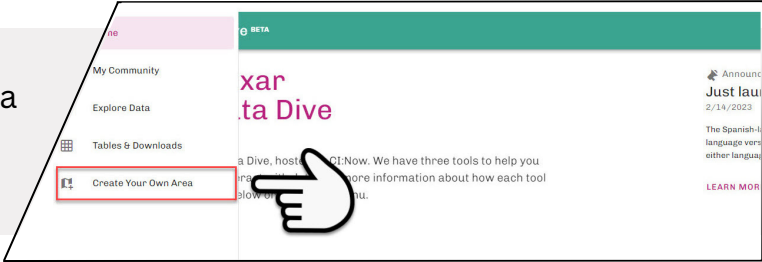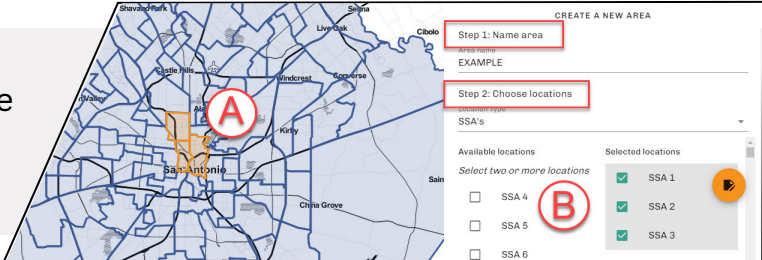# DIVE GUIDE:
How to create a custom area using the "Create Your Own Area" tool

1 Hover over the left menu bar and select "Create Your Own Area" to start creating a custom area by combining SSAs, council districts, zip codes or census tracts!
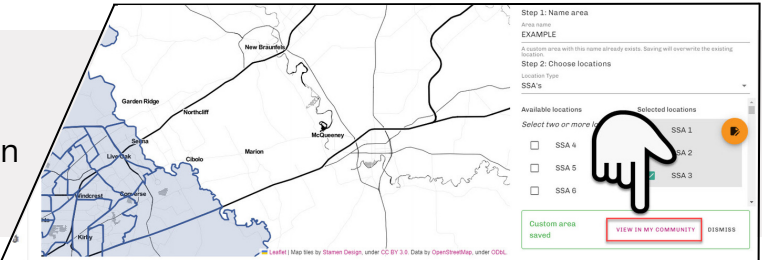

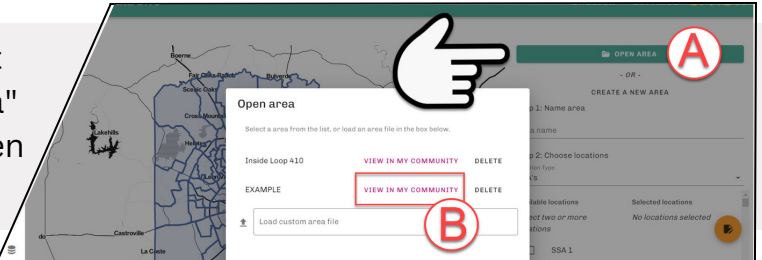**2** Give the area a name and select the locations you want to include from (A) the map or (B) the list.

3 Save your custom area either (A) in your browser history or (B) as a *.txt file* that can be uploaded into the tool any time.

4 Click on "View in My Community" after saving your custom area to see a list of charts with all of the available information for that area.

5 Pull information for your custom areas at any time from the "Create Your Own Area" tool by (A) selecting "Open Area", and then (B) clicking on "View in My Community".

#protip Your custom area is also available as a *community type* in all other *Dive* tools ("My Community", "Explore Data" and "Tables & Downloads").

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