

Communities of Interest Online Mapping Tool

To submit your input regarding “communities of interest,” please follow the instructions below.

Characteristics of “Communities of Interest”

A region which is defined by actual shared interests or by some common thread of social, economic or political interests. Examples include:

- Income levels
- Educational backgrounds
- Housing patterns, living conditions (urban, suburban, rural)
- Cultural and language backgrounds
- Employment and economic patterns (how employed)
- Health, environmental conditions
- Issues of concern (crime)

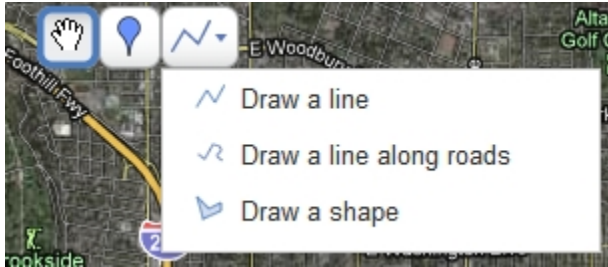
How to create a map of your “Community of Interest” using Google Maps

You need to have a Google Account to create your custom maps. You may open a Google Account [here](#). It’s simple and free. If you already have a Gmail account you may use your login and password to use Google Maps.

Please print out these instructions below before logging on to Google Maps.

1. Open Google Maps: <http://maps.google.com/>. Login with your Google Account.
2. Click on the upper-left tab, “My Places”.
3. Click on the “Create Map” button.
4. Title your map with your last name.
5. Make sure to select “Public” under settings.
6. Click “Save”.
7. Zoom in to your community area.

8. Select the “draw a shape” tool in the drop-down menu under the Line Tool (looks like a blue zig-zag) to draw a border around your community of interest. Your cursor should take the form of a “+”.



9. To draw the border, click on one point on the border of the area you want to use and then trace the entire border by clicking along the way, especially at every bend or turn in the border.
10. To finish the border, click on your starting point.
11. Click “OK” to save changes.
12. For submission: when your map is complete, click on “Collaborate” in the left column.
13. Type “webdeveloper@elcamino.edu” in the “Invite people as collaborators” box.
14. Make sure that “Allow anyone to edit this map” IS NOT checked.
15. Click “Ok” and you are done.