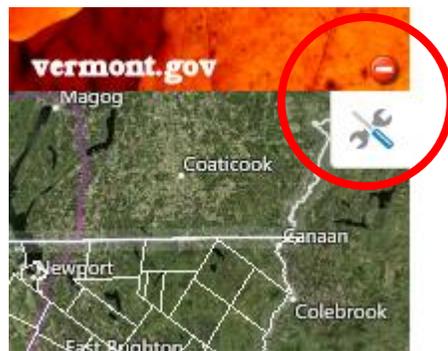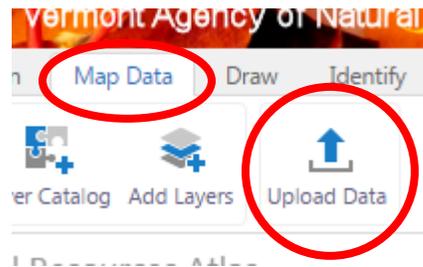# Adding a Shapefile Vermont's Natural Resource Atlas

Save the ZIP file (compressed shapefile) to your computer, and unzip it into a folder on your hard drive. The zip file contains a "shapefile" of GIS data (such as parcel data), which is really a collection of about 7 separate files.

In the current Vermont Natural Resource Atlas (http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra5/), you can add a shapefile by doing the following:
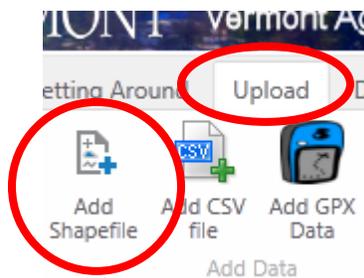
- Click on the toolbar button in the upper right corner of the map (the button with the wrench and screwdriver), to show the toolbars

- Click on the "Map Data" tab, then "Upload Data," then "Choose Files." Select the file with the .shp extention.
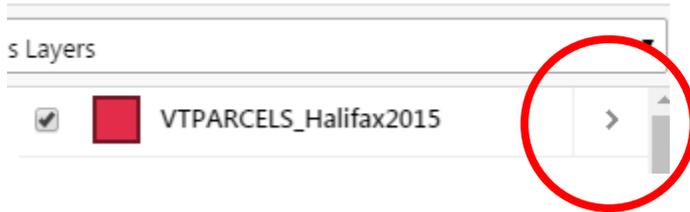

- (for the older version of the atlas: http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra/ (requires plug-in), click on the "Upload" tab, then "Add Shapefile." In the open window, navigate to the folder in which you saved and unzipped the GIS data. Select all three of the files shown (.dbf, .prj,.shp, and maybe .cpg). Hold down the shift key to select all three.)
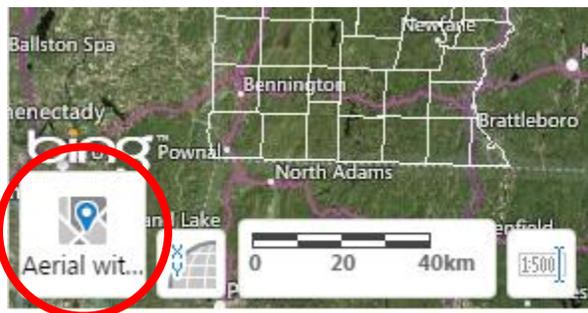
- The file may take 15-20 seconds or more to load, so be patient.

You can change the symbols for the data by clicking on the arrow to the right of the layer name, and choosing "Turn on/off layer visualizations."

(To change symbols in the old version of the Atlas, right click on the layer, then click on "symbolization.")

To change the base maps to something different, say a USGS topographic map, click on the lower left-most button in the map area of your browser's window.

(To change the base map in the old version of the Atlas, go to the Atlas Layers pull-down in the upper right corner, click to turn off the base map that is checked, and turn on the base map you wish to see.

For more information on how to use the ANR Natural Resource Atlas, use the help resources in the Atlas, or use WRC's Natural Resource Atlas overview, found at www.windhamregional.org/gis/help-docs

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