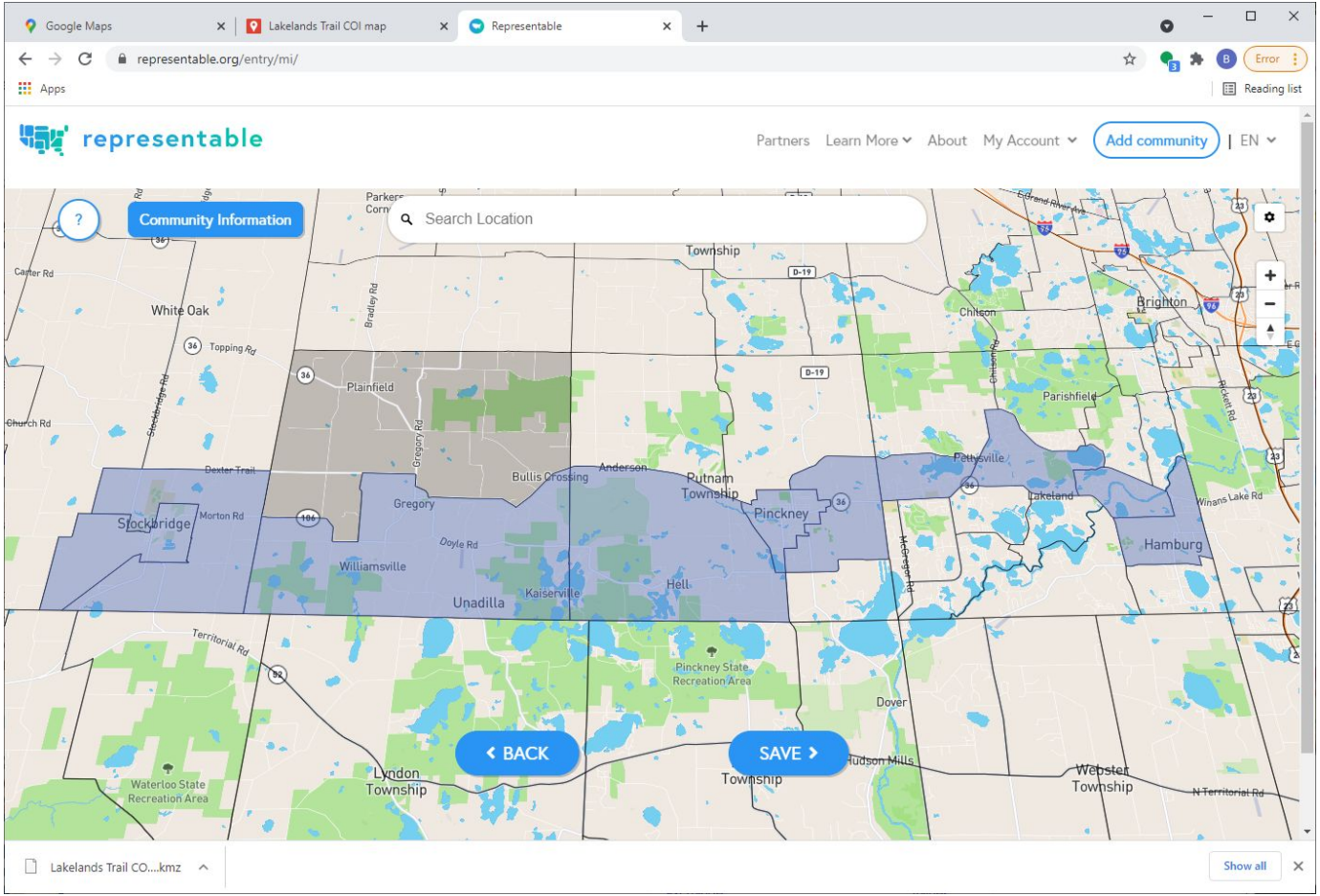


Click on individual census block groups to start creating your COI map.

To **increase your brush size** for selecting multiple blocks at once. **Go to settings** in the top right corner

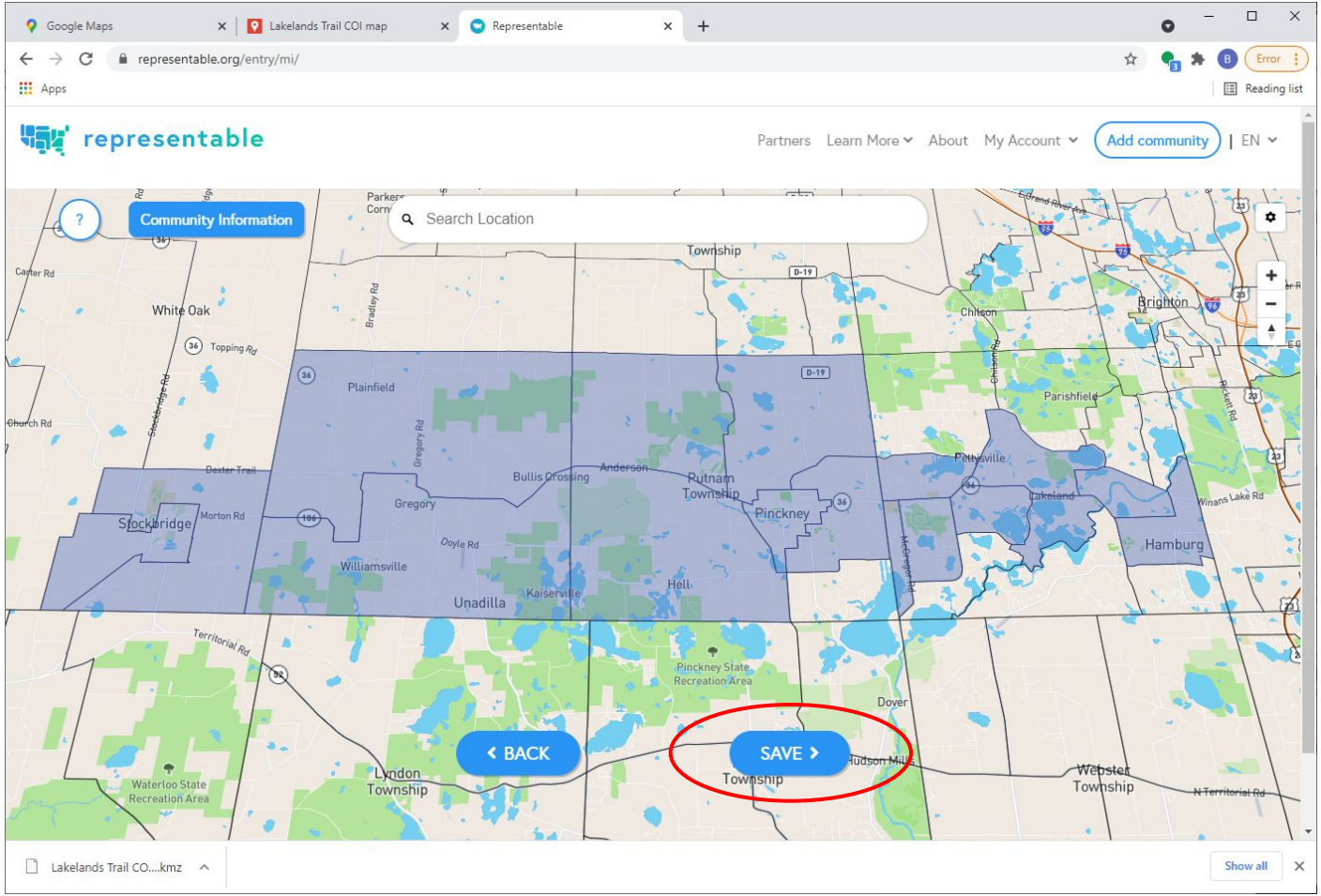


As I click on more census block groups, my **COI map** starts to **take shape!**

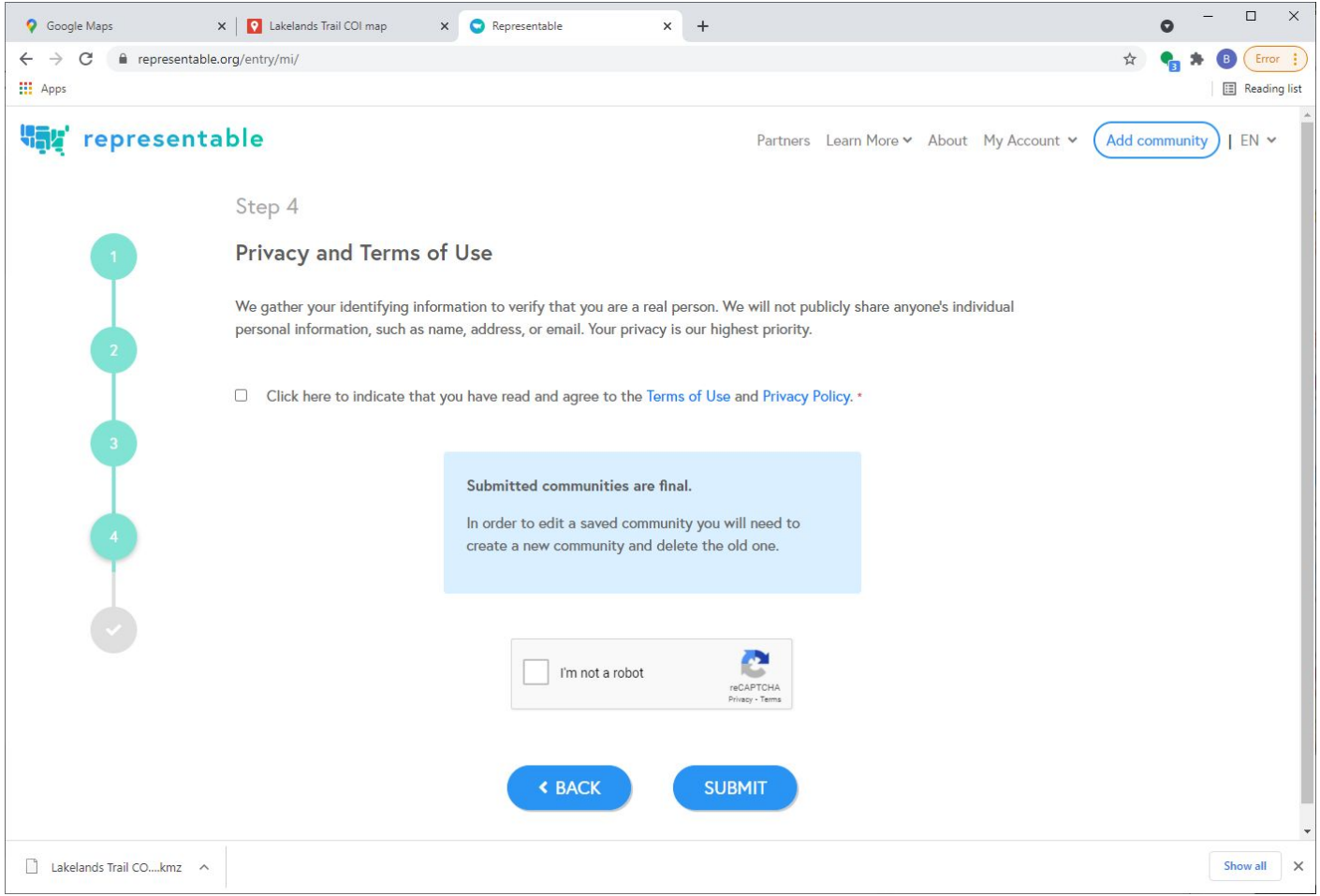


Should this block be **included as well**?

