



AGENDA

Washington County Board of Elections
July 8, 2025

Board Meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at **3:00PM**. Meeting will be held in person but may also be attended virtually. Call in information is provided below.

Pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., Election Law Article, § 2-208, all meetings of the Washington County Board of Elections are livestreamed and recorded, and those recordings will be posted online and archived as required by law. Livestream broadcasts and recordings may consist of video, audio or any combination thereof. By participating in any meeting, you consent to be recorded.

Call Meeting to Order/Pledge of Allegiance:

Declaration of Quorum Present:

Record Those Present:

Approval of Draft Agenda:

Approval of Draft Minutes of June 10, 2025 executive session:

Approval of Draft Minutes of June 10, 2025 regular session:

Presentation by Vote 16 Maryland – Washington County:

Correspondence:

Reports:

- I. Election Director
- II. Attorney

Unfinished Business:

- I. Report on MAEO Local Board Committee Meeting
- II. Early Voting Sites for 2026
- III. State Ethics Training for Board Members

New Business:

None

Director's Report – July 8, 2025

A. Personnel –

1. Voter Outreach position closed last week. Waiting for list from state to conduct interviews.
2. Training Coordinator and IT/Warehouse Clerk positions will post this week.

B. Meetings:

1. Barry and Teresa received their Certificate of Public Leadership (CPL) at the International Association of Government Officials (iGO) Annual Conference in Kansas City.
2. Director's Meetings:
 - a) Highlights from June 26, 2025 meeting:
 - (1) With livestreaming of board meetings, at least a written summary is still required.
 - (2) Governor Moore announced a statewide hiring freeze, but SBE confirmed that it does not apply to LBEs.
 - (3) The new candidate filing website (replacing MDCRIS) will go live in the fall.
 - (4) New pollbook procurement is in technical review phase.
 - (5) New voting system RFP out in June 2025.
 - (6) Next Meeting: August 21, 2025.

C. Legislative Update: N/A.

D. Voter Registration Activities and Statistics:

1. Registration Statistics for June 2025 were distributed to the Board.

E. Candidate Filings: Candidate Filing for 2026 Gubernatorial Election began February 25, 2025. There have been 14 filings so far:

1. 2 for County Commissioner
2. 1 for Clerk of the Circuit Court
3. 1 for Register of Wills
4. 3 for Democratic Central Committee
5. 2 for Republican Central Committee
6. 2 for Sheriff
7. 2 for States Attorney
8. 1 for Board of Education

F. Voting System Activities:

1. ES&S replacing CMOS batteries on Ballot Marking Devices and Scanning Units

G. Projects:

1. New Website
2. "I Voted" Sticker Contest
3. Election Management Software and Services
4. Advertising at Warehouse Cinemas and Hagerstown Magazine

WES MOORE
Governor

ARUNA MILLER
Lt. Governor



RUNAKO KUMBULA ALLSOPP, ESQ.,
CHAIR
LYNN MARSHALL, ESQ.

STATE OF MARYLAND
OPEN MEETINGS COMPLIANCE
BOARD

19 Official Opinions of the Compliance Board 163 (2025)

June 18, 2025

Seventeen Local Boards of Elections

The Complainant alleges that seventeen local boards of elections¹ have violated the Open Meetings Act (the “Act”) by not posting minutes of canvasses online. The Complainant also alleges that one of these boards—the Talbot County Board of Elections—violated the Act by failing, as of May 2, 2025, to post online the minutes of non-canvassing meetings that took place in January and February 2025. As we explain below, we find no violations with respect to the minutes of canvasses, which involve the performance of administrative and/or quasi-judicial functions that are generally not subject to the Act. We thus conclude that the Act did not require the bodies here to prepare and post minutes of canvasses. As to the non-canvassing meeting minutes of the Talbot County Board of Elections, we see no evidence that it was practicable for the body to post the minutes online sooner and, thus, we find no violation of the Act.

Background

State law establishes a board of elections for Baltimore City and each county. Md. Code Ann., Elections Law (“EL”) § 2-201(a) (establishing a board for each county); EL § 1-101(p) (defining “county” to include Baltimore City). Among each local board’s duties are “oversee[ing] the conduct of all elections held in its” jurisdiction and “serv[ing] as the local board of canvassers and certify[ing] the results of each election conducted by the local board.” EL § 2-202(b)(1), (6); *see also* EL § 11-101(b) (defining “board of canvassers” to “mean[] the local board of elections . . . after the local board organizes itself for the purposes of canvassing the vote for an election”).

“Canvass” “means the entire process of vote tallying, vote tabulation, and vote verification, culminating in the production and certification of the official election results.”

¹ The Complainant alleges violations by the boards of election for Baltimore City and for Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, Prince George’s, St. Mary’s, Talbot, Washington, and Wicomico Counties.

few exceptions not relevant here,⁸ the Act “does not apply to . . . a public body when it is carrying out . . . an administrative function” or “a quasi-judicial function”).

Putting aside the questions of whether boards of elections are distinct entities from boards of canvassers, whether minutes might contain confidential information, or whether posting minutes online was practicable for any of the bodies in question, we conclude that canvasses are generally not subject to the Act’s openness requirements, including the requirement to post minutes online “[t]o the extent practicable.” § 3-306(e)(2). This is because, as several of the responses assert, canvassing involves the performance of administrative and/or quasi-judicial functions. Thus, we find no violations of the Act based on the allegations that the bodies here failed to post minutes of canvasses online.⁹

The Act defines “administrative function” “by what it is—the ‘administration’ of laws, rules, regulations, or bylaws—and by what it is not—the other functions defined by the Act.” 10 *OMCB Opinions* 12, 15 (2016) (quoting § 3-101(b)). Because one of the other functions that the Act defines is the quasi-judicial function, we begin our analysis there—that is, we consider whether canvassing entails the performance of a quasi-judicial function, as two of the boards of elections assert.

The Act defines “quasi-judicial function” to mean the “determination of: (1) a contested case to which [the Administrative Procedure Act] applies” or “(2) a proceeding before an administrative agency” that is subject to judicial review under “Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules.” § 3-101(i).¹⁰ Canvassing does not involve the determination of a contested case because it is not “a proceeding before an agency to determine: (i) a right, duty, statutory entitlement, or privilege of a person that is required by statute or constitution to be determined only after an opportunity for an agency hearing; or (ii) the grant, denial, renewal, revocation, suspension, or amendment of a license that is required

and Wicomico Counties assert that canvasses involve the performance of administrative functions. The boards of elections for Garrett and Montgomery Counties assert that canvasses also entail the performance of quasi-judicial functions. Some of the bodies asserting that canvasses entail the performance of administrative and quasi-judicial functions also assert that boards of elections are distinct entities from boards of canvassers.

⁸ The Act *does* apply when a public body is meeting to consider: “(1) granting a license or permit,” or “(2) a special exception, variance, conditional use, or zoning classification, the enforcement of any zoning law or regulation, or any other zoning matter.” § 3-103(b). None of these exceptions is relevant here.

⁹ We recognize that not every public body here asserts that canvasses involve the performance of administrative and/or quasi-judicial functions. But we have previously considered the possibility that a public body was performing a function excluded from the Act’s coverage even when neither the public body nor the complainant made that assertion. See 19 *OMCB Opinions* 56, 58-62 (2025) (concluding that a public body was performing an administrative function when it met in a closed session to discuss an appointment, even though the body did not assert that it had been performing an administrative function).

¹⁰ The definition also includes the determination of a complaint by the Open Meetings Compliance Board. § 3-101(i).

and report back, *see* Office of the Attorney General, *Open Meetings Act Manual* 1-21 (12th ed. Oct. 2023). Nor does a board consider an appointment, a constitutional or charter provision, a law, or any “other measure to set public policy,” all of which are legislative functions under § 3-101(f). A board also does not exercise “power of the Judicial Branch of the State government” (defined as a judicial function under § 3-101(e)), or approve, disapprove, or amend a rule, regulation, bylaw, budget, or contract (defined as quasi-legislative functions under § 3-101(j)).

That leaves only the quasi-judicial function. As already noted, we think at least one task in a canvass may qualify as a quasi-judicial function: deciding whether to reject an absentee ballot. If this task is quasi-judicial, it cannot be administrative—but it would not be subject to the Act in either event. *See* § 3-103(a) (providing that, with few exceptions not relevant here, the Act “does not apply to . . . a public body when it is carrying out . . . an administrative function” or “a quasi-judicial function”). No other aspect of a canvass—which includes vote tallying, tabulation, and verification—is a contested case proceeding or an administrative agency proceeding subject to judicial review.¹¹ Thus, apart from the decision about whether to reject an absentee ballot (which may be quasi-judicial and beyond the scope of the Act for that reason), no task that a board performs in a canvass appears to involve the performance of any non-administrative function defined by the Act.

We move, then, to the second step of the inquiry and consider whether a canvass involves the administration of existing laws. We conclude that it does. The entire purpose of a canvass is to carry out the obligations spelled out in the State election statutes and regulations—that is, vote tallying, vote tabulation, and vote verification, as well as the certification of the official election results. *See* EL §§ 11-101(c)(1), 11-302, 11-303; *see also* COMAR 33.08.01.00 through 33.08.05.10. We have previously recognized that an elections board performed administrative functions when it met to carry out its responsibilities under elections laws, specifically verifying the accuracy of the election and announcing the election results. *See* 18 *OMCB Opinions* at 31; *cf.* 10 *OMCB Opinions* 22, 26 (2016) (concluding that a municipal elections board was “likely performing an administrative function” when “it was addressing complaints, certifying candidacies, or reviewing particular campaign finance reports” as required by the City Charter and Code). We likewise conclude here that a body performs administrative functions when it meets to conduct a canvass under the State’s election laws.

¹¹ The Montgomery County Board of Elections notes that State law used to allow judicial review of a local board’s decisions regarding whether to reject *provisional* ballots. *See* EL § 11-305(a) (2002) (“A candidate or individual who voted using a provisional ballot aggrieved by the decision of a local board to reject, or not to reject, a provisional ballot shall have the right of appeal to the circuit court for the county.”). But, in 2003, the Legislature amended that provision and replaced the right to judicial review with a right to pursue an administrative complaint. *See* 2003 Md. Laws, ch. 379 (amending EL § 11-305); *see also* EL § 11-305 (2022 Repl. Vol.) (allowing a person “who asserts that an election official has violated the provisions of [the Election Law] [A]rticle relating to provisional ballots” to “file an administrative complaint under procedures established by the State Board” of Elections).

minutes be adopted on a cycle that parallels the body's meeting schedule, so that a meeting's minutes will be adopted at the body's next meeting. *See, e.g.*, 11 *OMCB Opinions* 25, 32-33 (2017). We have also said, however, that "[t]he 'practicability' standard in the Act means that minutes must be prepared within a reasonable time, not necessarily by the next meeting." 2 *OMCB Opinions* 92, 94 (1999); *accord* 3 *OMCB Opinions* 85, 90 (2001) (noting that "minutes need not always be prepared by the time of the next meeting"). We have noted that "temporary staffing shortages or special circumstances (a key employee's illness, for example) can be an acceptable reason for a delay in minutes." 2 *OMCB Opinions* 87, 89 (1999). Here, the Talbot County Board appears to suggest that it did not approve the January minutes at its February meeting because the later meeting was a work session rather than a regular business meeting. We do not see why that would foreclose the body from reviewing and approving minutes of the January meeting. We decline to find a violation, however, because the submissions do not focus on the preparation and adoption of the minutes. Thus, we cannot say that the approval of the January minutes in March rather than February was unreasonable.

As to the practicability of posting minutes online, we have said that the inquiry "is fact-dependent" and "[w]e are seldom in a position to second-guess what was 'practicable' for a public body's staff at a given point of time." 12 *OMCB Opinions* 83, 83 (2018). When we have found violations of § 3-306(e)(2) in the past, the body acknowledged a delay in posting minutes online, *see, e.g.*, 18 *OMCB Opinions* 101, 102 (2024), or we inferred that posting a particular set of minutes was practicable because the body had posted other documents online during the relevant period, *see, e.g.*, 15 *OMCB Opinions* 123, 130 (2021). Here, the record does not indicate whether the Talbot County Board posted other documents online during the relevant period, and we have no reason to doubt the body's assertion that it was impracticable to post the minutes sooner because of the body's other business, its limited staff, and the unavailability of various staff in March and April. We thus find no violation of § 3-306(e)(2).

Conclusion

We find no violation of the Act based on the Complainant's allegations that seventeen boards of elections failed to post minutes of canvasses online. We conclude that canvasses involve the performance of administrative and/or quasi-judicial functions and, thus, are generally not subject to the Act's requirements, including the requirements that minutes be prepared and, to the extent practicable, posted online. We also find no violation with respect to how long it took the Talbot County Board to post online the minutes of non-canvassing meetings that took place in January and February 2025.

Open Meetings Compliance Board

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SENATE BILL 259

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ENROLLED BILL

— Education, Energy, and the Environment/Ways and Means —

Introduced by Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Proofreader.

Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Local Boards of Elections – Election Plan Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of elections to submit an election plan to the
4 State Board of Elections for approval at least a certain number of months before each
5 statewide primary election; establishing requirements related to an election plan;
6 altering the requirements related to polling place plans, ballot drop box plans, and
7 early voting center plans; and generally relating to local boards of elections and
8 election plans.

9 *BY repealing*

10 *Article – Election Law*

11 *Section 2-303(h) and 10-301.1(c)*

12 *Annotated Code of Maryland*

13 *(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)*

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 (ii) the following elected officials if the official is elected by eligible
 2 voters residing in the precinct containing either the current polling place location or the
 3 proposed polling place location:

4 1. the mayor;

5 2. the county executive;

6 3. each county commissioner;

7 4. each county council member;

8 5. each municipal council member; and

9 6. each member of the Maryland General Assembly.]

10 2-303.1.

11 (a) ~~At least [6] 7~~ months before each statewide primary election, each local board
 12 shall submit [a polling place plan] AN ELECTION PLAN to the State Board for approval.

13 **(B) AN ELECTION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:**

14 **(1) A POLLING PLACE PLAN THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
 15 **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION;**

16 **(2) A BALLOT DROP BOX PLAN DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
 17 **2-304 OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

18 **(3) AN EARLY VOTING CENTER PLAN THAT MEETS THE**
 19 **REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

20 **(4) AN ANALYSIS OF HOW TO MAXIMIZE VOTER PARTICIPATION IN THE**
 21 **COUNTY AND EACH PRECINCT.**

22 **[(b)] (C) (1)** A polling place plan shall include:

23 **(1)** evidence that the plan complies with § 10-101(a)(2) of this
 24 article; AND

25 **(2)** [an analysis of how to maximize voter participation in each precinct;]
 26 ~~and~~

1 (v) the change in the number of registered voters in the affected
2 precinct from the last statewide election;

3 (vi) the public transportation options that voters in each affected
4 precinct could use to access the polling place that would serve the precinct under the plan;
5 and

6 (vii) an analysis of the impact on the ability of historically
7 disenfranchised communities to cast a ballot, including demographic information of the
8 voters in the affected precinct [from the most recent report published by the Maryland Vital
9 Statistics Administration].

10 (D) AN EARLY VOTING CENTER PLAN SHALL ~~TAKE INTO ACCOUNT~~ USE THE
11 FOLLOWING FACTORS WHEN DETERMINING THE LOCATION OF AN EARLY VOTING
12 CENTER IN THE COUNTY:

13 (1) ACCESSIBILITY OF THE EARLY VOTING CENTER TO HISTORICALLY
14 DISENFRANCHISED COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING CULTURAL GROUPS, ETHNIC
15 GROUPS, AND MINORITY GROUPS;

16 (2) PROXIMITY OF THE EARLY VOTING CENTER TO DENSE
17 CONCENTRATIONS OF VOTERS;

18 (3) ACCESSIBILITY OF THE EARLY VOTING CENTER BY PUBLIC
19 TRANSPORTATION;

20 (4) FOR COUNTIES WITH FOUR OR MORE EARLY VOTING CENTERS,
21 ENSURING EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS
22 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; AND

23 (5) THE USE OF COMMUNITY CENTERS AND PUBLIC GATHERING
24 PLACES.

25 (E) (1) THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION DO NOT APPLY IF A
26 LOCAL BOARD IS CREATING A NEW PRECINCT OR CHANGING A PRECINCT BOUNDARY
27 OR POLLING PLACE UNDER § 2-303(F) OF THIS SUBTITLE DURING THE PERIOD
28 BEGINNING 21 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY THROUGH ELECTION DAY.

29 (2) EACH LOCAL BOARD SHALL:

30 (1) MAINTAIN A CONTACT LIST OF INDIVIDUALS AND
31 ORGANIZATIONS WHO WISH TO BE NOTIFIED ABOUT LOCAL BOARD MEETINGS AT
32 WHICH AN ELECTION PLAN OR ANY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE LOCATIONS OF
33 POLLING PLACES WILL BE DISCUSSED; AND

1 (II) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE;

2 (III) EACH COUNTY COMMISSIONER;

3 (IV) EACH COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER;

4 (V) EACH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL MEMBER; AND

5 (VI) EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

6 (F) THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL SUBMIT TO THE STATE BOARD WITH THE
 7 LOCAL BOARD'S ELECTION PLAN ANY WRITTEN TESTIMONY AND A SUMMARY OF ANY
 8 ORAL TESTIMONY ON THE ELECTION PLAN PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC AT THE
 9 MEETING AT WHICH THE LOCAL BOARD DISCUSSED AND VOTED ON THE ELECTION
 10 PLAN.

11 [(c)] ~~(E)~~ (G) (1) THE STATE BOARD SHALL VOTE ON THE ELECTION PLAN
 12 SUBMITTED BY EACH LOCAL BOARD.

13 (2) The State Board shall approve [a polling place plan] AN ELECTION
 14 PLAN OF A LOCAL BOARD if the [polling place plan] ELECTION PLAN:

15 ~~(1)~~ (I) complies with the requirements of this section and § 10-101(a)(2)
 16 of this article; [and]

17 ~~(2)~~ (II) HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE STATE ADMINISTRATOR; AND

18 [(2)] ~~(3)~~ (III) will not negatively affect access to voting for historically
 19 disenfranchised communities.

20 [(d)] ~~(F)~~ (H) [(1) The State Board shall reject a polling place plan that does not
 21 meet the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

22 (2) If the State Board VOTES ON AN ELECTION PLAN AND [rejects a
 23 polling place plan] DOES NOT APPROVE ~~AN~~ THE ELECTION PLAN UNDER SUBSECTION
 24 ~~(E)~~ (G) OF THIS SECTION, the local board shall submit a revised [polling place plan]
 25 ELECTION PLAN to the State Board within 15 days after the date on which the State Board
 26 ~~rejected~~ VOTED ON the previous plan.

27 2-304.

28 (a) (1) EACH LOCAL BOARD SHALL DEVELOP A BALLOT DROP BOX PLAN
 29 THAT INCLUDES THE PROPOSED LOCATION OF EACH BALLOT DROP BOX IN THE
 30 COUNTY.

1 10-301.1.

2 [(c) (1) No later than 6 months before a primary election, the local board in
3 each county shall, subject to the approval of the State Board, designate each early voting
4 center in that county.

5 (2) A local board shall take into account the following factors when
6 determining the location of an early voting center:

7 (i) accessibility of the early voting center to historically
8 disenfranchised communities, including cultural groups, ethnic groups, and minority
9 groups;

10 (ii) proximity of the early voting center to dense concentrations of
11 voters;

12 (iii) accessibility of the early voting center by public transportation;

13 (iv) ensuring equitable distribution of early voting centers
14 throughout the county; and

15 (v) maximizing voter participation, including through the use of
16 community centers and public gathering places as locations for early voting centers.]

17 [(d) (C) Each early voting center shall be open for voting as follows:

18 (1) beginning the second Thursday before a primary or general election
19 through the Thursday before the election; and

20 (2) during the hours between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m. each early voting day.

21 [(e) (D) (1) Each early voting center shall satisfy the requirements of §
22 10-101 of this title.

23 (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, the public official
24 responsible for the use of a public building requested by a local board for an early voting
25 center shall make the public building available to the local board in accordance with §
26 10-101(a)(3) of this title.

27 (3) (i) The State Board shall adopt regulations that establish an
28 appeals process for public officials responsible for public buildings requested for use under
29 paragraph (2) of this subsection to contest the availability of the public building during the
30 period of time the building would be used as an early voting center.

31 (ii) The appeals process established under this paragraph shall
32 include:

D. Notice Required to Voters.

- (1) Whenever a local board changes the location of a polling place, the local board shall notify all voters who are affected by the change.
- (2) Except as provided in §D(3)(b) of this regulation, the local board shall mail this notice to the affected voters before the next election.
- (3) How and When — Emergencies.
 - (a) If an emergency prevents compliance with §B of this regulation, the local board shall:
 - (i) Take whatever steps it considers reasonable to notify affected voters of the change; and
 - (ii) Inform the State Administrator of the change and the steps being taken to notify voters.
 - (b) The notice required by this section:
 - (i) Shall include a prominent notice posted at the former polling place; and
 - (ii) May include television, radio, and newspaper announcements and advertisements and postings on the Internet

Title 33 STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Subtitle 17 EARLY VOTING

Chapter 02 Early Voting Centers

Authority: Election Law Article, §§2-102(b)(4), 2-202(b), and 10-301.1, Annotated Code of Maryland

.02 Selecting Early Voting Centers.

A. [Considerations] *Factors for Location of Early Voting Centers.* A local board shall [consider] use the following factors when determining the location of an early voting center:

- (1) Accessibility of the early voting center to historically disenfranchised communities, including cultural groups, ethnic groups, and minority groups;
- (2) Proximity of the early voting center to dense concentrations of voters such that:
 - (a) If a county is required by Regulation .01 of this chapter to have one or two early voting centers, 50 percent of the registered voters in the county live within 10 miles of a [one of the] proposed early voting center; or
 - (b) If a county is required by Regulation .01 of this chapter to have three or more early voting centers, 80 percent of the registered voters live within 5 miles of a [one of the] *proposed* early voting centers;
- (3) Accessibility of the early voting center by public transportation;
- (4) [Ensuring equitable distribution of early voting centers throughout the county] *If a county is required by Regulation .01 of this chapter to have four or more early voting centers, ensuring equitable geographic distribution of early voting centers throughout the county;*
- (5) [Maximizing voter participation, including through the use of] *Use of* community centers and public gathering places as locations for early voting centers;
- (6) Whether the early voting center can accommodate long lines of voters, including taking into consideration how voters waiting in line are protected against inclement weather; and

F. Inability to Identify Proposed Early Voting Center. If the proposed early voting center does not meet all of the criteria listed on the form required in §C of this regulation, a local board shall provide on the form:

- (1) A list of other facilities that were considered, and why those facilities are not being proposed as early voting centers; and
- (2) A description of the factors that mitigate the fact that the proposed early voting center does not meet all of the criteria listed on the form required in §C of this regulation.

G. Use of Local Board Office. If a local board proposes to use the offices of the local board as an early voting center, the local board shall:

- (1) Have a clearly marked space for early voting that is distinct and separate from absentee voting that occurs at the office; and
- (2) Post signs and include in all election-specific materials the business hours of the local board and the early voting hours.

[H. Approval of Early Voting Centers.

(1) Upon receipt of a form for a proposed early voting center, the State Administrator shall review and make a recommendation to the State Board as to whether to accept or reject the proposed early voting center.

(2) The State Board shall:

- (a) Vote on a local board's proposed early voting center within 30 days of receipt of the form required in §C of this regulation; *and*
- (b) Give deference to a proposed early voting center for which a local board considered the factors required in §A of this regulation and the requirements of §B of this regulation; and
- (c) Within 2 days after its vote on a proposed early voting center, notify the local board of this outcome of the State Board's vote.

(3) Upon approval by the State Board, a local board shall include in its disaster recovery plan the name, address, and contact information for the early voting center.]

