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# **Acquire and Visually Present GIS Data Like a Pro in InfraWorks (and Civil 3D!) with Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS**

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## **Learning Objectives**

- Better understand powerful new ways to create connections to GIS data.
- Internalize innovative functionality for consuming and presenting GIS data easily.
- Enhance and Streamline existing techniques and workflows in Infraworks and C3D.
- Consider new uses for GIS data in your projects, models, and drawings.

## **Description**

Build on your existing Infraworks and Civil 3D knowledge and get more value from your AEC Collection! Learn how you can take advantage of the new Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS in Infraworks and Civil 3D to consume and visualize GIS shape information from connected ArcGIS Databases. See creative ways of using Infraworks styles and theming to present geospatial information to stakeholders and the public that you may not have thought of before. Where does the Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS get data from? How is it accessed for use within your organization? What can you do with it once you've got it? You might be a city planner, designer, technician, or a civil engineer working on a proposed capital improvement project. You might be a private industry land developer, or land-use planner, or civil designer getting ready to locate a new commercial or residential development. You could be planning a mine or an electrical substation. See new possibilities for cost-effective efficiency in the feasibility, design, and engineering phases of development.

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## Introduction

My hope for this class is to go beyond just showing you that there are new ways to load ArcGIS data into Infracore and Civil 3D. Autodesk is already doing a fantastic job spreading that news and showing us where the buttons are. I have struggled at times myself to understand how to find and access the right GIS data when I need it, and how to “prepare it for use” for designers and stakeholders. Because I am not a GIS technician or GIS expert it was previously a mystery to me. So now that Autodesk and ESRI have partnered to make the physical connection process between the two worlds so incredibly easy, I want to show you what I have primarily learned by asking the ESRI folks a lot of questions, about how easy it can be to not only find the data that I’m after, but to store it and make it available to myself and others. So, yes, in this presentation I am going to show you where the buttons are in the Autodesk civil applications just in case you haven’t seen them yet, but I also want to take you behind the scenes a little bit and show you how you can find the data and prepare it for yourself on the other side in ArcGIS Online (and by extension, in ArcGIS Pro, although I’m not showcasing that interface here). And even if you aren’t going to have your own seat of ArcGIS at least you’ll know what’s going on over there and maybe you’ll be able to ask for what you need with a little bit more confidence, because you’ll know more about what is possible and have a better understanding of what goes into getting it for you.

Beyond that, I’ll also be jumping back to Infracore and Civil 3D and actually using the data there to give you some ideas on how you might configure connections to your own GIS data for future projects, hopefully in such a way as to encourage you to try things with GIS data you may not have considered before.

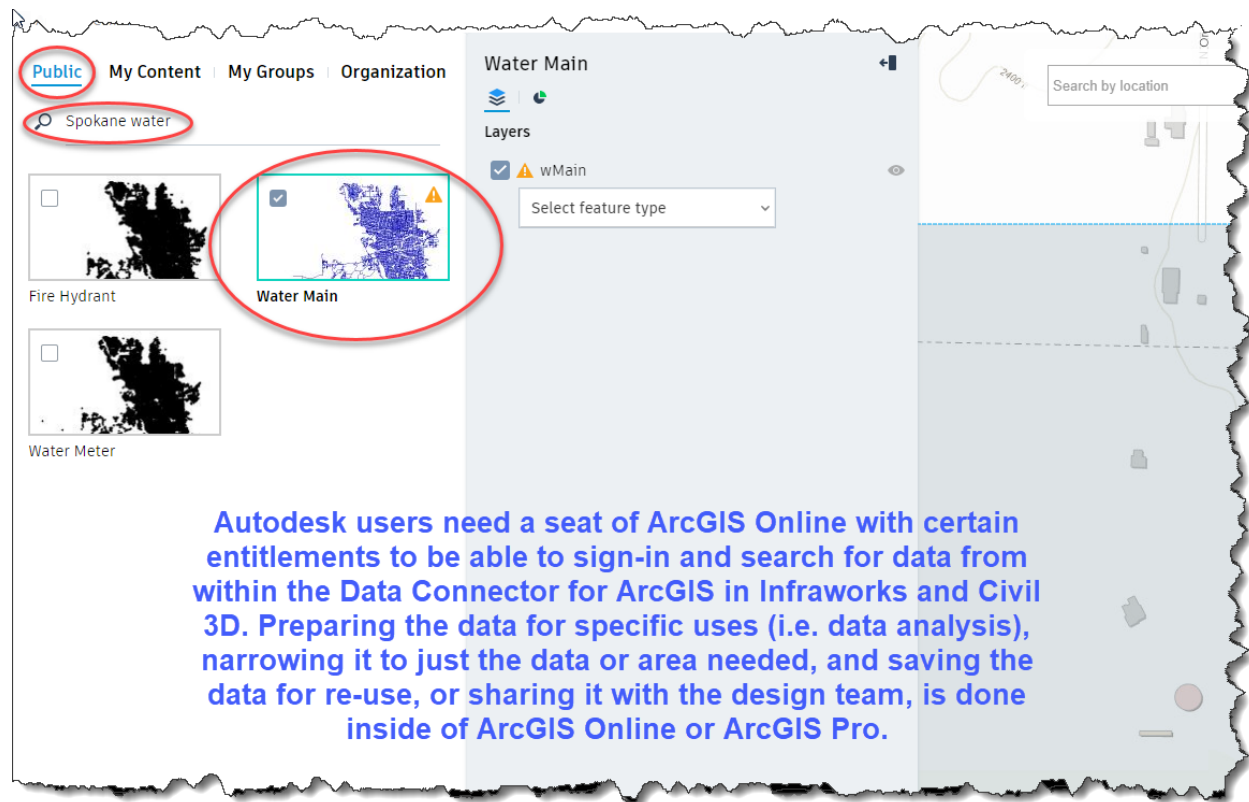
## Powerful new ways to create connections to GIS data

So, the long and the short of it is that Autodesk and ESRI have partnered on this project to create what Autodesk is calling the **Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS** in their civil products. It will probably be added to some of the building products as well, eventually. It is available right now in Infracore and Civil 3D. In this presentation I will be using the new tools that live in the civil products to illustrate their functionality. But I also want to show you what is possible “on the back end” so to speak. In the realm of the GIS Analyst. Whether you are planning to use GIS data in Infracore, or in Civil 3D, or both, everything you are about to see starts with ArcGIS, either ArcGIS Online, or ArcGIS Pro, the desktop version of the application. We’ve got to have the right data to connect to and ArcGIS is where it all comes from.

First off, hopefully us designers will usually be working with and relying on a real GIS Analyst.

How do I make sure I’m getting the data I want, organized in the way I need it organized? The answer to this question is the GIS Analyst. If I have one of these types of experts on staff or at least accessible to my organization, my efficiency as a designer will be greatly increased. This is because ArcGIS is based on the sciences of geography, statistics, and computing (GIS technology itself). You could get a master’s degree or a doctorate in GIS. There is a lot to know about GIS and about ESRI software in particular and learning it all might not be the best use of your time as a designer or stakeholder.

Regardless, I am starting this presentation out by introducing you to the ArcGIS Online interface where I can show you a little bit more about these pre-processes with regard to your design work, so that you will have a better understanding of what is happening on the ArcGIS side of the equation. The things you learn here might even make it possible for you to set up basic data connections yourself that you can use as a designer or invested stakeholder in Infraworks or Civil 3D.



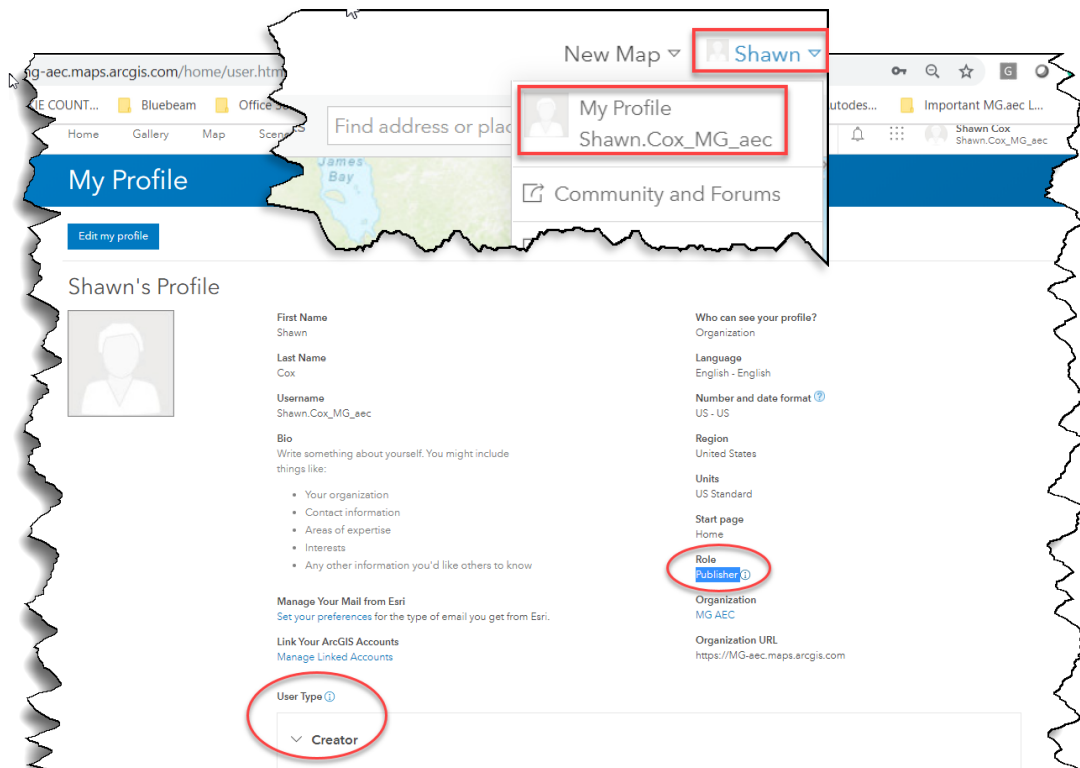
### What Do You Need to Know About ArcGIS Online and Pro?

You'll want to be aware that you need the right entitlements and permission to use the Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS. To connect to the data on the Infraworks or Civil 3D side of the equation, you need to have a purchased seat of ArcGIS Online or Pro that will allow you to be given the roles Creator and Publisher, or at least Editor, of data. To create the maps and content you will also need an appropriate ArcGIS seat type and similar roles and permissions.

1. Sign into ArcGIS Online at [www.arcgis.com](http://www.arcgis.com) (use your own credentials).
2. Go to "<your name>" dropdown and choose "My Profile" to view the rights given by your organization's administrator based on seats available:
  - a. Role should be: **Publisher**
  - b. User Type should be: **Creator**

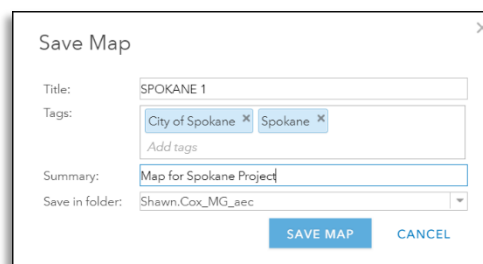
The Save and Share buttons will not be available in the Map pane unless a Role of "Publisher" or higher are given by the admin, and you must be a User Type of "Creator" or higher to be a Publisher. This functionality in ArcGIS is also contingent on the type of

entitlement you've purchased from ESRI. It will often be the case that your company will have a GIS Analyst on staff who will have these credentials and entitlements while you as a designer might only be entitled and credentialed to use maps and connect to the data within them. If that is the case, the information you are learning in this class is more informational for you, to allow you a better understanding of how your GIS Analyst is setting things up for your use.

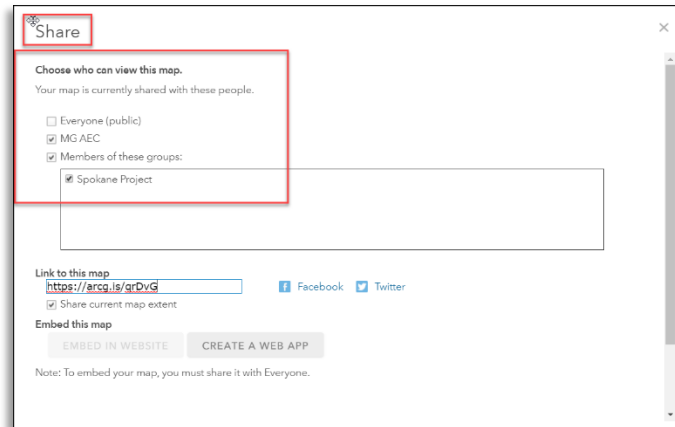


*User Type "Creator" with Role of "Publisher" can save and share maps (and access saved and shared data in Infraworks and Civil 3D).*

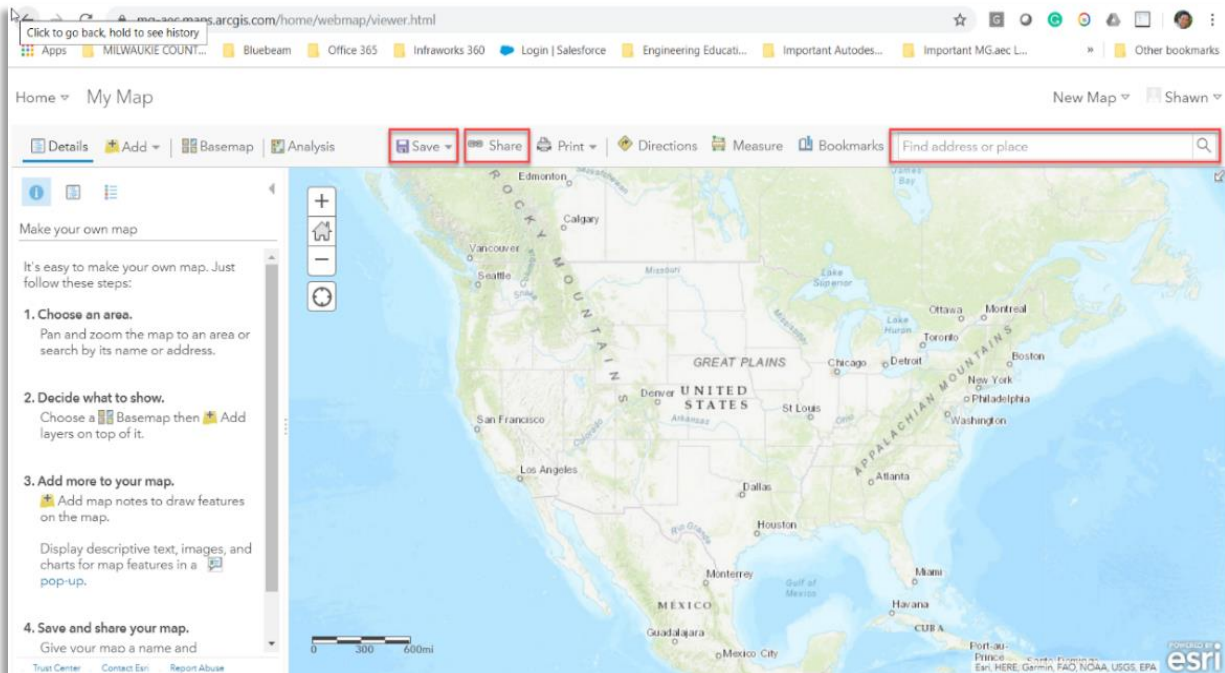
3. Create a new map: (Click "**Map**" tab, and then "**New Map**", and then "**Create New Map**".
  - a. Fill in Map "**Title**"
  - b. Choose "**Save**". Save the new map as "**SPOKANE 1**" or whatever name you like.
  - c. You must have at least one "**Tag**" (more is better) to search for the data using keyword searches in ArcGIS.