We recommend **organizing group discussions** with other COI members. Consider doing it **together on Zoom**!



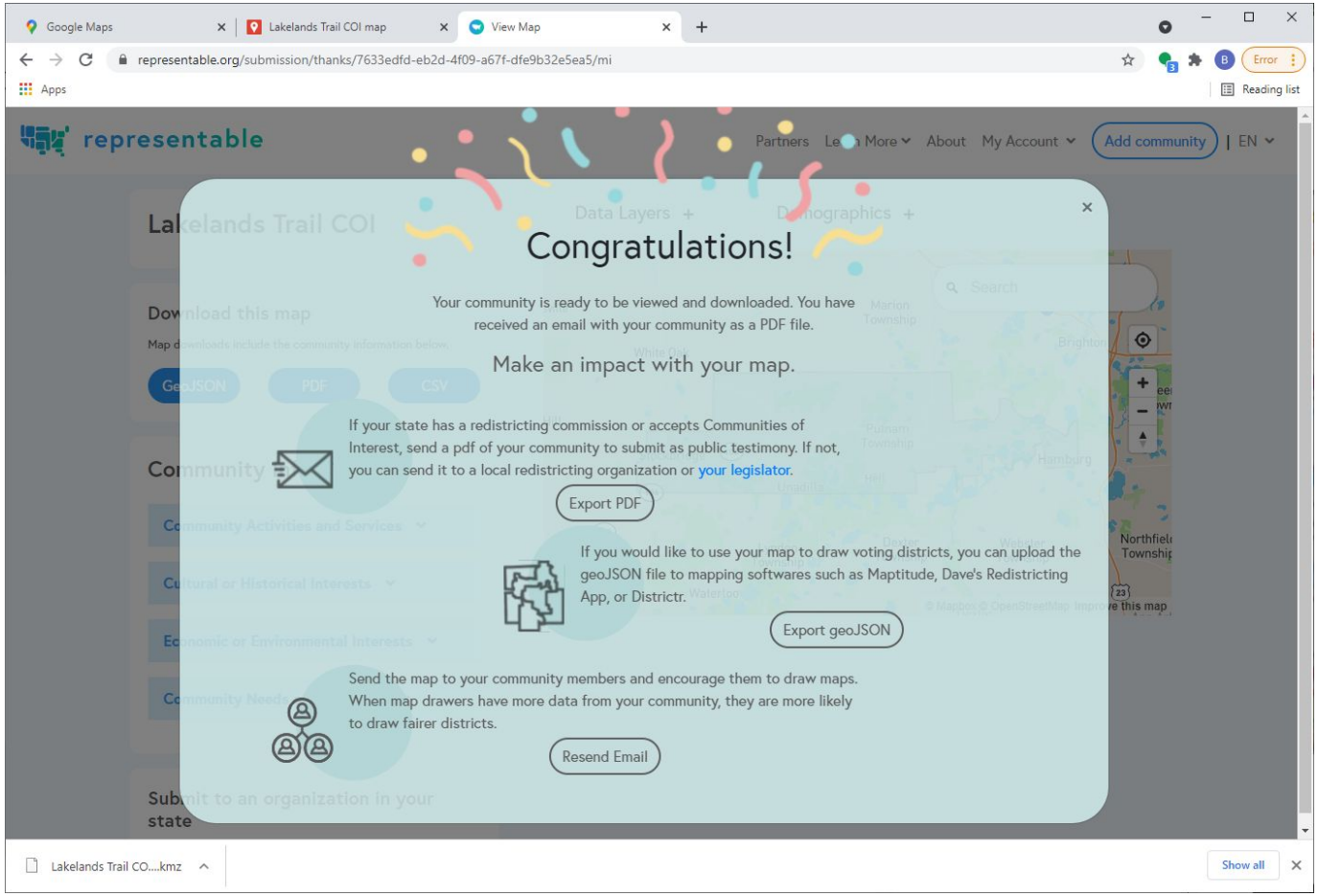
Once I've **finished mapping**, I am ready to **save and complete** my map



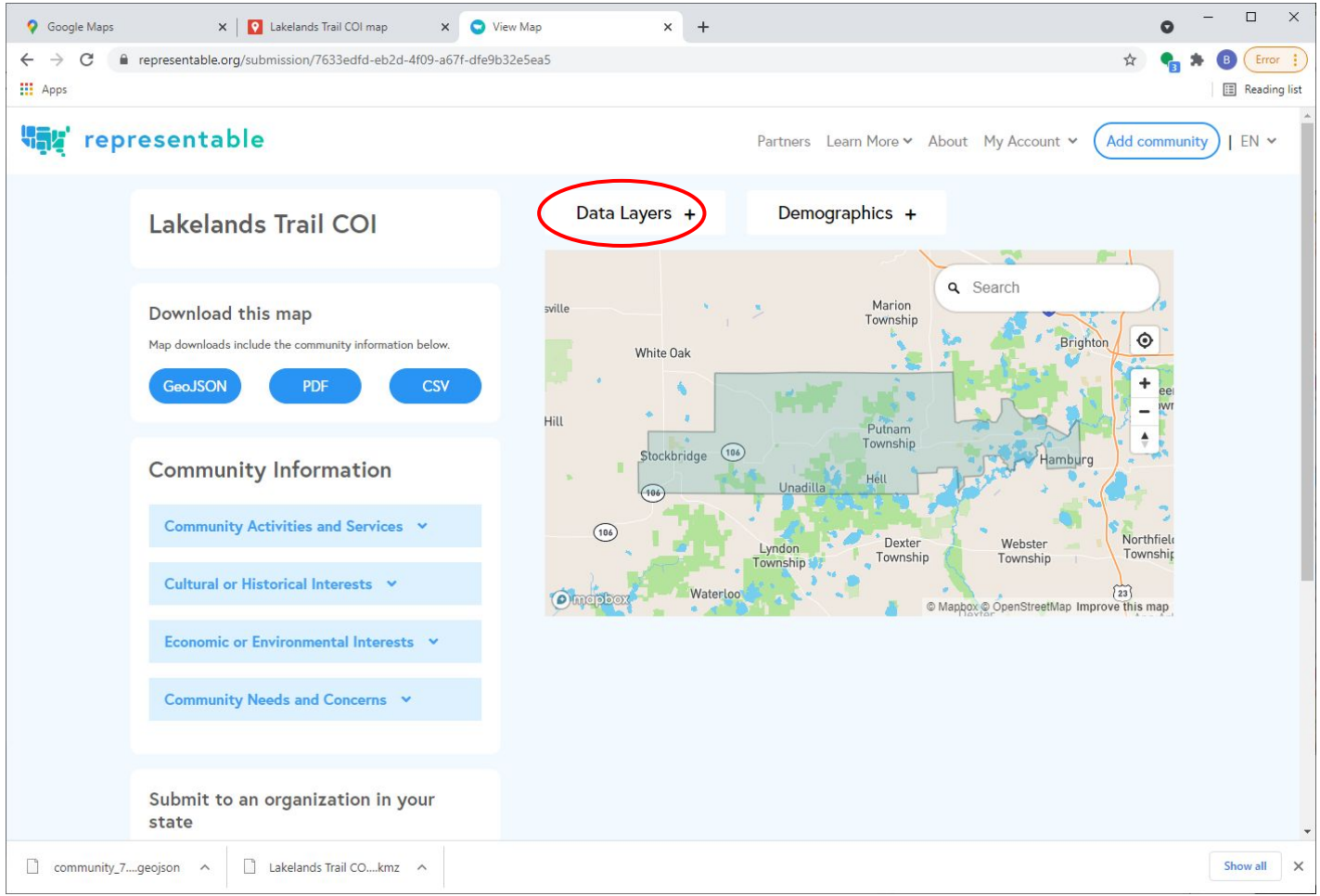
Let them know you are **not a robot**.

Click **SUBMIT**, to finish saving.

Submitting means **saving it to your account**. This **does not submit** it to the MICRC!



Learn about your options to **share** and **export** your map!



Once your map is saved, **you can view** some **data layers** to your map, such as the current legislative districts that expire soon.

Remember

You still **need to submit** your map to the **MICRC's public portal**.

Representable will not submit it on your behalf.