H. *Optional Early Voting Centers.*

(1) *In addition to the early voting centers required in this subsection, each county may establish one additional early voting center if:*

- (a) *First, the local board and the governing body of the county agree to establish an additional early voting center; and*
- (b) *Then, the State Board approves the establishment of the additional early voting center.*

(2) *In approving an additional early voting center, the governing body of the county must acknowledge the following in writing:*

- (a) *The approval of the additional center is for the next Statewide election cycle, unless the governing body specifies approval for all future elections; and*
- (b) *Once approved for the next Statewide election cycle, that approval cannot be rescinded.*

(3) *In approving an additional early voting center, the State Board shall consider the requirements of §B of this regulation, but need not consider the factors in §A of this regulation.*

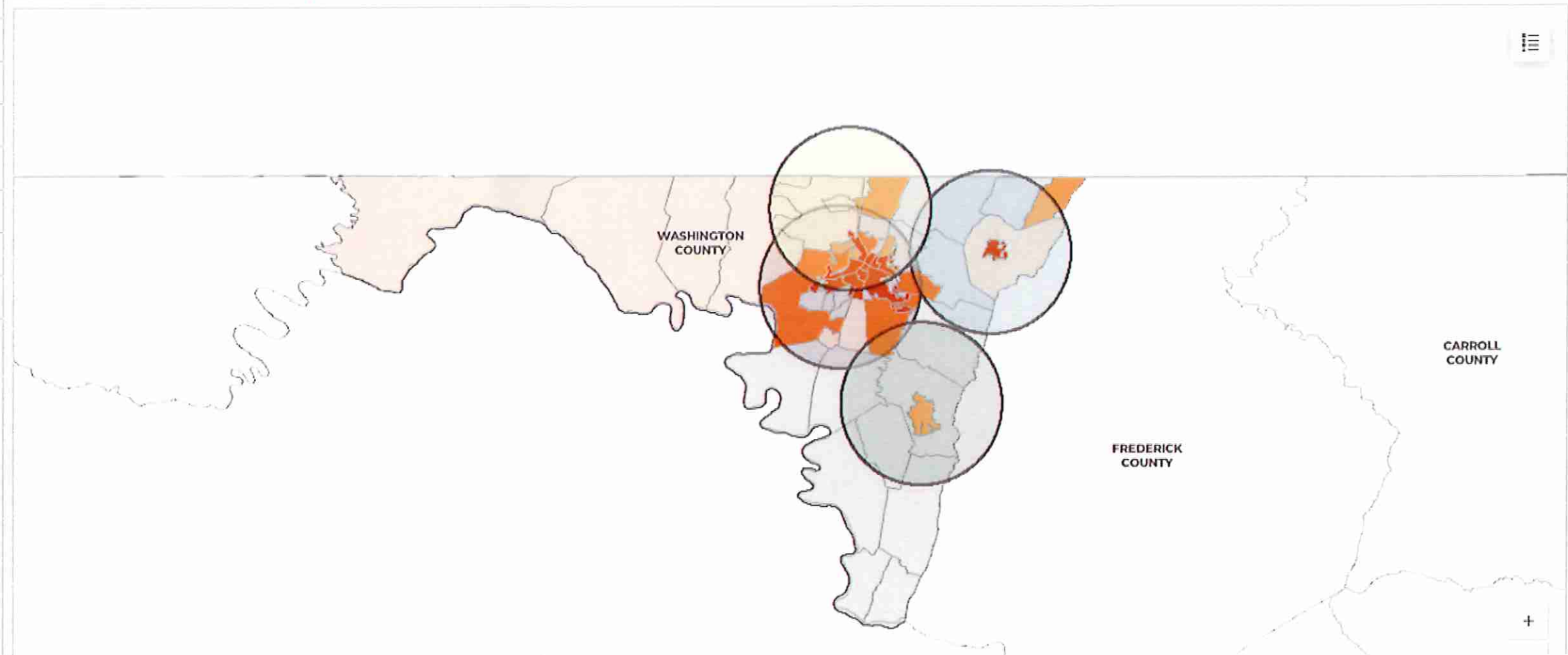
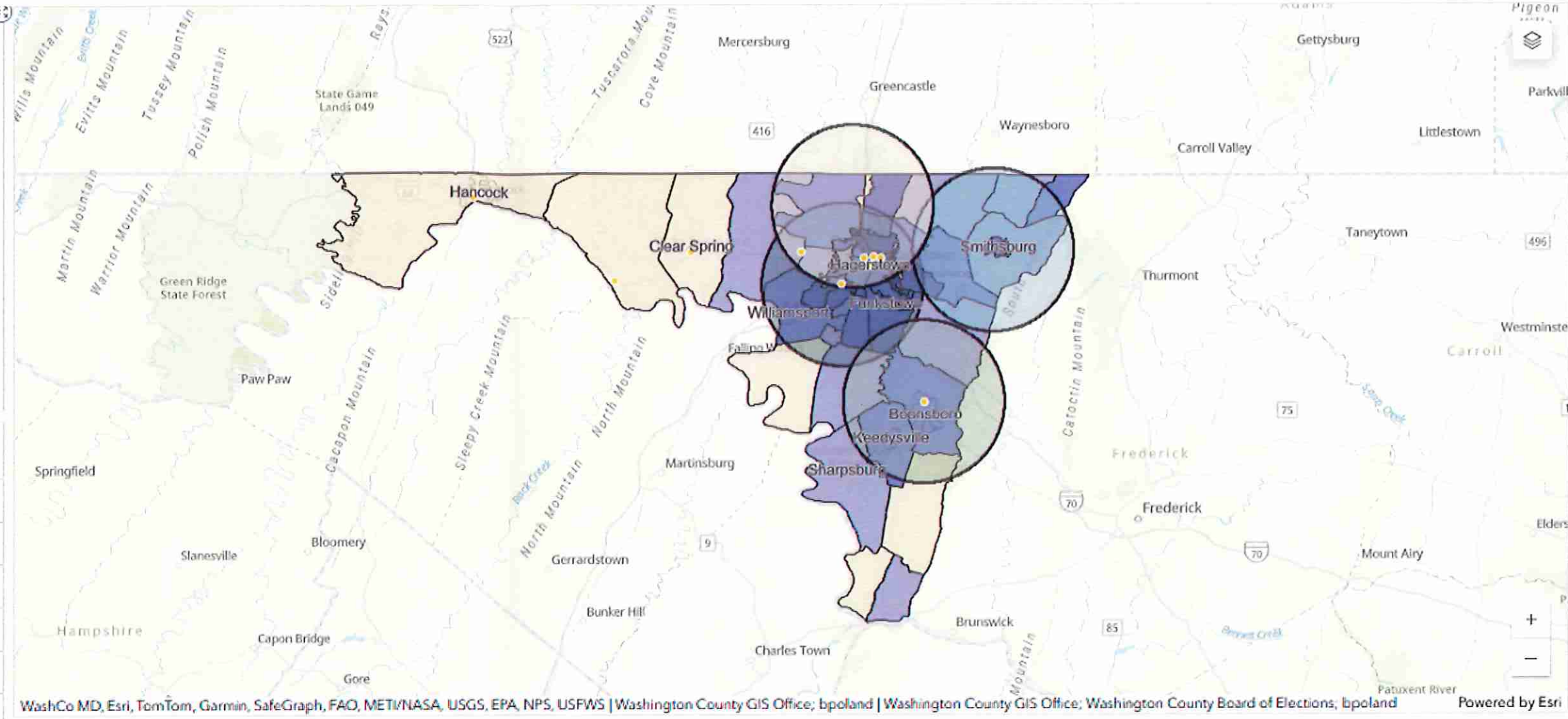
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- Washington County Election Center
- Boonsboro American Legion
- Big Pool Community Center
- Hancock Town Hall
- Washington County Free Library
- Clear Spring American Legion
- Smithsburg Library
- Maugansville Ruritan
- Meritus Park
- Robert W. Johnson Community Center
- Western Enterprise Fire Co.
- Wacohu Grange Hall
- The Fit Room at Fairgrounds Park

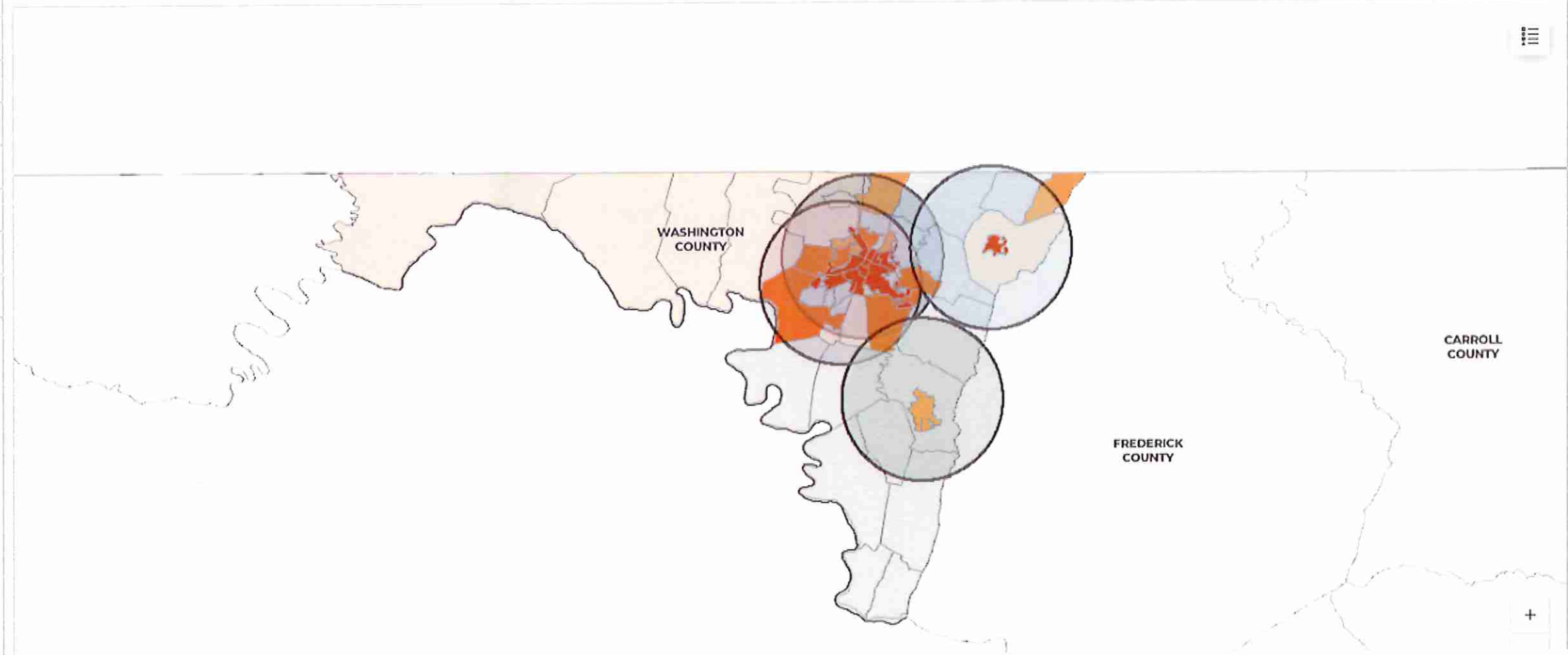
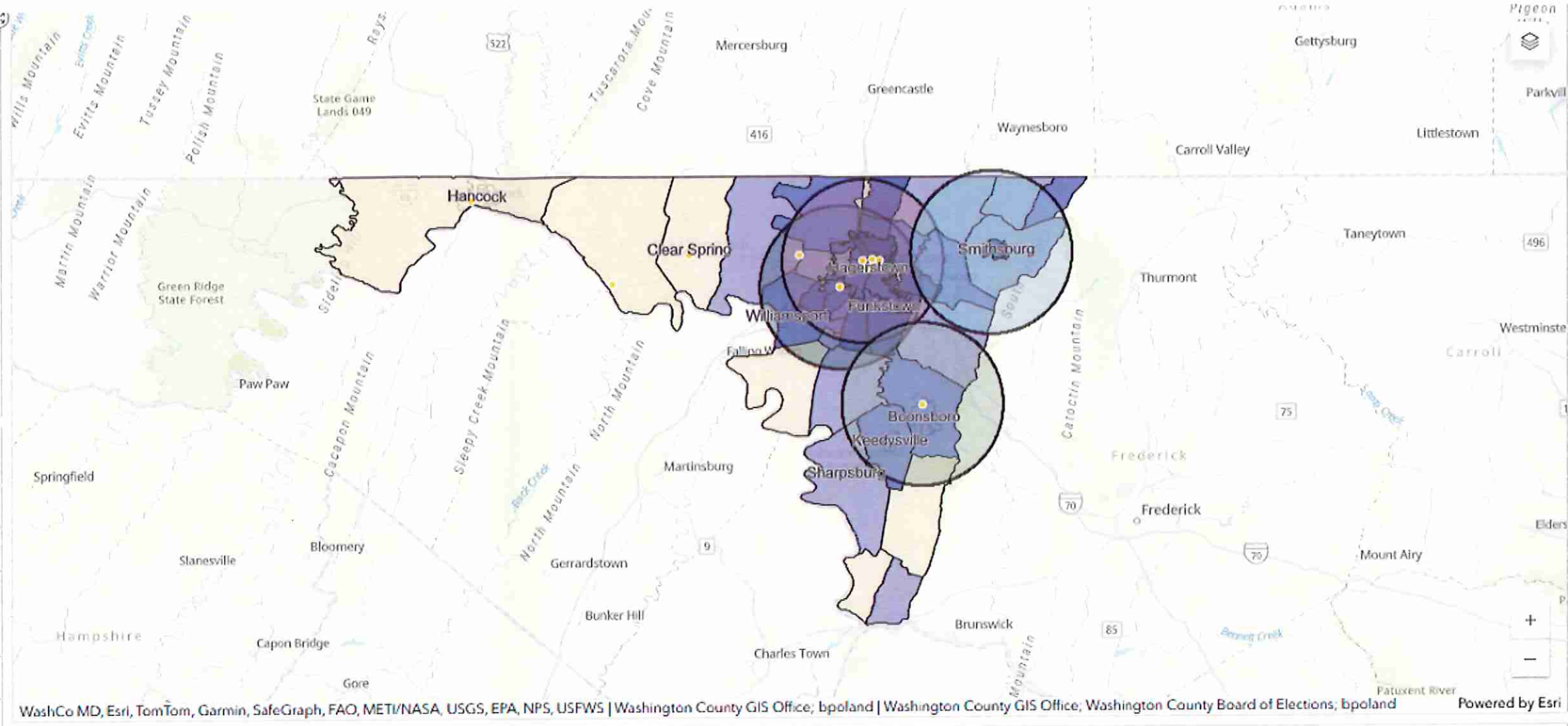


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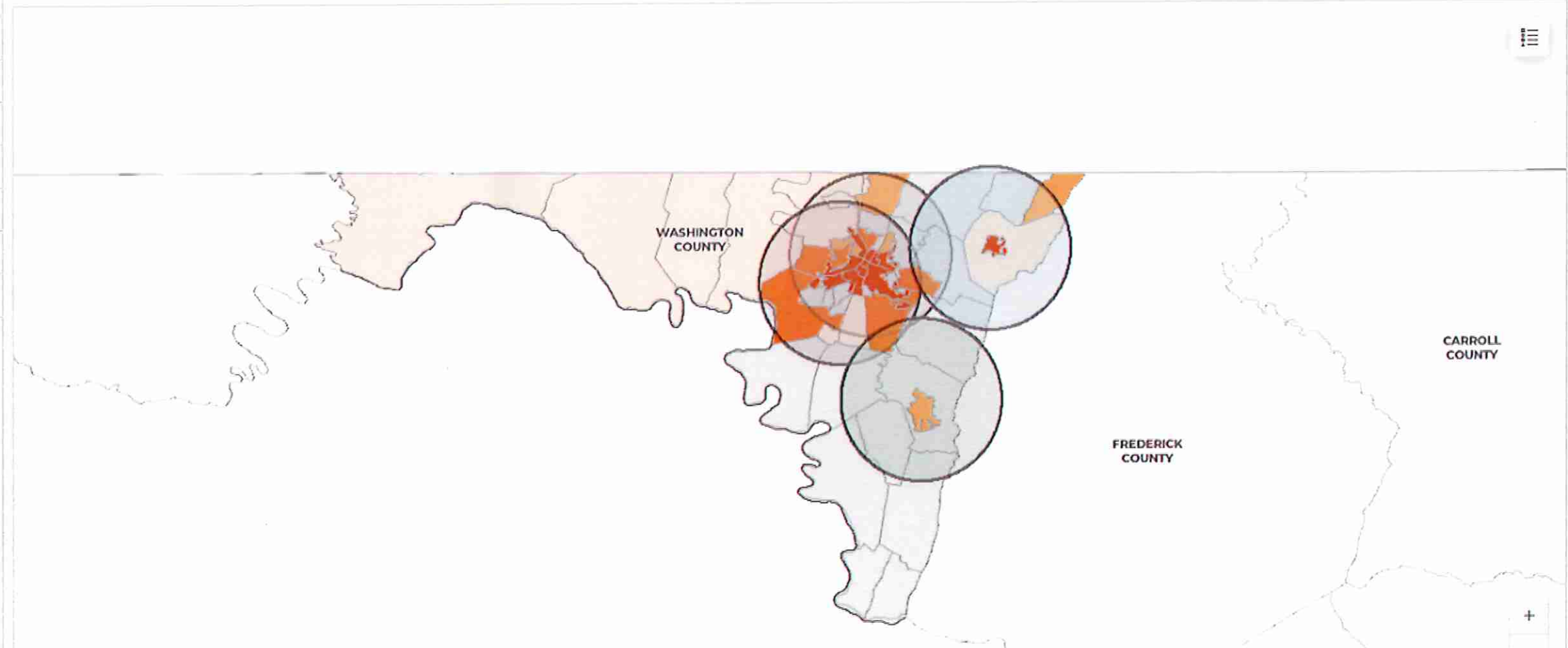
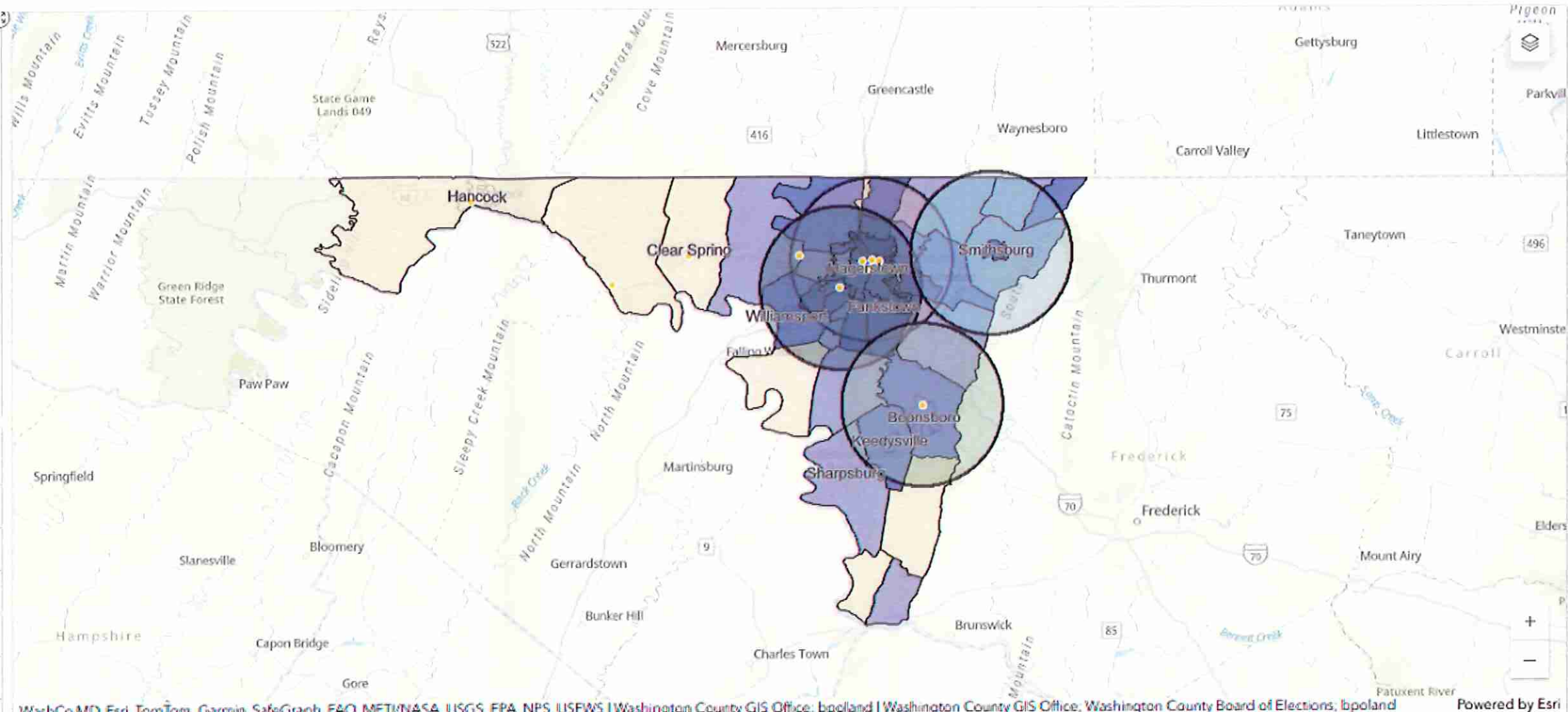