- d. The **"Summary"** section is helpful later when the need to remember what the purpose of the map was arises.
4. Select the **"Share"** button and check the boxes for who you would like to share your map with.



5. Type in Spokane, WA, in the **"Find address or place"** value cell, or if you know where you are going, zoom in on Spokane, or the destination of your choice.



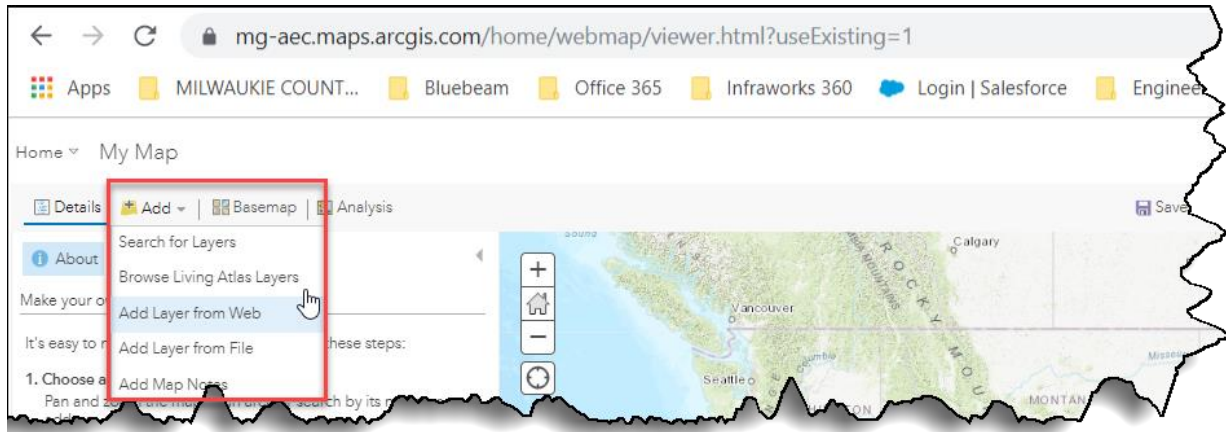
6. Click the **"Save"** button again and save your location on the map to your saved map.



## ArcGIS Data and Infraworks

### Finding Data and Saving it to an Online Map

1. Find data by clicking on the “Add” button and choosing from several sources:

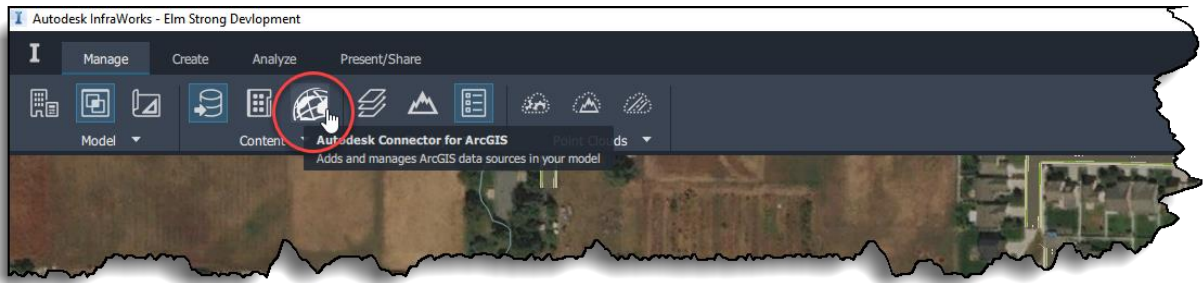


2. If you Choose “Search for Layers” you will have six ways to add layers.
3. Choose **“Living Atlas”** for national or world-wide data services hosted by ESRI.
4. Search here with keywords like:
  - **“USA Soils Map Units”**
  - **“FEMA Flood Hazard Areas”**
  - **“NOAA Survey Control Points”**
  - **“National Bridge Inventory”**
5. You won’t find data associated with local place names here because ESRI does not tag these geospatially generic kinds of hosted layers with local place names.
6. Choose **“ArcGIS Online”** for data publicly shared (or “hosted”) by users. Here we can search for data hosted and shared by our own organization, or publicly published data from other users, often municipalities:
  - a. Search **“Spokane”** and notice the number of Layers available.
  - b. Search **“City of Spokane”** and see that there are fewer ArcGIS Layers available.
  - c. Search **“Spokane water”** to find water system related data quickly
  - a. Add watermains to the map.
  - b. Click on a water main onscreen to see data.
  - c. Go to **“Details”** on the top left side of the interface.
  - d. Click **“Content”** button down and to right diagonally from “Details” button.
  - e. Hover over the grid icon and see that it is named “Show Table”. Click the icon.
  - f. Look through the resulting table containing the water main attribute columns.
  - g. If you save the map right now the Water Mains data will remain in the map and be available in connected Infraworks and Civil 3D models.

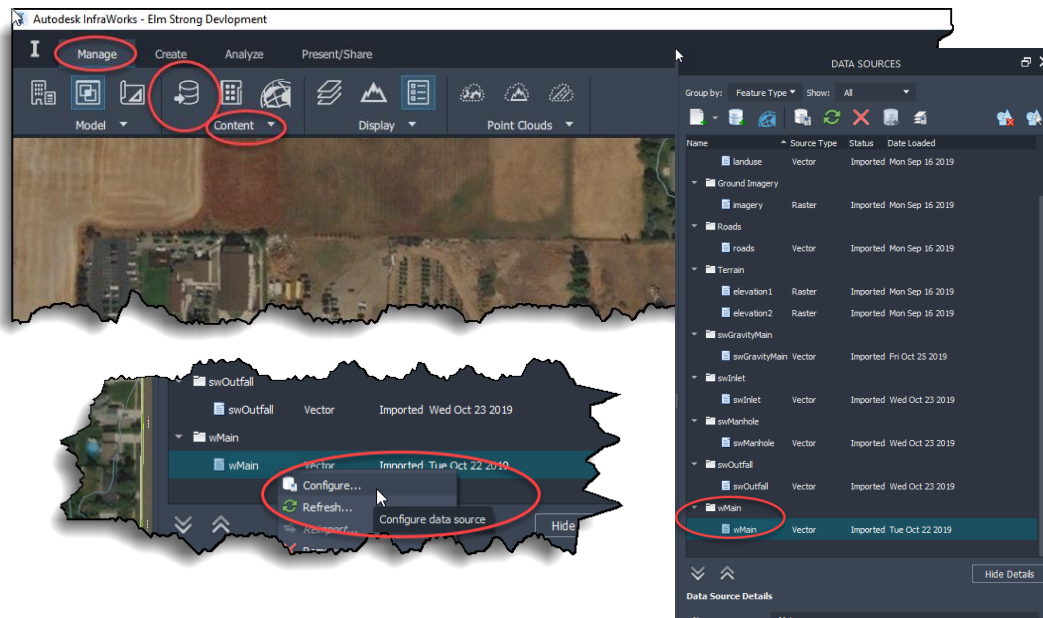
### Using the Data from an Online Map in Infraworks

1. Go to Infraworks. Open the **“Elm Strong Development”** model or your own model of Spokane (or alternately, your own model of the area you are working in and collecting data in an ArcGIS online map for).

- Find and click the **"Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS source"** button on the Content Panel of the Manage tab in the new Infraworks interface ribbon (version 20.1.62.0 or newer) dropdown (for importing locally saved Shape files).

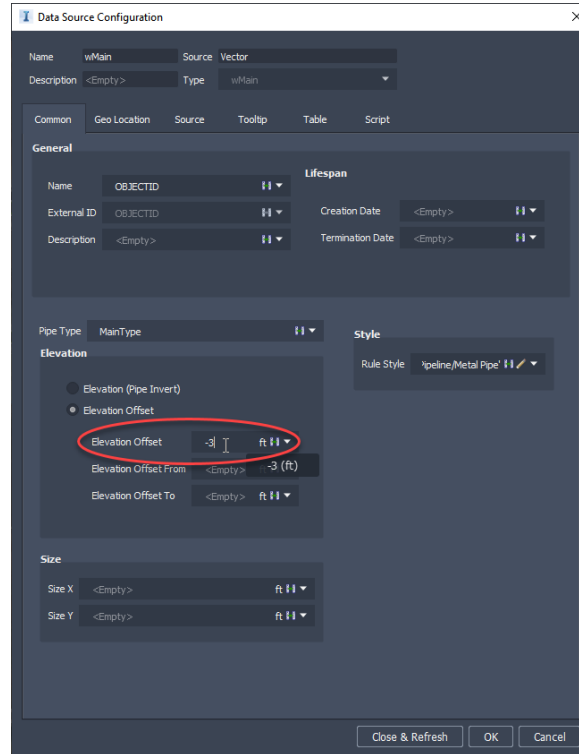


- Find the **"SPOKANE 1"** Map (or your own map's name) under **"My Groups"**, or **"My Content"** (if you remembered to Save it and Share it to your Group in ArcGIS Online).
- Select the Map (whatever you named it when you created it a few minutes ago).
- See the **"wMain"** ArcGIS Layer is there. Click on the **"Select feature type"** dropdown and choose **"Pipelines"**.
- Pick the **"Add to my design project"** button and see it come into Infraworks.
- Open the Data Sources dialog from the Content panel on the Manage tab of the Infraworks ribbon.
- Right-click on the **"wMain"** heading and choose **"Configure"**.





9. In the Data Source Configuration dialog box Configure “wMain” to be 3 feet below the surface (using the negative symbol to specify Z direction).



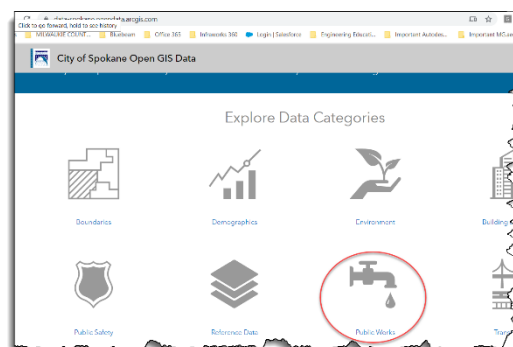
10. Orbit around and under the model to see where the Water pipes ended up.
11. It's not design data, but it is context data for planning purposes.

## Finding Data on a Website

### Start in ArcGIS Online:

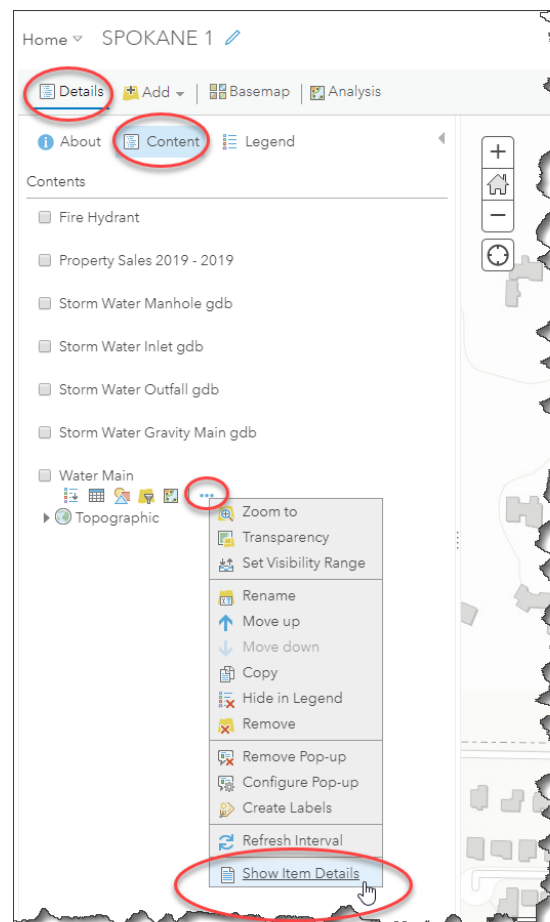
*Note: The data you need may not necessarily be shared publicly in its entirety in ArcGIS Online so sometimes it may be necessary to find it externally and manually add it to My Content in ArcGIS Online.*

1. Go to City of Spokane GIS web page (<https://data-spokane.opendata.arcgis.com/>).
2. Scroll to the “Public Works section under “Explore Data Categories”



3. Scroll down and click "**More Results**".
4. Scroll all the way down and click on "**Storm Water Sewer Gravity Main**".
5. Click the Data button to see the data table and review the attribute fields
6. Click the "**Download**" button. Download the "**File Geodatabase**" to the local machine (put it somewhere you can find it easily).
7. Go back to ArcGIS Online and choose the "**Home**" drop-down and choose "**Content**".
8. Choose "**Add Item**" button. Choose "**From my computer**".  
In resulting dialog box, click on "**Choose File**" button -> browse for GDB zip in the location where you saved it on your local machine.
9. Under "**Contents**" choose "**File Geodatabase**".
10. Notice Title self populates from filename.
11. "**Tags**" are *optional* here, but very useful later when searching "**My Content**" (I highly recommend creating some).
12. Finally, Pick "**Add Item**" button.  
*Note: Whenever you can get a File Geodatabase, choose it over Shape Files. File Geodatabases usually have additional data the GIS Analyst that created the file has associated with it and have potentially more than one Feature Class in the same file (i.e. Points, Lines, Polygons all in one place). File Geodatabases are more "data rich"!.*
13. At this point, the program switches to a screen where it informs us that it is "**Creating a Service**". This "Service" will be available to us via our ArcGIS Online account and therefore will also be available to both Infracore and Civil 3D via the Autodesk Data Connector for ArcGIS.
14. On this page you can:
  - a. "**Add a brief summary about the item**"
  - b. "**Edit Thumbnail**"
  - c. Add an in-depth "**Description**"
  - d. Add "**Terms of Use**" and leave comments for team members or the public.  
*Note: This is important if there are legal limits to how the data is to be used and you are publishing the data connection to a group, or to the public (at which point the data will be available to anybody on ArcGIS Online). Other users need to be aware of the legal limits of use.*
15. Choose "**Open in Map Viewer**" button and go back to the map. See that the Storm Sewer Gravity Mains data is added to your map.