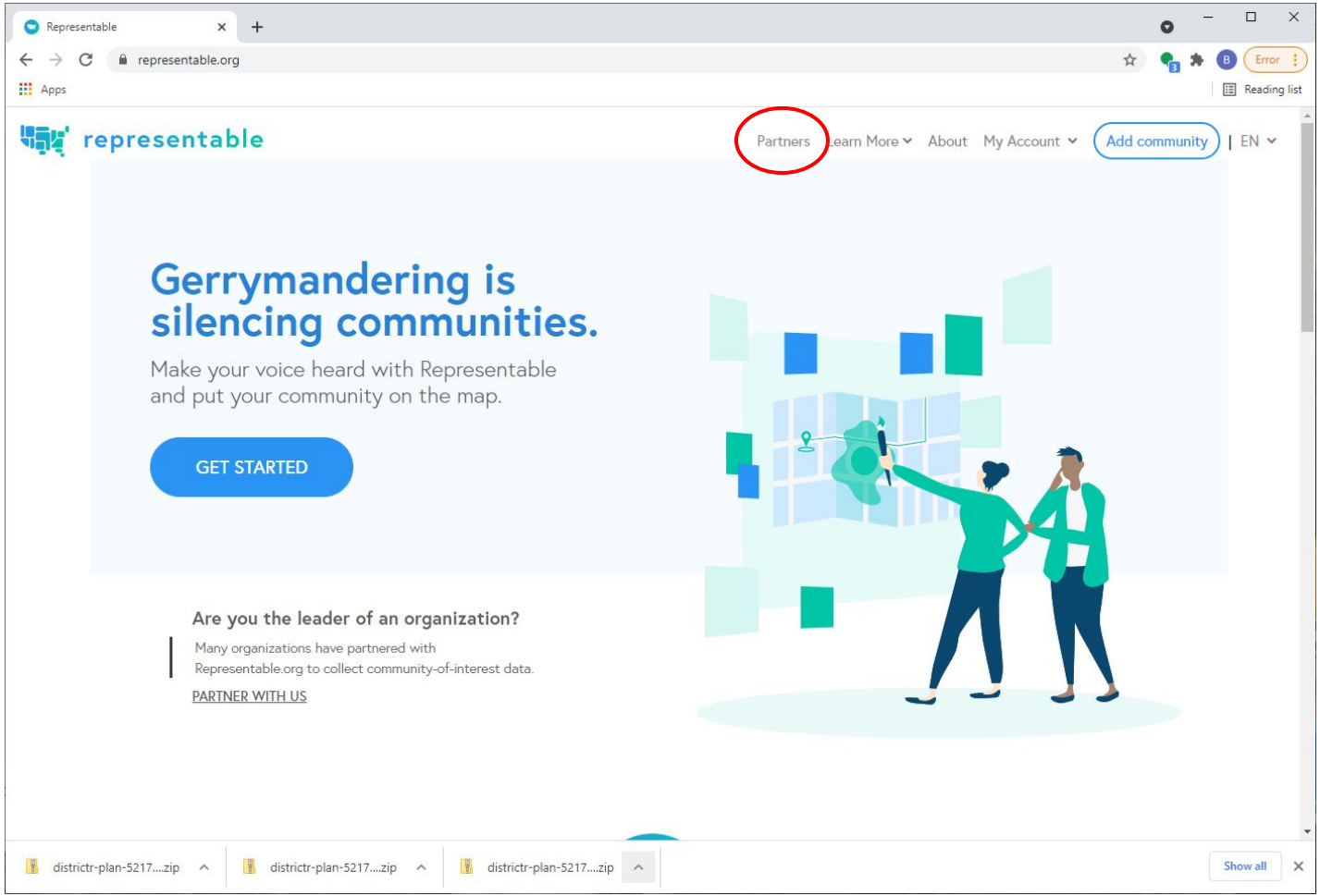
Representable (*representable**.org***)

Potential Benefits

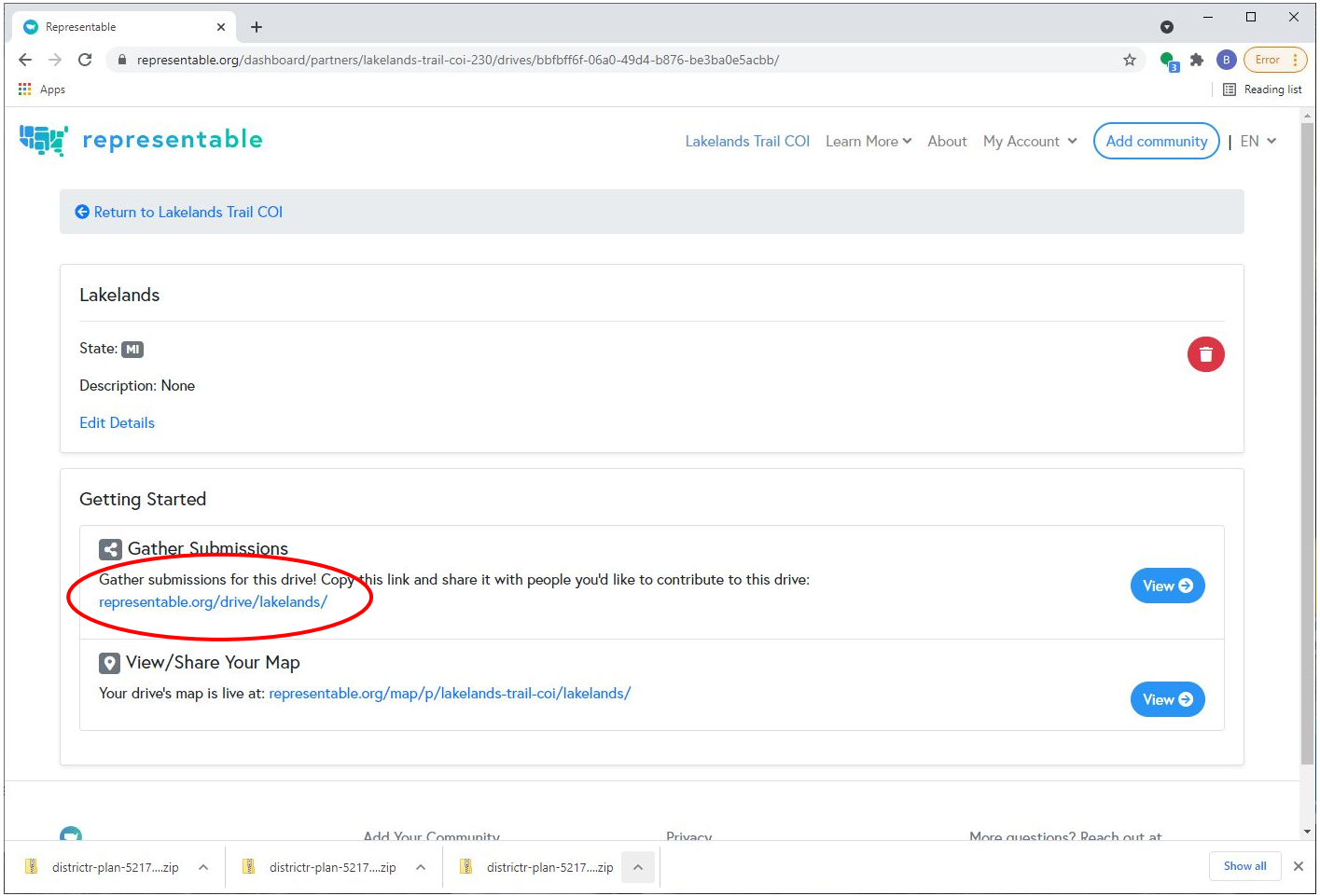
- **Guides you** through each step and provides **comprehensive tutorials** within the tool.
- **Easy-to-use Partner drives** for COI's collecting numerous maps from their community
- T**ested** extensively with **users in Michigan** to ensure it's customized for our state's needs
- Offers **several ways to share your map** (.pdf, .csv, GeoJSON and/or a public web link)

Potential Drawbacks

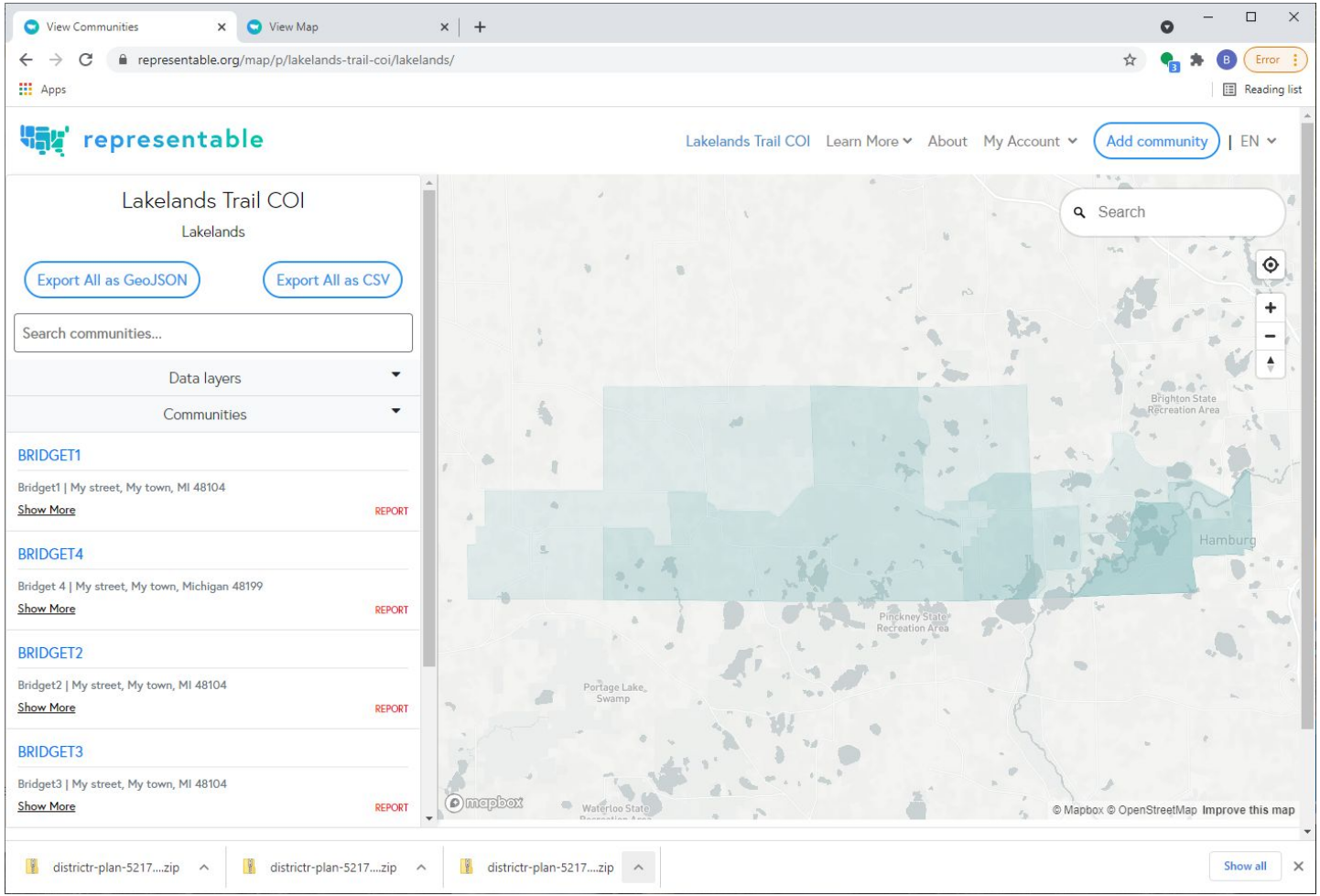
- Only offers **census block group** boundaries to create your map
- Not suitably designed for **editing** a **previously** saved map
- Data **layer** options are **limited**