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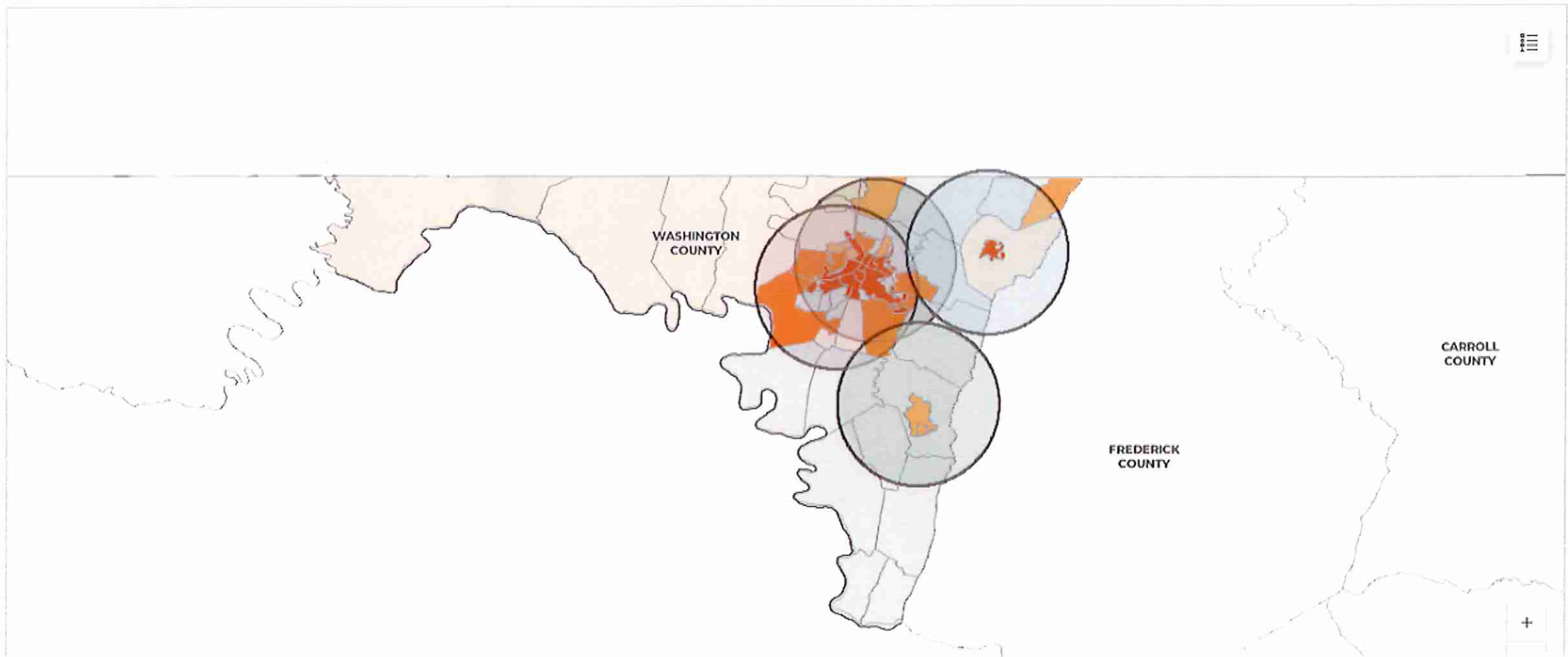
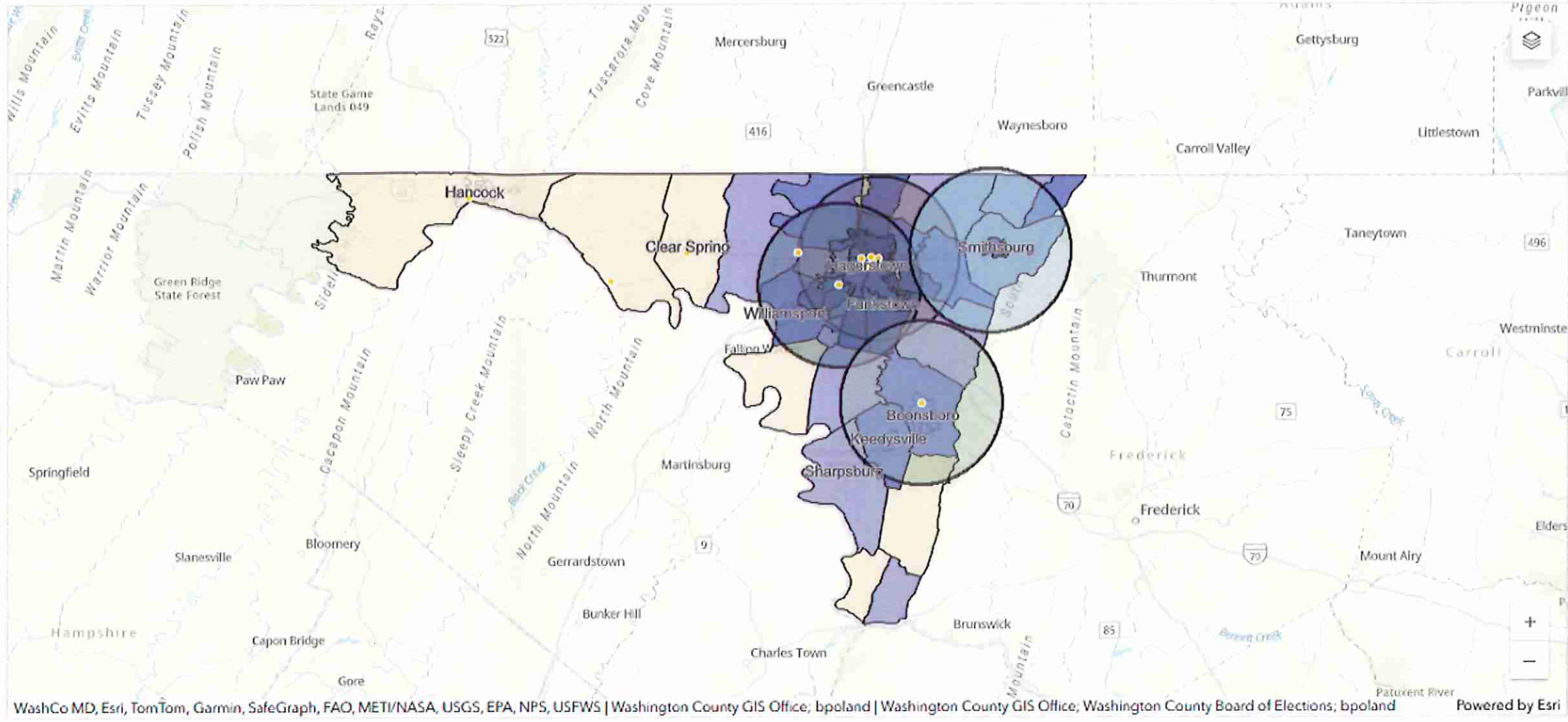
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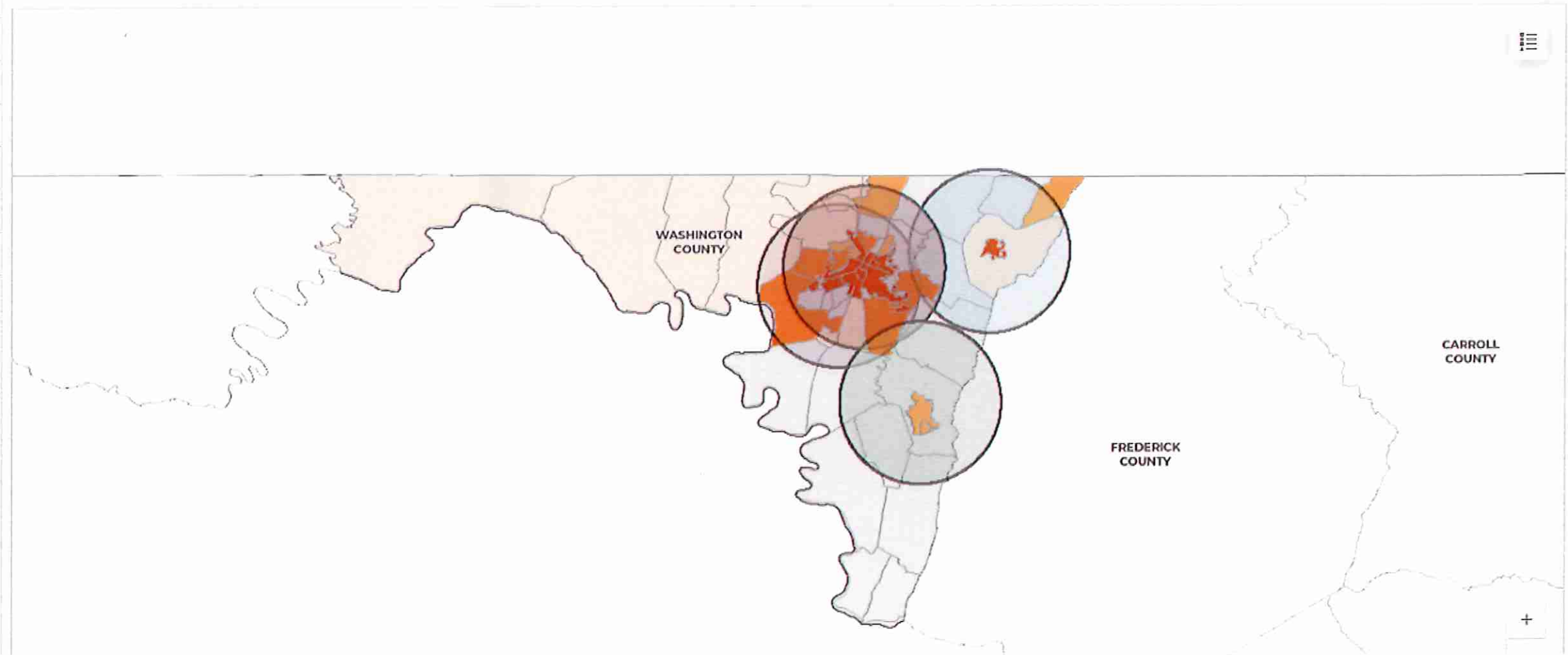
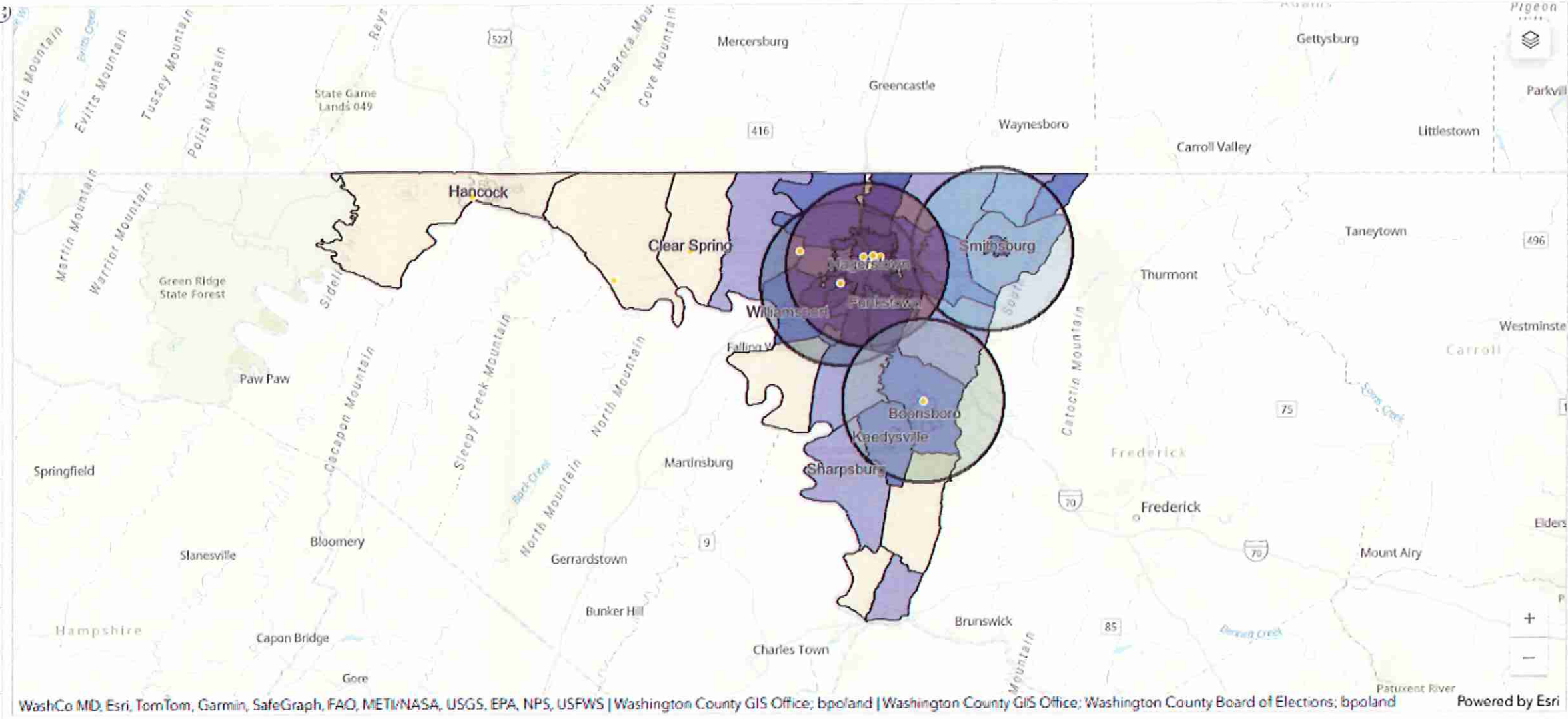
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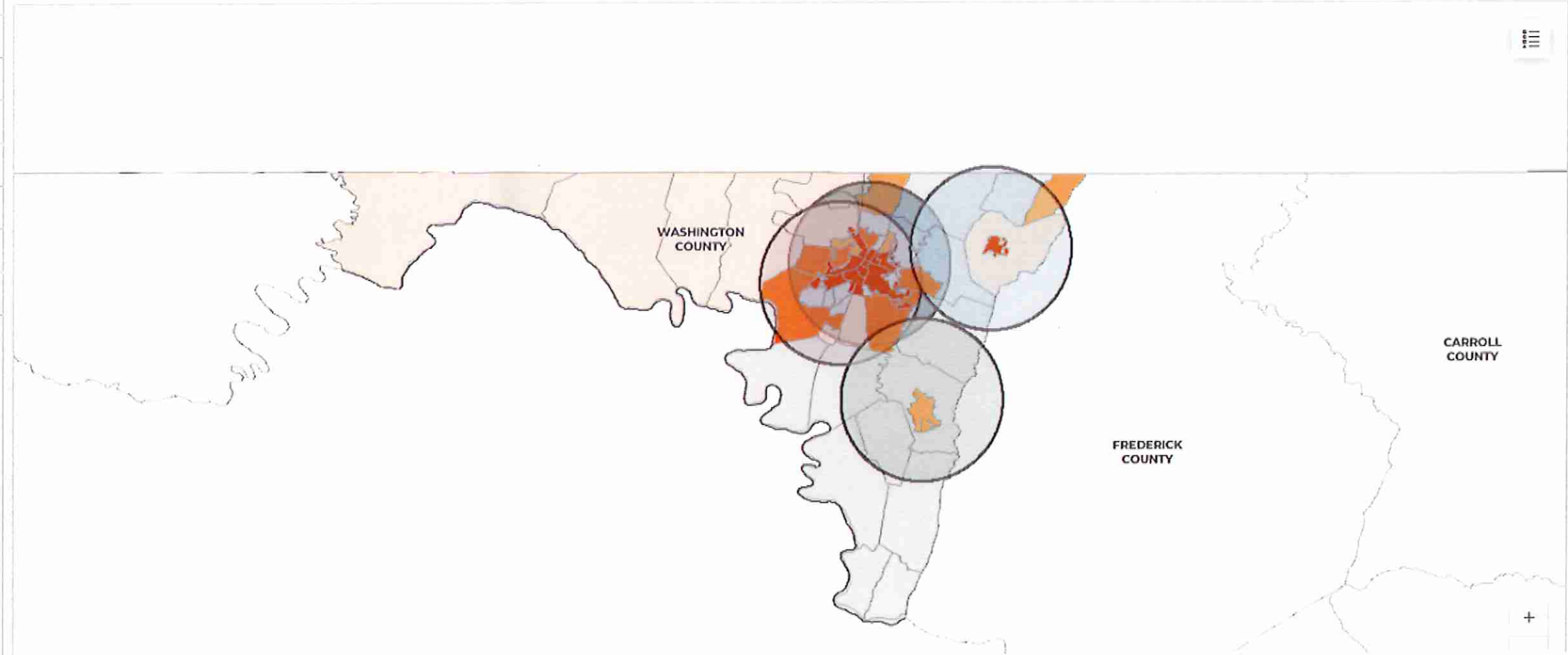
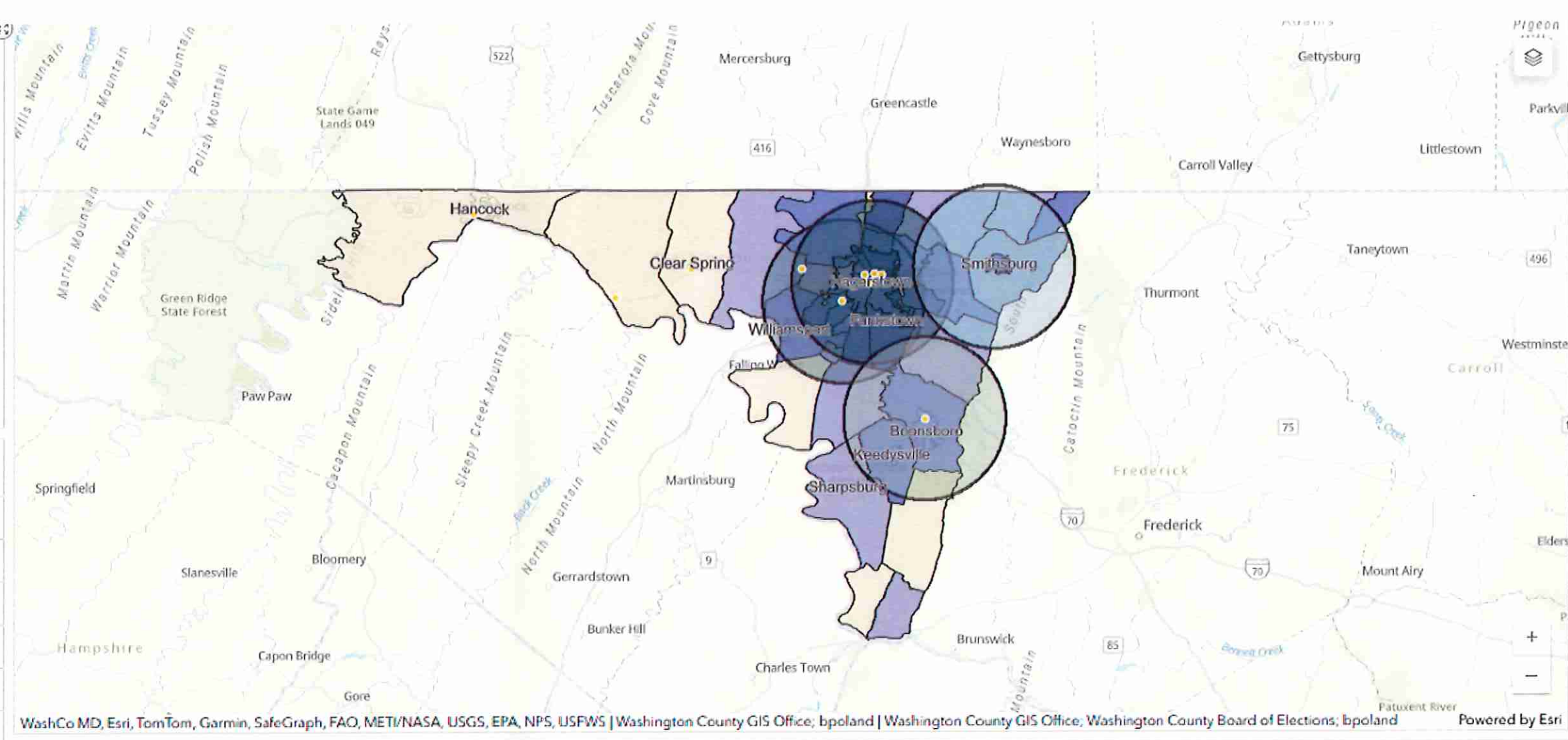
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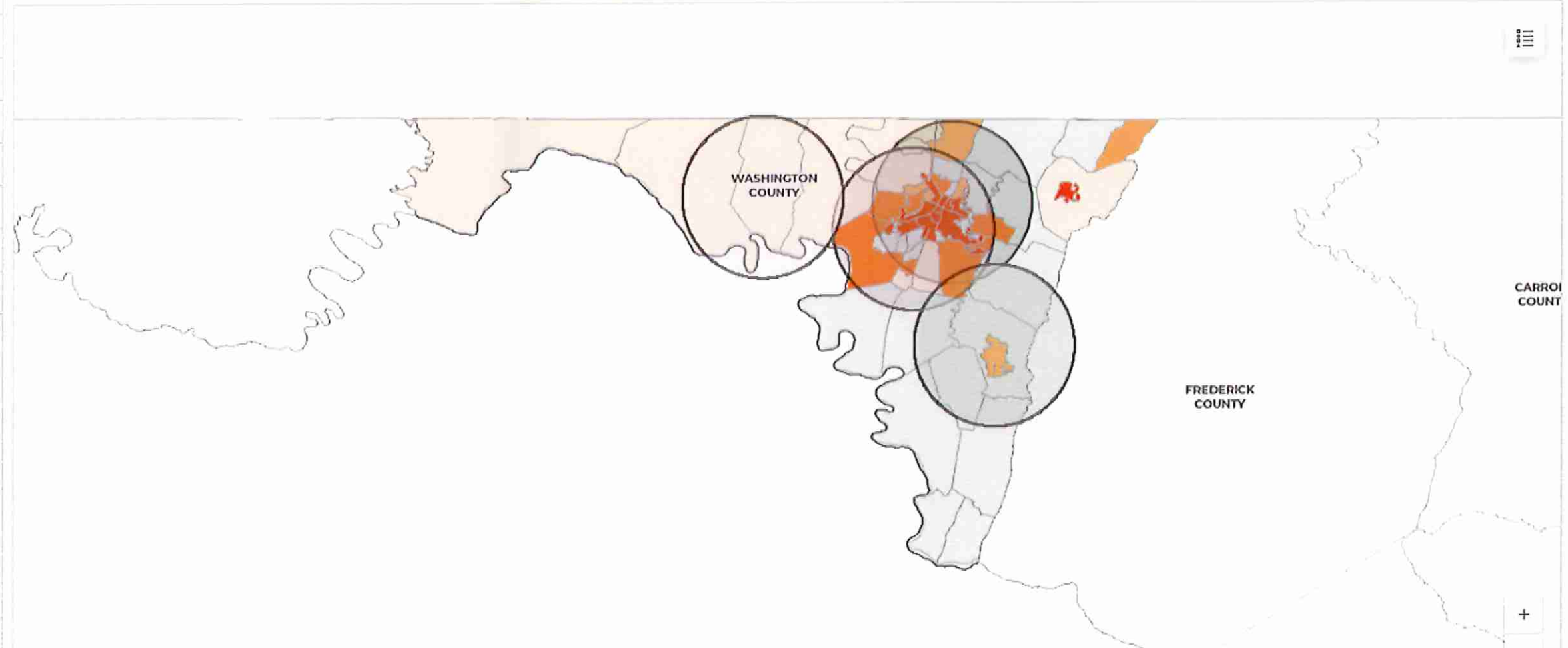
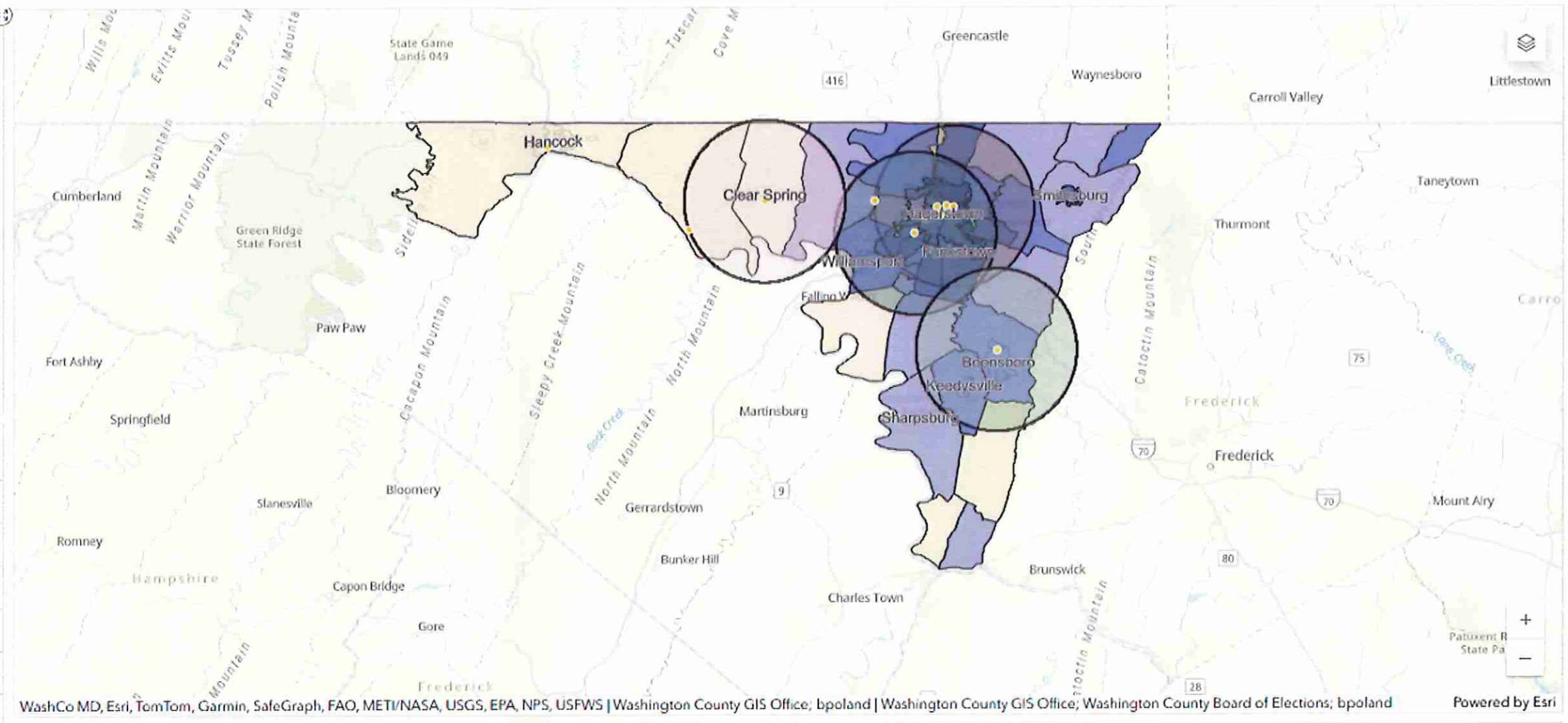
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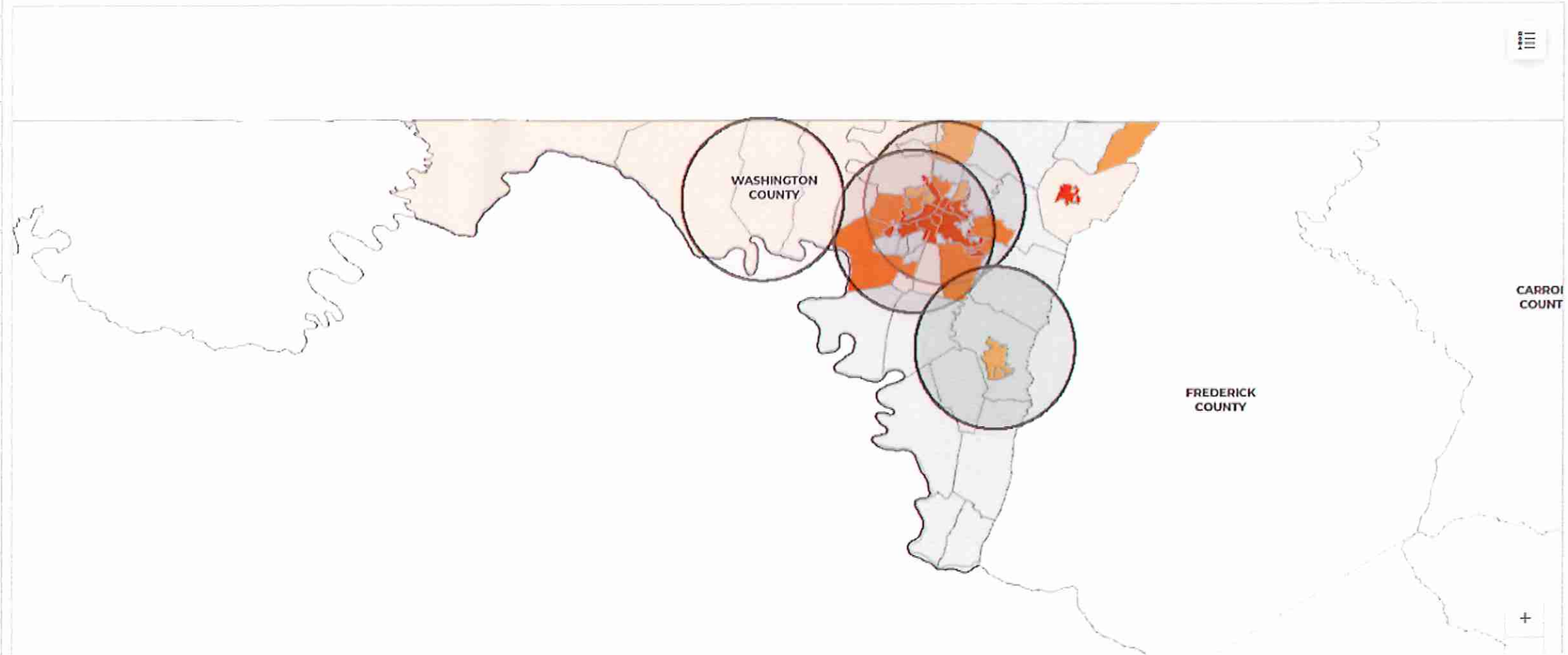
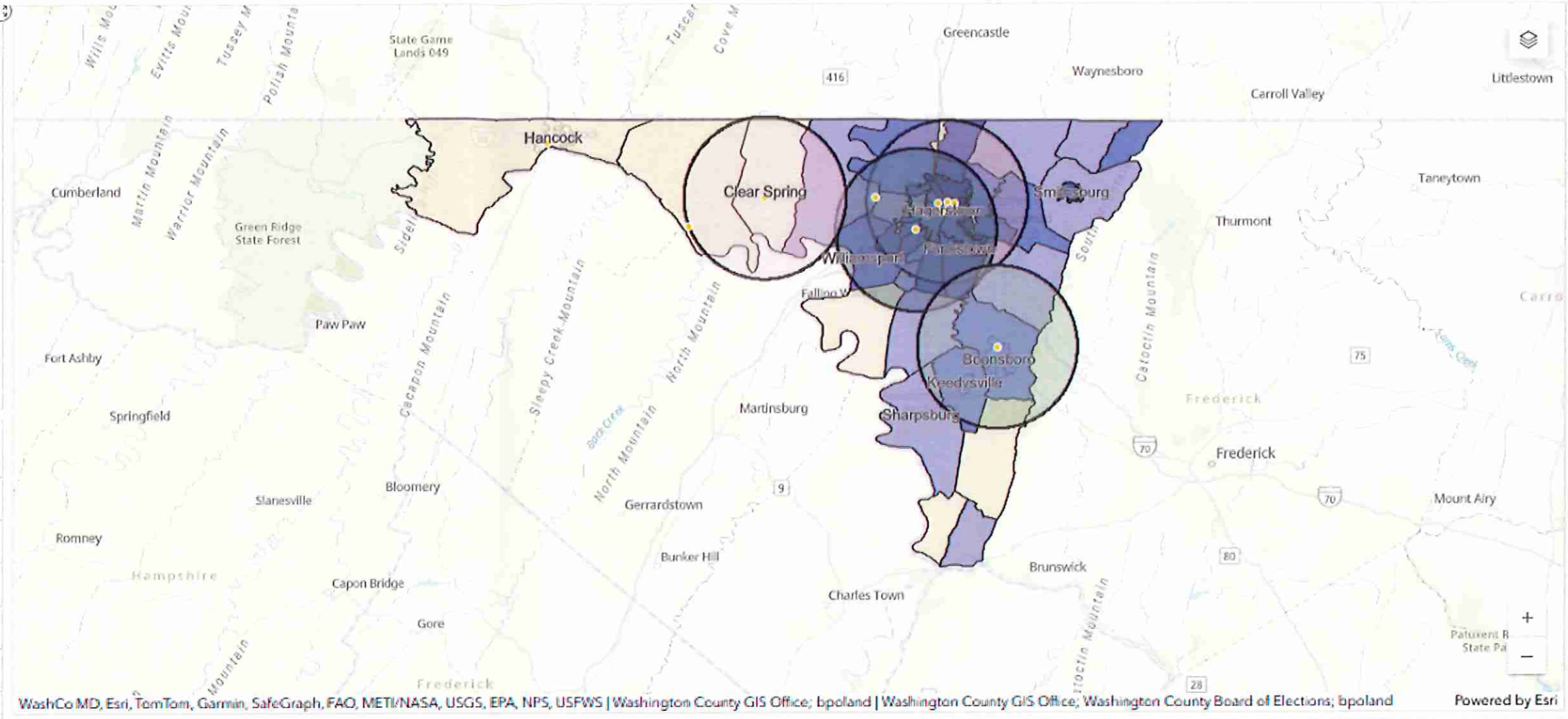
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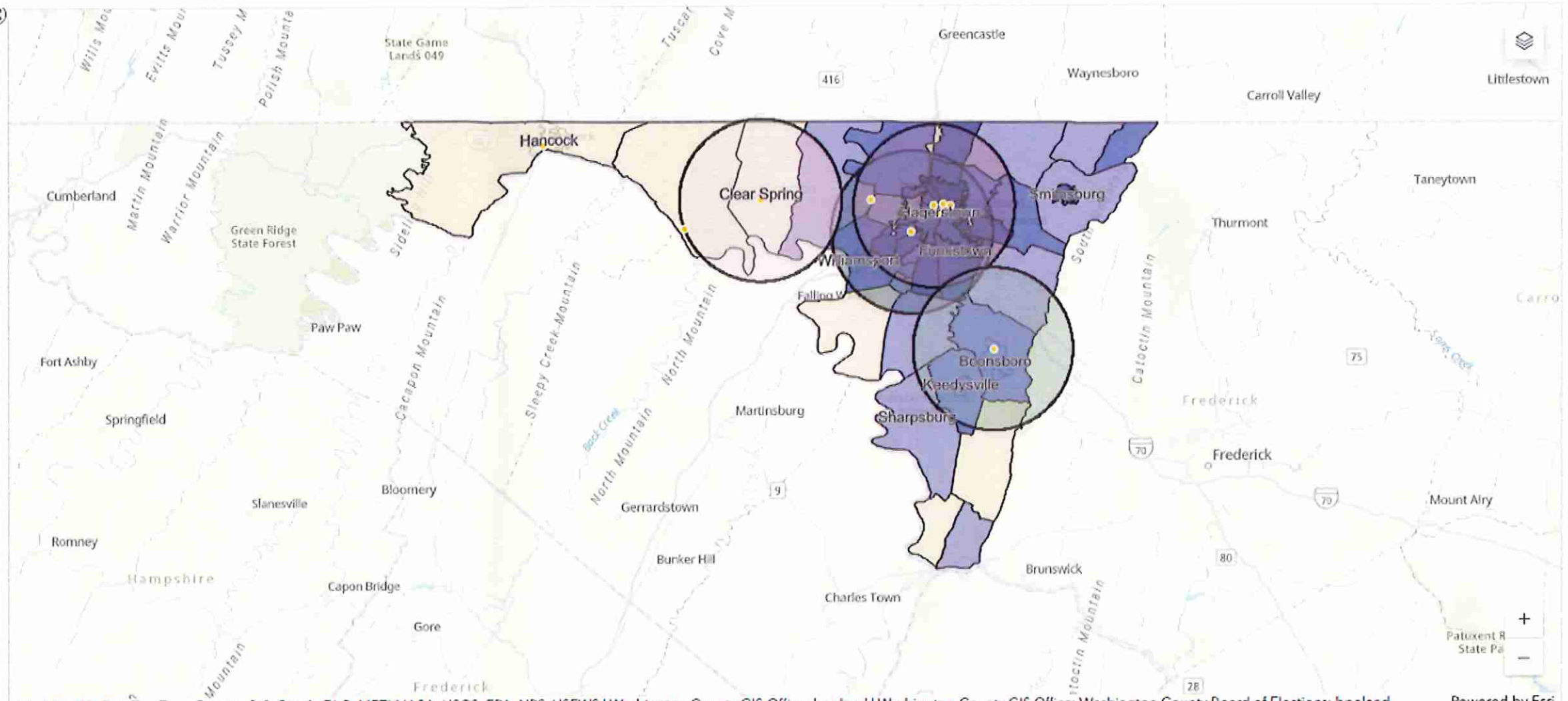
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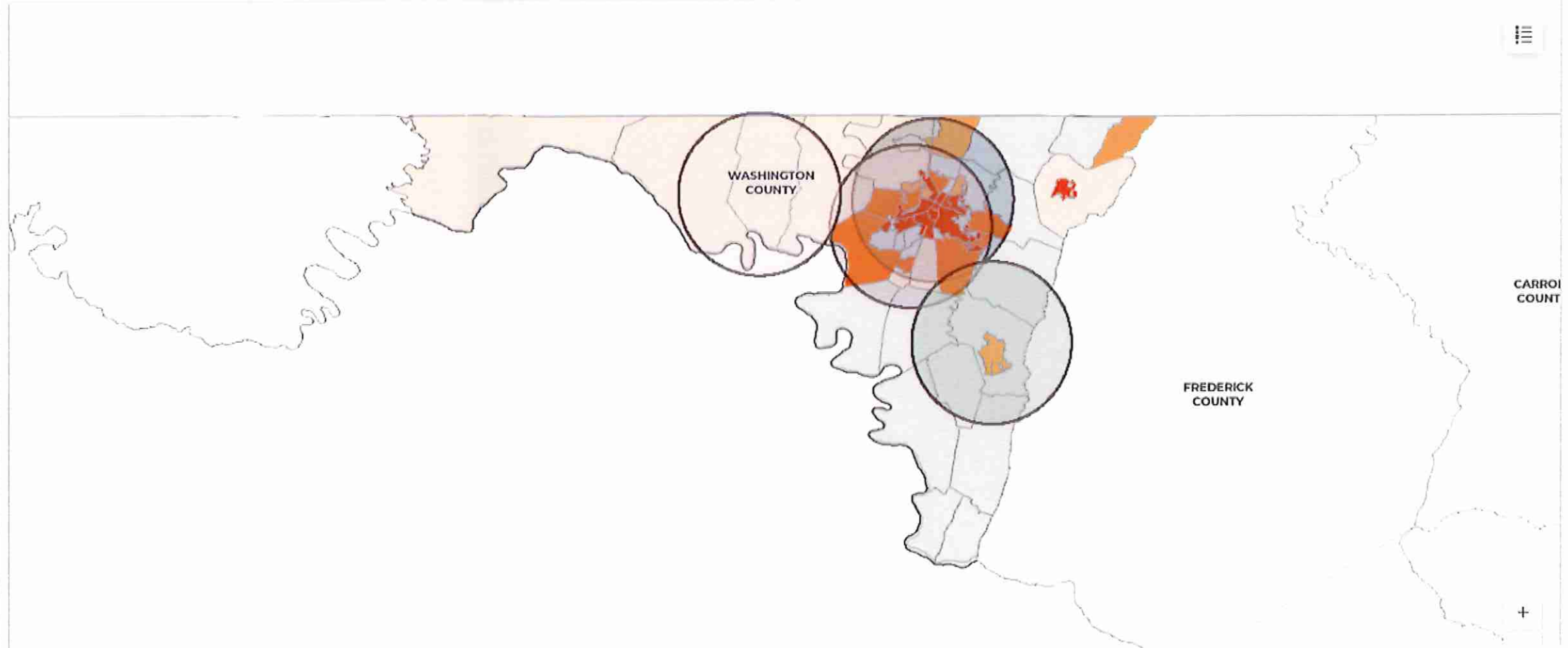
