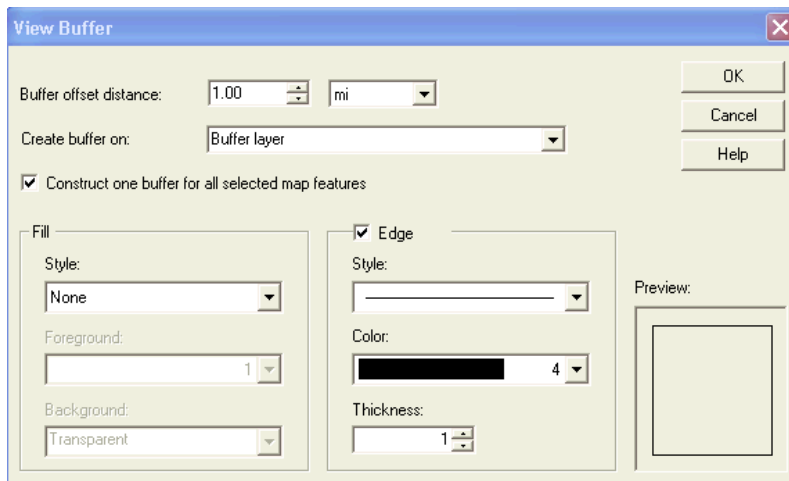
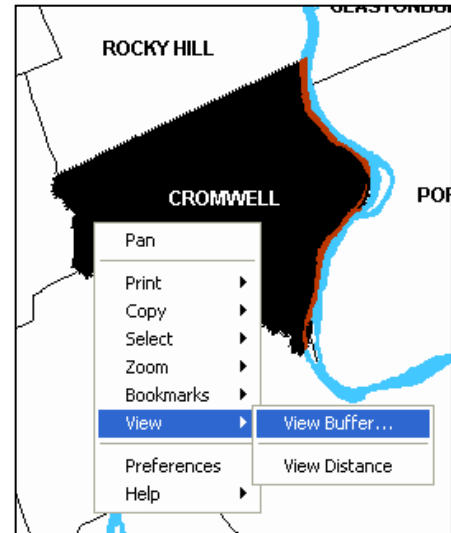


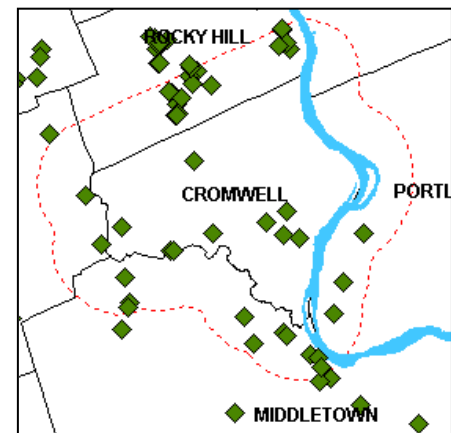
Using Buffers on DataFinder™ Maps

A buffer is a boundary that extends around a geography for a constant distance. It is a helpful visual tool that is used to identify features within an area. Buffers can be created on a DataFinder map by following the steps outlined below:

First, select a geography around which you would like a buffer. Then right-click on the map, select 'View' and then 'View Buffer' as seen in the figure to the right. A window will appear like the one seen below. You can determine the distance of the buffer by changing the information in the 'Buffer offset distance' boxes. In the example below, the distance is set to one mile. You may base the buffer on a number of geography levels: choose the one that is applicable to your project in the 'Create buffer on' box. Check the 'Construct one buffer for all selected map features' box if you do not want overlapping buffers to be double counted. Next, choose the styles and colors for the fill areas and borders.



An example of a completed buffer is featured in the figure below, which shows the SiteFinder buildings within a one mile buffer of the Cromwell town boundaries (the buffer is indicated with a red dashed line).



DataFinder Training: April 21, 1:30pm

A basic skills course is being offered on April 21 from 1:30pm-3:30pm at CERC. Please contact Alissa DeJonge (860-571-6206) or Dale Shannon (860-571-6209) if you have not yet responded and would like to attend.