Map Overlays

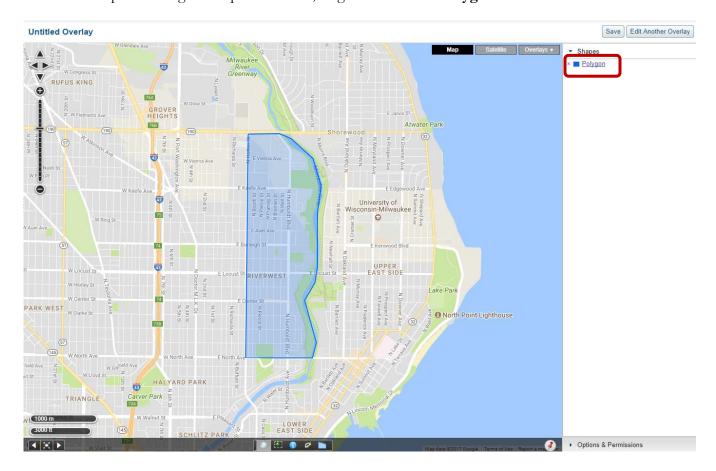
A Map Overlay is a collection of user defined saved shapes – you can create multiple overlays, each containing relevant shapes for your market. For example, you may create shapes defining neighborhoods in your market, houses surrounding golf courses, or school districts. These shapes are then available to you when performing searches, or when using the statistical gadgets of the dashboard.

Creating Map Overlays

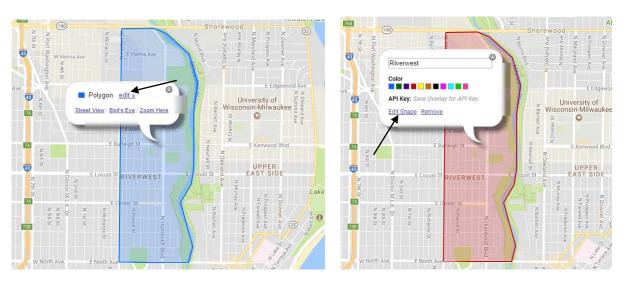
To create a map overlay, go to Preferences > My Map Overlays. If you have no saved overlays, you will receive a welcome screen each time you enter. Clicking the **Let's Begin** button will provide prompts to help you create your overlay.

Welcome to the Map Overlays editor From the Map Overlay editor, you can create your own custom map overlays for use on your maps, within your searches, within statistical reports and everywhere else Location Searching is available. You can even include these inside your portals and your IDX websites. Once you've drawn some polygons, you can click on them to edit their attributes. You can give them names and pick colors for them. Also, you'll be able to edit your shapes after you've drawn them in order to get everything exactly like you want. Once you have your masterpiece completed, make sure to save and you're ready to use your new shapes in searches, reports, the dashboard, etc. To begin, simply click the Let's Begin button below. We'll start you with an empty map of your area. From there, just start drawing the shapes you'd like in your map overlay and give them the proper labels. Let's Begin

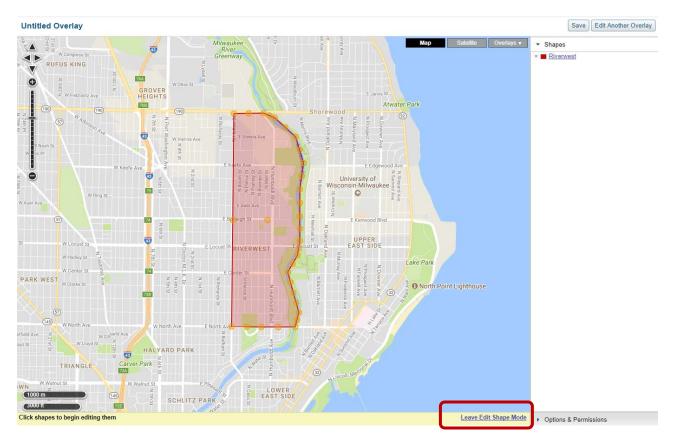
To create your overlay, adjust the map to get the area you would like to start with your first overlay shape in view. You can adjust the map using your mouse or the controls on the left side of the map. In the toolbar located at the bottom of the map, single left-click the blue polygon. Next, single left-click your starting point on the map and begin drawing your neighborhood shape. Once you have your desired area shaded, double left-click to end your neighborhood shape. After the completion of drawing your shape, you will see the name of the shape in the right side pane. To edit, single left-click the **Polygon** link.