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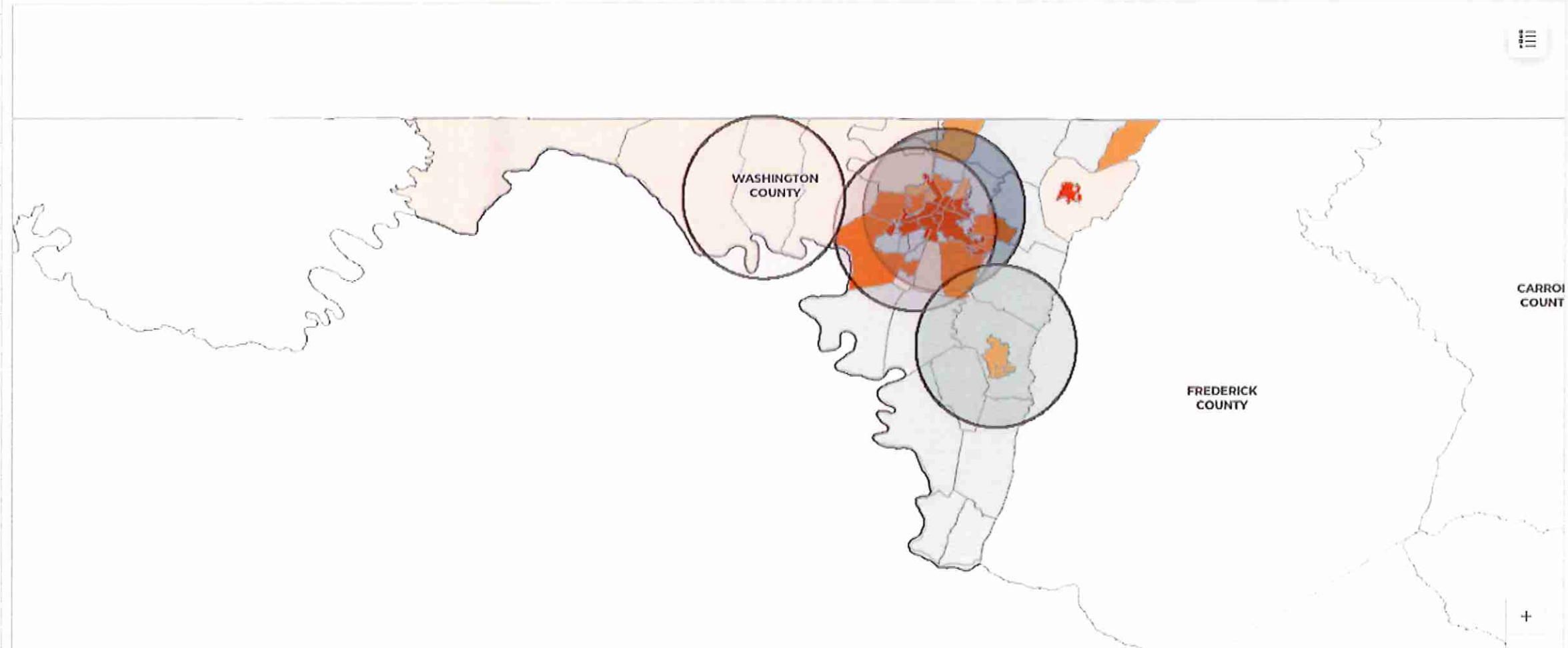
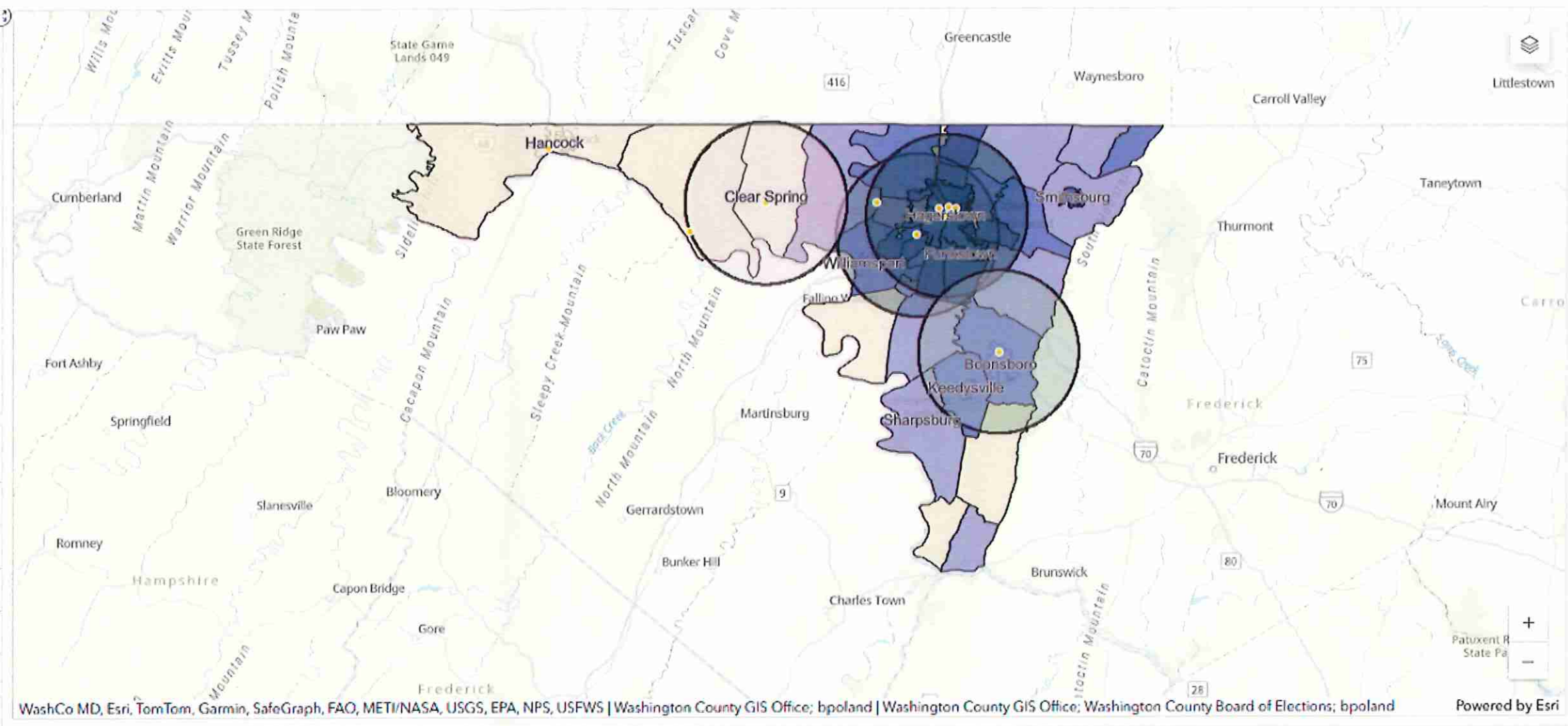
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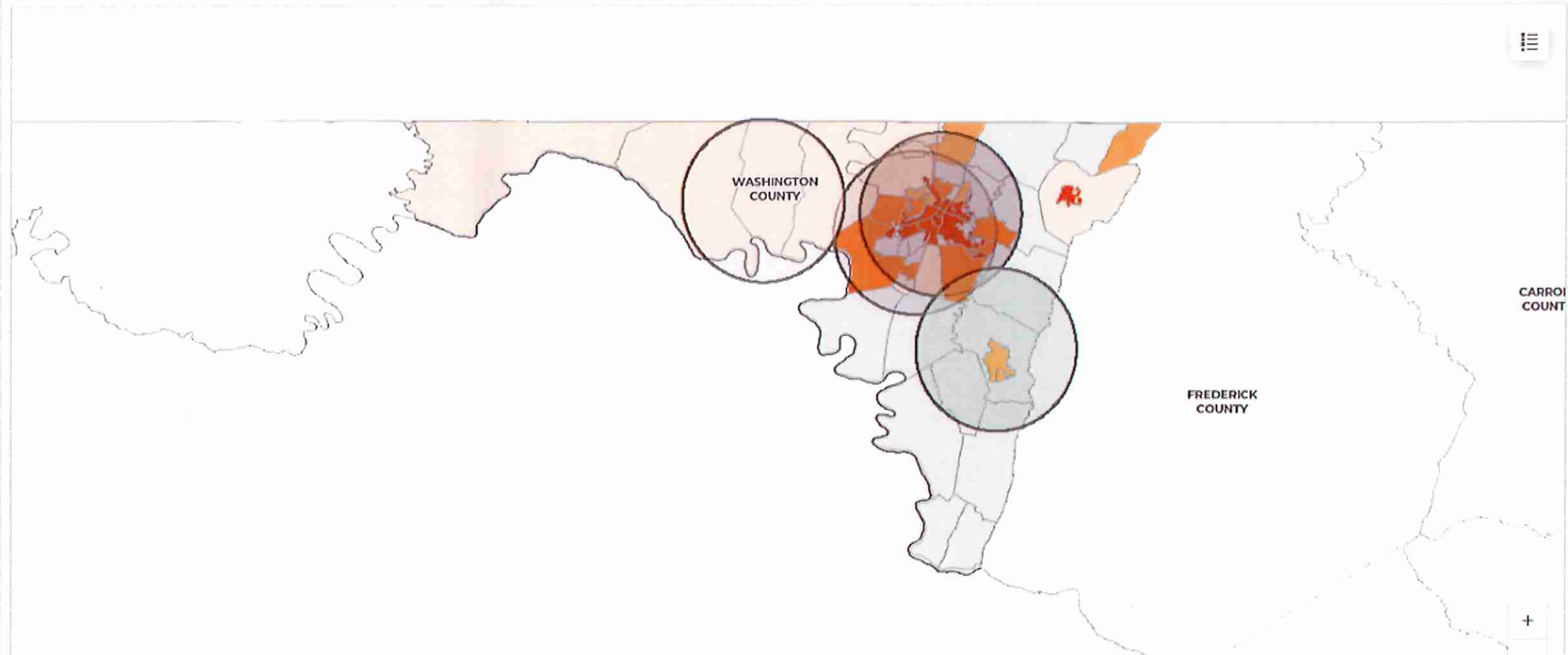
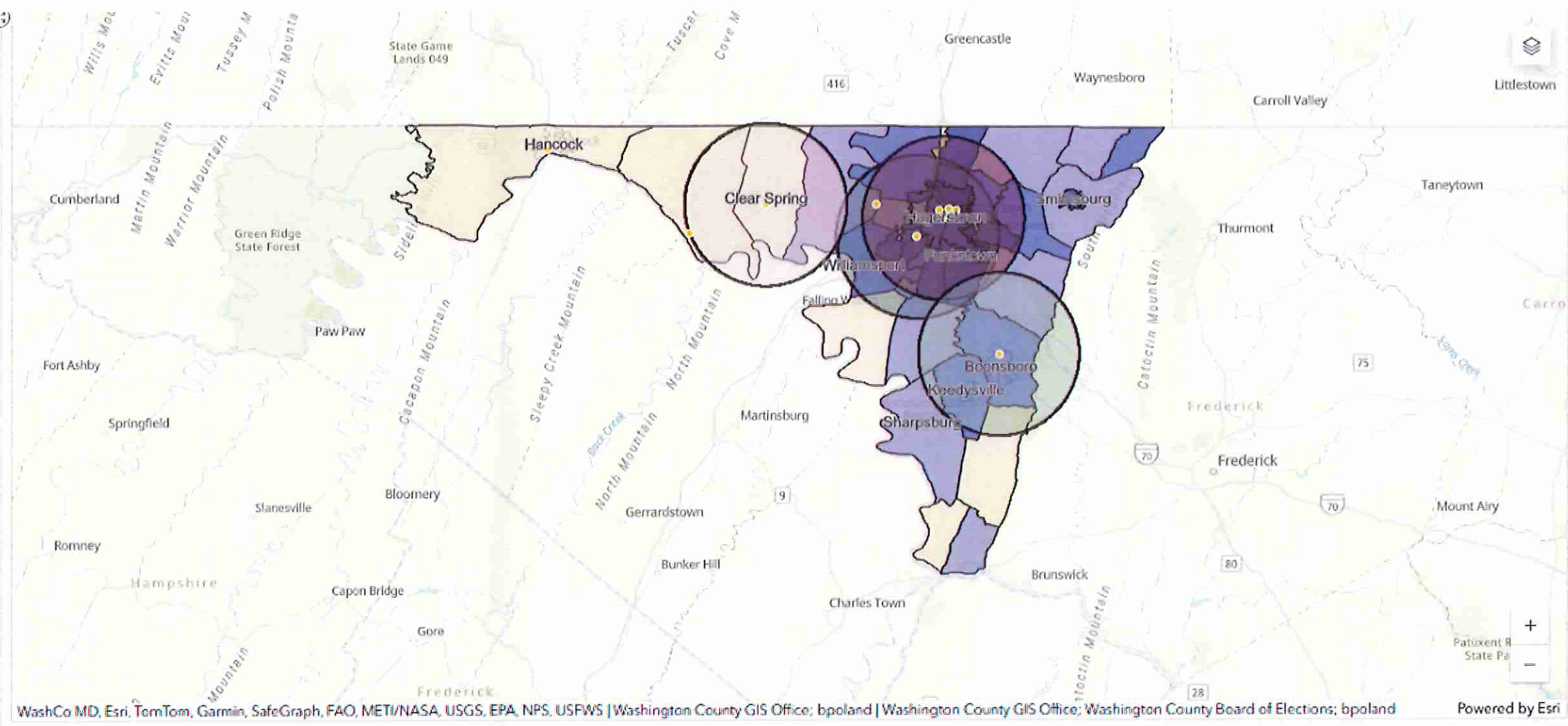
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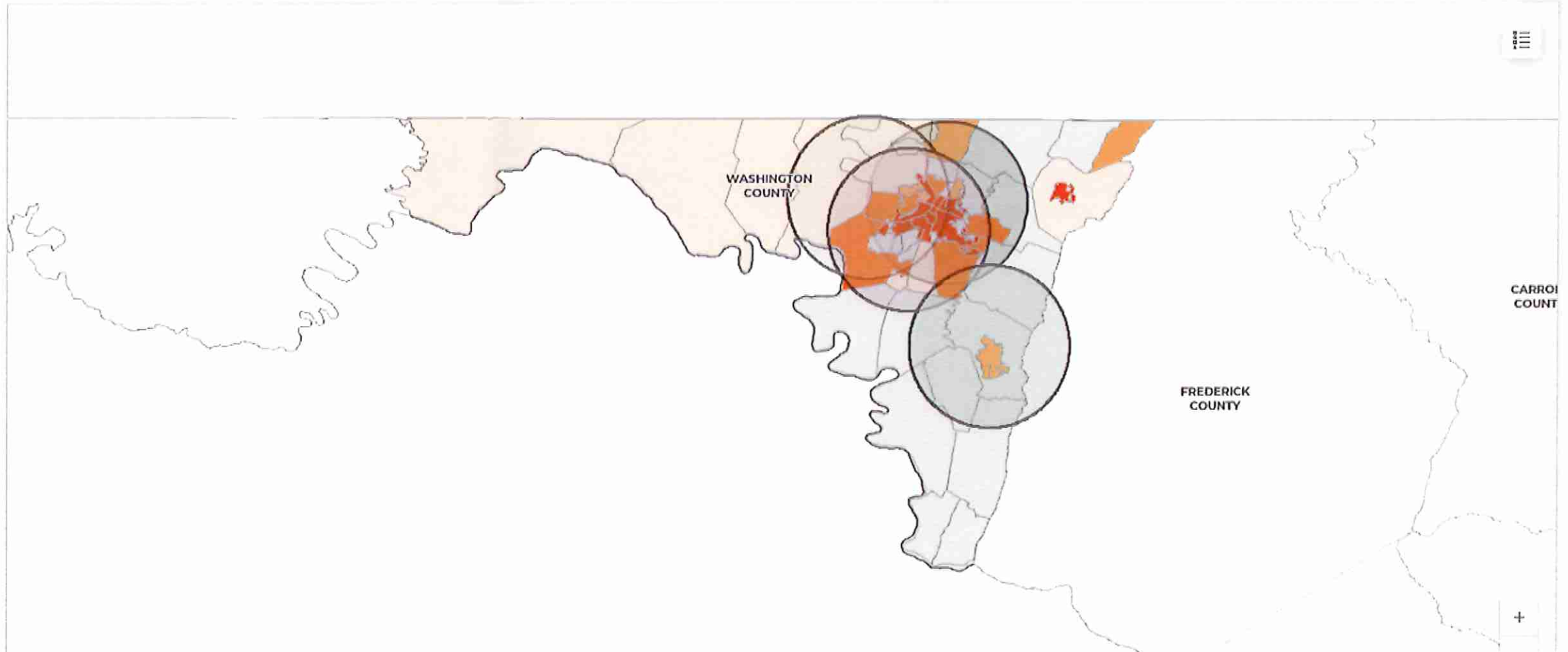
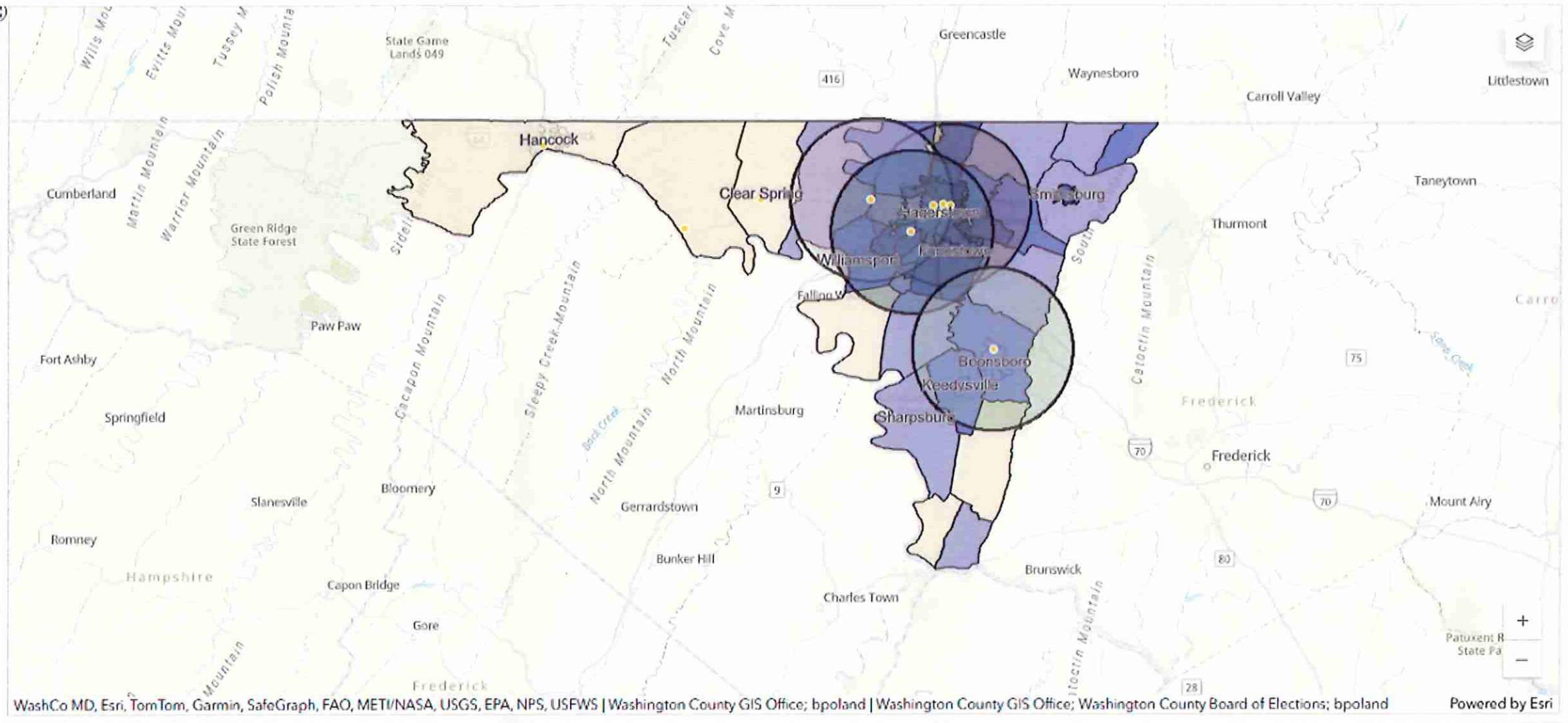
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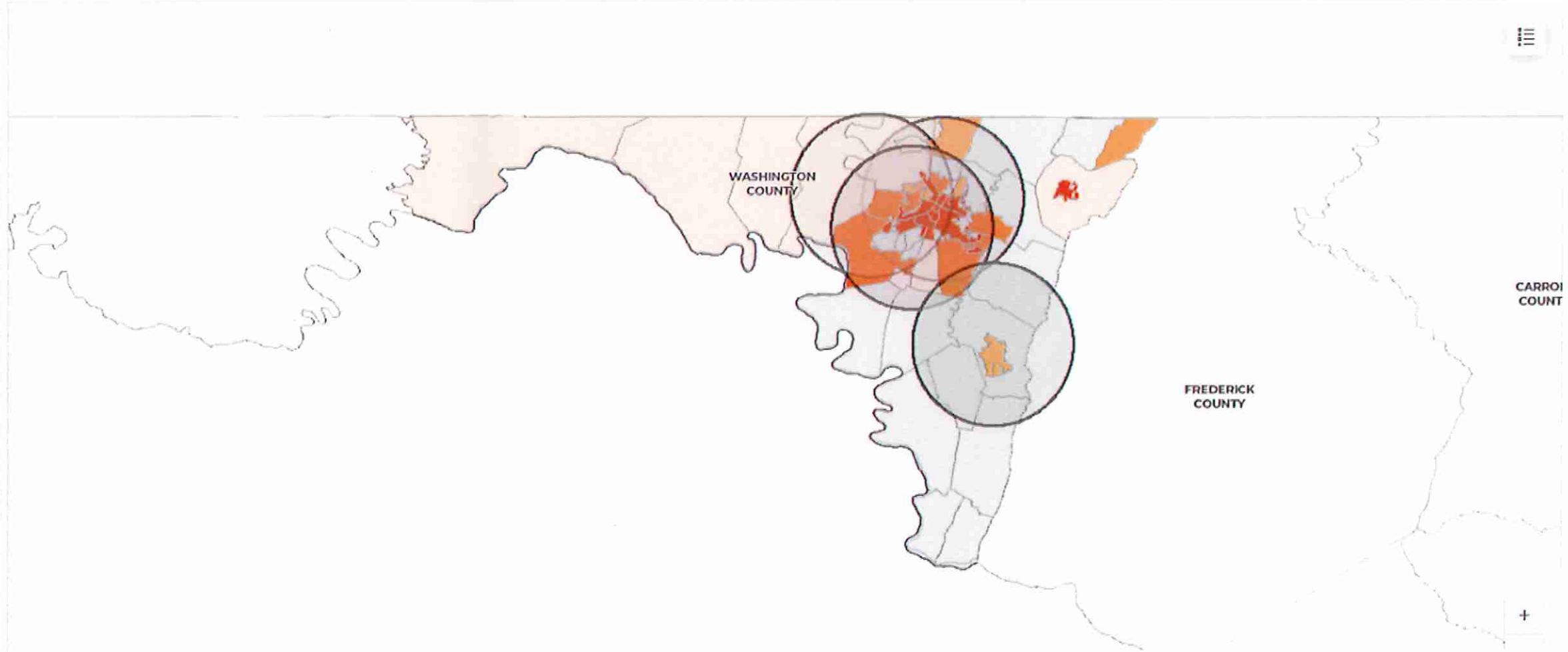
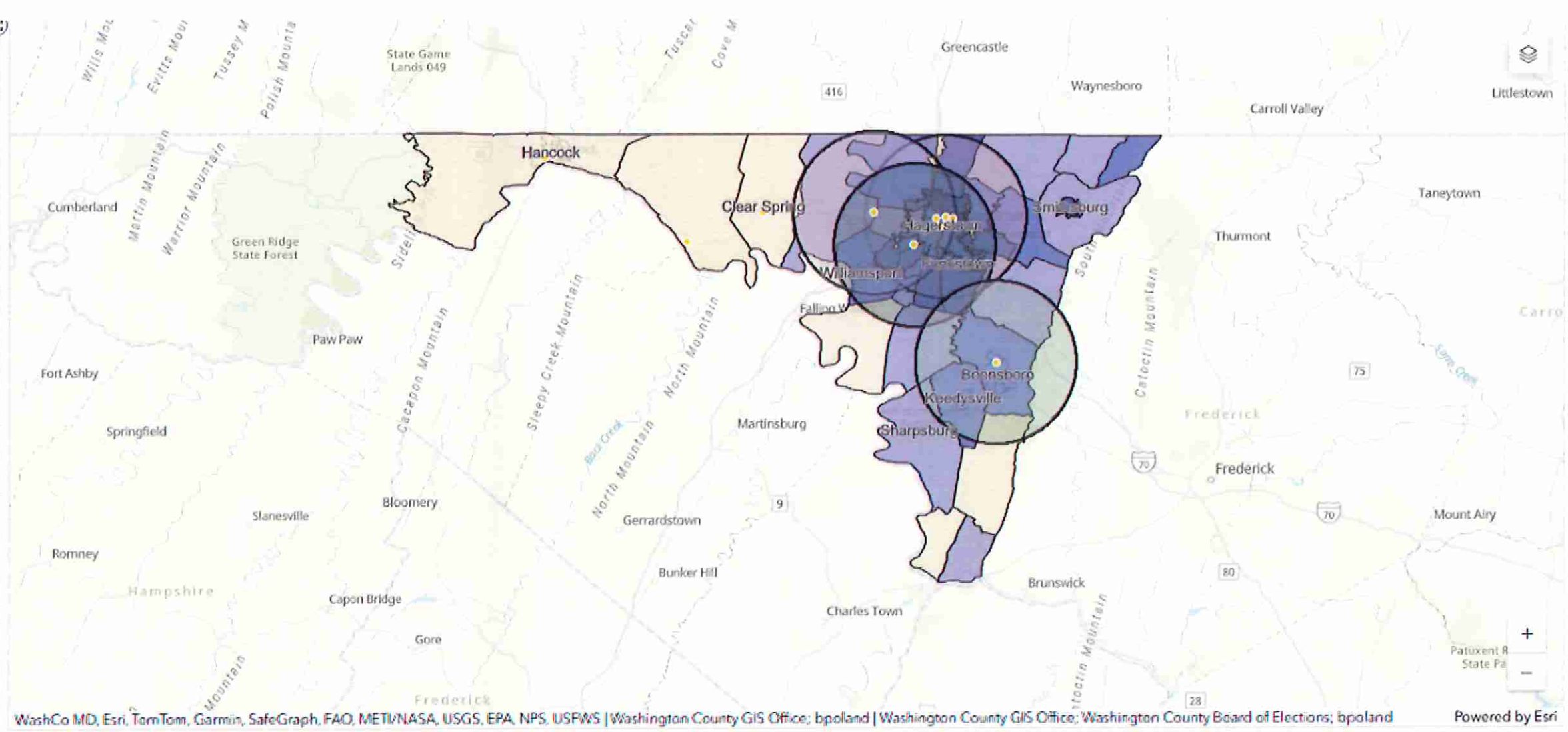
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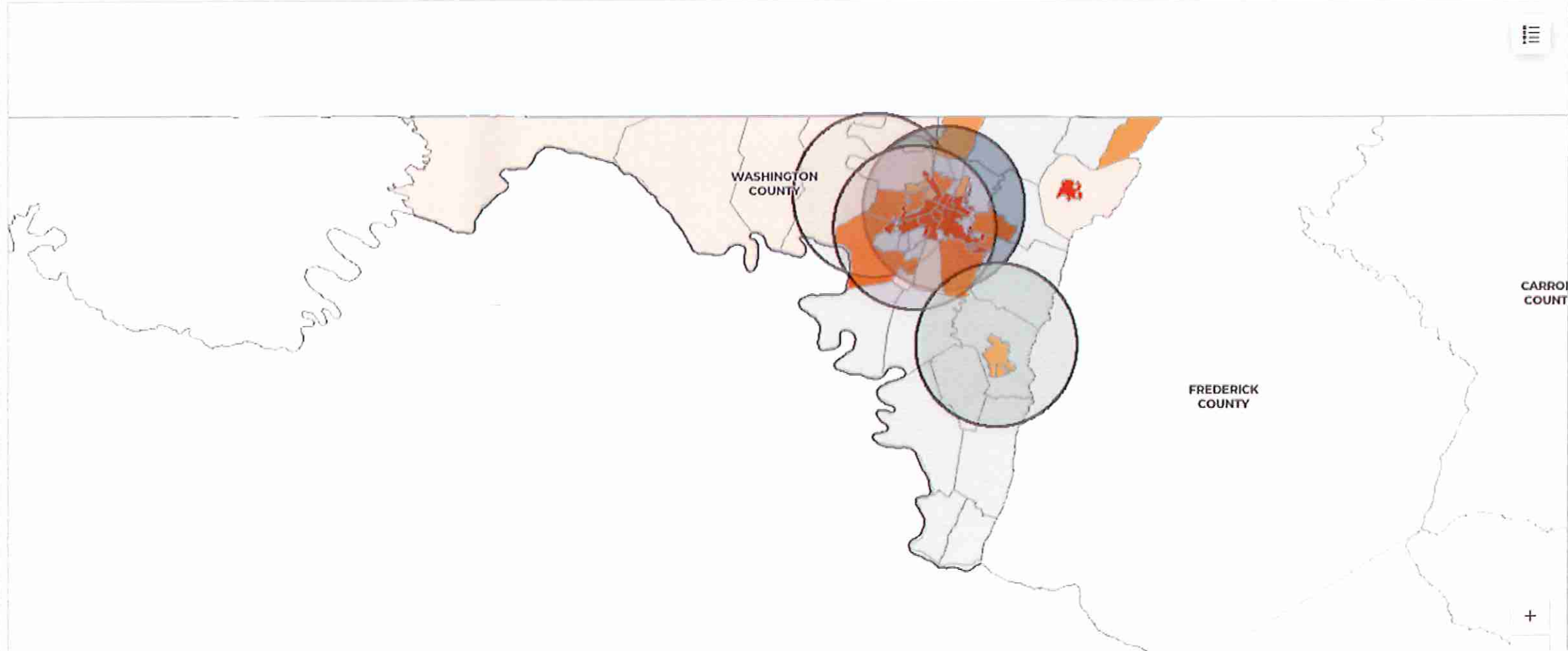
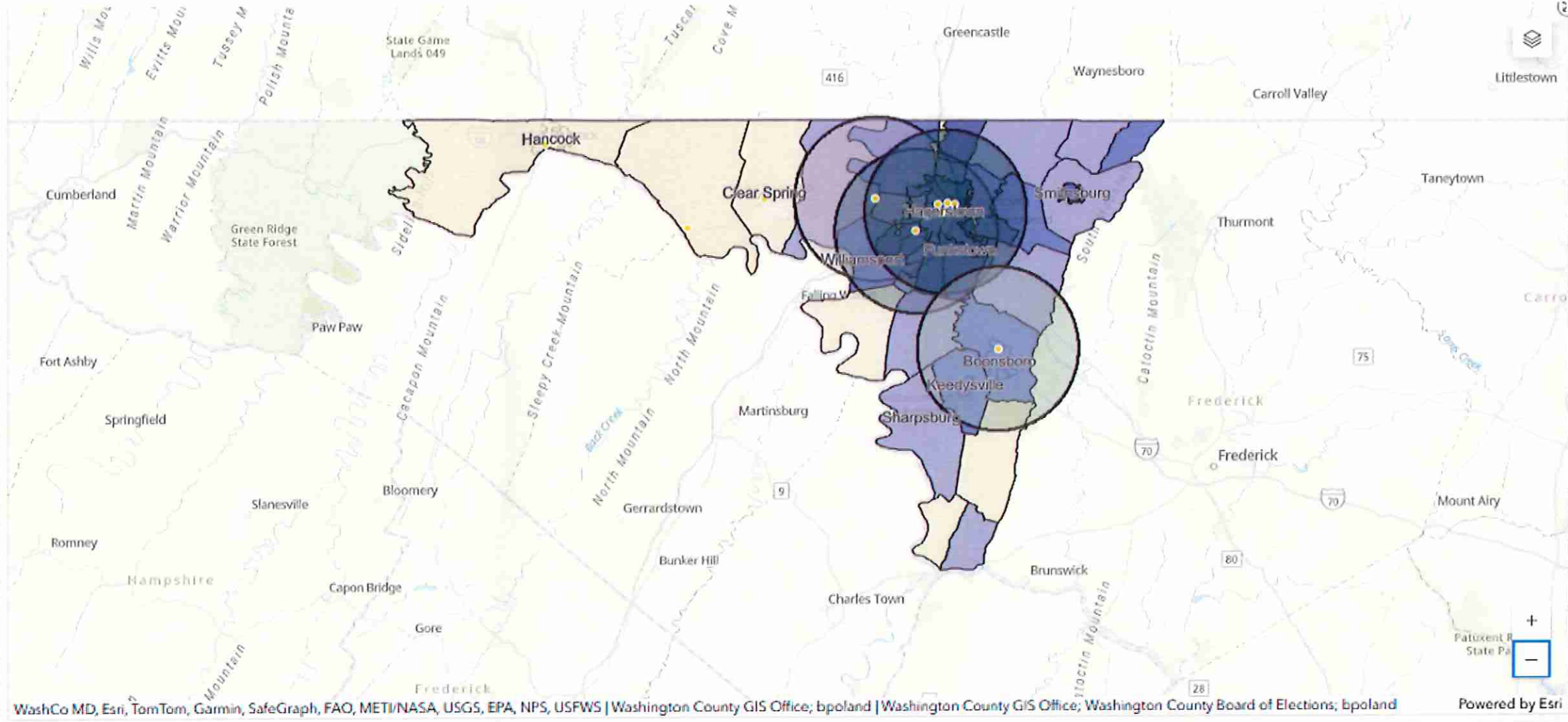
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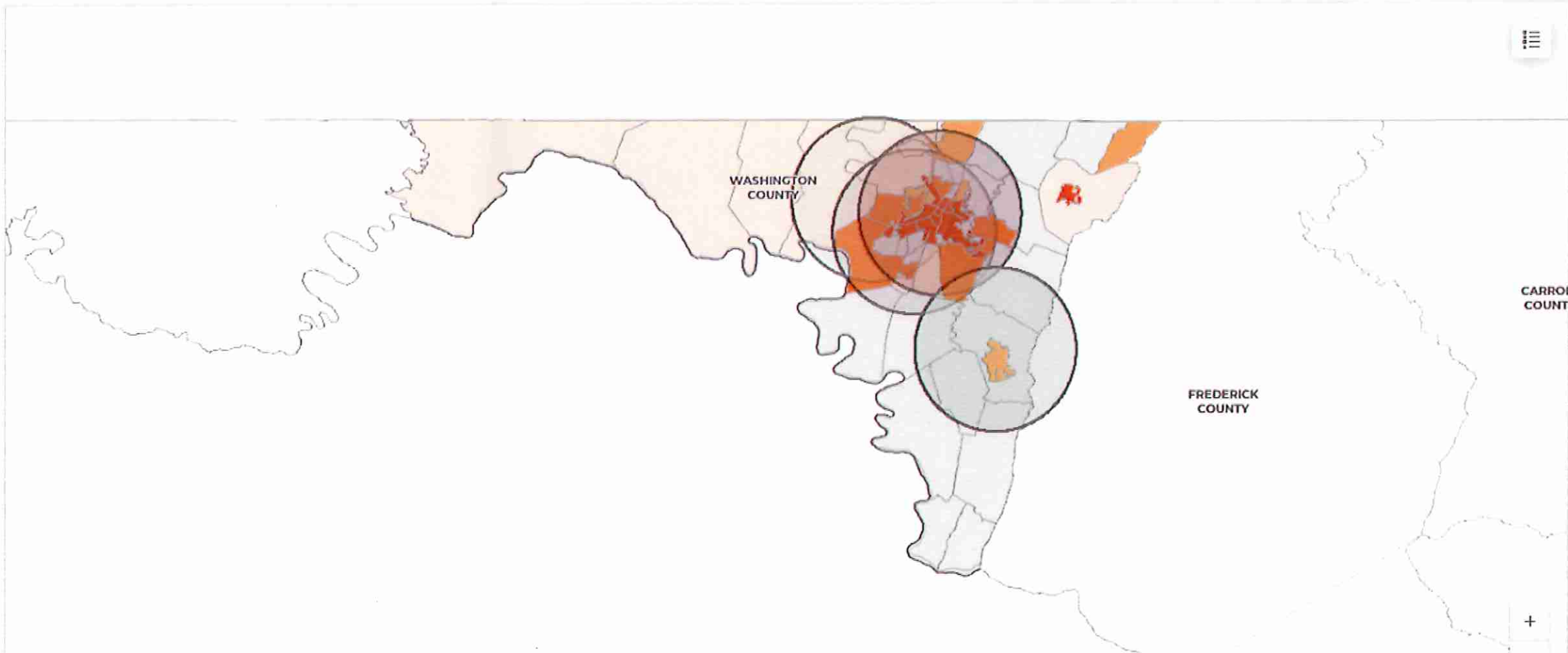
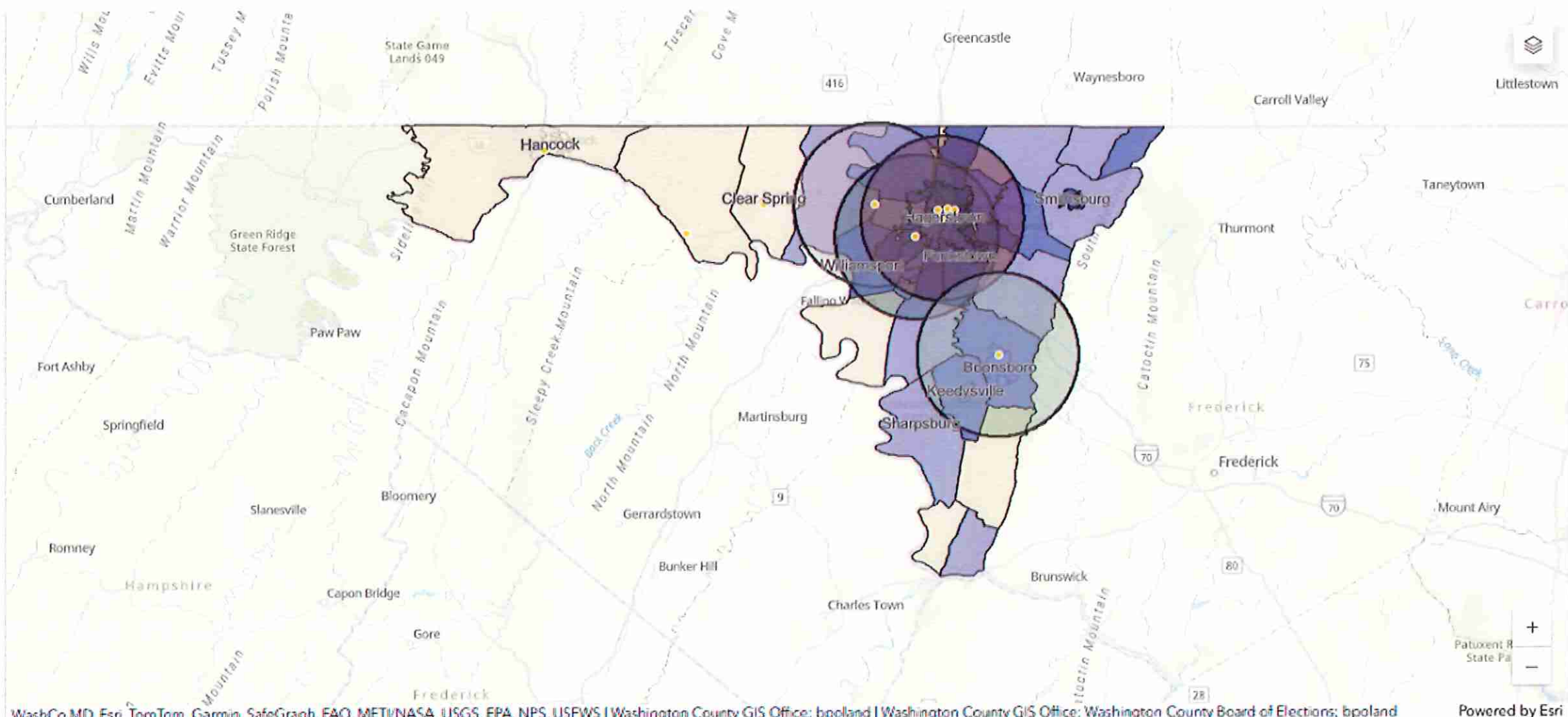
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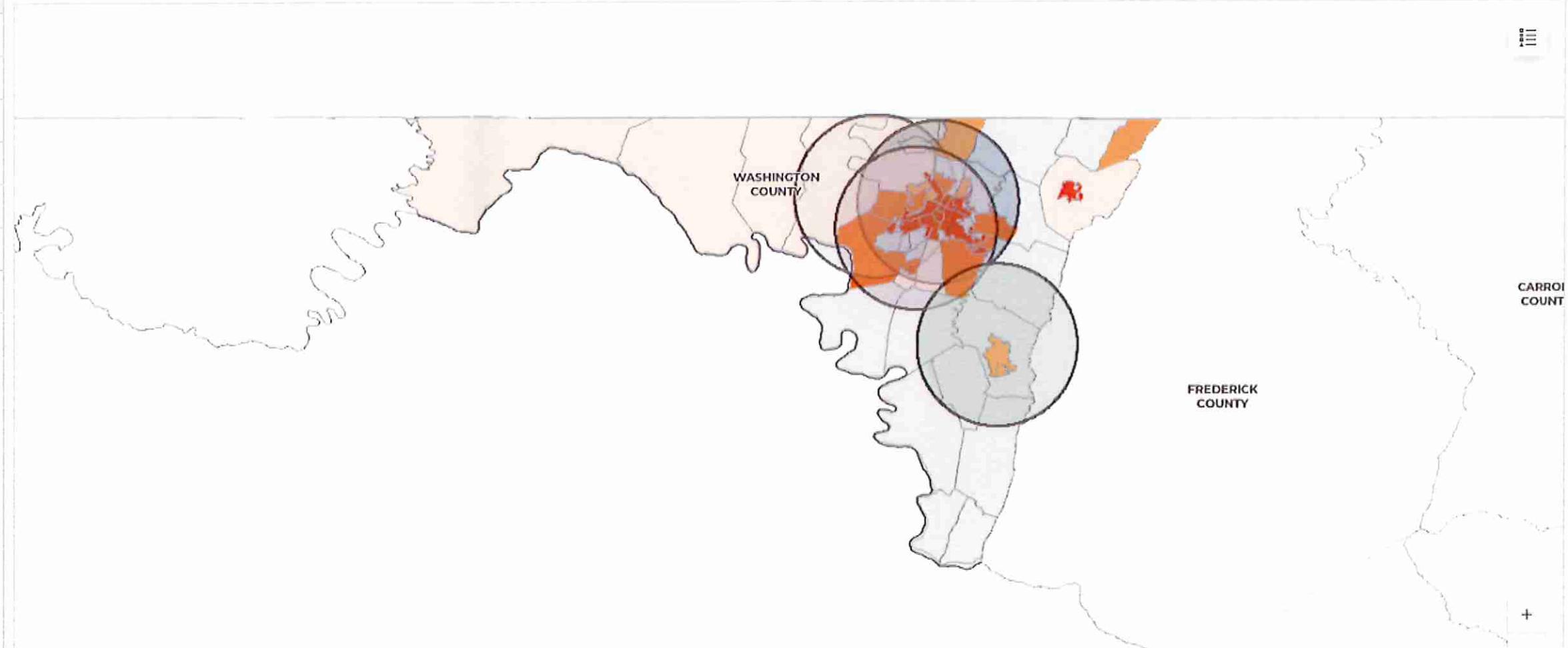
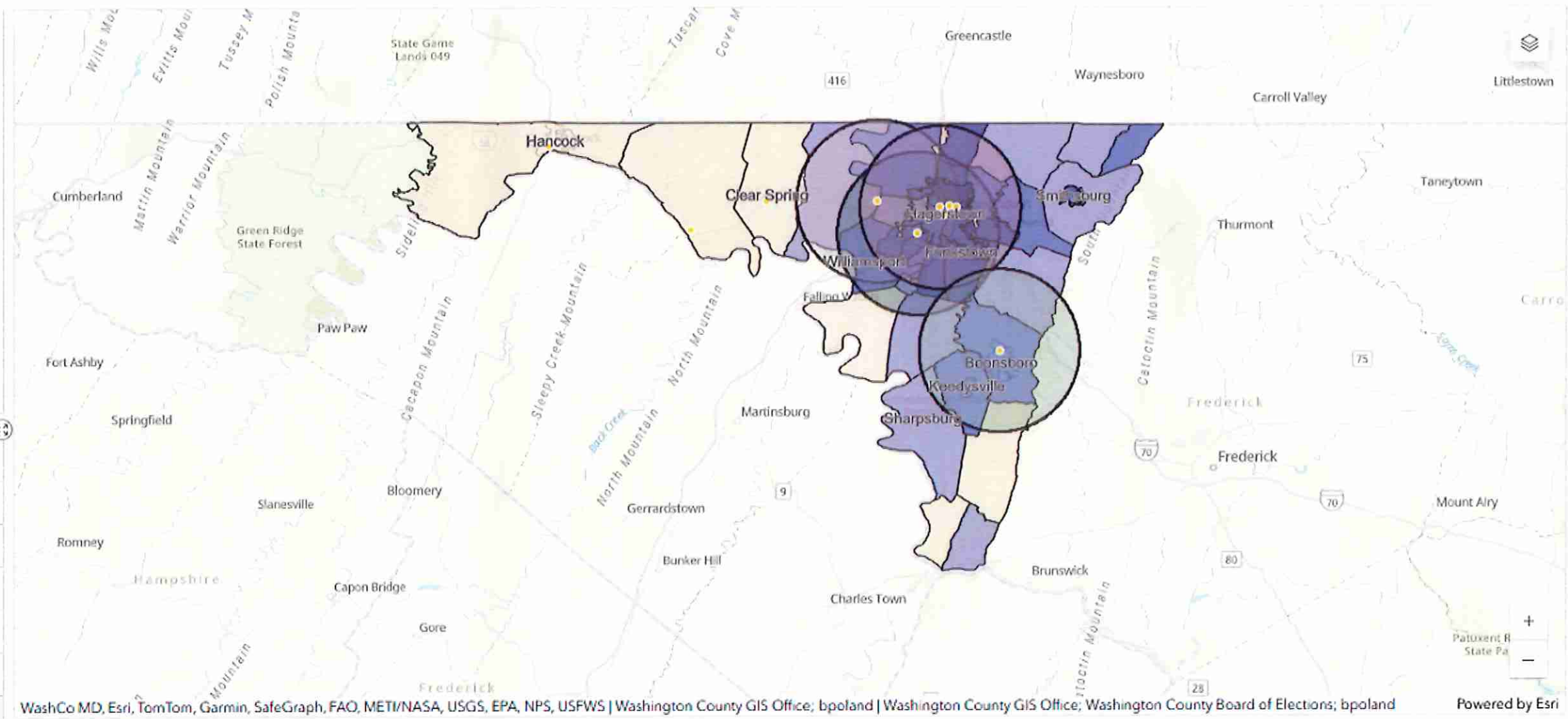