16. I only downloaded the **“Storm Sewer Gravity Mains”** geodatabase to my own computer and then uploaded it to ArcGIS to demonstrate how you can do this if you are ever in the situation where you can’t find a published service to the data you want already on ArcGIS Online, but you can find the data you want on a website in downloadable form (again Geodatabase files are among the most data rich sources, more data rich than Shape files alone, and are well suited for this task). To get the complete existing City of Spokane Storm Sewer Gravity system dataset loaded into Infraworks like I have in my demonstration use the previous 14 steps again to also add the other City of Spokane storm sewer geodatabases into your ArcGIS Online content, **or** more easily in this case, since Spokane publishes their data under the username **“gisadmin\_spokane”**, you could simply click the **“Details”** tab in ArcGIS Online, click the **“Content”** tab, find the **“Water Main”** listing in the **“SPOKANE 1”** map (or whatever you’ve named your own test map), right-click on the three-dot ellipsis button for the **“Water Main”** heading and choose **“Show Item Details”** from the resulting right-click menu.

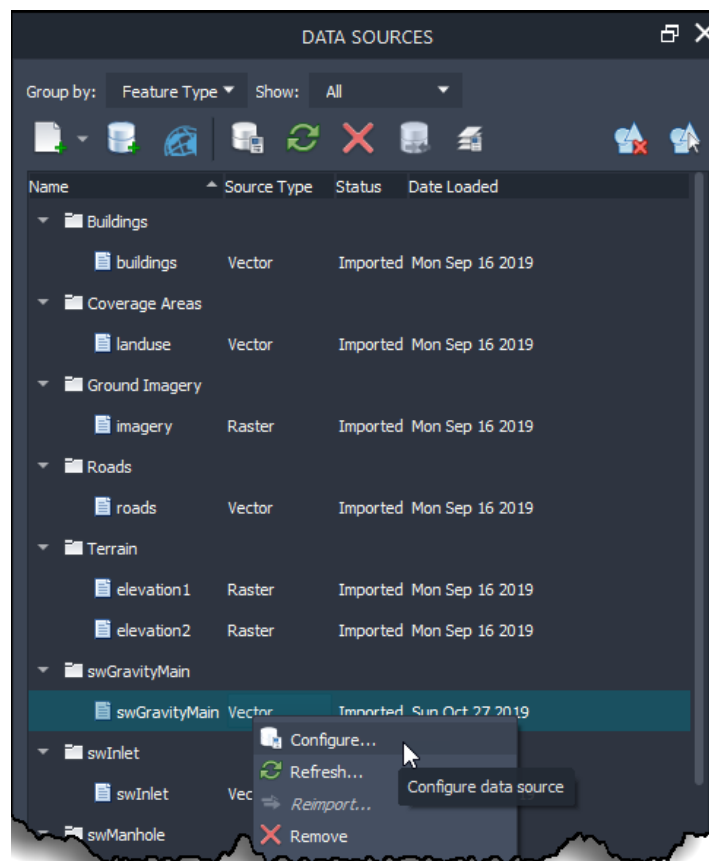


17. This will take you to the user’s info page for the Water Main published item we used in today’s earlier (first) example, and from here you can simply click the user’s name (the **“gisadmin\_spokane”** link) and after choosing **“Items”** in the resulting fly-out menu, you will be taken to the page where all of the user’s other published services are. Once on that page, which contains each published service in list form, find the other items that

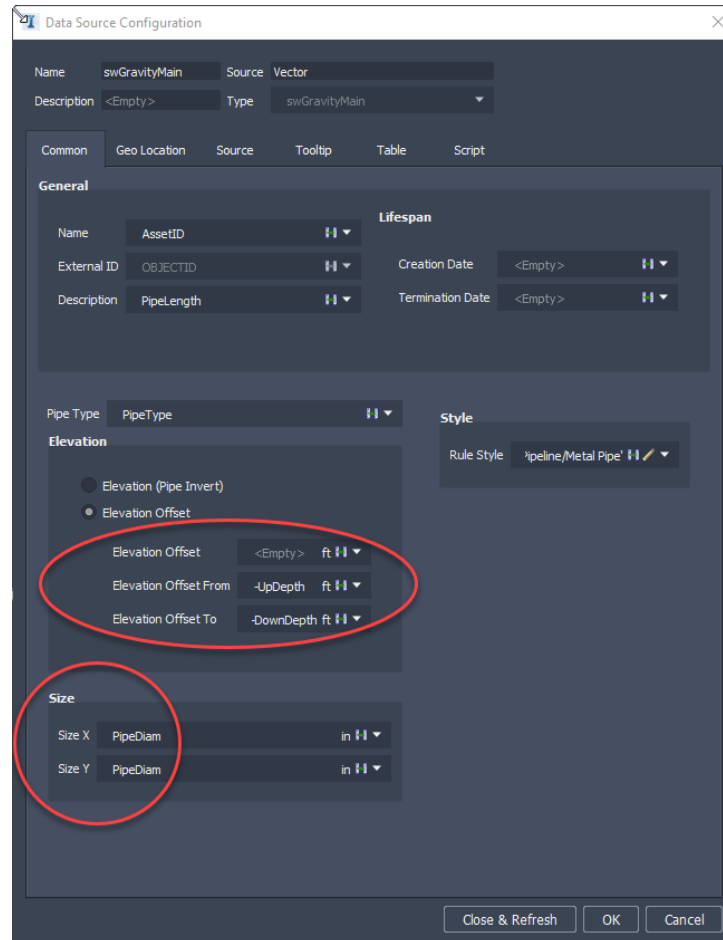
make up the Storm Sewer Gravity system and add each item to the map. Once the items have appeared in the map, click the **"Save"** button. Now each of these items is saved in your map and can be accessed from that same map from within the data connectors in Infraworks and Civil 3D. Whichever way you decide to make the data available to yourself, in my demonstration I made the following items available for connection using one or the other of the procedures I just outlined:

- **Storm Water Manhole**
- **Storm Water Inlet**
- **Storm Water Outfall**

18. Next, bring these data sources into the Infraworks model:
  - a. In Infraworks, open the **"Elm Strong Development"** model.
  - b. In Infraworks, find and click the **"Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS source"** button on the Content Panel of the Manage tab in the new Infraworks interface ribbon.
  - c. Notice all of the source headings but click on the **"My Content"** source.
  - d. Click on the **"swGravityMain"** data source, click on the **"Select feature type"** dropdown, choose **"Pipelines"**.
  - e. Click the blue **"Add to my design project"** button.
  - f. See the storm water gravity main data in the Infraworks model.
  - g. If desired, configure the data by right-clicking on the subheading for the **"swGravityMain"** data source and choosing **"Configure"**.



- h. You will see that you can take advantage of the fact that this data set has invert elevation attributes called “**UpDepth**” and “**DownDepth**”. And, if we put minus <negative> symbols in front of the UpDepth and DownDepth attribute names in the configuration dialog box the program will place each end of each pipe under the terrain surface at the correct elevation value populated by the attribute. We’re also setting the inside diameter size of each pipe in the “**Size**” area of the dialog box according to the “**PipeDiam**” attribute in both the X and Y directions.



**Data Source Configuration**

Name: swGravityMain Source: Vector  
 Description: <Empty> Type: swGravityMain

Common Geo Location Source Tooltip Table Script

**General**

Name: AssetID Lifespan  
 External ID: OBJECTID Creation Date: <Empty>  
 Description: PipeLength Termination Date: <Empty>

Pipe Type: PipeType Style: Rule Style: 'Pipeline/Metal Pipe'

**Elevation**

☐ Elevation (Pipe Invert)  
☒ Elevation Offset

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 Elevation Offset To: -DownDepth ft

**Size**

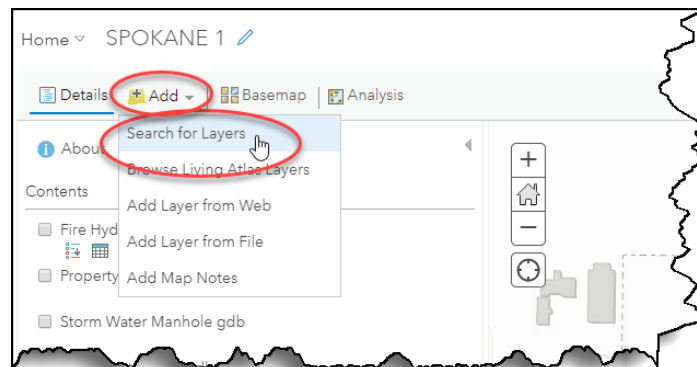
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 Size Y: PipeDiam in

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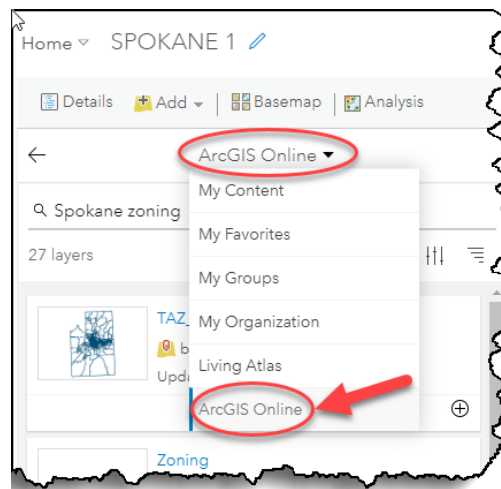
19. Whether adding the items to your Infraworks model from your “**SPOKANE 1**” map, or from individual content items appearing in the Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS interface, depending on how you decided to get the data into your ArcGIS Online setup in step 16, next add in “swManhole” (as “**Pipeline Connectors**”).
18. Add in “swInlet” (as “**Pipeline Connectors**”).
19. Add in “swOutfall” (as “**Pipeline Connectors**”).
20. Configure the “swManhole” data. Under “**Size**”, select the “**Geometry**” attribute for both the “**Size X**” and “**Size Y**” value cells, and then physically type in “**-MhDepth**” in the “**Height**” value cell. Then click “**Close & Refresh**”.
21. I didn’t configure the Inlets and Outfalls in this demonstration. Experiment with configuration with regard to these pipeline connectors if you’d like more practice.

## Vetting Data Sources in ArcGIS and Theming the Data in Infraworks

1. With the “**SPOKANE 1**” map open in ArcGIS Online, Click the dropdown arrow next to the “**Add**” tab/button at the top left of the screen. Choose “**Search for Layers**”.



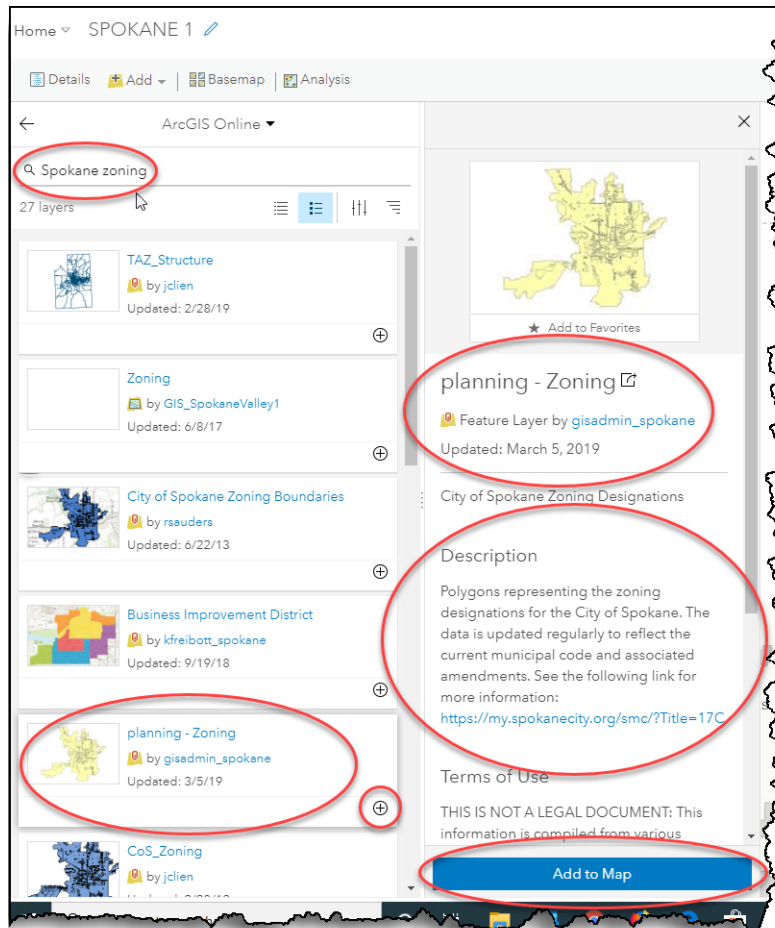
2. Click the search-source-type drop-down button (its current heading reflects the last choice you made when using this drop-down) and choose “ArcGIS Online” as the source for which to search for data.