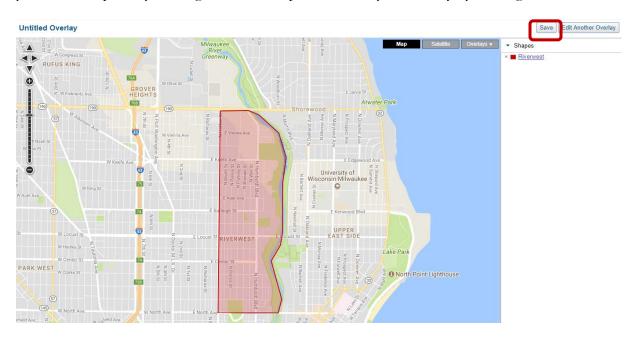
Within the shape, the **Edit** balloon will appear; click the edit link to edit shape name and color. If you wish to edit the shape, click the **Edit Shape** link.



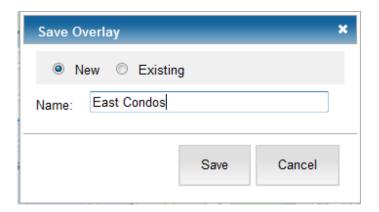
Clicking the **Edit Shape** link will add 'handles' to the borders of your shape. Left-click + hold your left mouse button and drag the handle in your desired direction. When you have completed editing your shape, click the **Leave Edit Shape Mode** link located at the bottom of the map.



If you would like to add another neighborhood area shape to your overlay, repeat the prevoius steps. After you have completed your neighborhood shape areas, save your overlay by clicking the **Save** button.



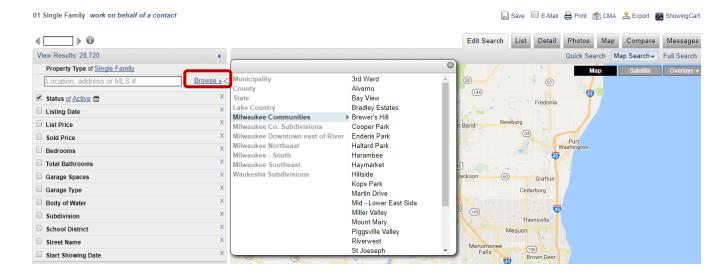
You will be prompted to give your overlay a name. Type the name in the Name field of the Save Overlay box, and then click the **Save** button. Your overlay name will appear in the upper left corner of the map. If you would like to immediately create a new overlay, click the **Edit Another Overlay** button.



Using Map Overlays

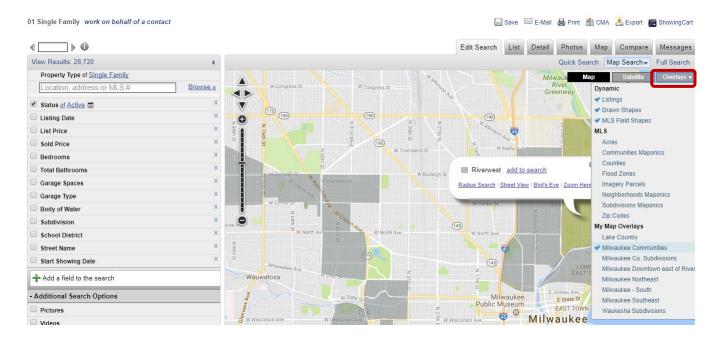
You can use your saved overlays with both Map Search and Quick Search. To use an overlay in a search, start with either Map Search or Quick Search under the Search menu in the Main Menu tree; select the search template you would like to use and then plug in your desired parameters. Click the **Browse** link to the right of the Location Search box; a list will appear showing your available locations to search. Click the name of your desired overlay. The saved neighborhood areas will appear in the right side of the box. Double-click your desired neighborhood to search. If you are searching more than one, repeat this step to add more neighborhoods or to add another overlay. The neighborhood shape names will appear in the left-side parameter panel. Overlay shapes will appear on the map in either a dark gray color or the color you saved to them.

NOTE: If you are using Quick Search and would like to view the map, in the upper right corner of the map, click the **Map Search** link.

