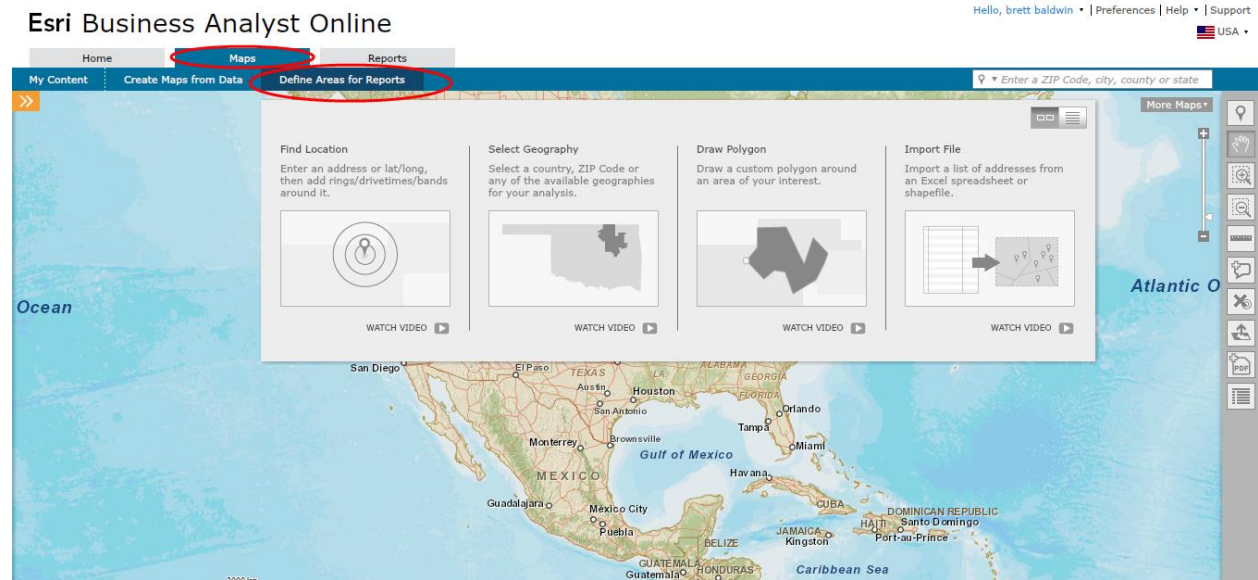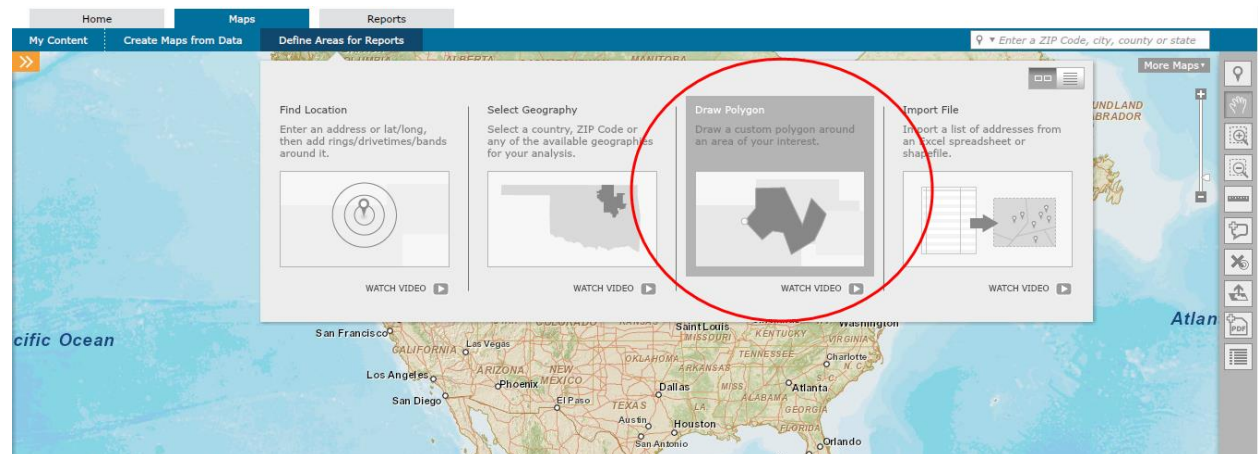# Draw a Polygon

Users may use the Draw a Polygon tool to create a study area by drawing a custom shape on the map.

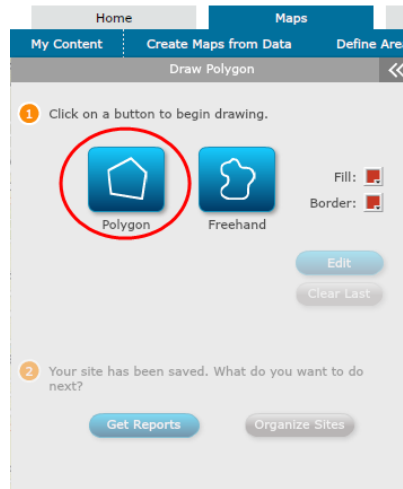After logging into BAO, click **"Maps"** and then click **"Define Areas for Reports"**.
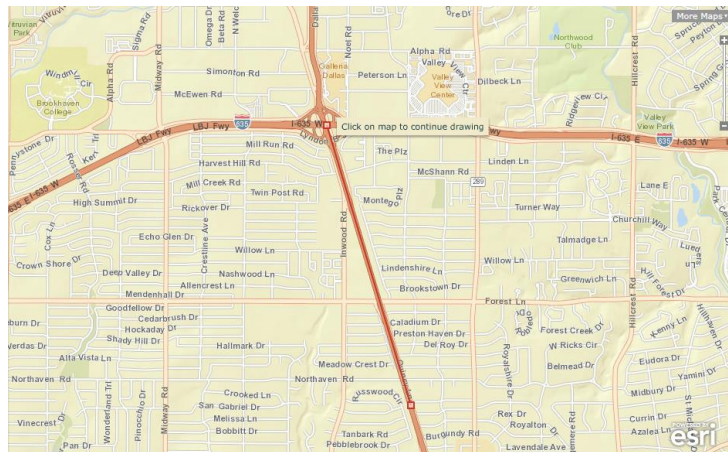

Next, click **"Draw Polygon"**.