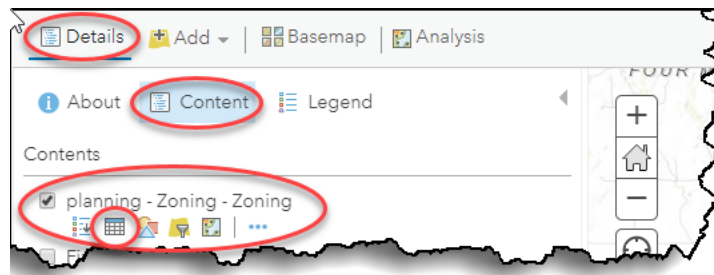
3. Type “**Spokane zoning**” into the search area.
4. Pick the “**planning – Zoning**” choice published by our old friend “**gisadmin\_spokane**” from the search results. Observe the expanded section containing the description of the published data (*continued next page*).



5. Either choose the little “+” button or the “Add to Map” button in the expanded section to add it to the map.

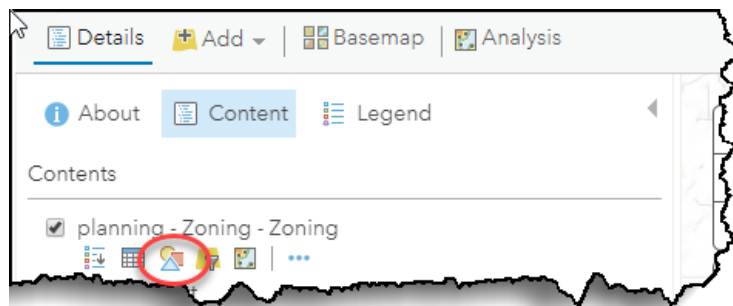


6. In ArcGIS Online, zoom out in the map window to see the whole of the City of Spokane with the Zoning layer added.
7. Click the “Details” button. Make sure the Content tab is also selected. Hover over the “**planning – Zoning - Zoning**” heading. Choose “**Show Table**” to see the data table and peruse the data. Take special note of the Description attribute column. This is the data we will use for Theming in Infraworks.

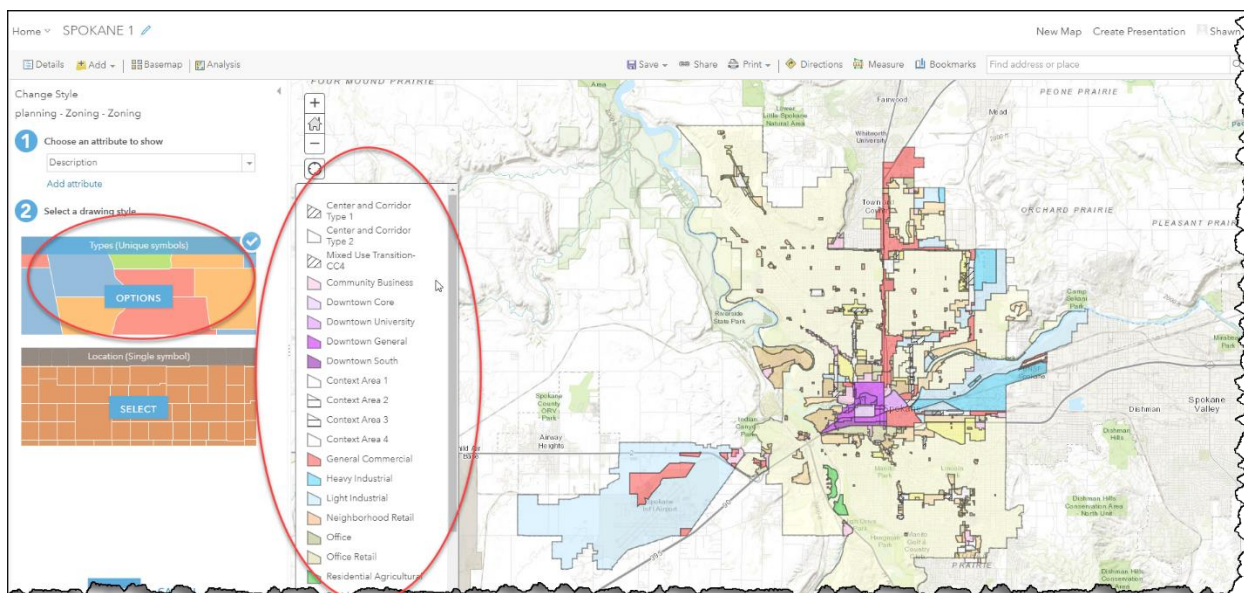


8. Hover over the “**planning – Zoning – Zoning**” heading again. This time choose “**Change Style**” to see the legend in the map window. Again, these are the descriptions we will be using for theming in Infraworks.

*Note: understanding what's in the data set is important to knowing if and how we use the data in our contextual model in Infraworks.*

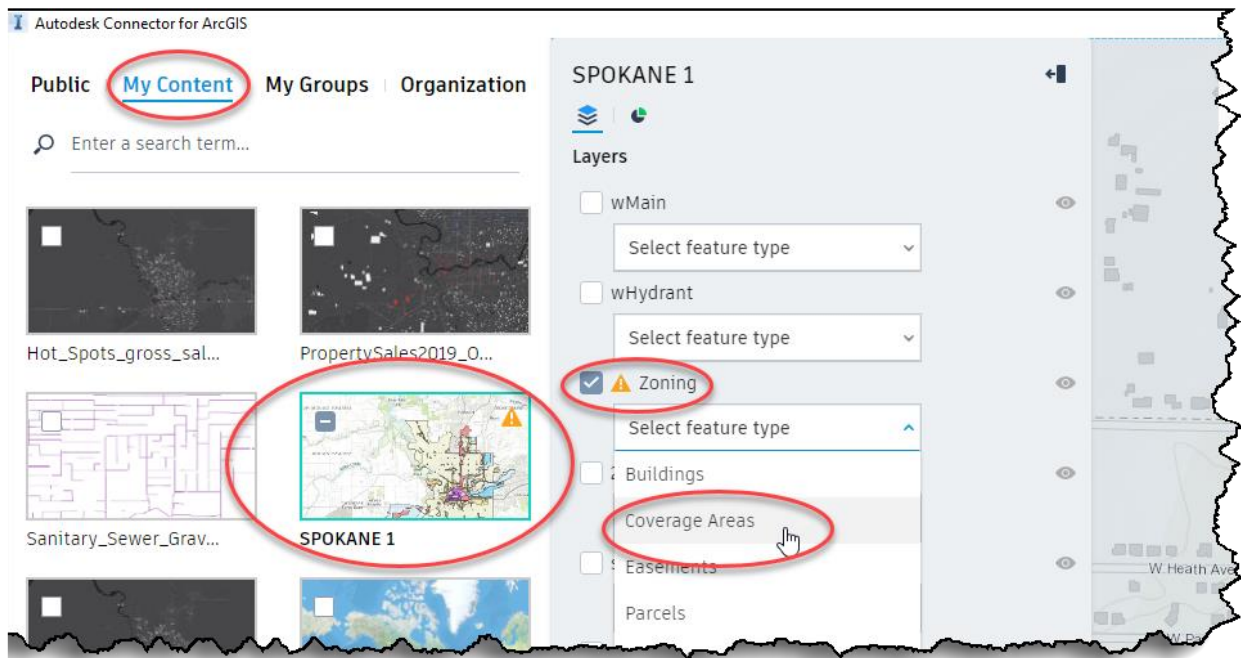


9. If you'd like to change the fill colors of the legend, use the “**Select a drawing style**” options (optional – not necessary right now).

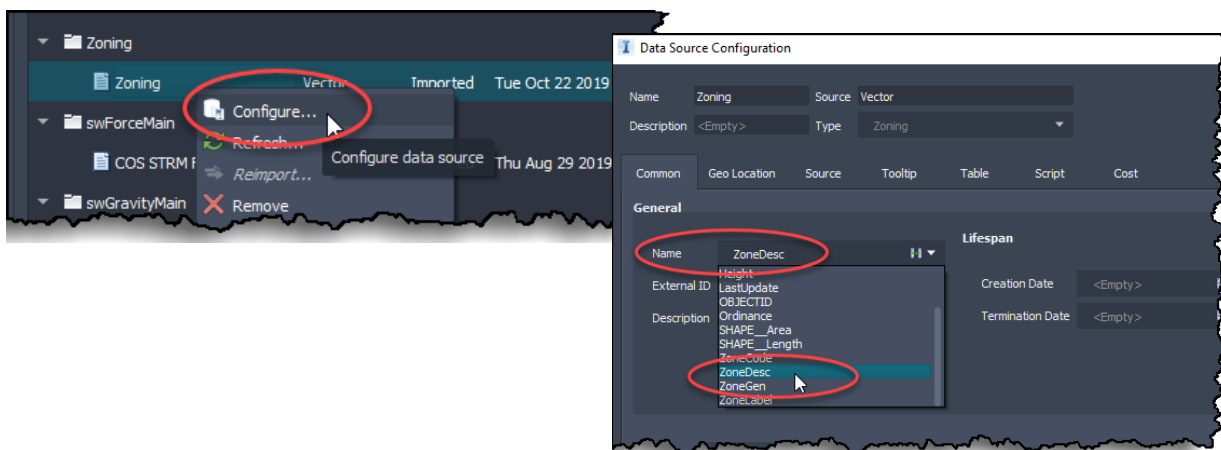


10. Open Infraworks. Go to the Infraworks Home screen.
11. Open the “**AU SPOKANE**” model (see instructions at beginning of handout for gaining access to this model or create your own using Infraworks Model Builder).
12. In Infraworks, find and click the “**Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS source**” button on the Content Panel of the Manage tab in the new Infraworks interface ribbon as before.

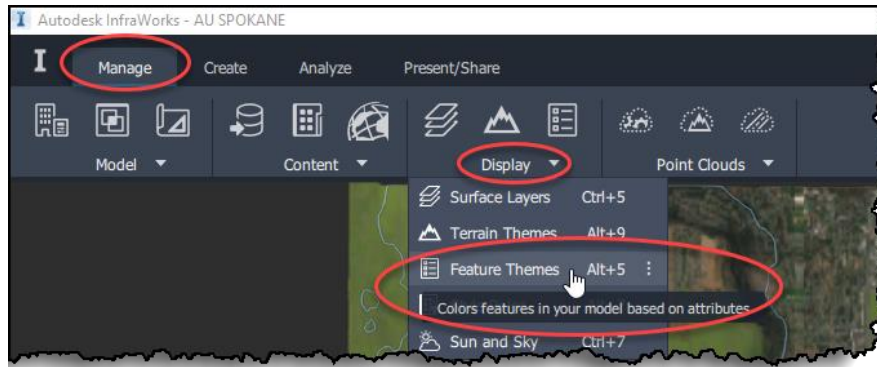
13. In resulting Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS interface click "**My Content**". Then select the "**SPOKANE 1**" source only, but don't check mark it. Just select it by clicking on the thumbnail. Then put a check mark next to only the "**Zoning**" layer when the **SPOKANE 1** flyout opens. This will "check" the Spokane source automatically.
14. Choose "**Coverage Areas**" in the "**Select feature type**" drop-down.
15. Click the "**Add to my design project**" button at the bottom of the interface to add the zoning layer to the Infraworks model. The Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS will close as the layer is added to the model.



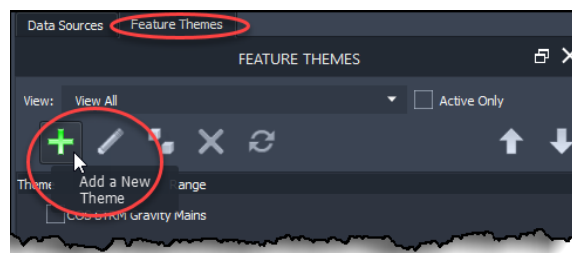
16. In the main Infraworks interface, find and click the "**Data Sources**" button on the Content Panel of the Manage tab in the new Infraworks interface ribbon.
17. In the resulting Data Sources dialog box, find the Zoning subheading, right-click and choose "**Configure**".
18. In the Configure dialog box set the Name value to "**ZoneDesc**".



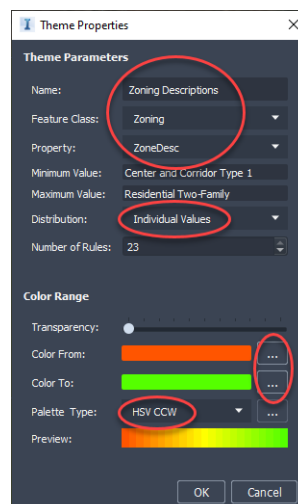
19. Create a theme by going to the Feature Themes button in the “Display” panel drop-down on the Manage tab of the Infraworks ribbon.