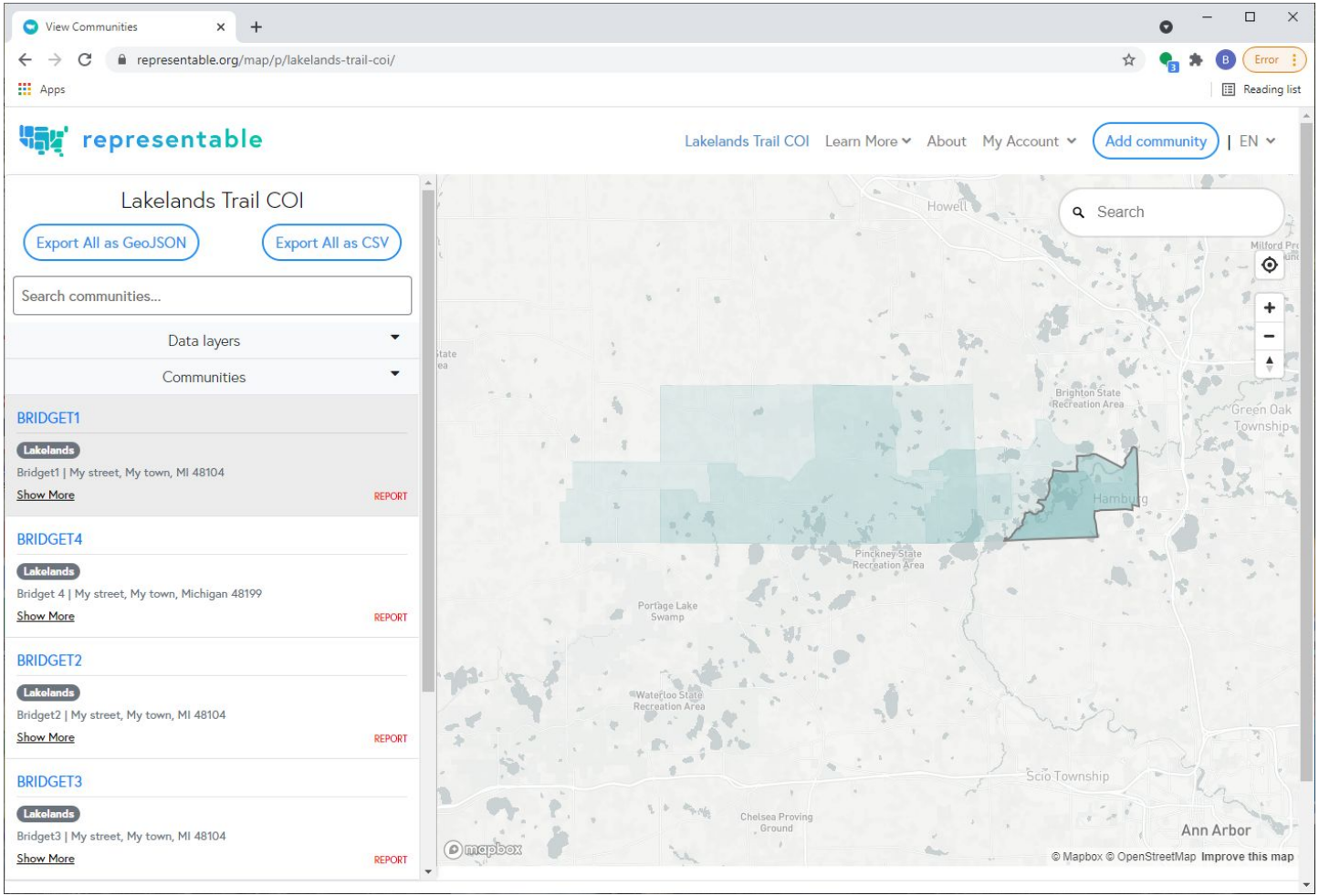
Now let's talk about our **favorite feature** for community leaders and organizers: **Partner Drives**



Create a Partner account to **gather submissions** from your community members with a unique, **shareable web link**.



The PARTNER **dashboard** allows community leaders to see **map submissions**, view a **heat map**, and **export** all maps. This is a publicly shareable page **you can post and share** as well!

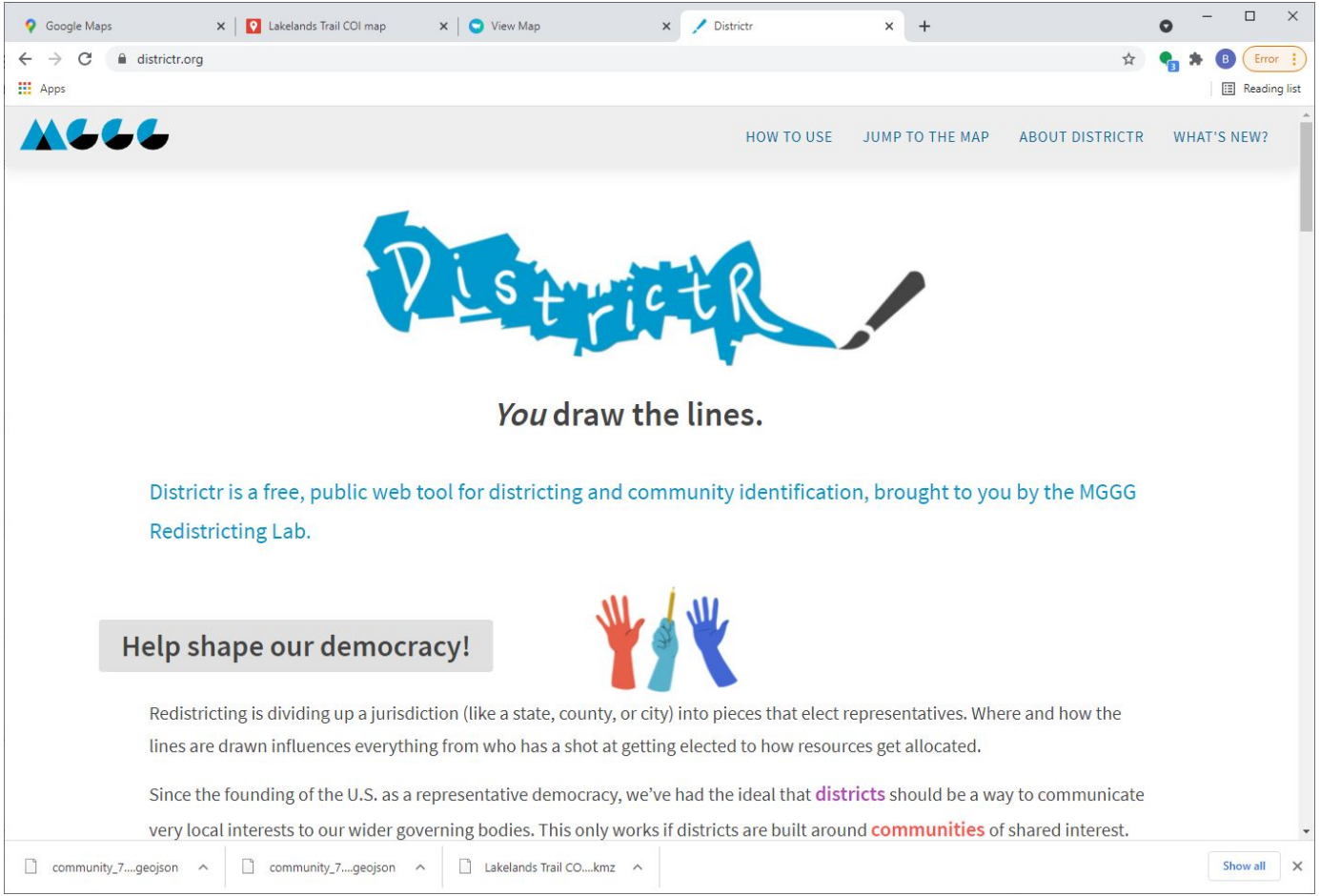


You can review individual submissions and see how **they described** the community,

Perfect for **community leaders** surveying their members.