NOTE: Before drawing a polygon, zoom to the area of interest.
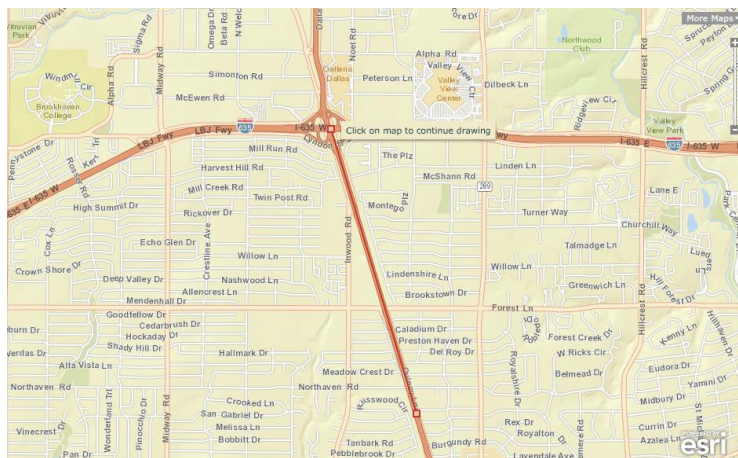
Option 1 – Polygon
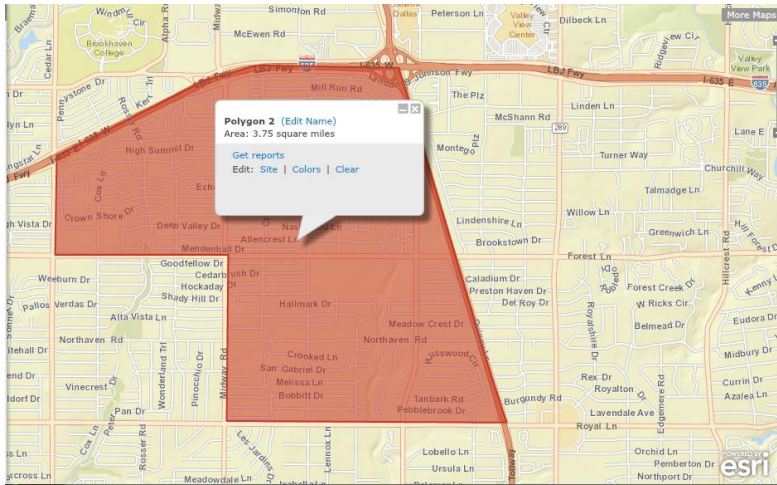
Click **"Polygon"** to begin.

Place the pointer on the map and click the location of the first point to begin drawing a polygon.

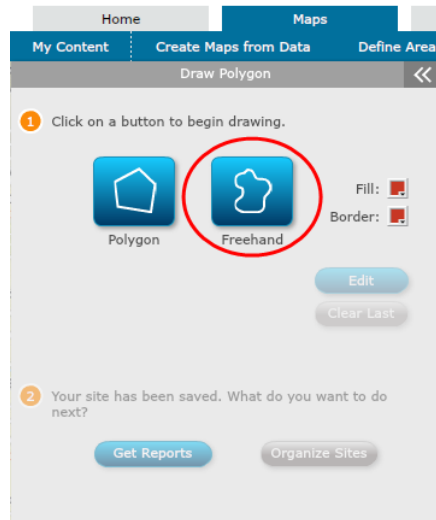Move the pointer on the map and click to continue drawing a polygon.

Continue clicking at each corner on the map until the shape is complete. Click the first point on the map or double click on the map to complete the polygon.
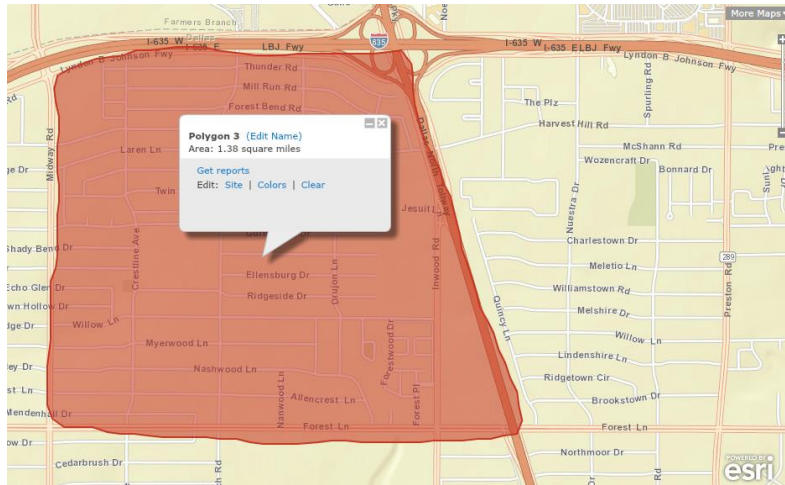

Option 2 – Freehand

Click **"Freehand"** to begin.

Place the pointer on the map and hold down left click on the mouse, moving the pointer on the map until the polygon is complete. Release the mouse to complete the polygon.

The site is now saved and users may now edit the study area, get reports, or organize sites.