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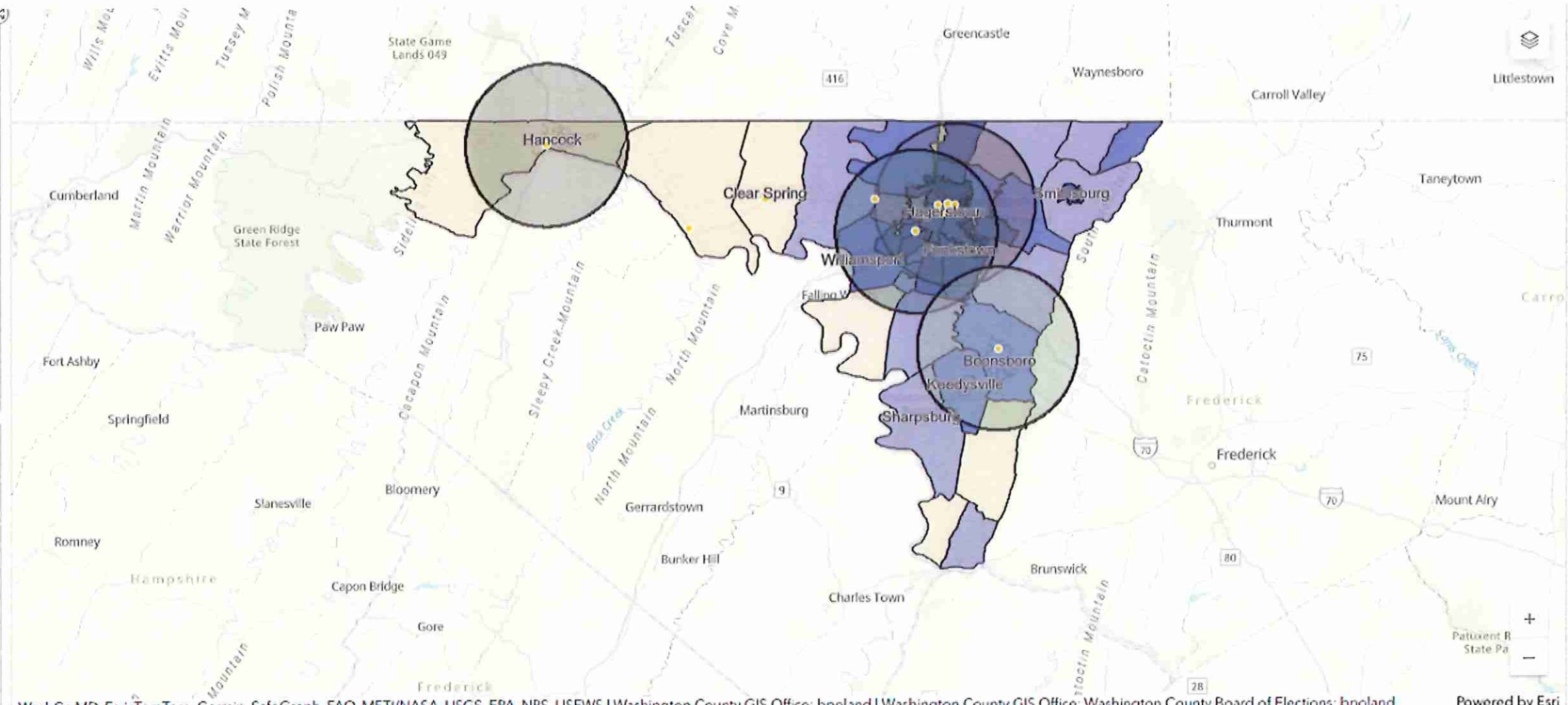