20. In the Feature Themes dialog box, click the green “+” button.



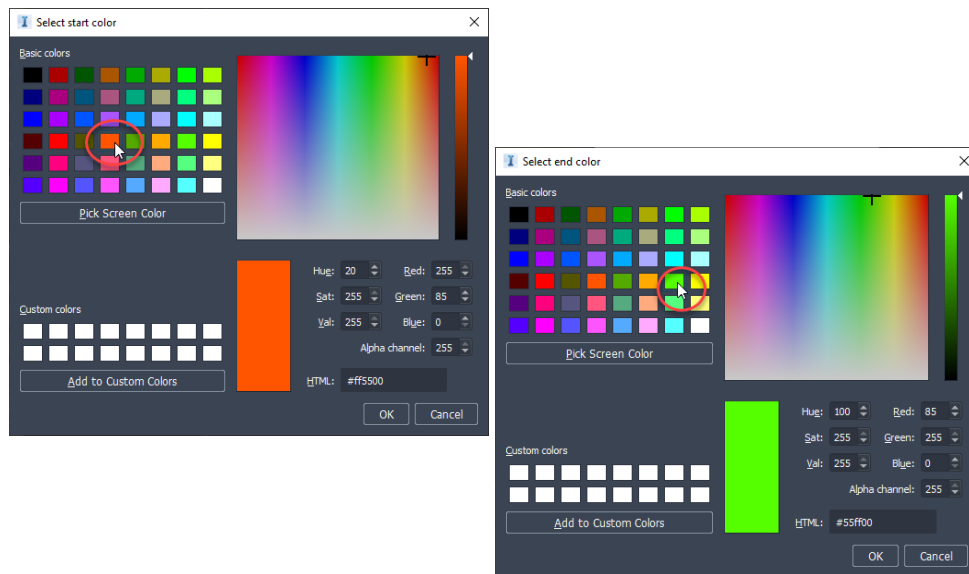
21. In the Theme Properties dialog box, name the new theme “Zoning Descriptions”.
22. Choose “Zoning” in the “Feature Class” drop-down to associate the Zoning data source we’ve added to our model with the theme.
23. Choose “ZoneDesc” in the “Property” drop-down to associate the zoning descriptions attribute column with the coverage areas from our Zoning data source.
24. Choose “Individual Values” in the “Distribution” drop-down which will automatically divide the theme into 23 different values. This is the number of different zoning descriptions there are in the data set.



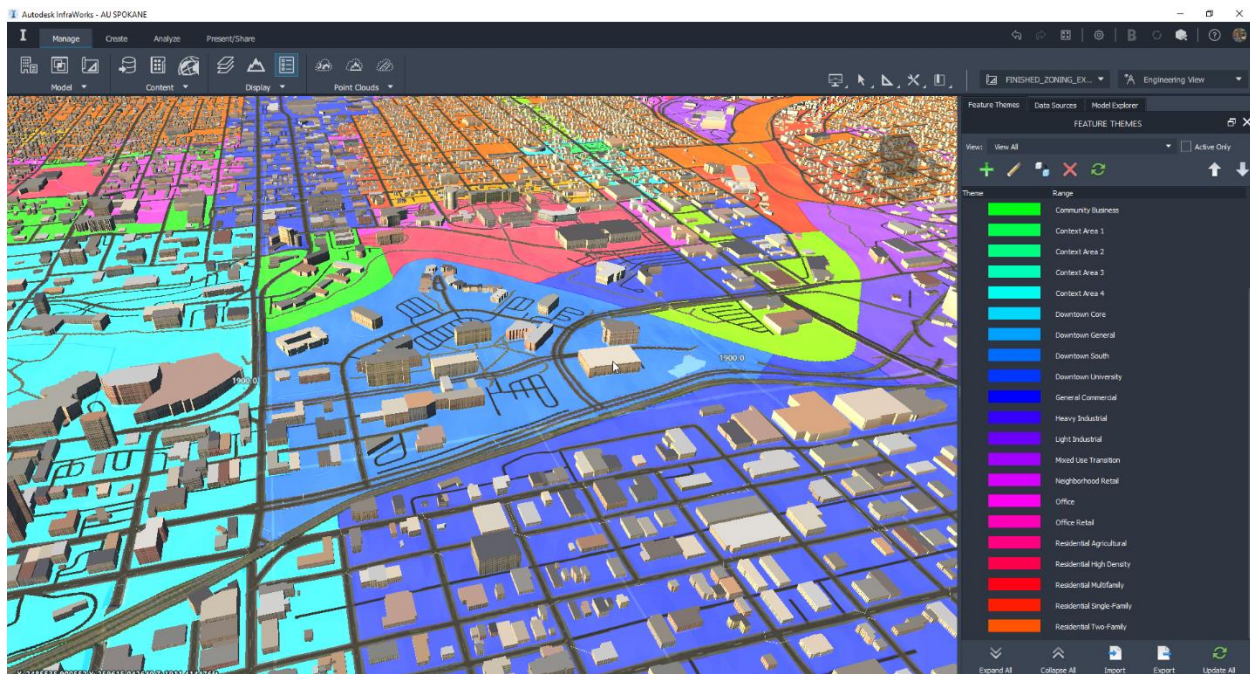
*In this figure red circles depict the values I’ve changed while theming the Zoning data source.*



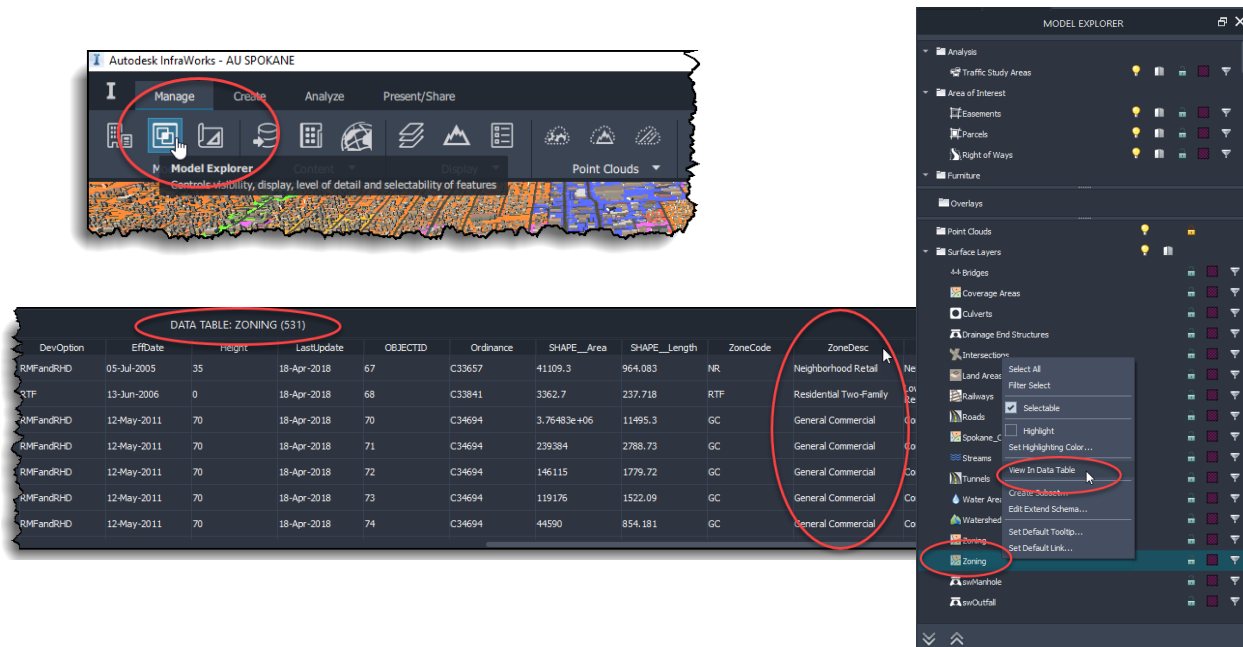
25. I chose “**HSW CCW**” for the “**Palette Type**” and picked a green color for the “**Color From**” selection.
26. I picked an orange color for the “**Color To**” selection. I found that these colors give a good set of distinct colors to the 23 different attributes we need to assign separate color values to than some of the others I’ve tried. Feel free to experiment if you’d like to try a different schema.



27. After clicking “**OK**” in the Theme Properties dialog box, the model updates, the colors are applied to the coverage polygons and we can use the Feature Themes dialog as a legend as we explore the InfraWorks context model.



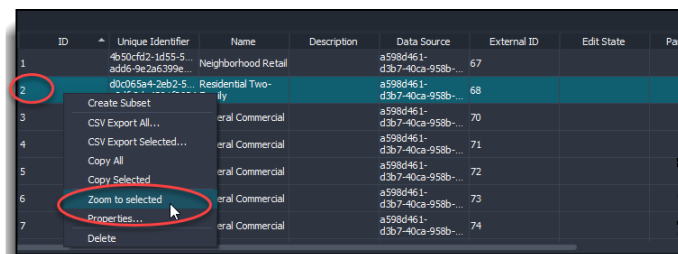
28. Go to Model Explorer, right-click on **"Zoning"** in the **"Surface Layers"** collection, choose **"View in Data Table"** to show tabular data.



The screenshot shows the Autodesk InfraWorks interface. In the top toolbar, the 'Model Explorer' icon is circled in red. The Model Explorer panel on the right shows the 'Surface Layers' collection, with 'Zoning' circled in red. A context menu is open over 'Zoning', and the 'View In Data Table' option is circled in red. Below the main map, the 'DATA TABLE: ZONING (531)' is displayed, showing a table with columns: DevOption, EffDate, Height, LastUpdate, OBJECTID, Ordinance, SHAPE\_Area, SHAPE\_Length, ZoneCode, and ZoneDesc. The 'ZoneDesc' column is circled in red.

DevOption	EffDate	Height	LastUpdate	OBJECTID	Ordinance	SHAPE_Area	SHAPE_Length	ZoneCode	ZoneDesc
RMFandRHD	05-Jul-2005	35	18-Apr-2018	67	C33657	41109.3	964.083	NR	Neighborhood Retail
RTF	13-Jun-2006	0	18-Apr-2018	68	C33841	3362.7	237.718	RTF	Residential Two-Family
RMFandRHD	12-May-2011	70	18-Apr-2018	70	C34694	3.76483e+06	11495.3	GC	General Commercial
RMFandRHD	12-May-2011	70	18-Apr-2018	71	C34694	239384	2788.73	GC	General Commercial
RMFandRHD	12-May-2011	70	18-Apr-2018	72	C34694	146115	1779.72	GC	General Commercial
RMFandRHD	12-May-2011	70	18-Apr-2018	73	C34694	119176	1522.09	GC	General Commercial
RMFandRHD	12-May-2011	70	18-Apr-2018	74	C34694	44590	854.181	GC	General Commercial

29. Pick a row, choose **"Zoom to selected"** to zoom in on zone and then show Properties tag value cell to see the zone description there.



The screenshot shows the 'DATA TABLE: ZONING (531)' with row 2 selected. A context menu is open over the selected row, and the 'Zoom to selected' option is circled in red. The 'Properties' option is also visible in the menu.

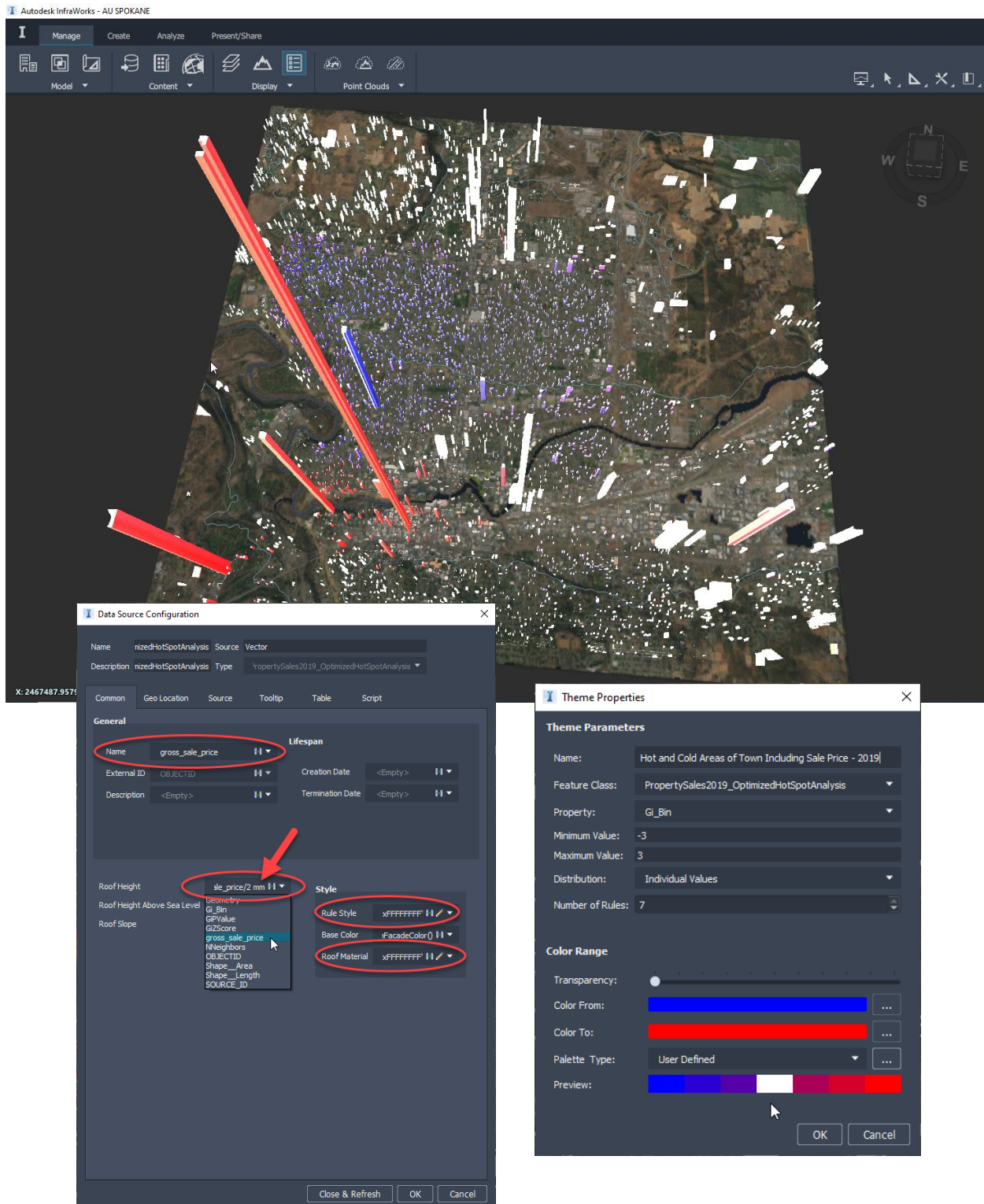
ID	Unique Identifier	Name	Description	Data Source	External ID	Edit State	Parent
1	4b50-fd2-1d55-5-add6-9e2a6399e...	Neighborhood Retail		a598d461-d3b7-40ca-958b...	67		
2	d0c965a4-2eb2-5...	Residential Two-Family		a598d461-d3b7-40ca-958b...	68		
3		General Commercial		a598d461-d3b7-40ca-958b...	70		
4		General Commercial		a598d461-d3b7-40ca-958b...	71		
5		General Commercial		a598d461-d3b7-40ca-958b...	72		
6		General Commercial		a598d461-d3b7-40ca-958b...	73		
7		General Commercial		a598d461-d3b7-40ca-958b...	74		

## Analyzing Data Sources in ArcGIS and Displaying the Analysis in Infraworks

The analysis for *hot and cold spots for property sales in 2019 based on sale price* example was complex. An experienced GIS Analyst helped me create the analysis in both ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro. I am not going to go over the setup for the analysis in ArcGIS. I will say it was based off of a geodatabase dataset called **"2019 Property Sales"** that we found and downloaded from the Spokane County website and then added to ArcGIS in the same way I've described already in the section entitled **"Finding Data on a Website"**.