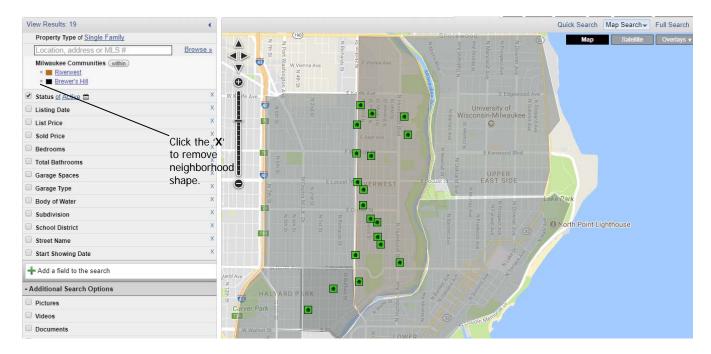


Using the scroll wheel on your mouse, push it forward to zoom down on the map, to easily view your overlay shape(s). To view listings only in your defined shape area(s), click the **View Results** link.

NOTE: If you would like to view all shapes in an overlay at once, click the **Overlays** button in the upper right corner of the map, and then select your desired overlay. You can now select the shape(s) you would like to include in your search by left-clicking inside the shape and select **Add to Search** link.



NOTE: To remove a neighborhood shape from your search, single left-click the "x" located to the left of the shape name.

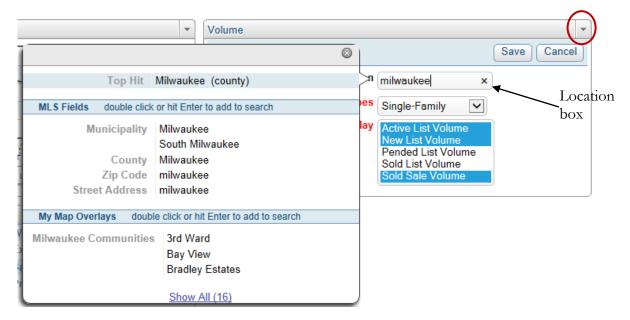


NOTE: Map Overlays cannot be used in combination with newly drawn map shapes in the same search. If you add a shape, your search will yield zero listings, even if they exist in the defined areas.

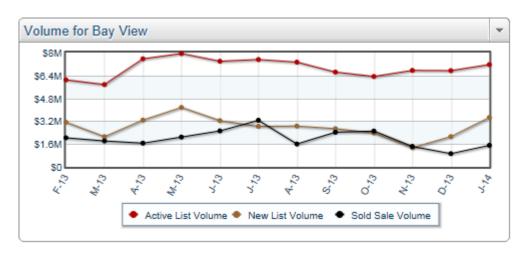
Using Map Overlays in a Dashboard Gadget

You can use a neighborhood area from any of your saved Map Overlays on any of the statistical gadgets available to your custom dashboard.

The example below shows the Volume gadget. I accessed the settings for the gadget by clicking on its menu. It displayed my options to configure the data of this gadget. In its Location box, I typed in the partial name of my Map Overlay; under the My Map Overlays section in the location search box, it displayed the first 3 neighborhood shapes saved in that overlay. To see all the shapes in that overlay, click the **Show All** link at the bottom of that box. Select the neighborhood shape to search by double left-clicking it. You can close the location search box by clicking the 'X' in its upper right corner. Choose your other data options and then click the **Save** button.

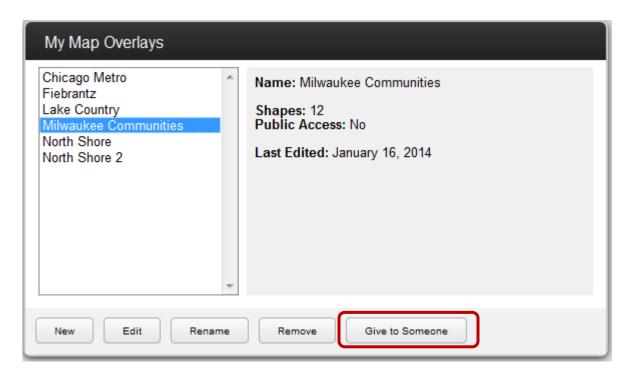


I chose the Bay View neighborhood shape; the gadget now displays the Volume data for that defined neighborhood area.



How to Give an Overlay to Another User in your Office

In the Main Menu tree, click **Preferences > My Map Overlays**. In the My Map Overlays menu box, select the overlay to be given, and then click the **Give to Someone** button.