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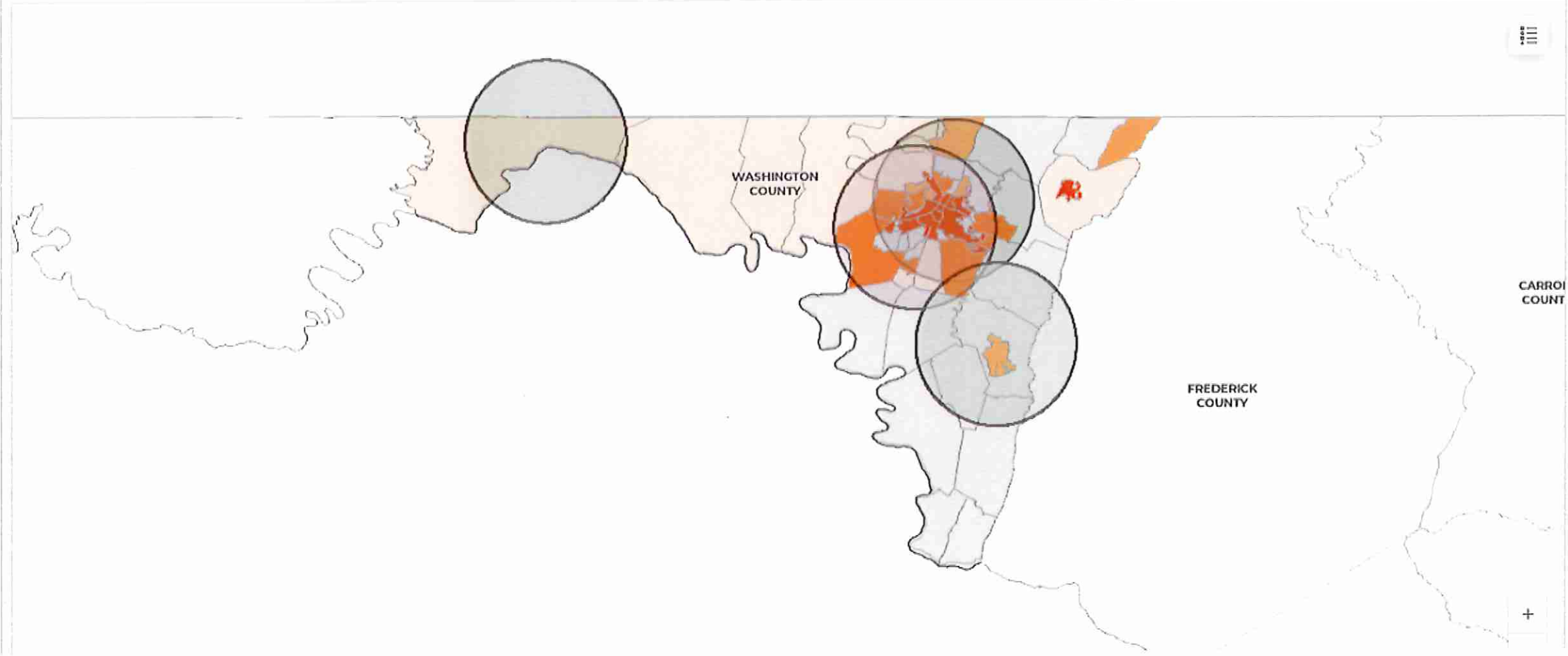
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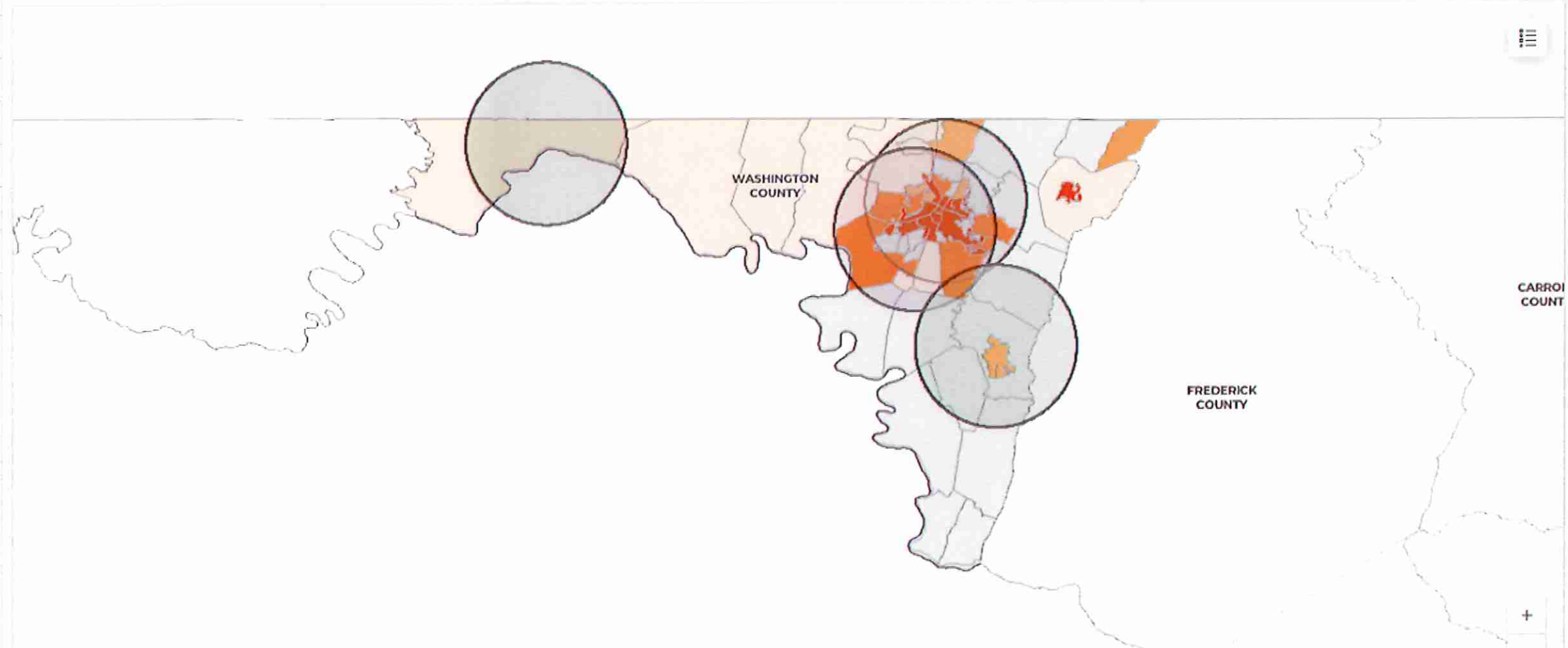
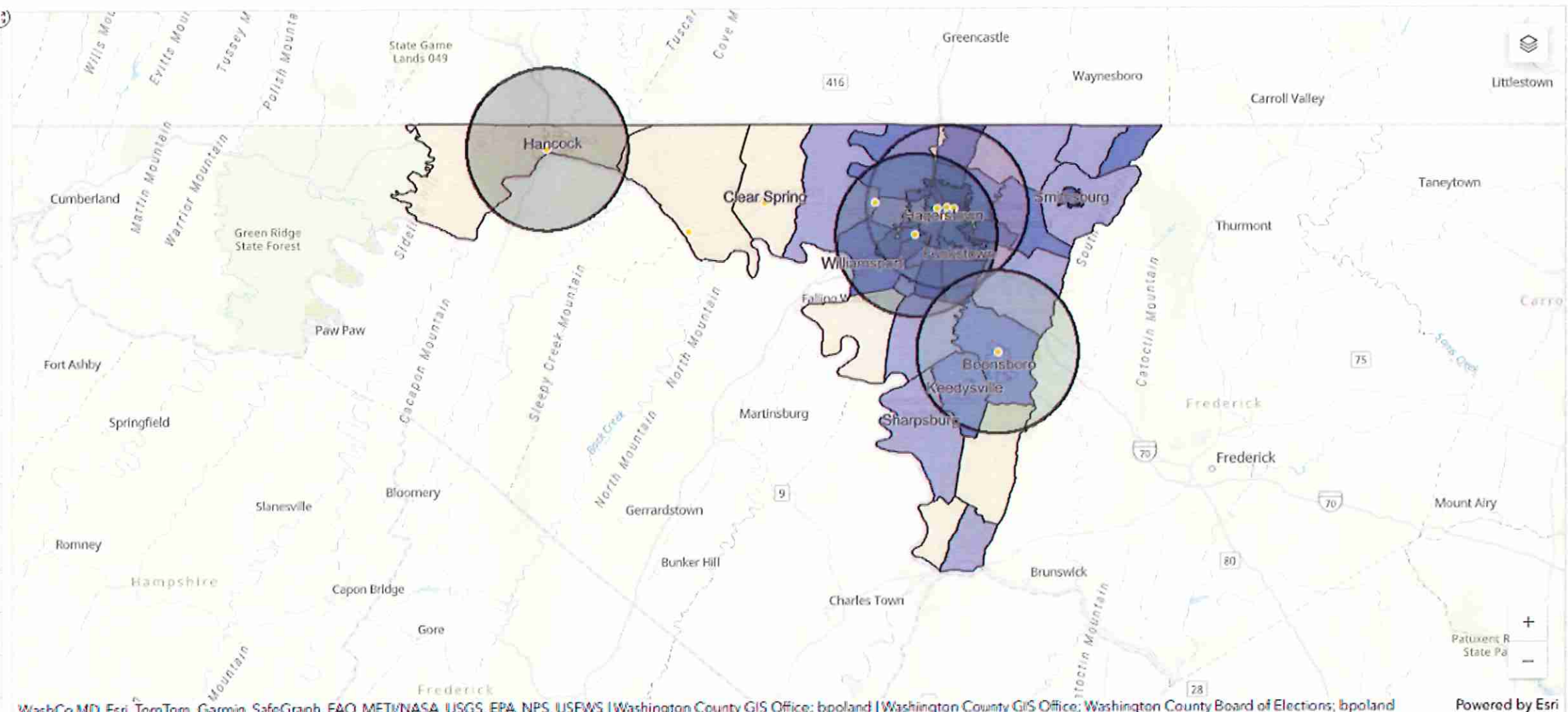