In Infraworks we added the feature as Building data so that we could use Roof Height to allow the data to appear like a bar graph within the 3-dimensional model.



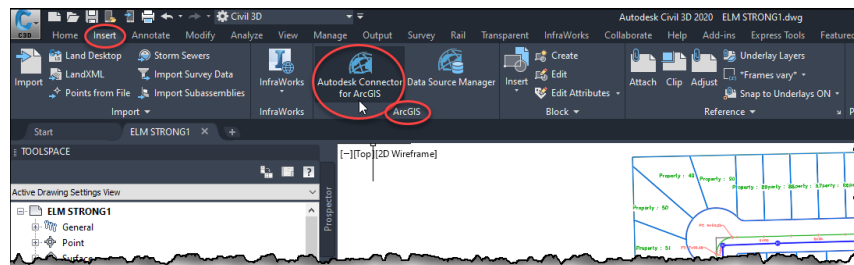
The screenshot shows the Autodesk InfraWorks interface with a 3D model of a town. Two dialog boxes are open:

- Data Source Configuration:**
  - Name: nizedHotSpotAnalysis
  - Source: Vector
  - Description: nizedHotSpotAnalysis
  - Type: PropertySales2019\_OptimizedHotSpotAnalysis
  - Common: Name (gross\_sale\_price), External ID (OBJECTID), Description (<Empty>)
  - Geo Location: None
  - Source: None
  - Tooltip: None
  - Table: None
  - Script: None
  - General:
    - Name: gross\_sale\_price
    - External ID: OBJECTID
    - Description: <Empty>
    - Creation Date: <Empty>
    - Termination Date: <Empty>
    - Roof Height: gross\_sale\_price/2 m
    - Roof Height Above Sea Level: gross\_sale\_price/2 m
    - Roof Slope: gross\_sale\_price/2 m
    - Style: Rule Style (x), Base Color (x), Roof Material (x)
- Theme Properties:**
  - Name: Hot and Cold Areas of Town Including Sale Price - 2019
  - Feature Class: PropertySales2019\_OptimizedHotSpotAnalysis
  - Property: GI\_Bin
  - Minimum Value: -3
  - Maximum Value: 3
  - Distribution: Individual Values
  - Number of Rules: 7
  - Color Range:
    - Transparency: 100%
    - Color From: Blue
    - Color To: Red
    - Palette Type: User Defined
    - Preview: [Color Bar]

## ArcGIS Data and Civil 3D

### Connecting to ArcGIS Data in Civil 3D

1. In Civil 3D 2020.1 open the drawing called “Elm Strong1.dwg”.
2. Go to the Insert tab and choose the “Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS” button from the ArcGIS panel.

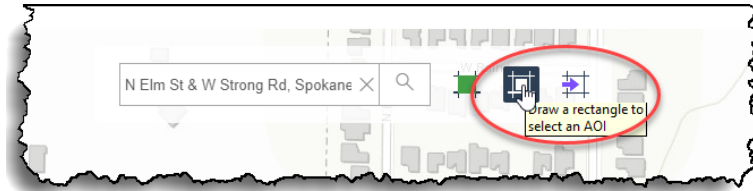


3. Type “N Elm St & W Strong Rd, Spokane, WA, 99208, USA” in the “Search by location” value cell.

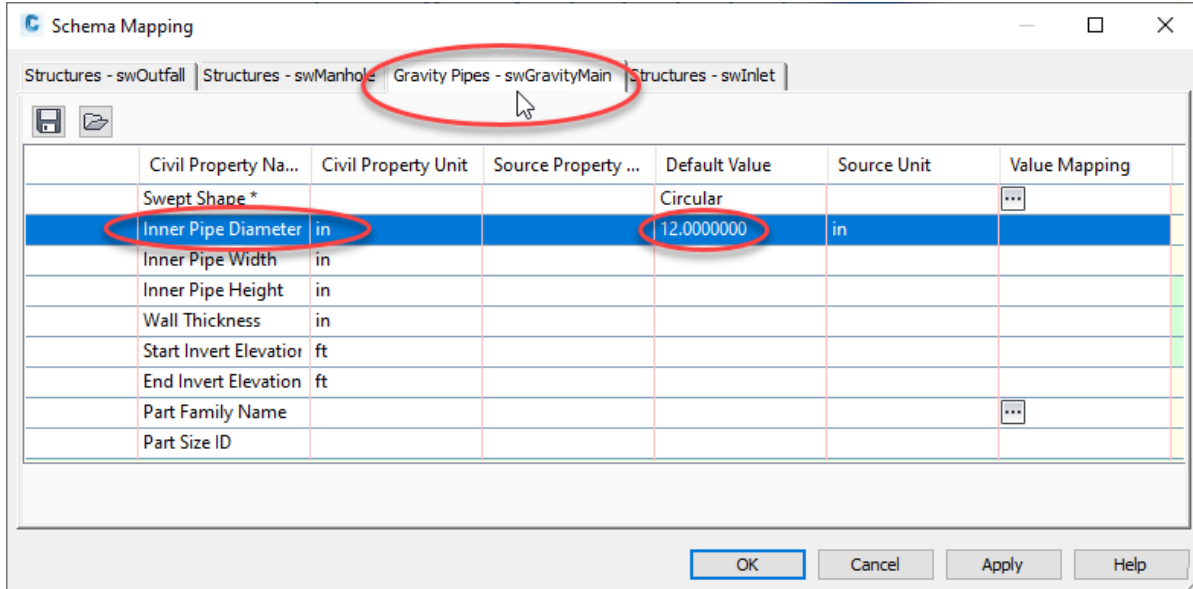


4. Zoom and Pan the window so that you can clearly see W Jay Ave on the north, N Elm St on the east, and W Strong Rd along the south side.

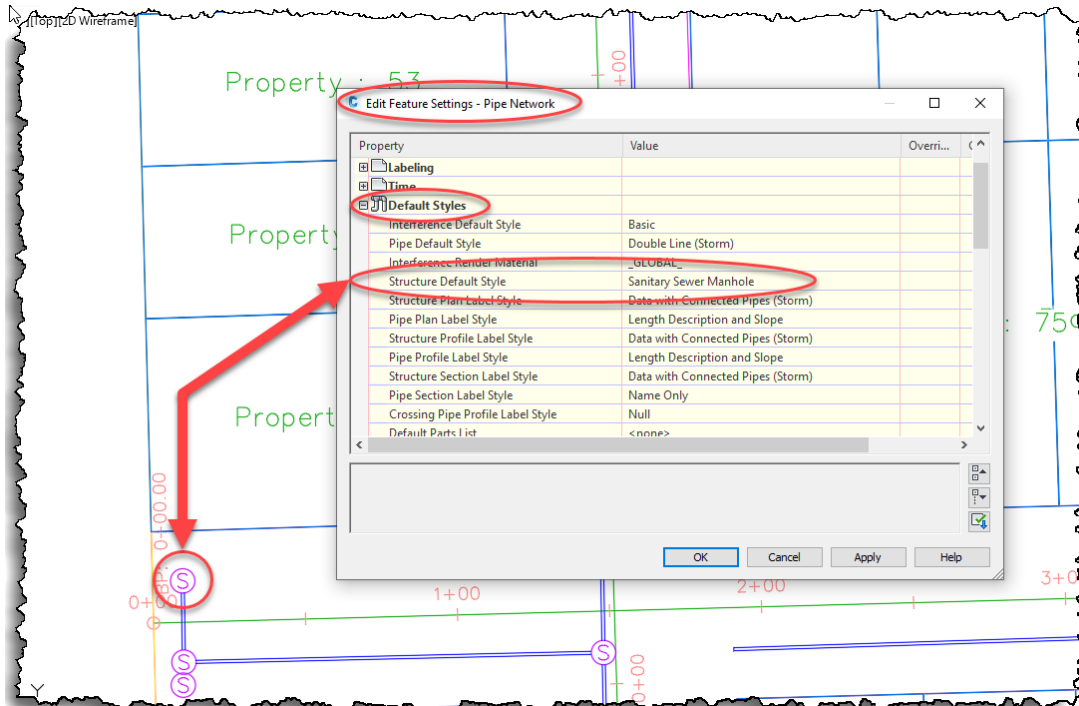
5. Choose the button to “**Draw a rectangle to select an AOI**”, and draw a rectangle around the full extents of the property.



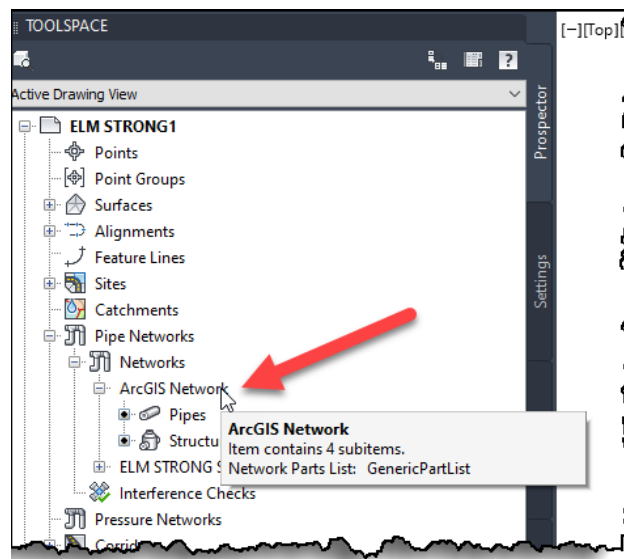
6. The left side of the screen will open exposing the available data sources. Click on the thumbnail for the “**SPOKANE 1**” map and when the “**SPOKANE 1**” Layers area expands out:
  - a. Put a check next to “**swOutfall**”, pick “**Structures**” from the drop-down.
  - b. Put a check next to “**swManhle**”, pick “**Structures**” from the drop-down.
  - c. Put a check next to “**swGravityMain**”, pick “**Gravity Pipes**” from the drop-down.
  - d. Put a check next to “**swInlet**”, pick “**Structures**” from the drop-down.
  - e. Click the “**Add to my design project**” button to add these items to the Civil 3D drawing.
7. When the Schema Mapping dialog box appears, notice that you get a separate tab for each type of gravity part you introduced from ArcGIS. You can change certain values (like Pipe and Structure diameters) on the fly. Don’t change anything here now. Just familiarize yourself with the way things are set up.



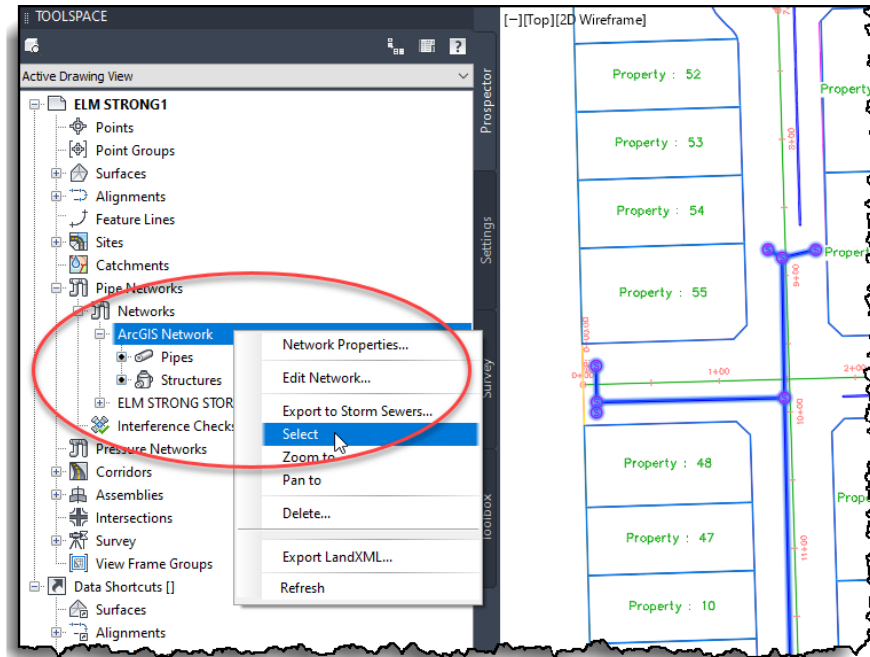
8. Check the Feature Settings in Civil 3D and notice that the default styles set there are the styles that are applied to the parts as they are created in the drawing



9. Check the Prospector, under Pipe Networks to see that a new Civil 3D Pipe Network called "**ArcGIS Network**" is now listed. This is the network created from the connected data. It is a permanent set of objects in your drawing and the network can be renamed.