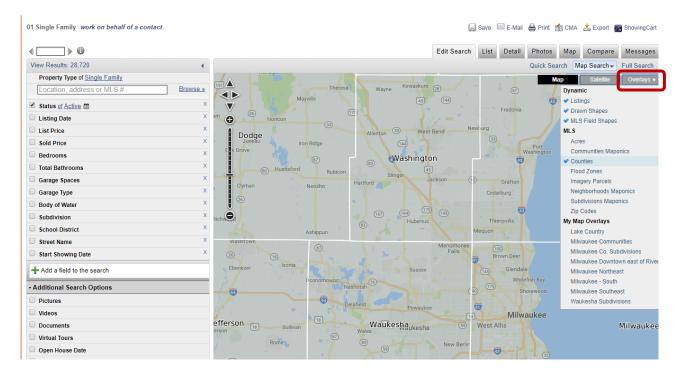
In the 'Give Overlay to Someone' pop-up box, type in the name of the member you are giving it to. Select them in the list that appears. Click the **Give** button. The overlay will now be available in that members My Map Overlays menu box.



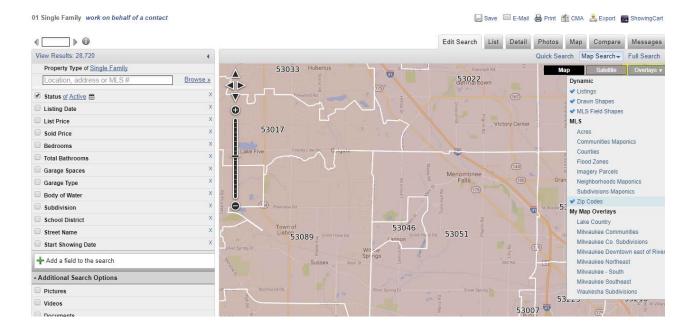
Viewing the Map using FlexMLS Overlays

The Overlays button also includes static overlays for your use. You can view the map by counties, zip code, subdivision, and neighborhood areas. You can use these Overlays on any map screen that displays the Overlays button.

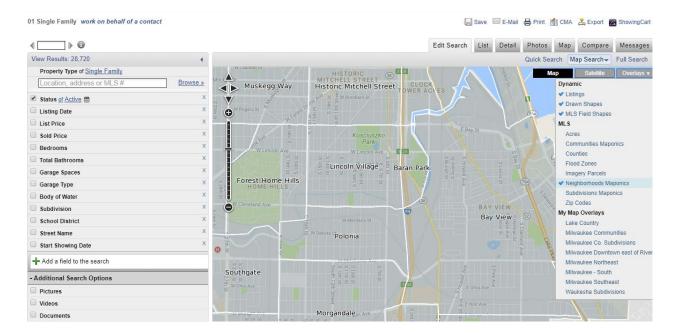
This map displays the Counties overlay. You can view this by clicking **Overlays** > **Counties**.



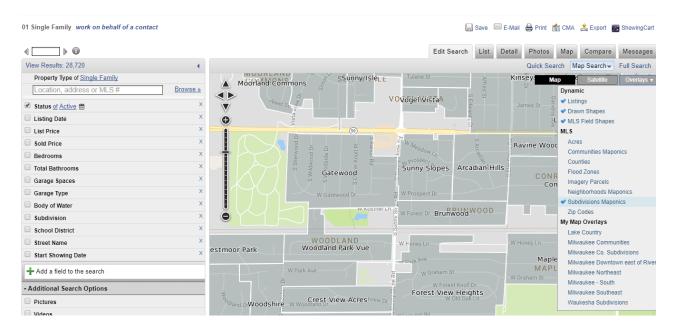
This map displays the Zip Codes overlay. You can view this by clicking **Overlays** > **Zip Codes**.



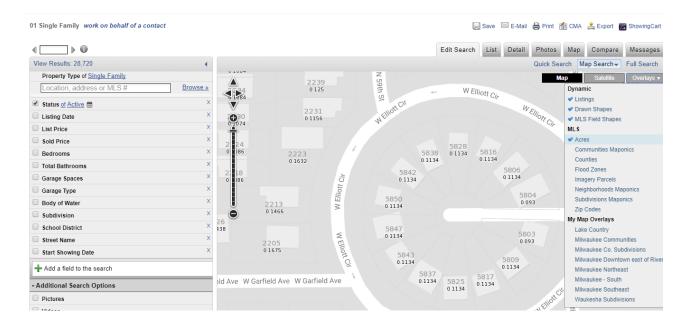
This map displays the Neighborhoods overlay. You can view this by clicking **Overlays > Neighborhoods Maptronics**.



This map displays the Subdivisions overlay. You can view this by clicking **Overlays > Subdivisions Maptronics**.



This map displays the Acres overlay. You can view this by clicking **Overlays** > **Acres**. This feature is not available for all areas.



This map displays the Flood Zones overlay. You can view this by clicking **Overlays** > **Flood Zones**. You can view the zones legend by clicking the colorful icon in the lower right corner of the map.