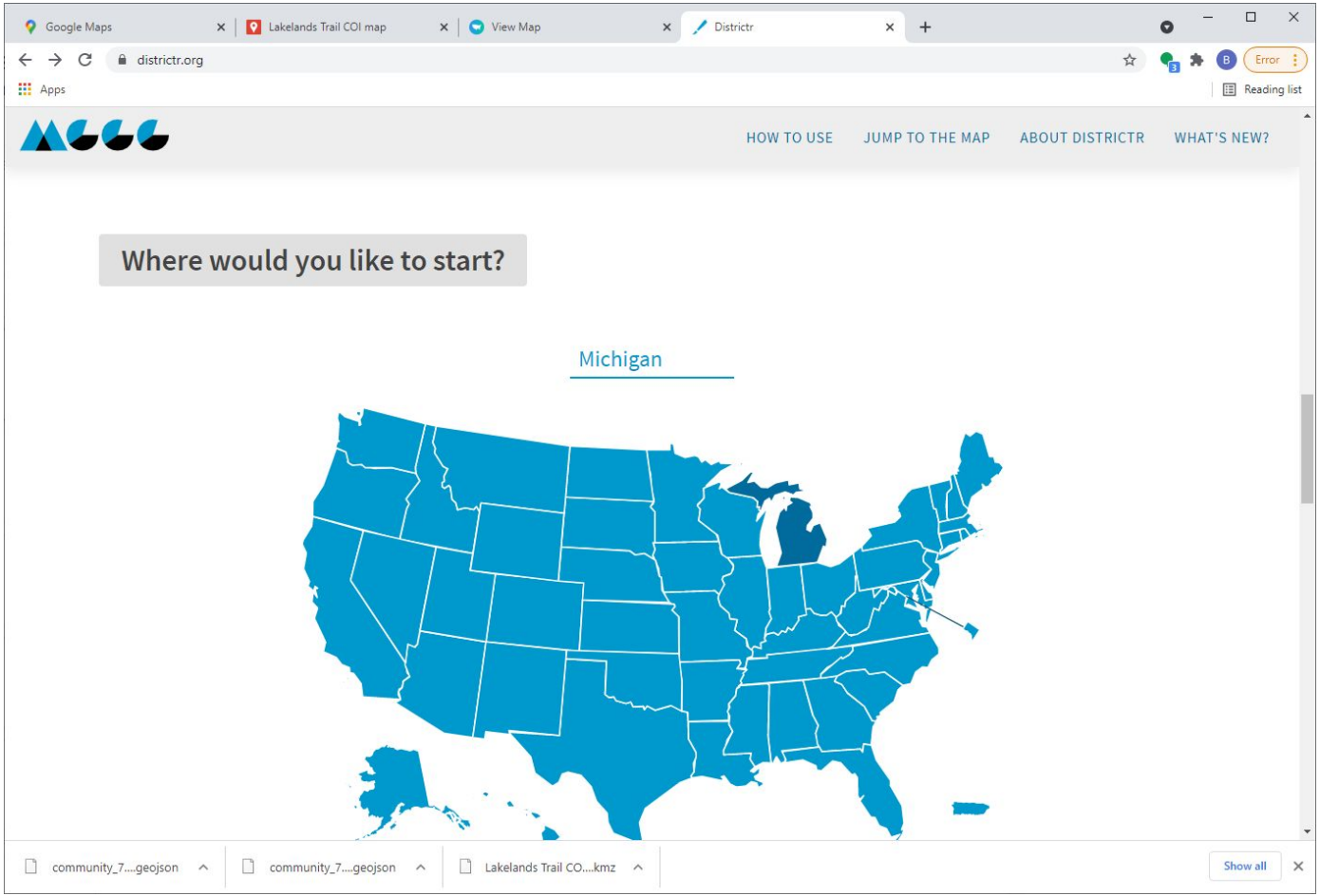
Making your Map with DistrictR

*districtr**.org***

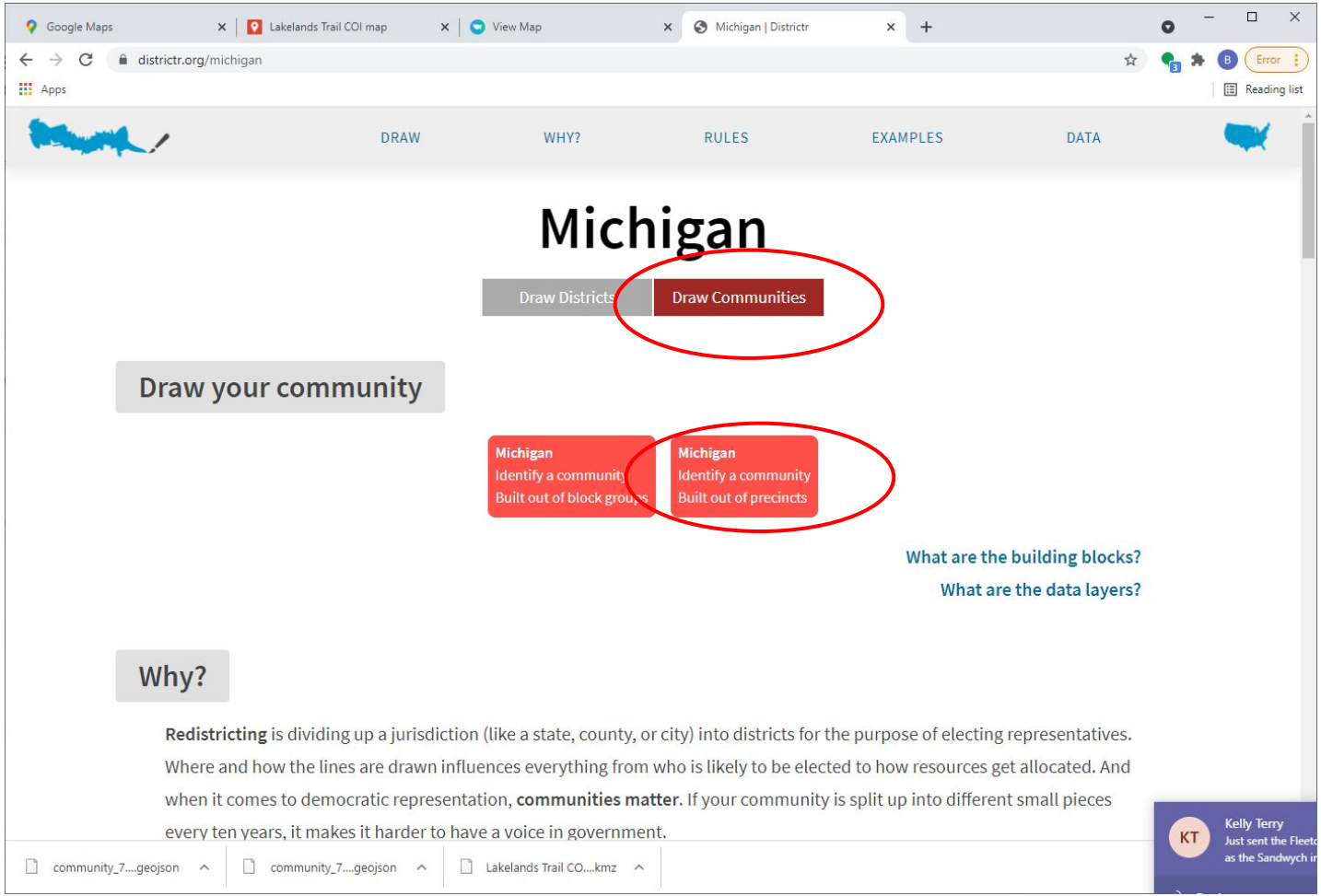


Go to **districtr.org** to get started.

Select **Jump to The Map** to start creating your map.



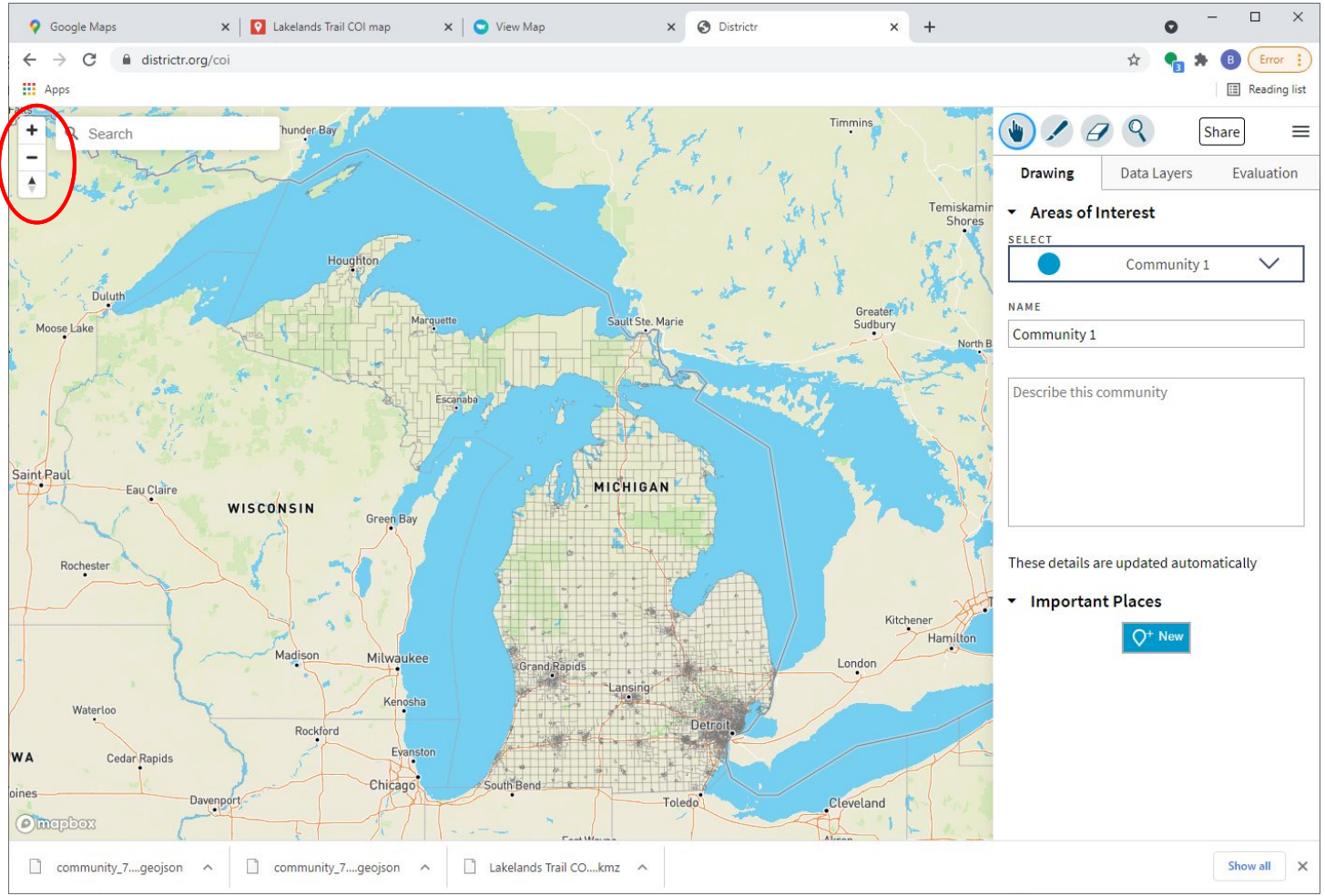
Select, **Michigan**



For the sole **purpose** of creating a **map of your COI**, make sure to select **Draw Communities**.

