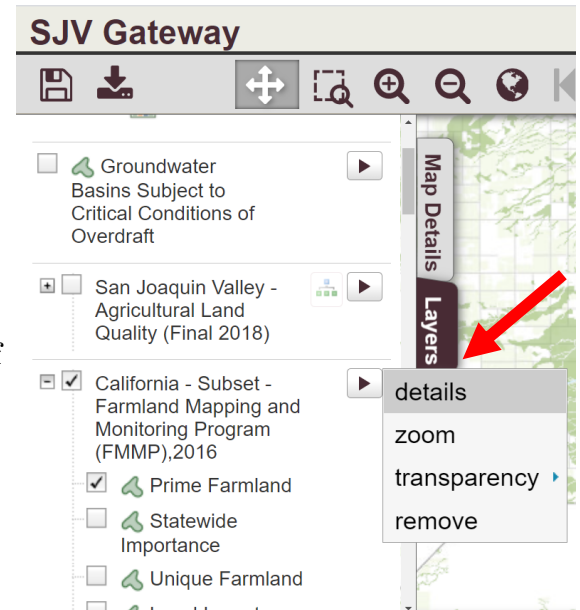# American Farmland Trust

Project Prioritization Tool Quick Start Guide

General Info

- Upon opening the PPT Startup Map you will be met with a base map of the San Joaquin Valley.

- In order to begin applying layers for analyses, you'll first need to click on the "Layers" tab to the left of the screen.

- From this operation tab you can toggle any layer on or off by clicking the selection square to the right of the layer name.

- By clicking on the arrow to the right of any layer you will open a menu that enables you to view details about layers such as brief descriptions, contributors, and a link for the layer homepage.

- The layer menu also gives you options to adjust transparency, remove, and with some you can change the style or create a filter.
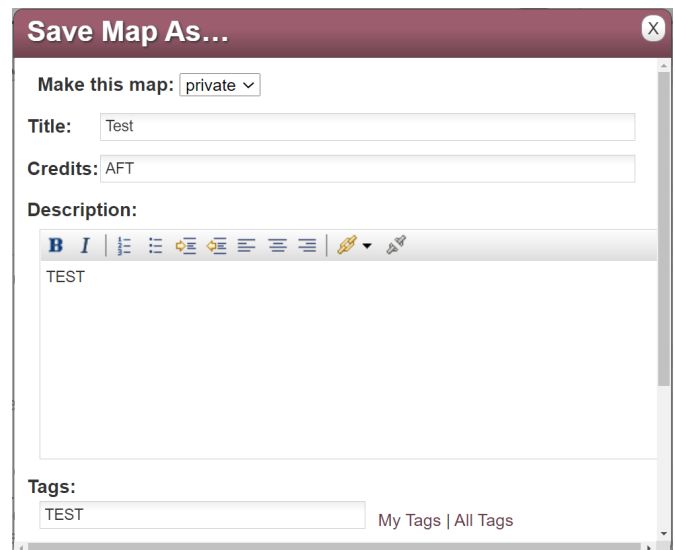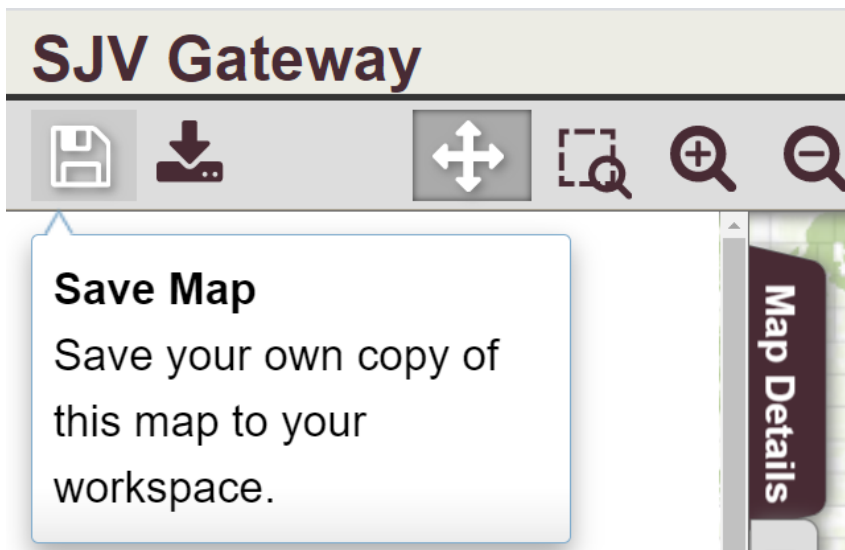
While the start-up map is open for anyone to use, only members of American Farmland Trust can modify or change the map itself. However, as a user you can make a copy that will allow you to make your own modifications to the map including adding or removing layers, mapping areas of land, and save your own personalized map.

Saving Maps

- In order to save a map you'll first need to create an account for yourself or organization.

- Then, open the Start-Up Map and click the "Save Icon" in the upper left-hand corner of the tool. After which you'll be prompted to enter details for your map and submit.

- This will immediately direct you to your new map where you can record any parcels of land that are of interest to you or make any necessary changes.
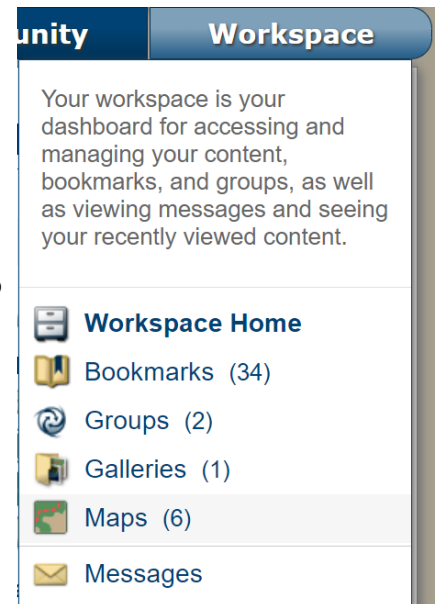
Where to Find Your Saved Maps

- To access any maps that you save, you'll want to use the tool bar at the top of the DataBasin page.

- Any maps that you bookmark, groups you create, galleries or maps you make will all be housed in under the Workshpace tab.

- To find your copy of the PPT Start Up map, you'll click the "Workspace" tab and select "Maps" from the drop down menu.

Tools

While you engage in your mapping work, you can rest assured that DataBasin comes equipped with numerous tools that make mapping and surveying land easy and simple.

Where to find the tools

Tools are located at the top of the Start Up map in the tool bar.

Workspace

Your workspace is your dashboard for accessing and managing your content, bookmarks, and groups, as well as viewing messages and seeing your recently viewed content.

- **Workspace Home**
- Bookmarks (34)
- Groups (2)
- Galleries (1)
- Maps (6)
- Messages

Useful Tools

Identify Tool – when you have a need to analyze an area with many layers on at once, the Identify tool can open a pop-up window that informs you of all the data at a given point.

Swiper Tool – the Swiper will enable you to look at more than one layer at a time by separating base layers and over layers.

Select Tool – the Select Tool is a function that will enable you map out and select areas of a given geographic area and save them for your projects. This works particularly well with Parcel Data

Buffer Zones – this can be found within the Select Tool options. Utilizing this function will allow you to create a focus to base your work around. In order to utilize the buffer tool, you'll need to first create a drawing as your central location.

Parcel Data – while not specifically a tool, the Parcel data from a given county can make it easier for you to identify specific parcels of land for your work.

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