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

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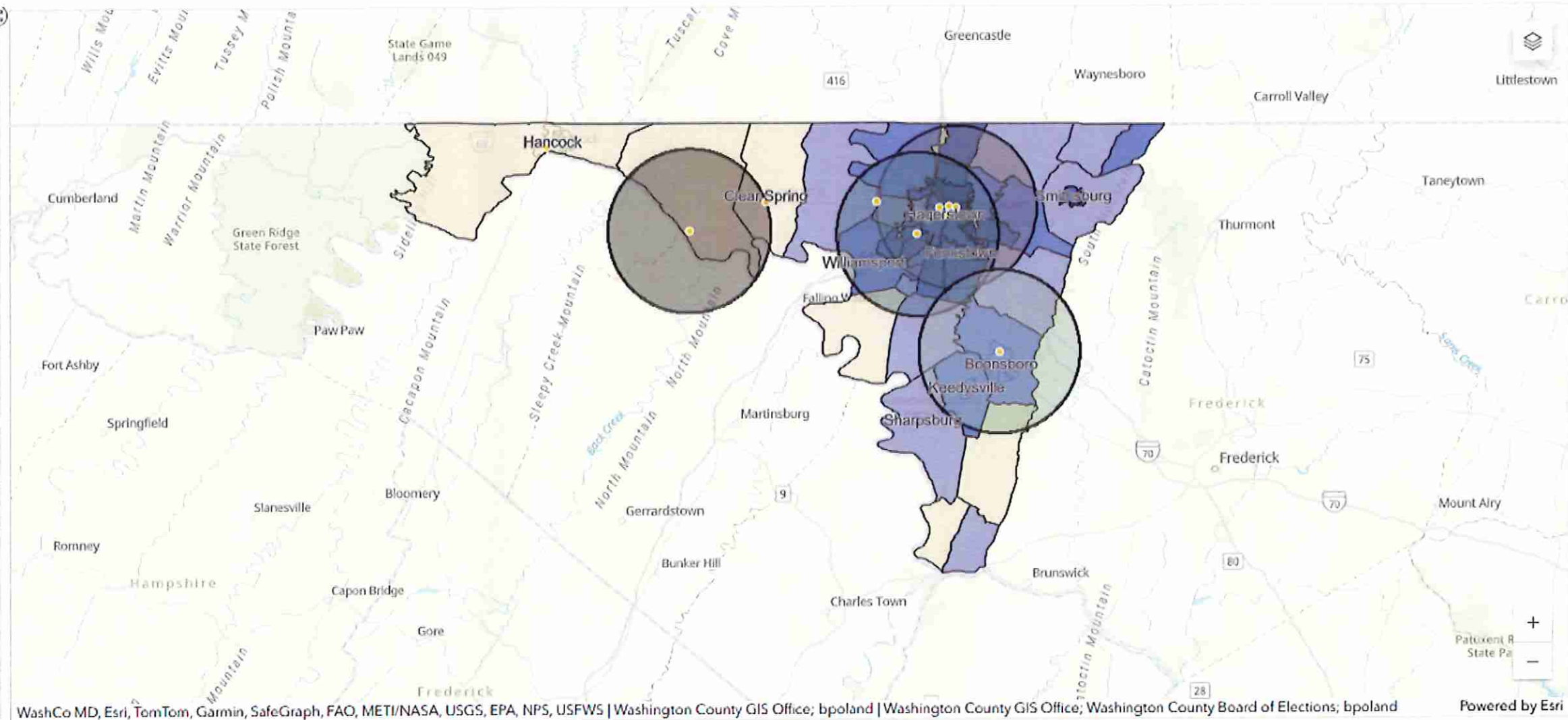
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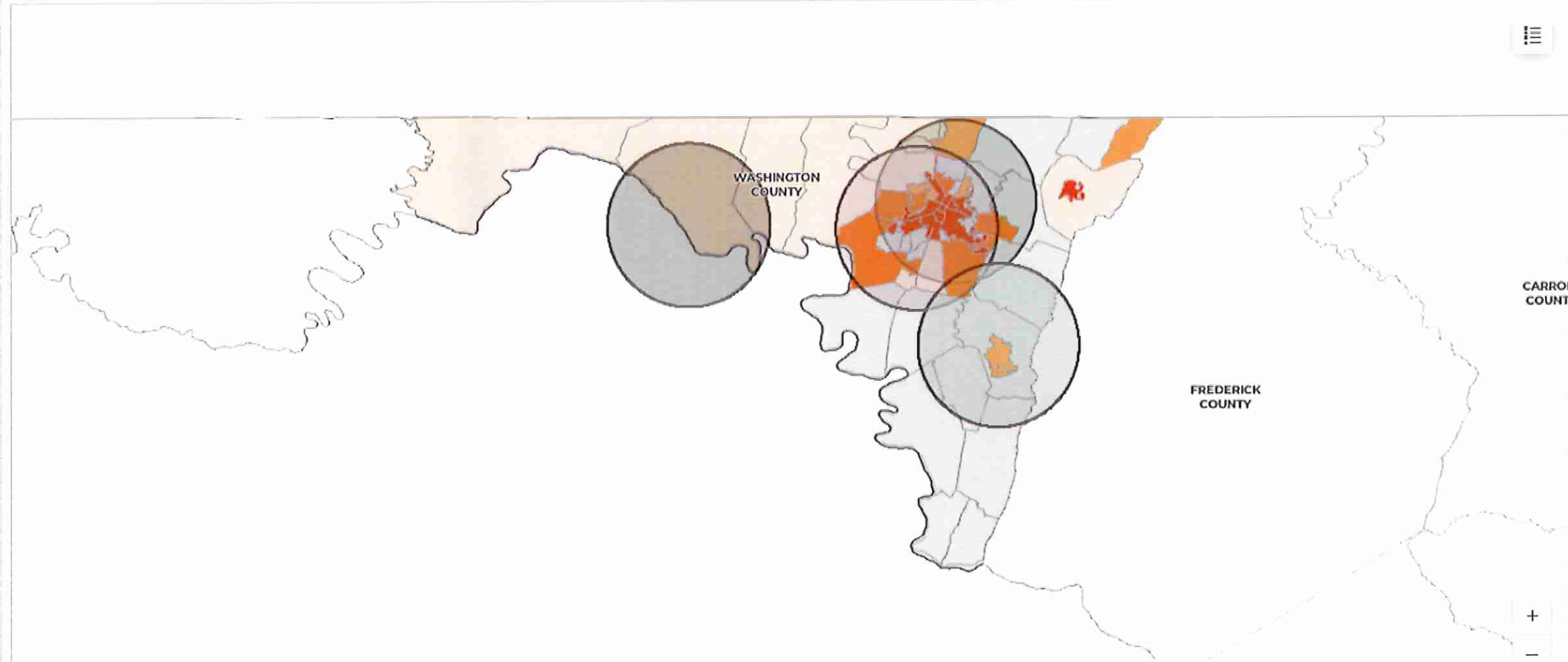
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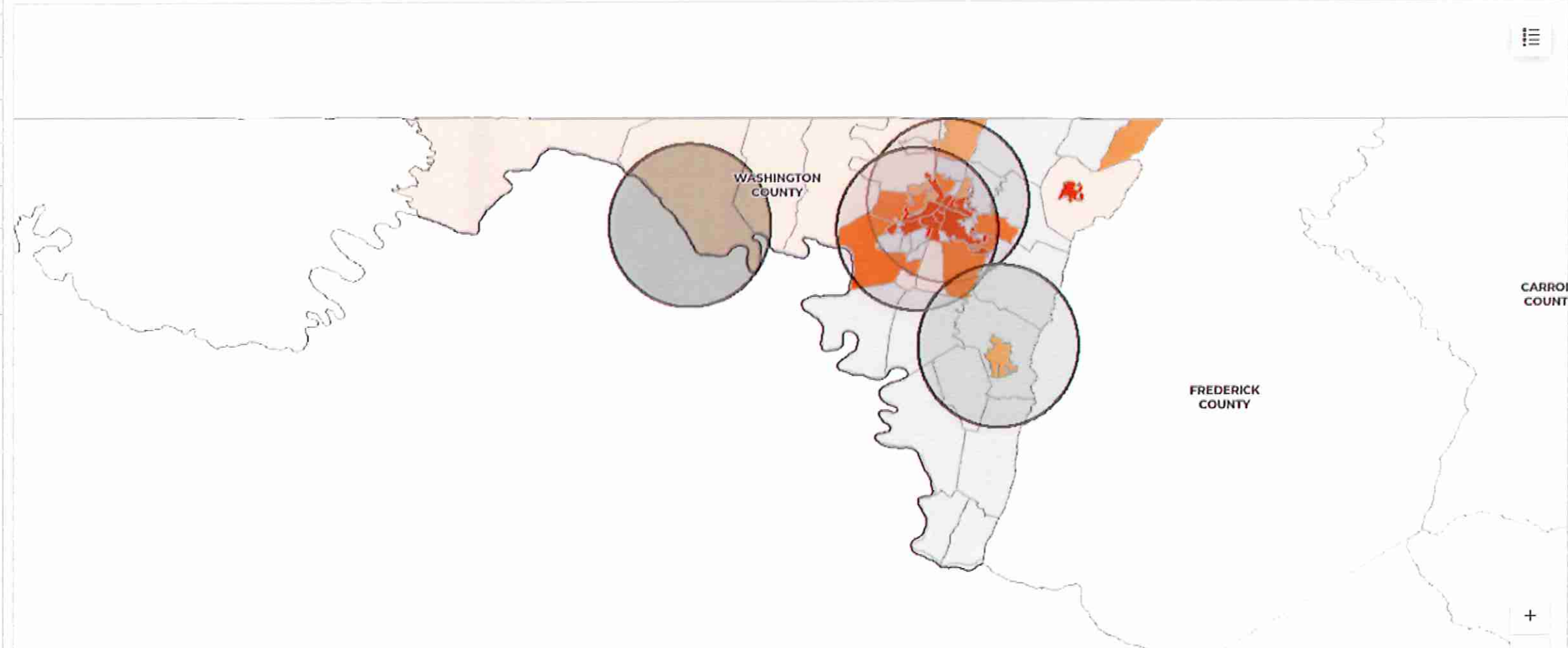
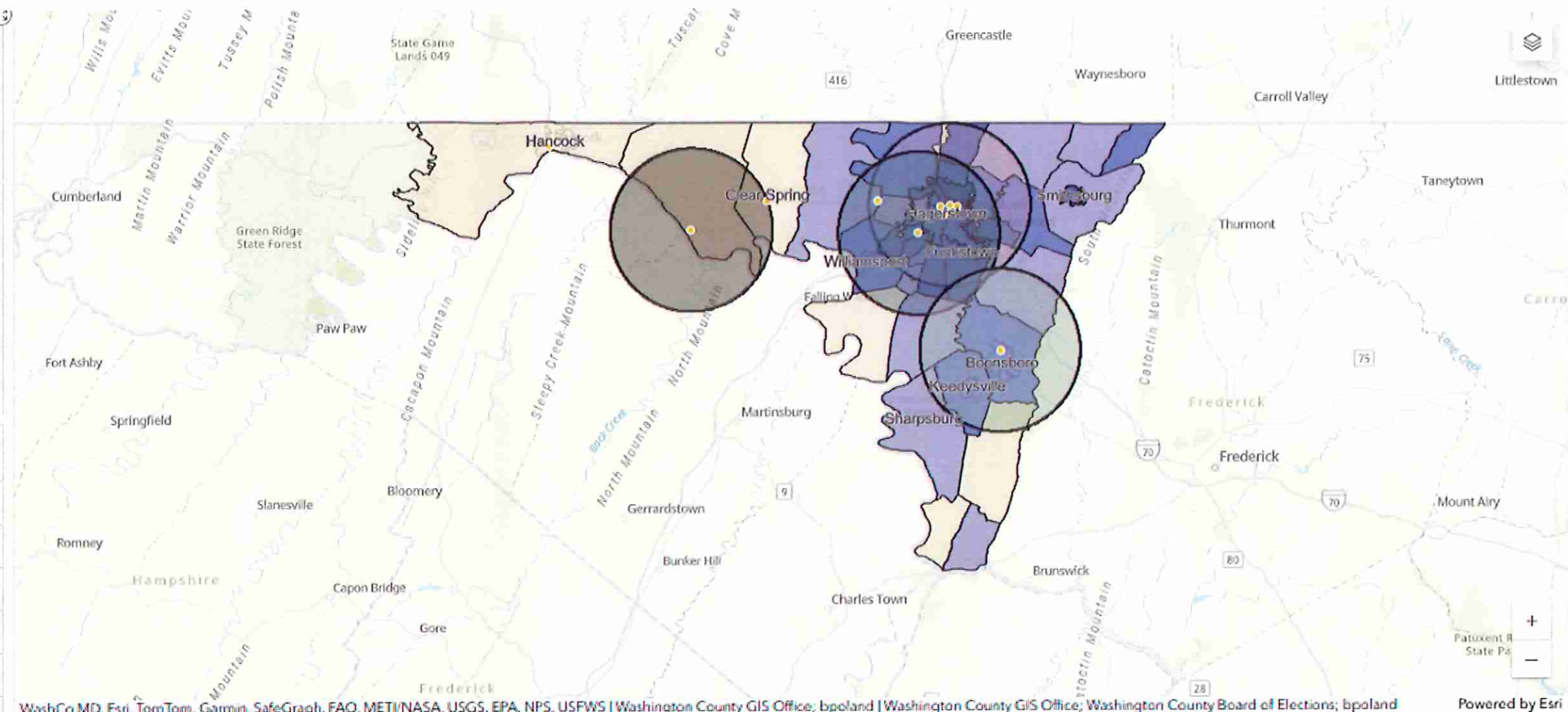
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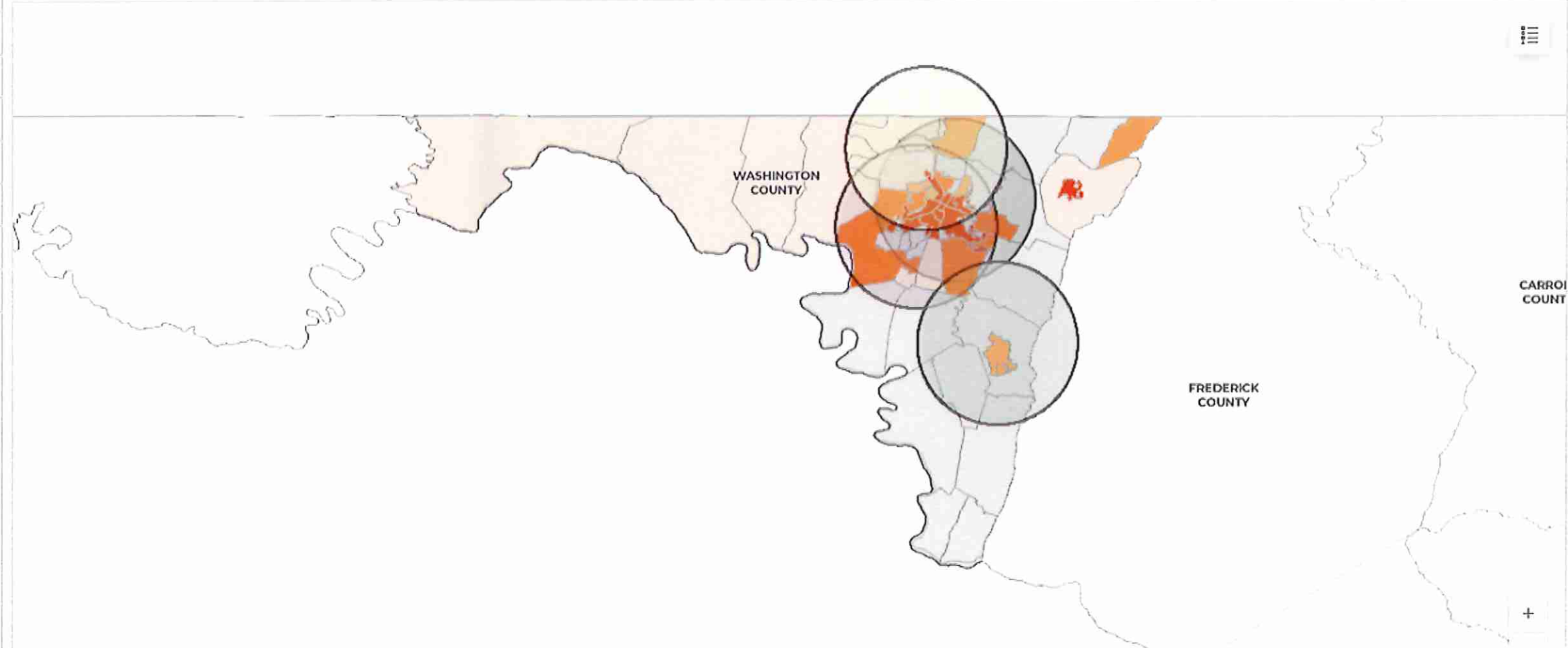
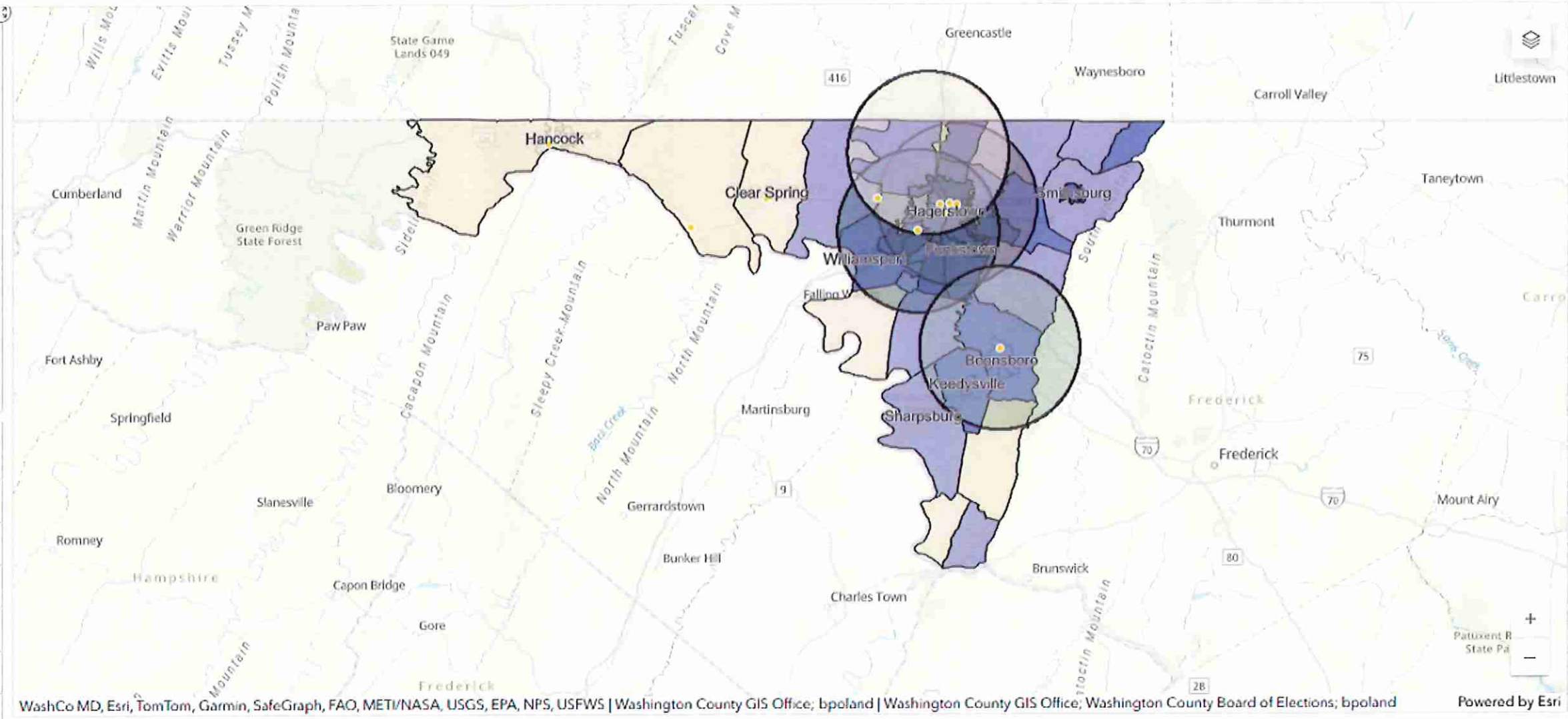
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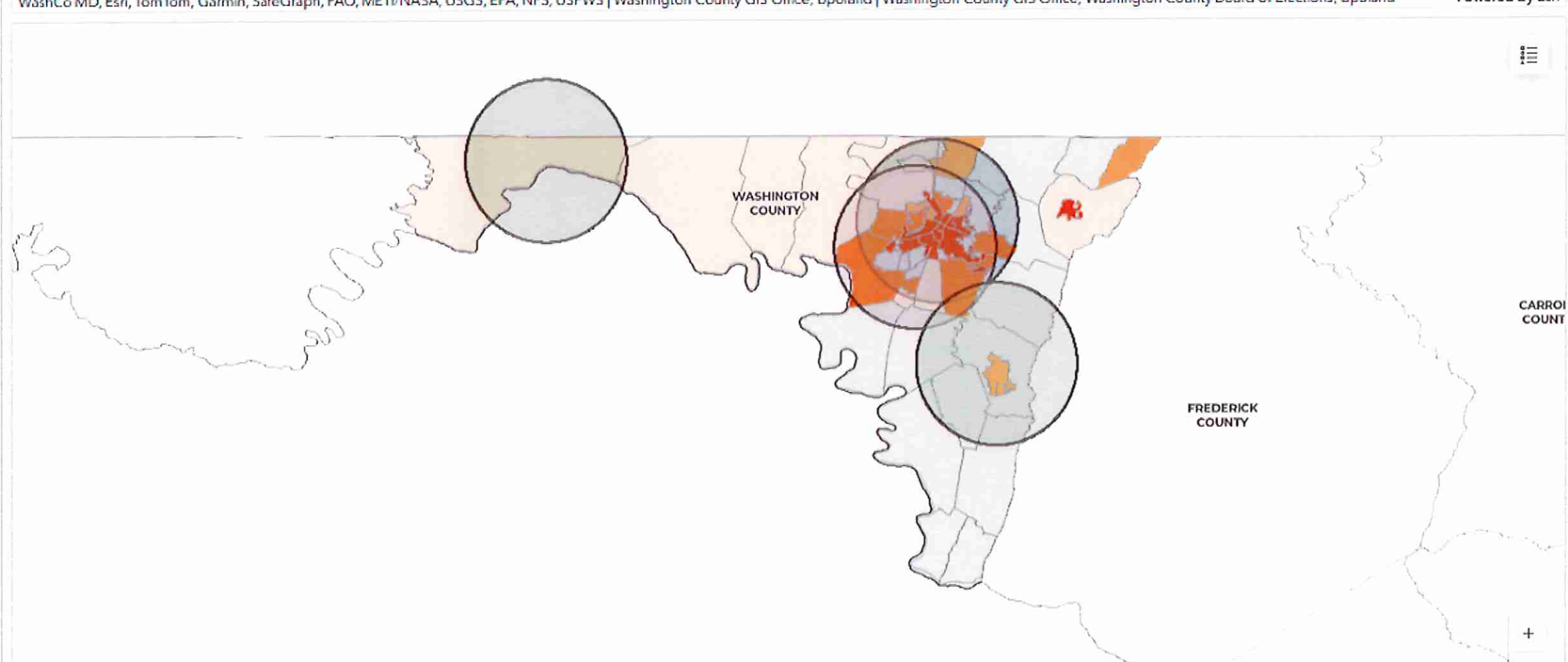
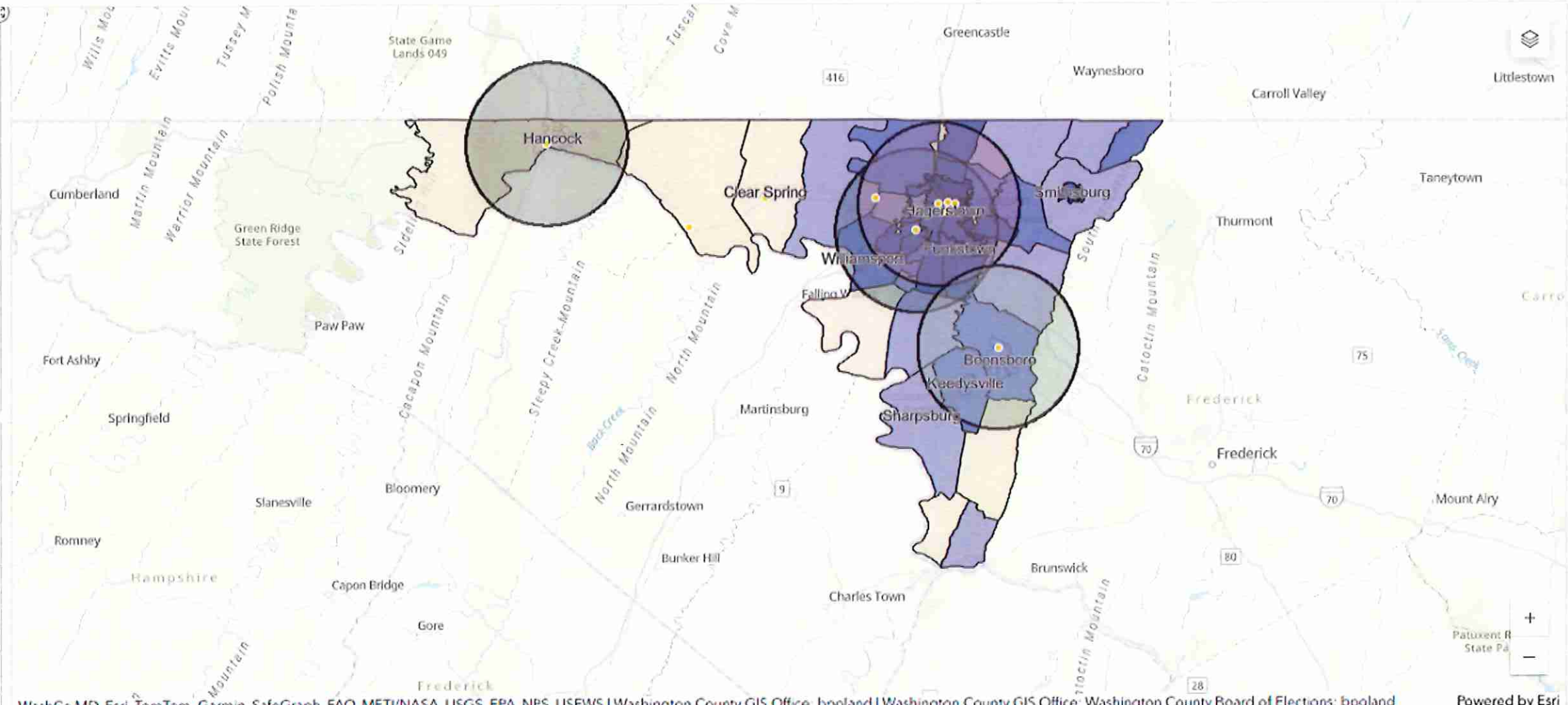