10. Right click on the network and choose **"Select"** from the menu to highlight the network parts in the drawing window.

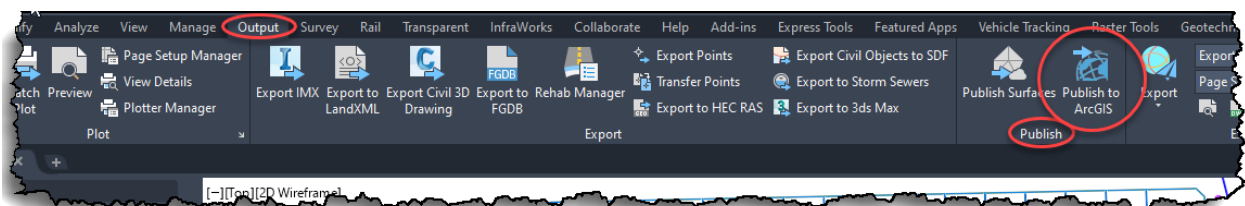


## Publishing Data to ArcGIS from Civil 3D

We can also take intelligent design objects we've created in C3D and copy them directly into ArcGIS Online including much or all of the object data associated with them. In this way, accurate, data-rich, As-Built content from our design drawings can be submitted to municipalities for inclusion in their GIS systems. Or we can store the data in our own ArcGIS system and use it again in our own current or future projects.

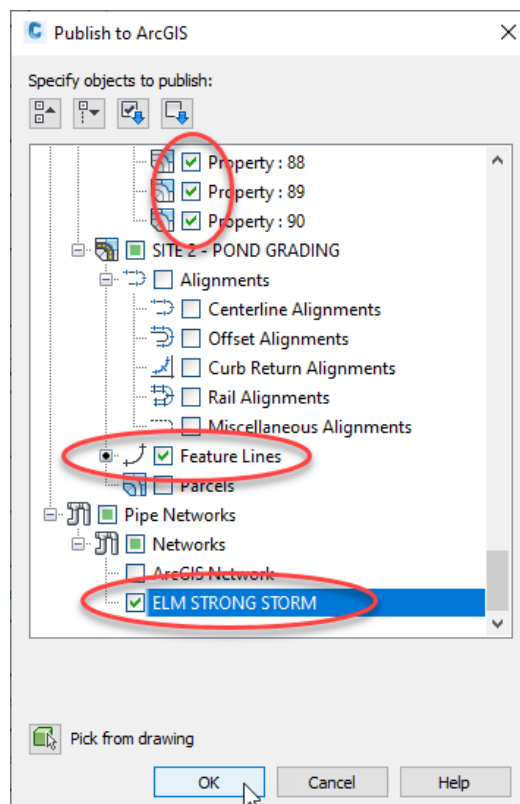
In the **"ELM STRONG1"** drawing, we've got several Civil 3D design elements. There is an existing ground surface, and some roadway corridors and their surfaces that are turned off, many visible Parcel objects, a visible proposed storm water gravity Pipe Network, and a visible pond Feature Line for storm water detention pond grading. In this exercise, we will practice publishing the visible.

1. Continue working in the **"ELM STRONG1"** drawing.
2. Click the **"Publish to ArcGIS"** button on the Publish panel of the Output tab of the Civil 3D ribbon.






3. In the “**Publish to ArcGIS**” dialog box, click the “**Connect**” button (or sign into your ArcGIS account if you aren’t already signed in).
4. After connecting, the “**Publish to ArcGIS**” dialog box populates with any design elements in the drawing that can be published to ArcGIS. This includes Point Groups, Alignments, Feature Lines, Sites (and the Alignments Feature Lines and Parcels located within them), and Pipe Networks. Pressure Networks cannot yet be published to ArcGIS.
5. In the “**Publish to ArcGIS**” dialog box, put a check in the “**Parcels**” check box under the “**SITE 1 – PARCELS**” Site. Also check the boxes next to “**Feature Lines**” in the “**SITE 2 – POND GRADING**” site, and finally in the check box next to the “**ELM STRONG STORM**” Pipe Network (this is our new design network, not the existing network we recently brought in from ArcGIS).



6. In the resulting “**Publish to ArcGIS**” wizard, accept the AOI on the “**Area of Interest**” page and click “**Next**”.
7. On the “**Layer Definition**” page set the ArcGIS Categories as follows and click “**Next**”:
  - a. Feature Lines = Polygon
  - b. Parcels = Polygon
  - c. Pipes = Line
  - d. Structures = Point
8. On the “**Items Settings**” page, create the service name “**ES\_PHASE2**”, and create the following tags (*the wizard page will not accept spaces so include the underscore*):
  - a. “**Spokane**”
  - b. “**Elm Strong Phase 2**”



9. Under “**Advanced Settings**”, share with your organization and any groups within the organization that correlate to this test.
10. In the “**Publishing Location**” page accept the “**Publish to**” location of “**My Content**” by clicking the blue “**Publish**” button



**Publish to ArcGIS**

Area of Interest

< Previous **Next >** Publish Cancel

**Publish to ArcGIS**

Layer Definition

Object Type	ArcGIS Category	ArcGIS Layer Name
Feature Lines	Polygon	FeatureLine
Parcels	Polygon	Parcel
Pipes	Line	Pipe
Structures	Point	Structure

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**Publish to ArcGIS**

Item Settings

**General**

Service Name: ES\_PHASE2

Summary:

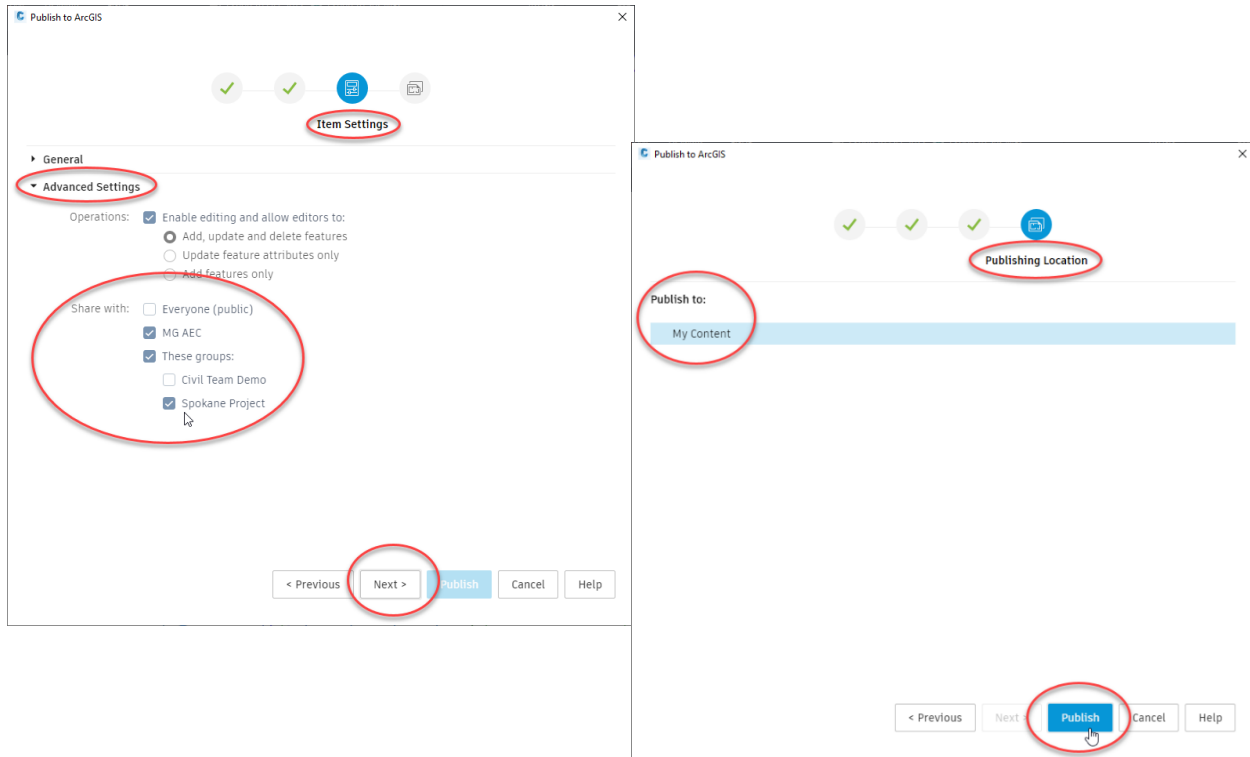
Tags: Spokane X Elm Strong Phase 2 X

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 COS Storm Water COS Zoning County Hot Spots  
 Property Sales Property Sales 2019 - 2019 SpoCoPropSales  
 Spokane SProperty sales

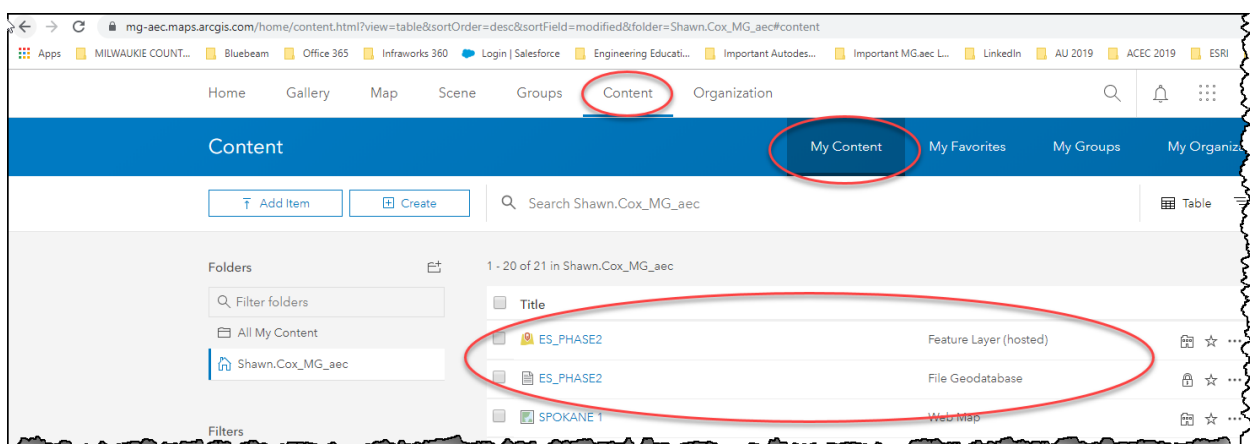
Advanced Settings

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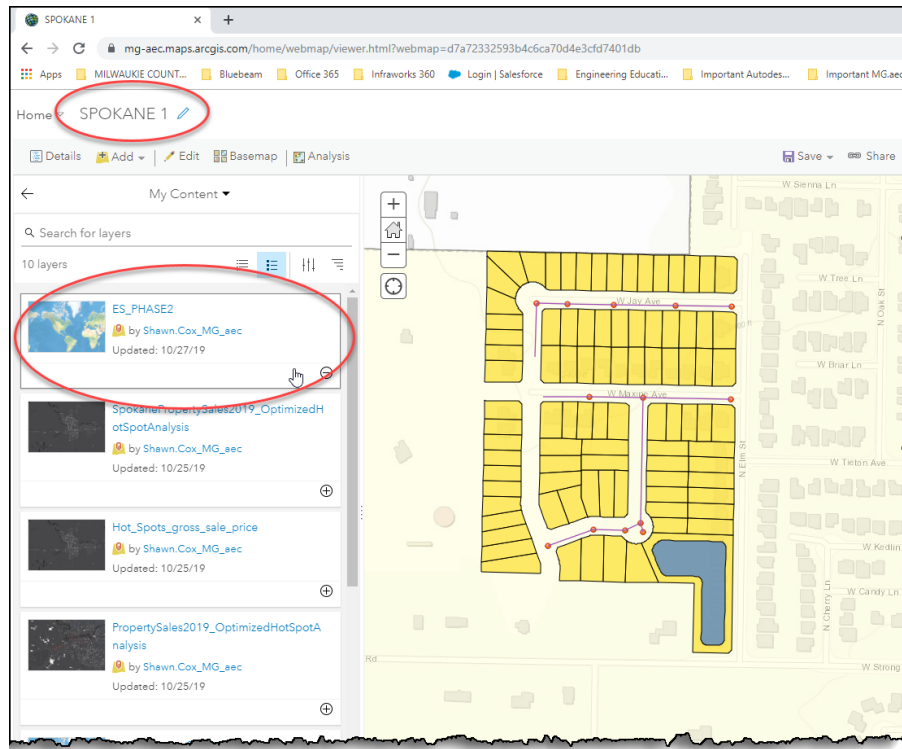
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11. Go back to your ArcGIS Online account interface and find the Content page. See that the C3D data is now available.



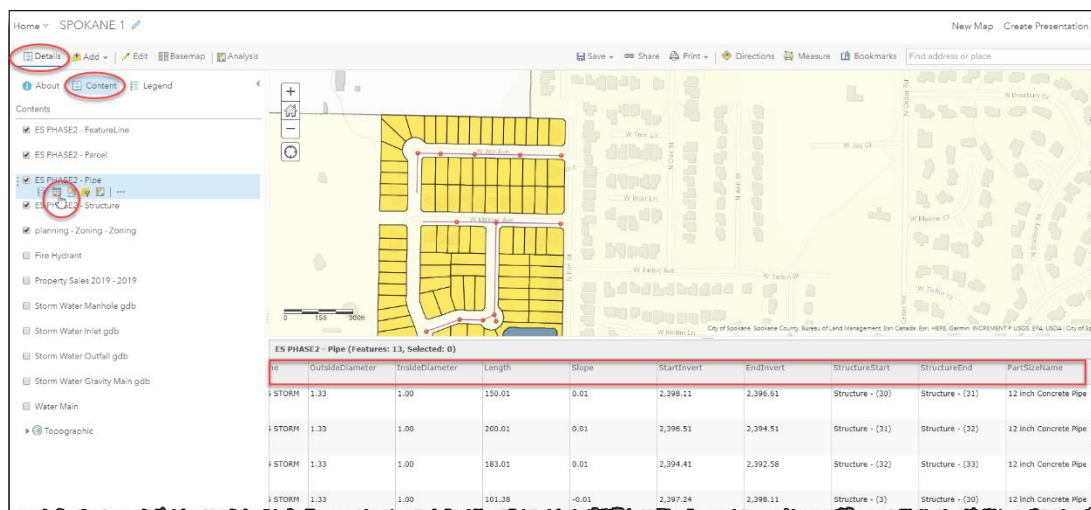
12. Add it to the map.



