

Further amendments to DistrictBuilder Update (as of Feb. 26)

I. Selection by Municipal Ward

A. We've got a version of Dane County working with the Wards now as requested. It's on our staging site now. Could you please test and let us know how it's working? (FYI There's an issue with the tab that says "ward" because it's not capitalized or plural. We have a code fix up to change that to "Wards" that will be in place soon.)

<https://app.staging.districtbuilder.org/start-project?numberOfDistricts=37&name=MyDaneCountyMap®ionConfigId=63bf1710-7ae0-4da8-8dc7-1cf9dbb12bfa>

II. Can we export a CSV file from a “read-only” map HTML link?

A. It's not possible to export it directly, but if you copy the map to your account, you can export it from there. I'll see what our designer thinks about adding directly to a shared map.

1. Great! That works well! Actually, I think it's probably better the way you have it now. One less thing for the general public to worry about. As long as I have a way to export a CSV file to further analyze a publicly submitted map, or to make some tweaks to it, I think we're good.

III. Finding unassigned land area / population

A. I'm not sure if these users are aware, but the "Find Unassigned" feature, using the Find Button in the top right, may help with these situations. However if this was insufficient in some way, it would be good to know.

1. I see – so the “Find Unassigned” feature finds Wards/Blocks with zero population as well. OK, that works! Thanks for pointing that out.

IV. Identifying individual districts

A. I'd like to get with our UX designer and see what we can do about them. We're aware of the issue of finding individual districts when you have a lot of them, but I think hearing it from so many users should bump up its priority.

Some suggestions regarding finding/identifying individual districts:

1. It would be nice if there was more interaction between the district list on the lefthand side and the map. So, if you double-click on a district in the list, the map automatically zooms to the selected district. If you double-click on a feature in the map, the appropriate district in the lefthand column is automatically selected. This is how many GIS systems work, and I think is fairly intuitive.

2. When you hover the mouse over a ward/block that has already been assigned to a district, the district number should show up in the pop-up information.
3. If nothing else, just showing a label with the district number for all assigned wards and blocks. This label should be visible at all scales, but especially when zoomed in (like when searching for NonContiguous/Unassigned blocks).

V. Communities of Interest, others

A. Others, like incorporating Communities of Interest, are definitely on our roadmap, but are a little further out.

1. Even if COI boundaries are just shown as an overlay, rather than a selection tool, I think that might be helpful. We can certainly provide boundary data for municipal boundaries, neighborhood associations or school districts, if necessary. If it's not possible to integrate them into DistrictBuilder this time around, it's also been suggested that we could simply post links to such info for reference on our project website.