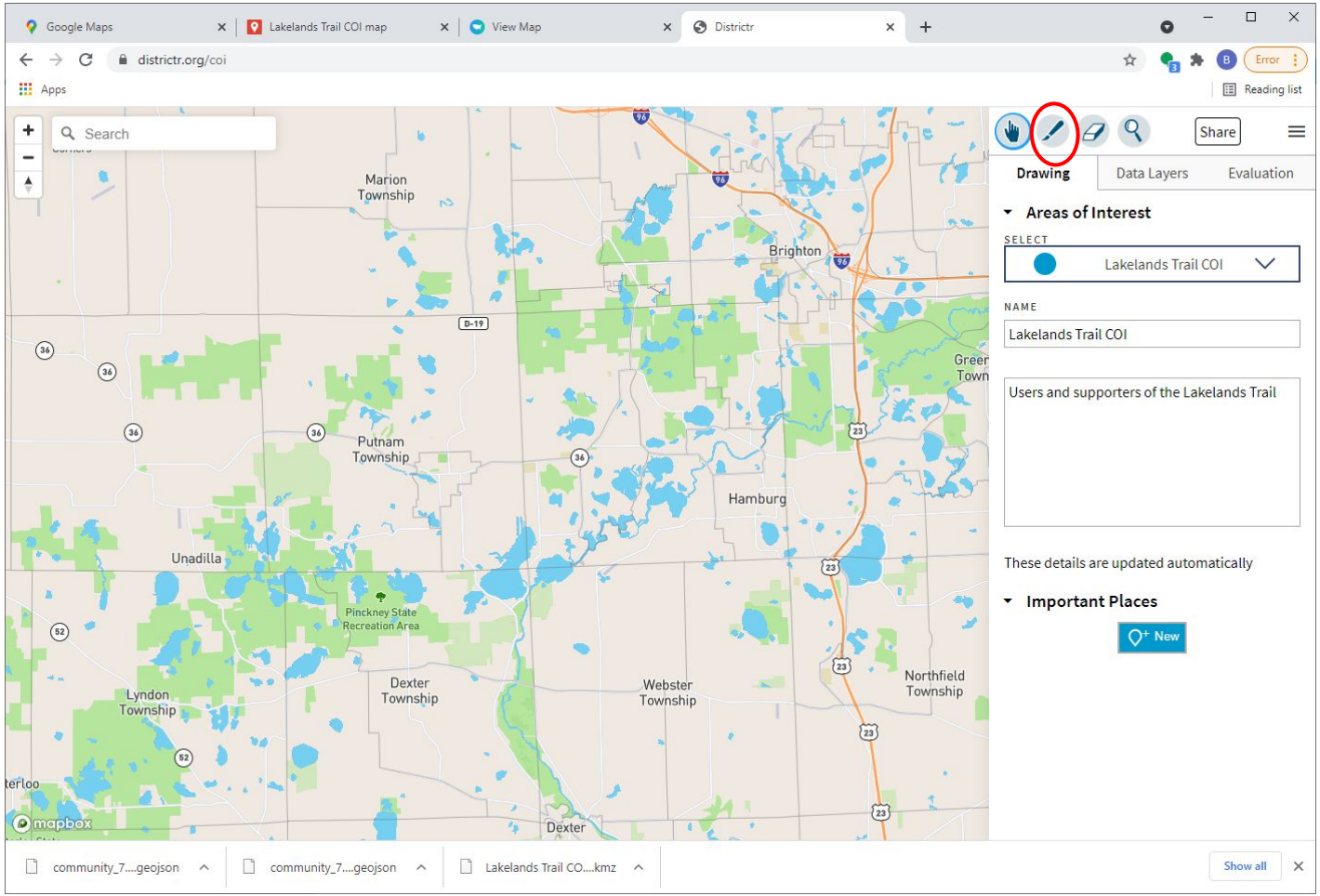
DistrictR offers, **Census Block Groups** or **Precincts.**

Let's try **creating** a map with Precincts

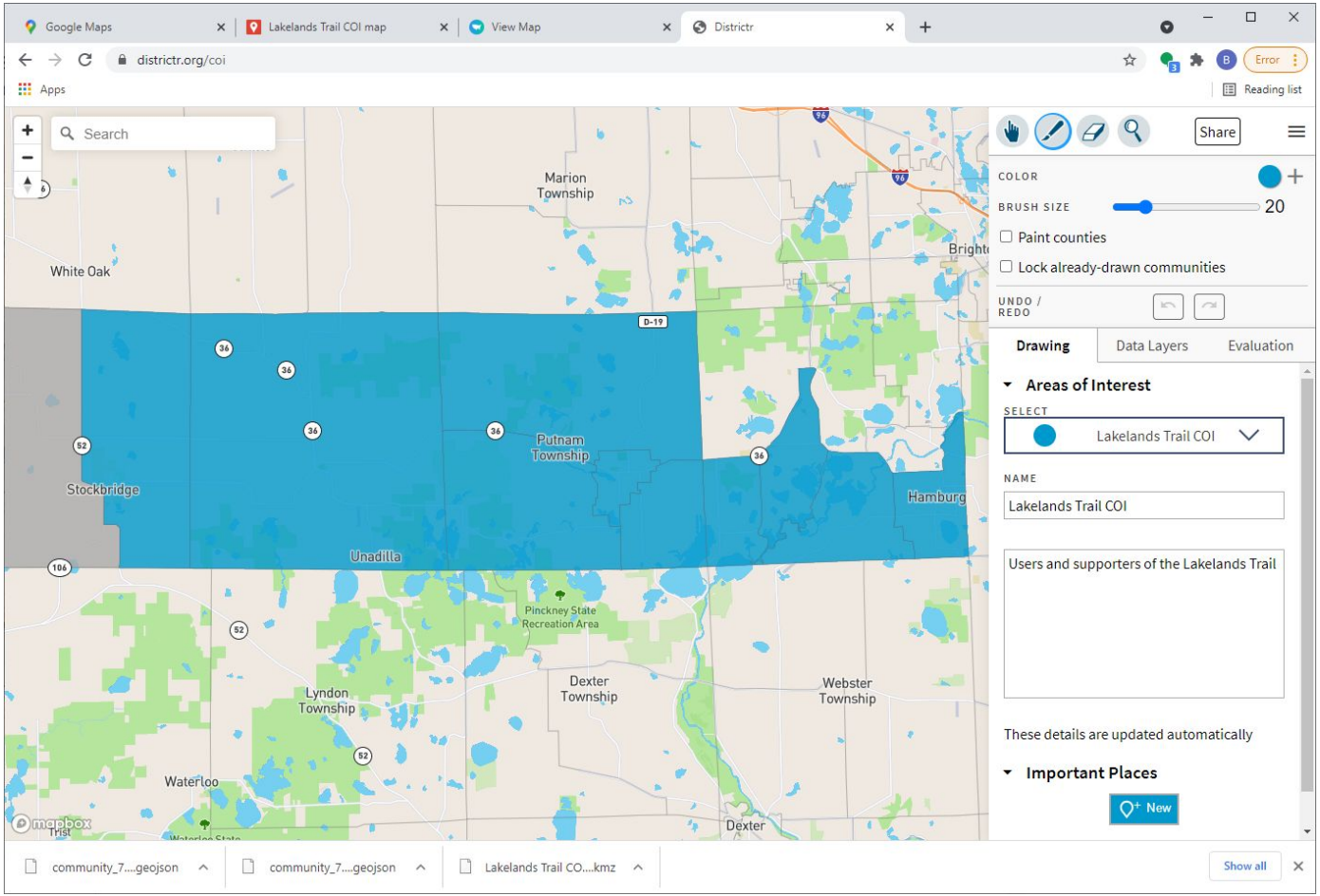


Similar functionality for navigating the map. DistrictR also **builds maps by clicking**.