13. Go to the **“Details”** tab with the **“Content”** tab toggled. Hover over the heading for **“ES PHASE2 Pipe”**. Choose **“Show Table”**. Observe the object data attributes carried to ArcGIS from Civil 3D for the Pipes.

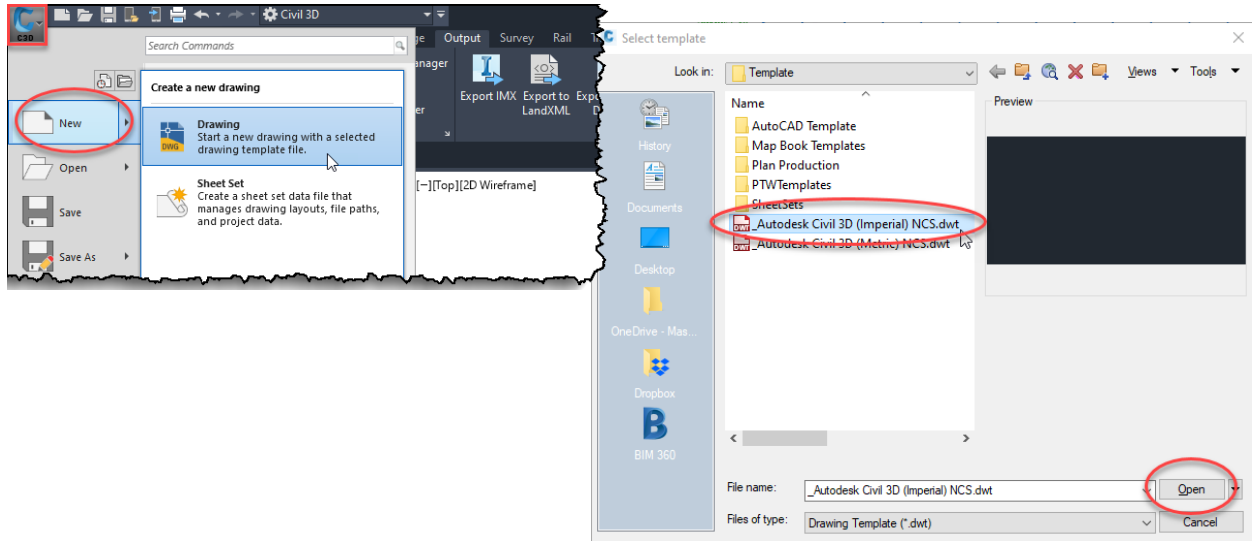
14. Hover over the **“ES PHASE2 Structure”** heading. Choose the **“Show Table”** icon. Observe the object data attributes carried to ArcGIS from Civil 3D for the Structures.

15. Also observe the object data that came from Civil 3D for the Feature Line and the Parcels (same procedure).

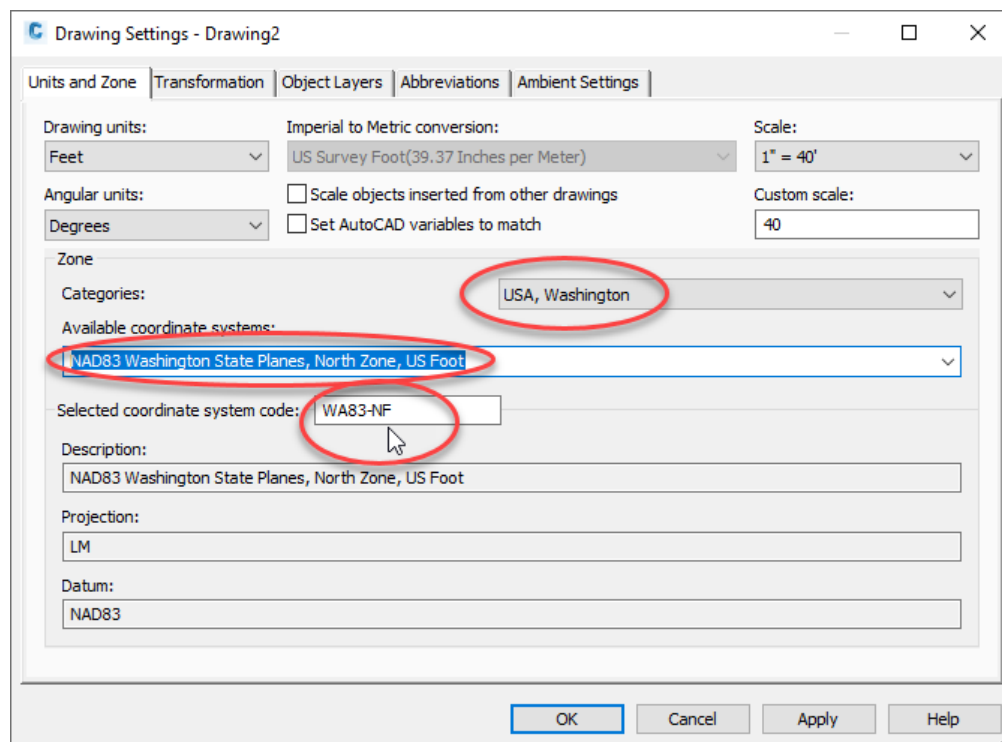


## Use Design Data Published to ArcGIS in another new Project or Drawing

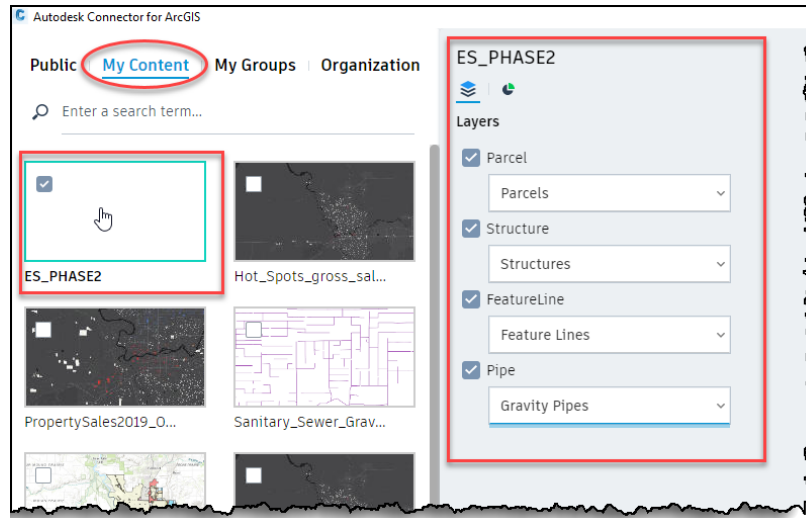
1. Use the “New” command to start a new drawing from the “Autodesk Civil 3D (Imperial) NCS.dwt” template that comes with Civil 3D.



1. Set the new drawing to a coordinate system (*or ArcGIS will not know where to place the geospatially located objects you want to share*).



- In Civil 3D, go back to the Insert tab and select the “Autodesk Connector for ArcGIS” button on the ArcGIS panel again and insert the “ES\_PHASE2” content as shown here.

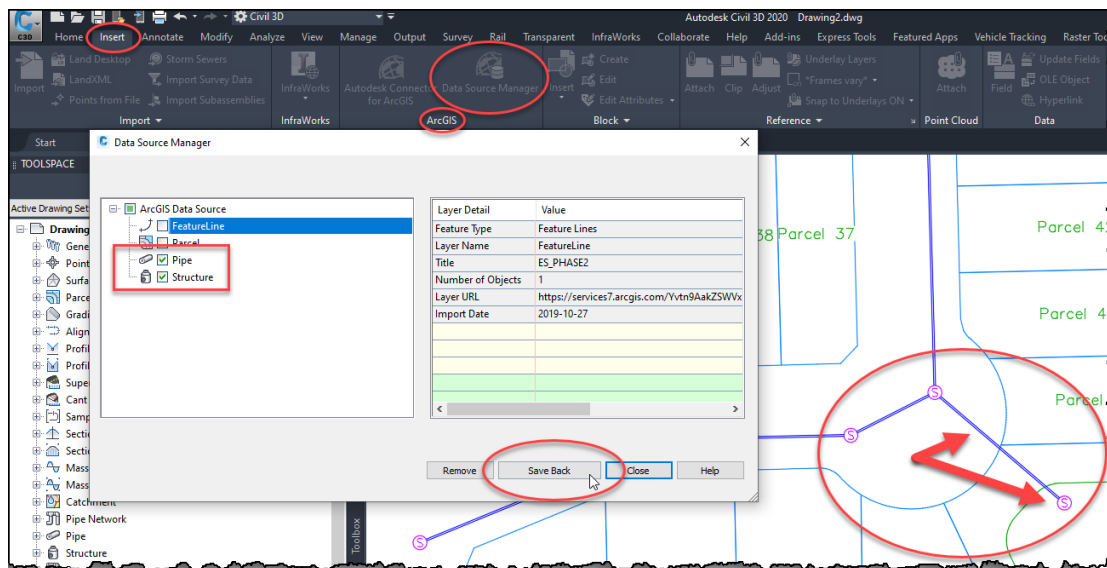


- Accept the defaults in the “Schema Mapping” dialog box for the gravity parts and observe the new data in the drawing file, ready to be expanded upon with new design elements, or changed.

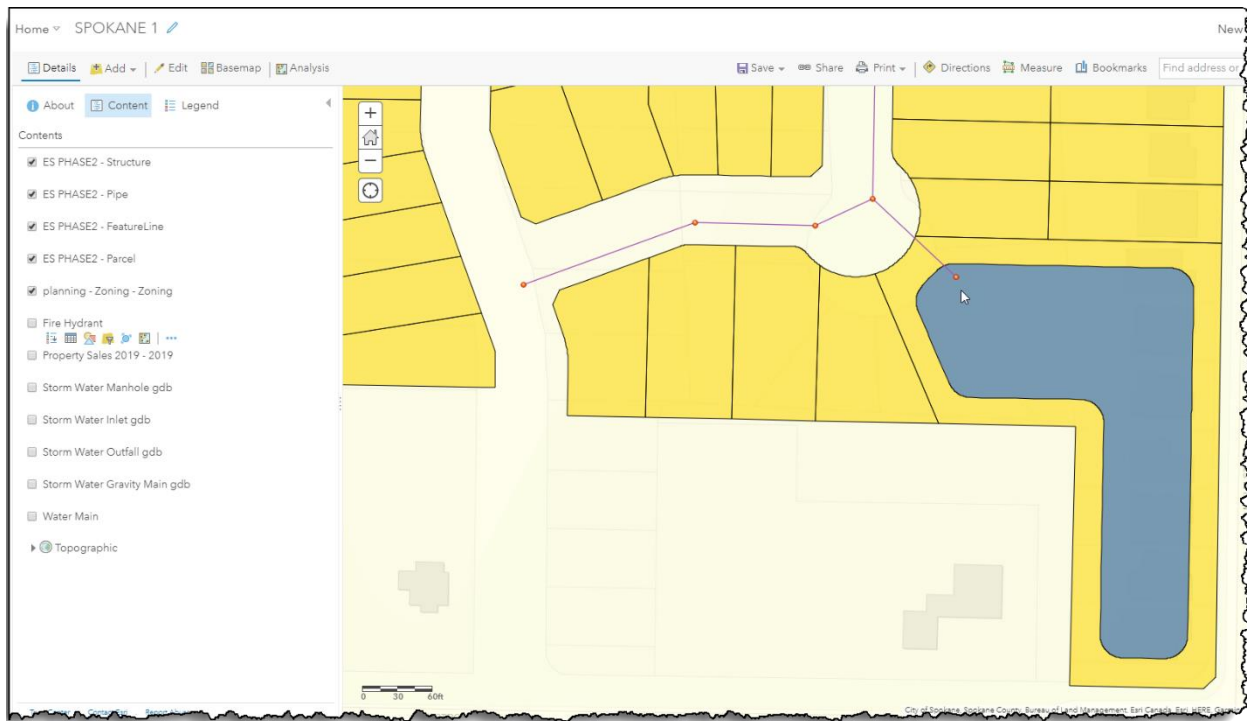
## Make Design Changes in Autodesk Civil Products and Save Back to ArcGIS

*Note: Infraworks also contains Save Back functionality via the Connector for ArcGIS.*

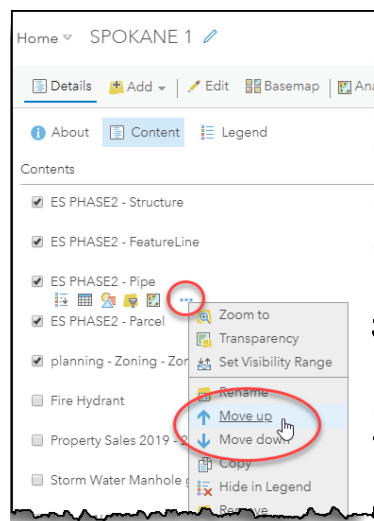
- In the new as-yet untitled drawing, change something noticeable about the geometry.
- Click “Data Source Manager” on the “ArcGIS” panel, “Input” tab in the Civil 3D ribbon.
- In the resulting “Data Source Manager” dialog box, only check “Pipe” and “Parcel” (i.e. uncheck “FeatureLine” and “Parcel”).
- Click the “Save Back” button.



- Go back to ArcGIS Online. Refresh the **"SPOKANE 1"** map. Observe the updated geometry.



*Note: you may have to move features up or down in the draw order to observe the things you want to see unobscured.*







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