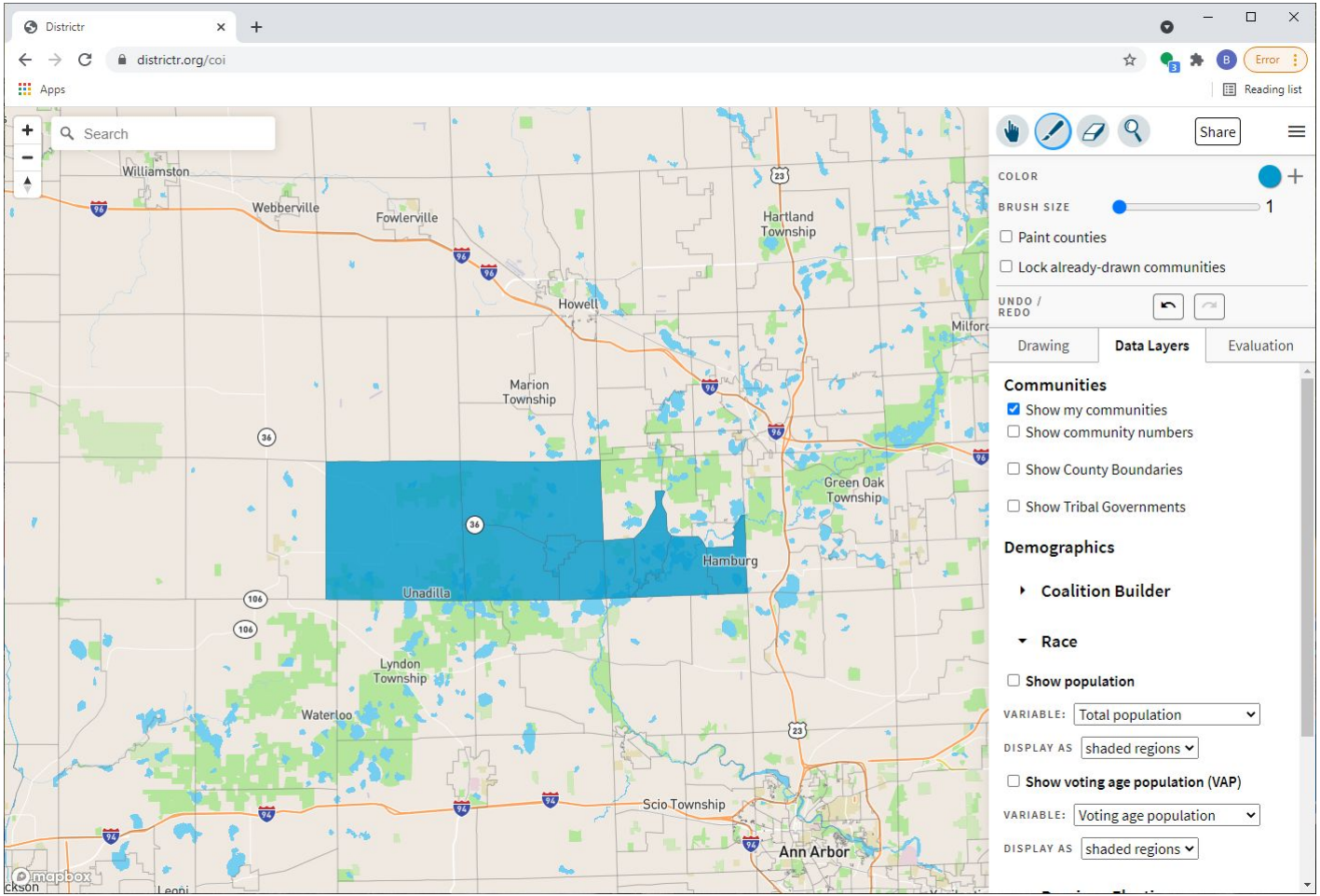
Note: On the **right-hand side** is where you **enter the description** of your COI



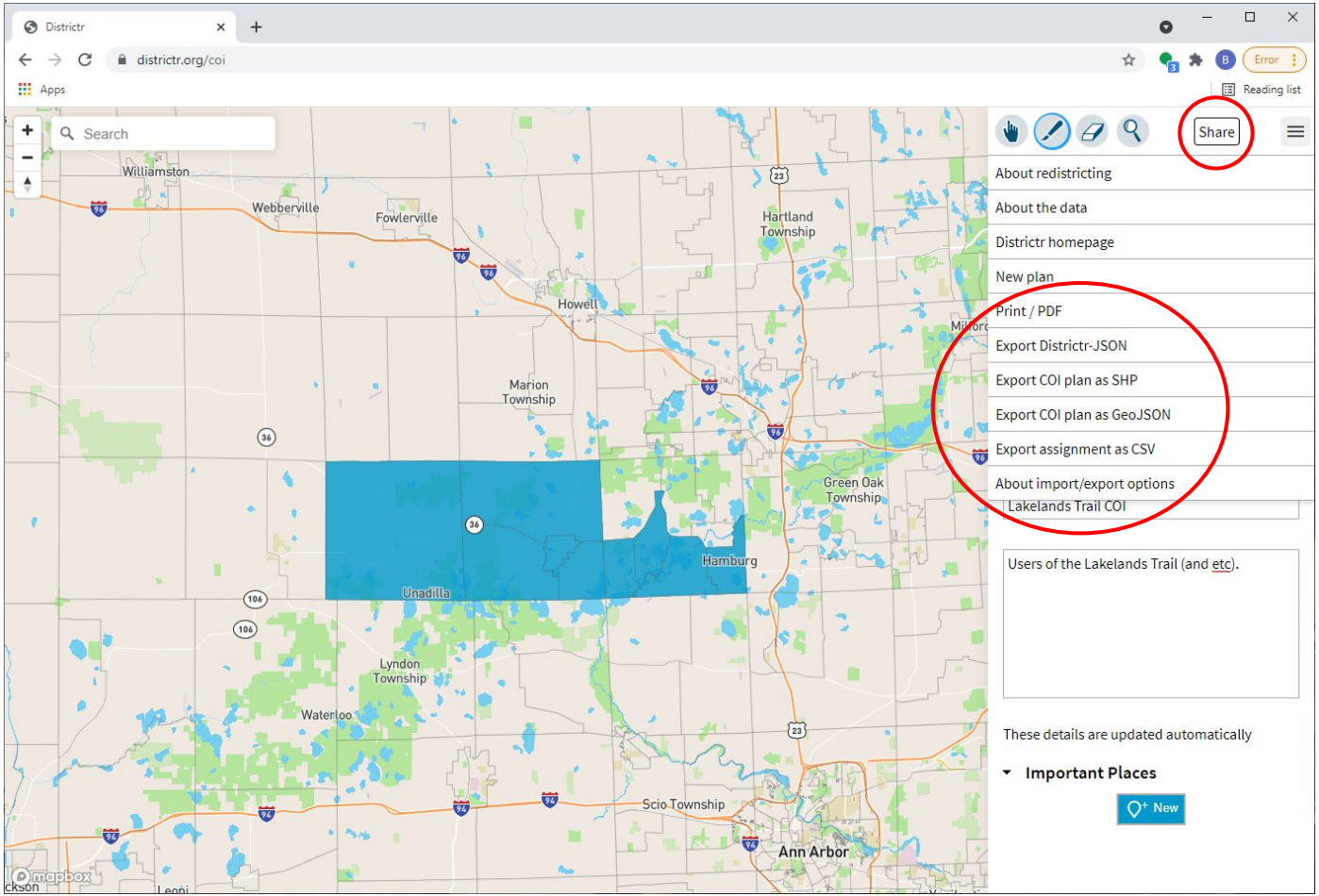
Select **Paint**, to start mapping your COI



Going **back** to my COI; The **Lakelands Trail**, I've created a map **using precincts.**

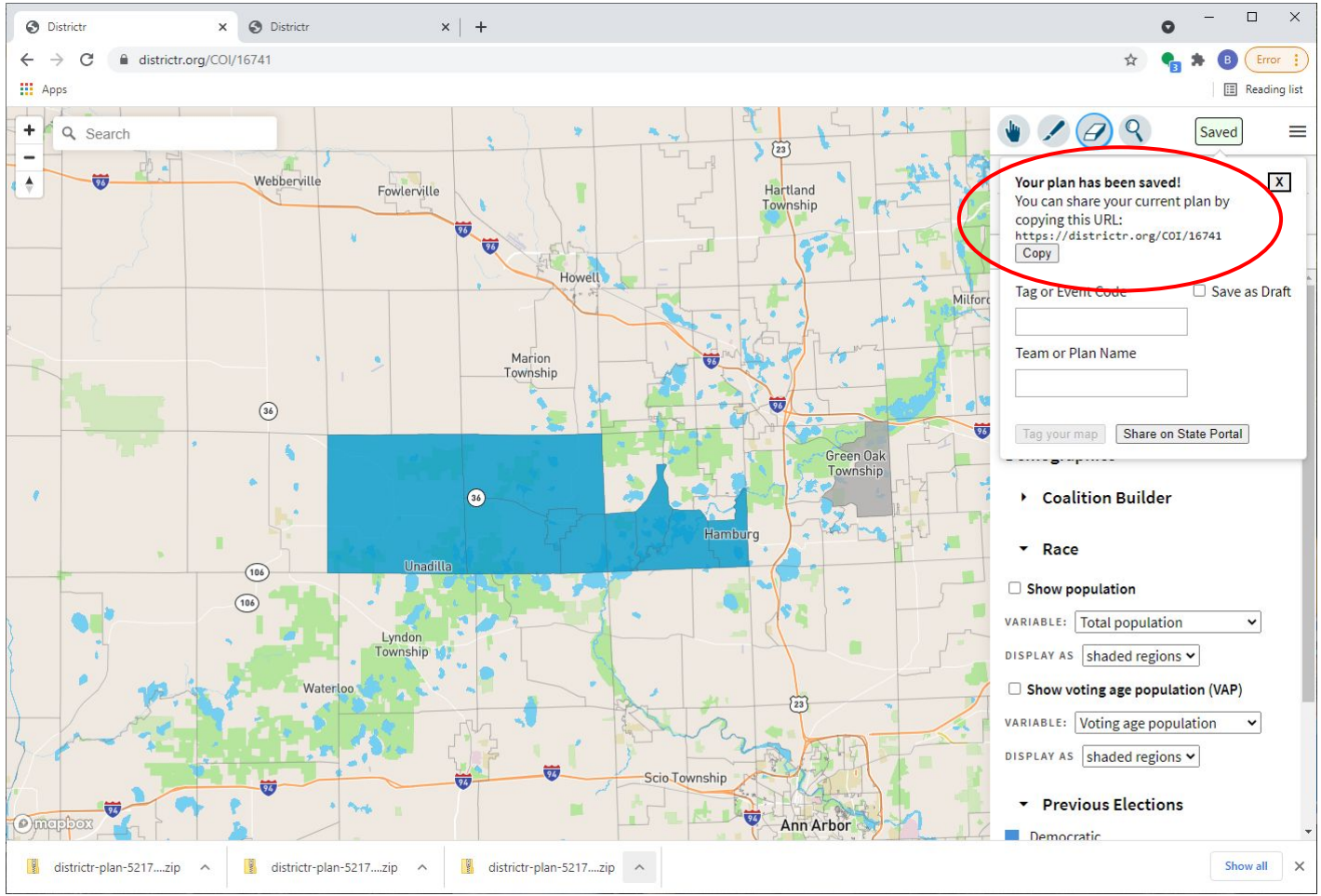


Before saving and completing your map, you can **view** numerous **data layers.**



When you are **ready to save** and complete, select **Share**.

Here you'll find several **widely compatible** file formats, such as GeoJSON and .SHP.



Just like Representable, DistrictR offers a **publicly shareable link** for you to **save**, **bookmark**, or **share**.

DistrictR (*districtr**.org***)

Potential Benefits

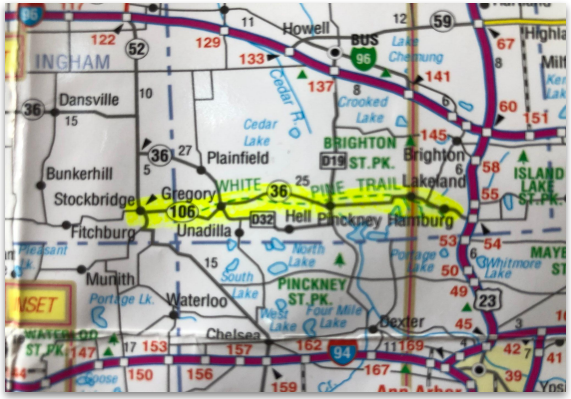
- ➔ Offers **more options** for choosing **how** and **what** kind of map you want to create
- ➔ Offers the **Important Places** option to add landmarks to your map
- ➔ Allows you to **use** additional data layers **during** your map-making process.
- ➔ We didn't show this, but DistrictR allows you to draw **multiple maps** at one-time

Potential Drawbacks

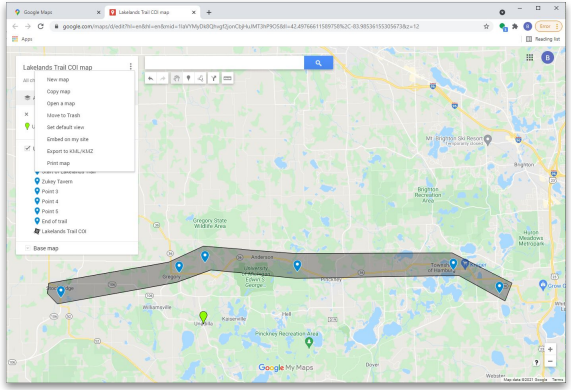
- ➔ Numerous options makes it **less user-friendly** for **first time** map makers
- ➔ Offers **less guidance** on **writing** your community **description.**

Same COI, different tools

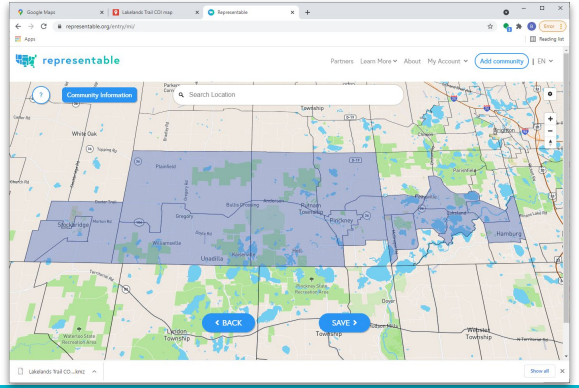
Paper & Pencil/Highlighter



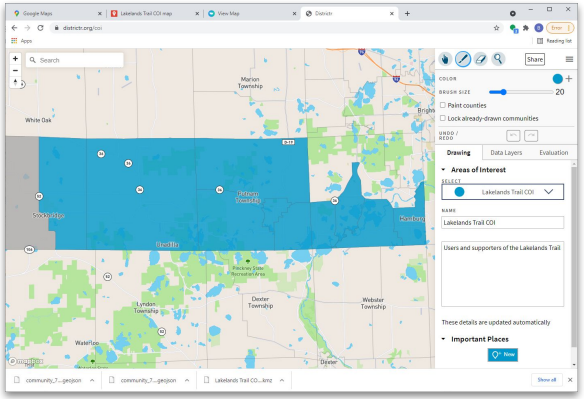
Google Map



Representable



DistrictR



How to **choose** which **tool** to use?

- ➔ Barriers to access computers and internet? -> **Paper & Pencil**
- ➔ Want to gather submissions using a Partner drive? -> **Representable**
- ➔ Does drawing your map with Blocks or Precincts distort the boundaries of your smaller COI? -> **Google Maps**
- ➔ Does your COI have boundaries that are curvy, jagged, or otherwise difficult to draw with straight lines? -> **Representable or DistrictR**
- ➔ Do you want to use data layers to inform your map before saving it? -> **DistrictR**
- ➔ Are you creating Districts or multiple COI boundaries? -> **DistrictR**

Remember, your final goal is… a **description** and a **map**, in whatever form they take!

Anticipated ways that **maps** can be **submitted** to the MICRC

Maps can be submitted to the MICRC in any of these ways:

- Paper maps, including printed-out screen shots
- Digital packages including **image files** (PDFs, JPGs)
- **Files in geocode formats** (geoJSON, KML, shape files)

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Public Comment & Map Submission Portal

Expected soon (likely this week!)

Check out **redistrictingmichigan.org**

What to know about the upcoming MICRC Public Hearing Tour

- **2 minutes per person** time limit for live testimony
- Must arrive in-person to get in the 'queue' for in-person testimony (sign up till 8:00 PM)
- There will be public comment stations for **accepting physical documents** (maps!)
- If you plan to give **remote testimony**:
  - Must **sign up online by 12:00PM** on the day of the hearing

For more information, visit: **RedistrictingMichigan.org**

Check out our resource page!

Map Your Community

- Online Tools - Draw your map with Representable

VISIT REPRESENTABLE.ORG

Representable is a free, open-source tool for creating maps for communities of interest (COI) — groups of individuals who share common social and economic interests, who are likely to have similar political concerns. Currently, over half of states have legal requirements to respect COIs.

LEARN HOW TO USE REPRESENTABLE.ORG (7-MINUTE VIDEO)

- Online Tools - Draw your map with DistrictR

Visit DISTRICTR.ORG

DistrictR is a free, public web tool for districting and community identification, brought to you by the MGGG Redistricting Lab.

Not sure which tool is right for you? Watch our May 3rd Mapping Workshop (coming soon).

- Printable Tools - Draw your map with pencil and paper

(Worksheet) Draw & Describe your Community on Paper

Find, Download, & Print a Map

- How to Submit your paper maps to the Redistricting Commission

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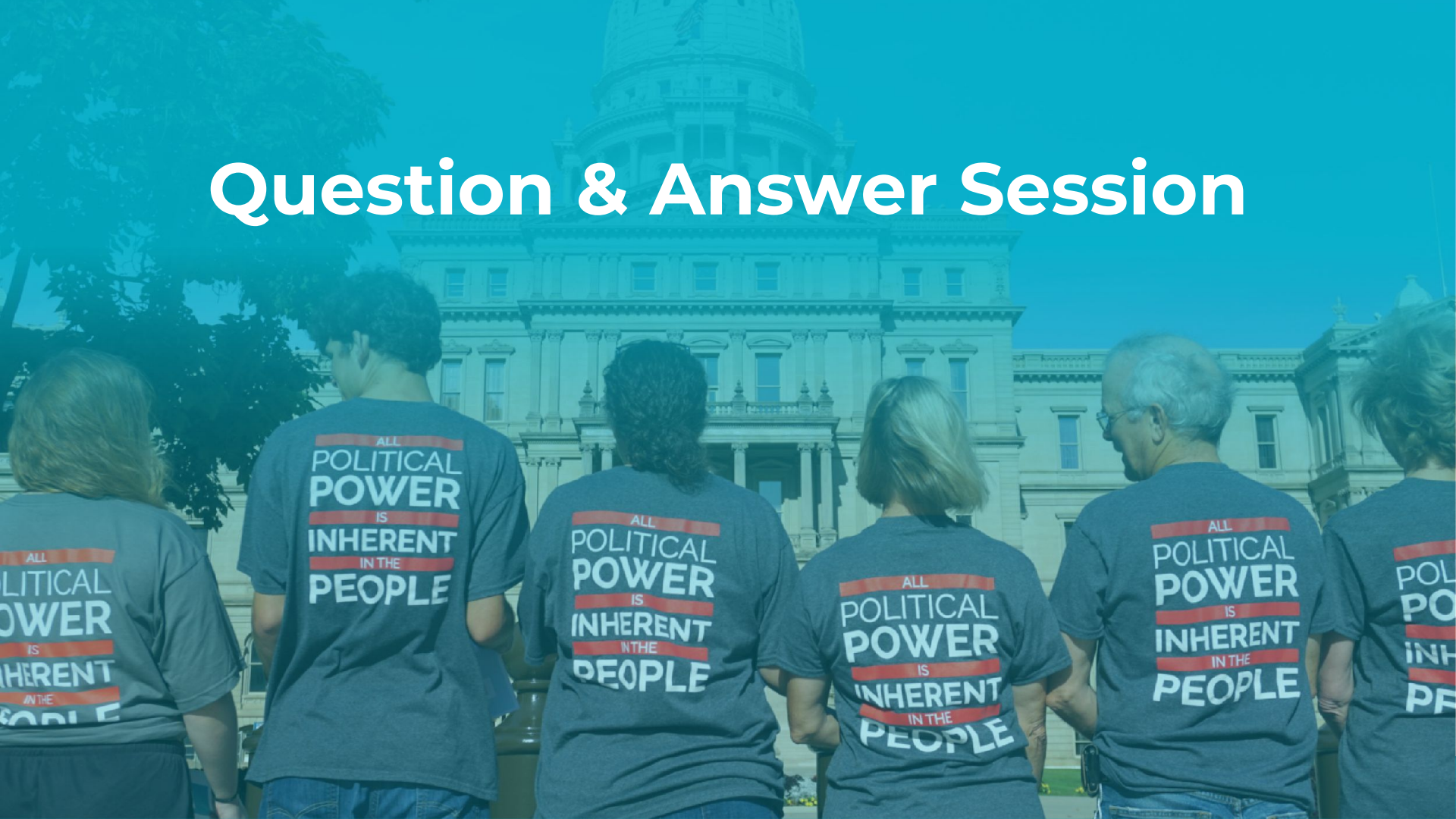
Question & Answer Session