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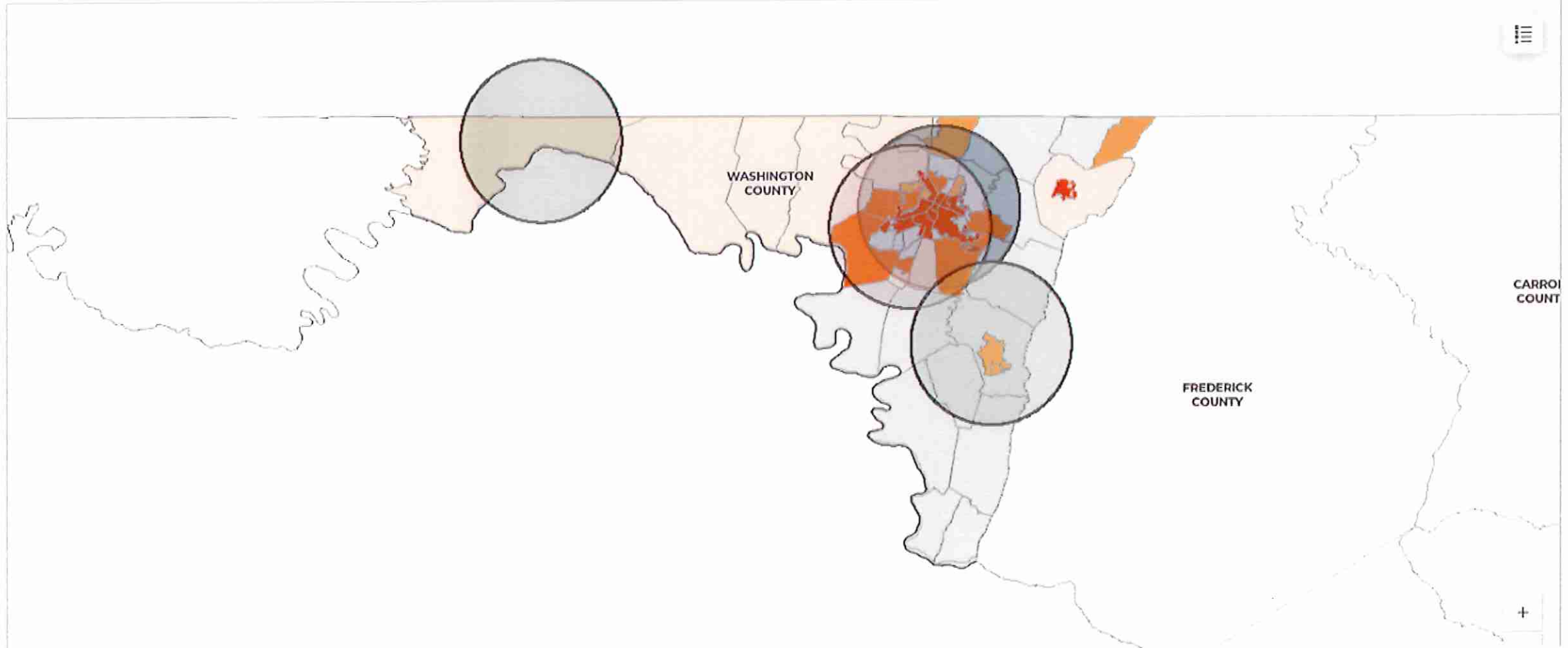
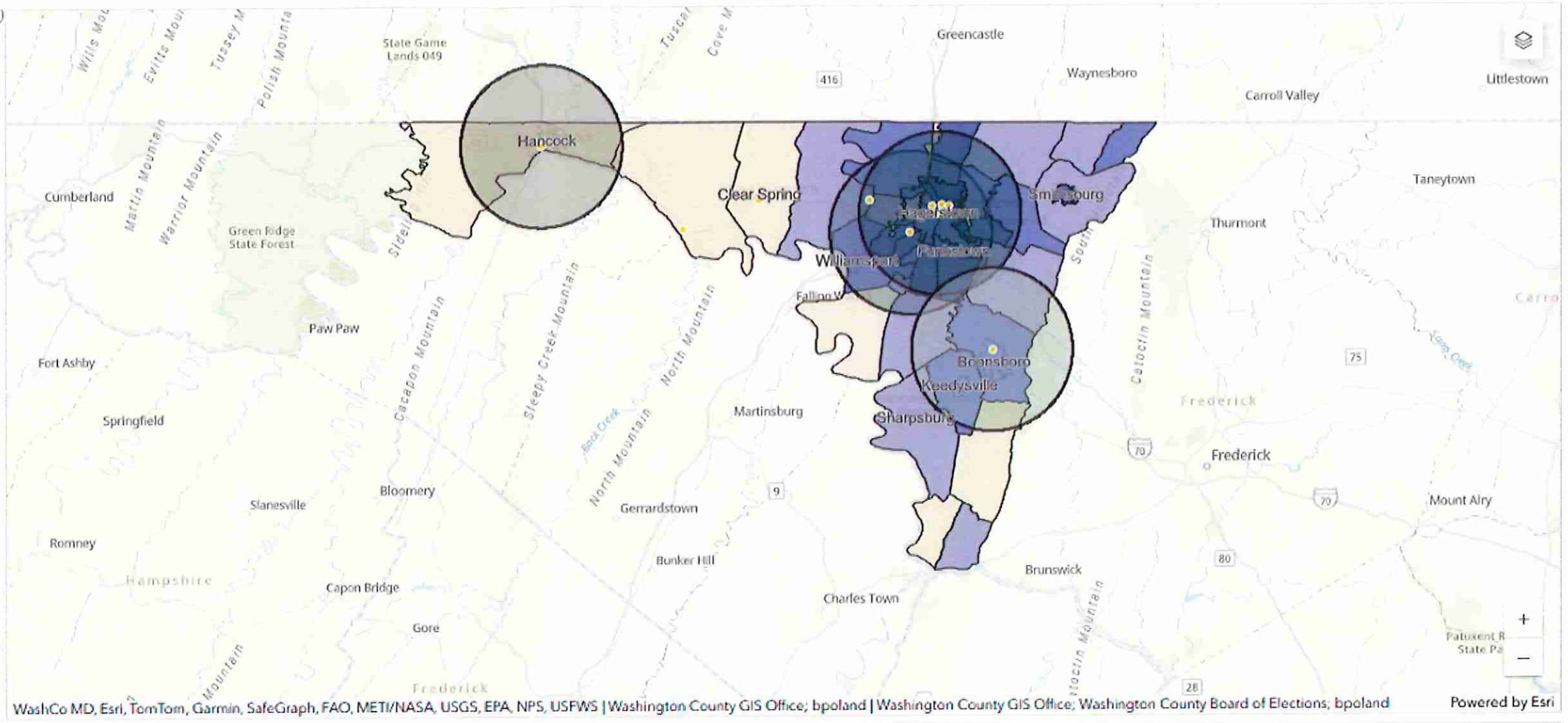


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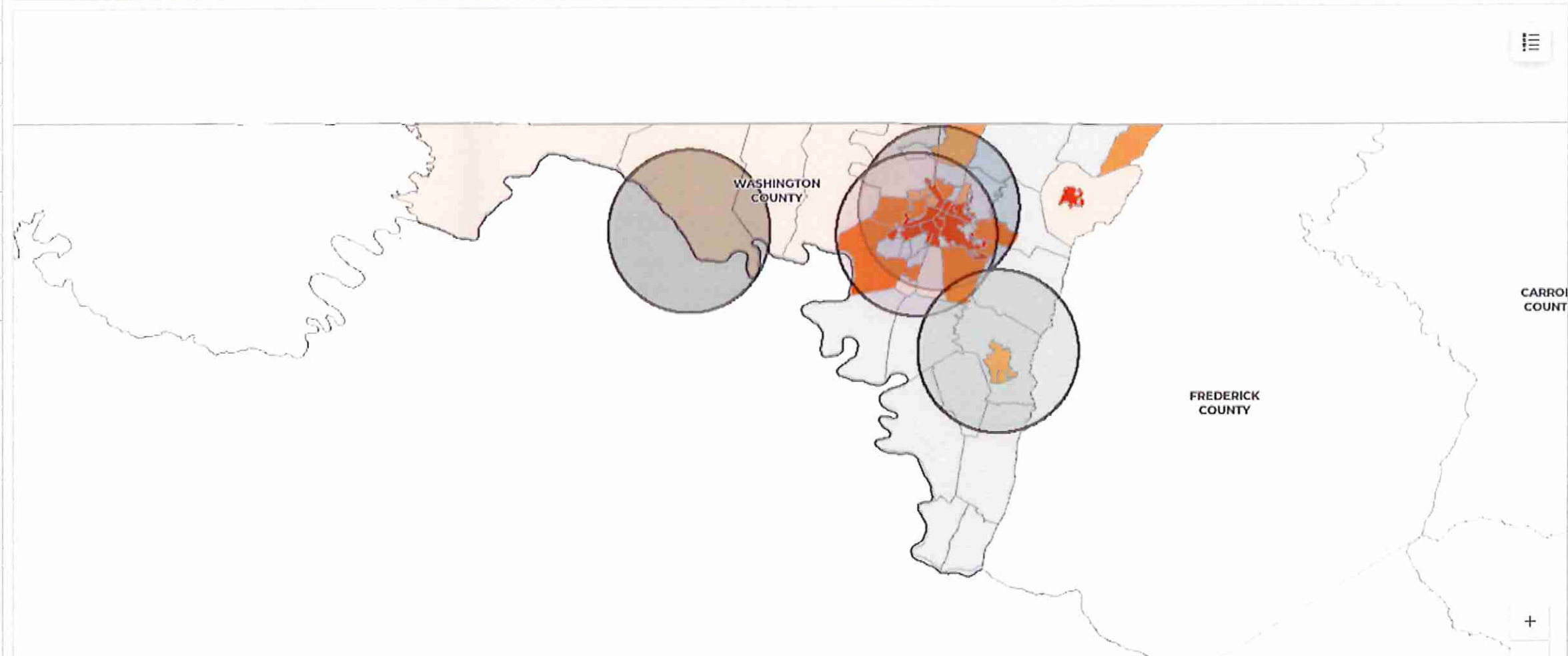
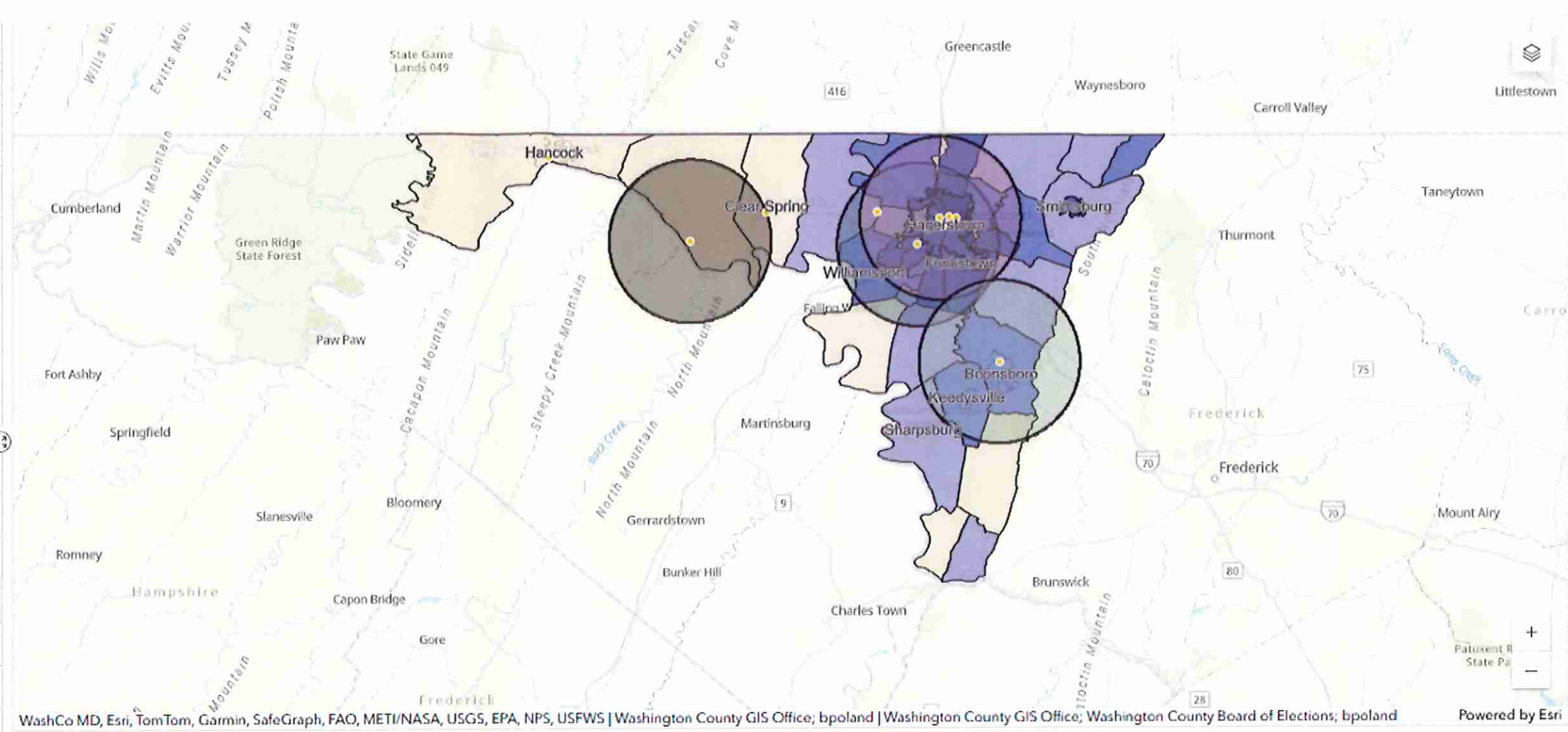
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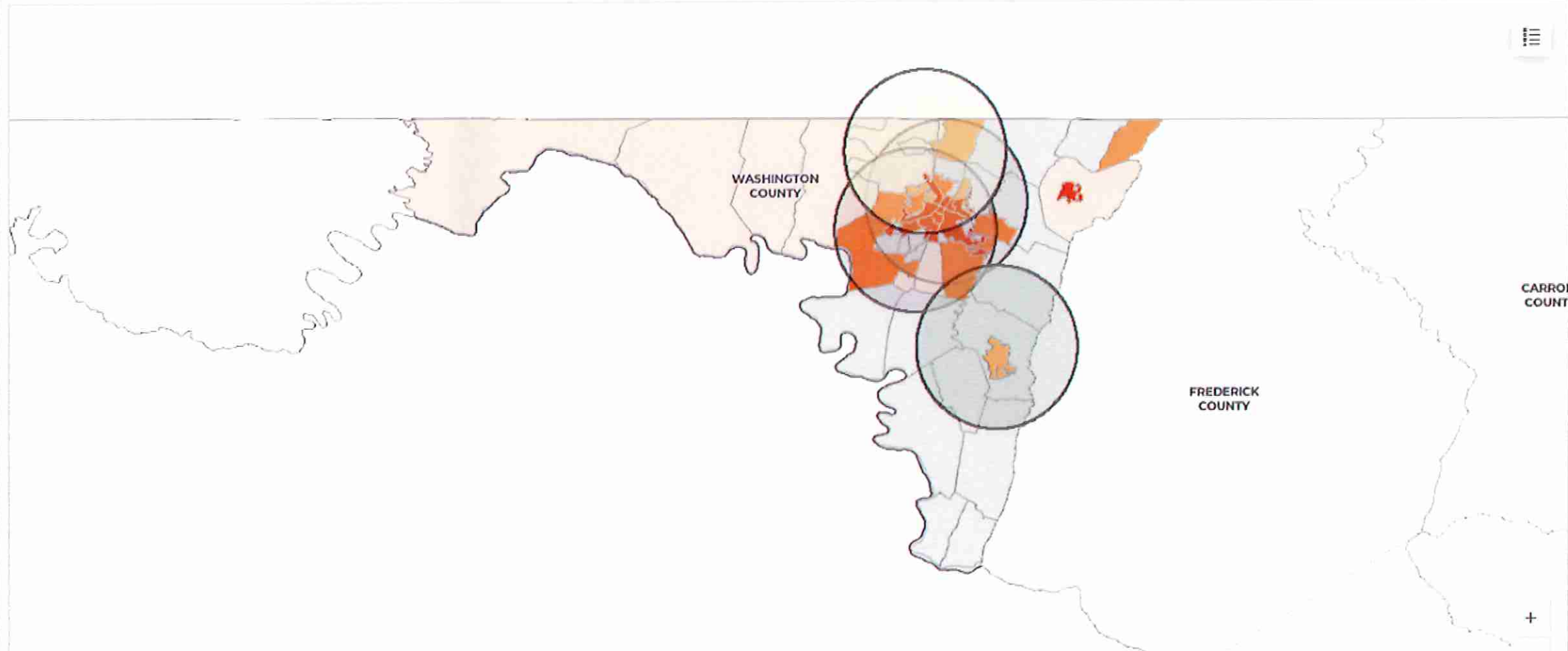
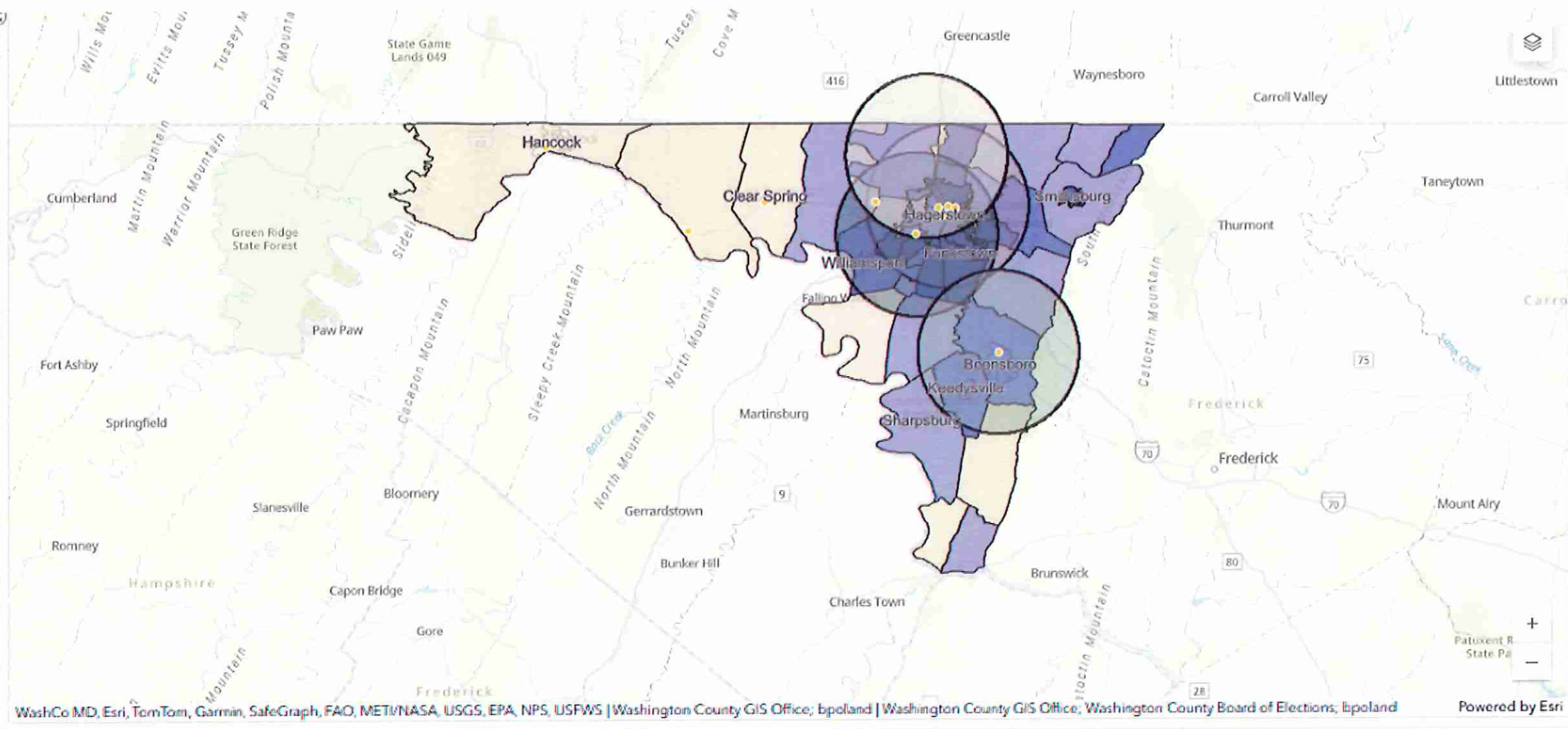
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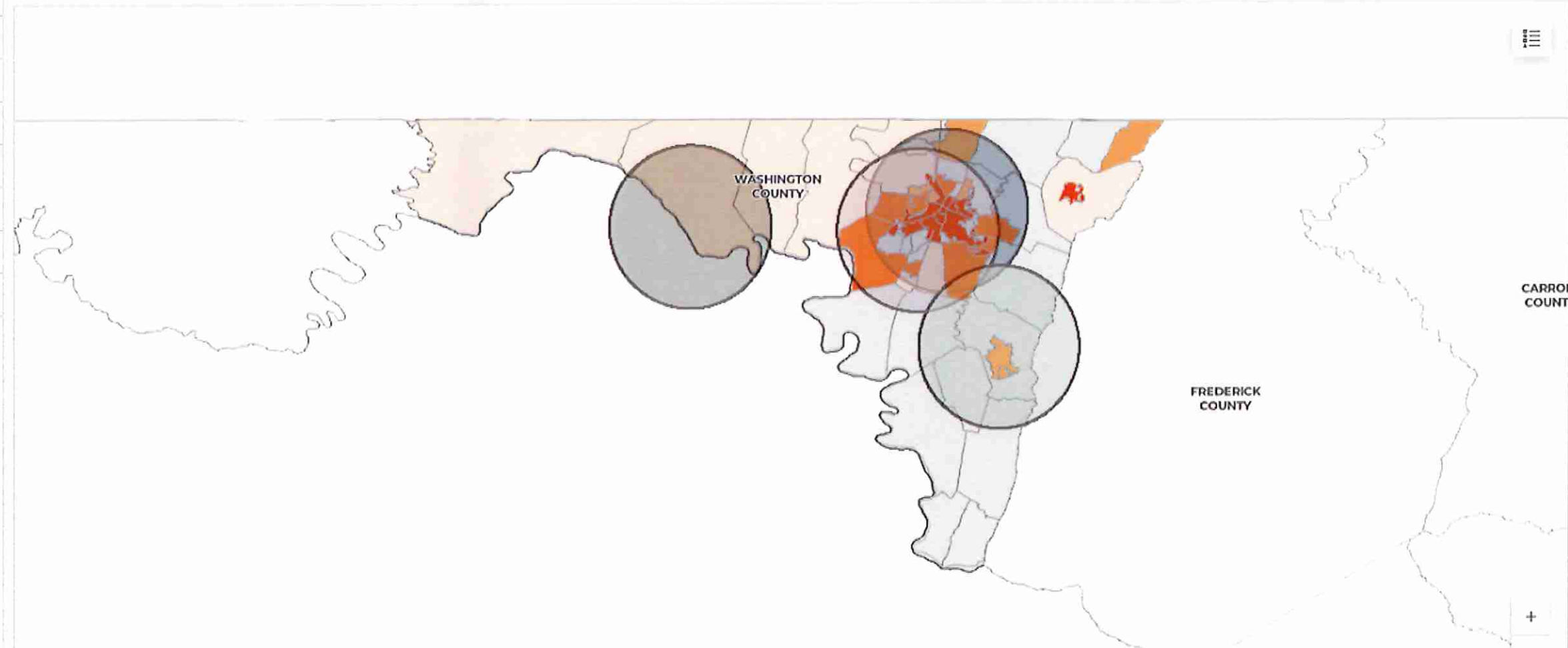
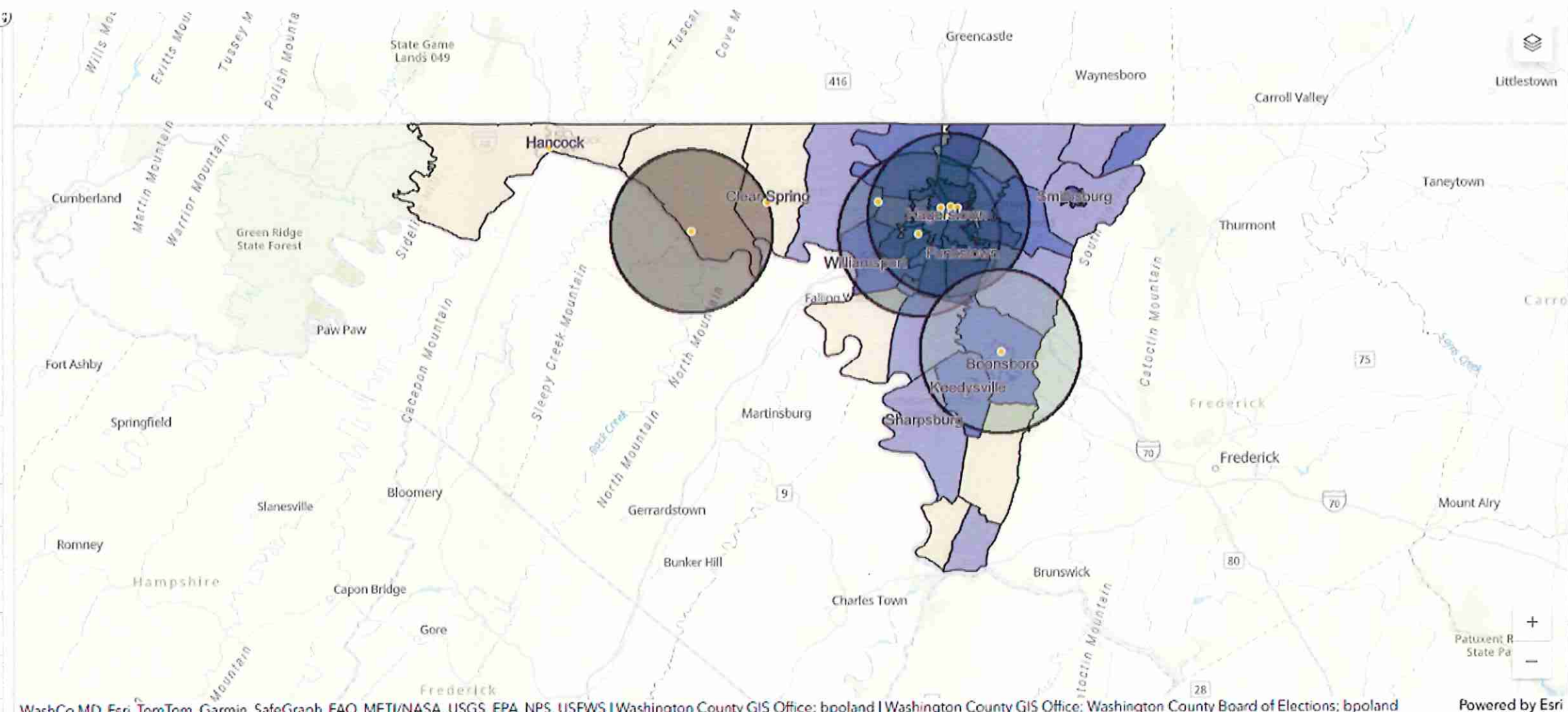
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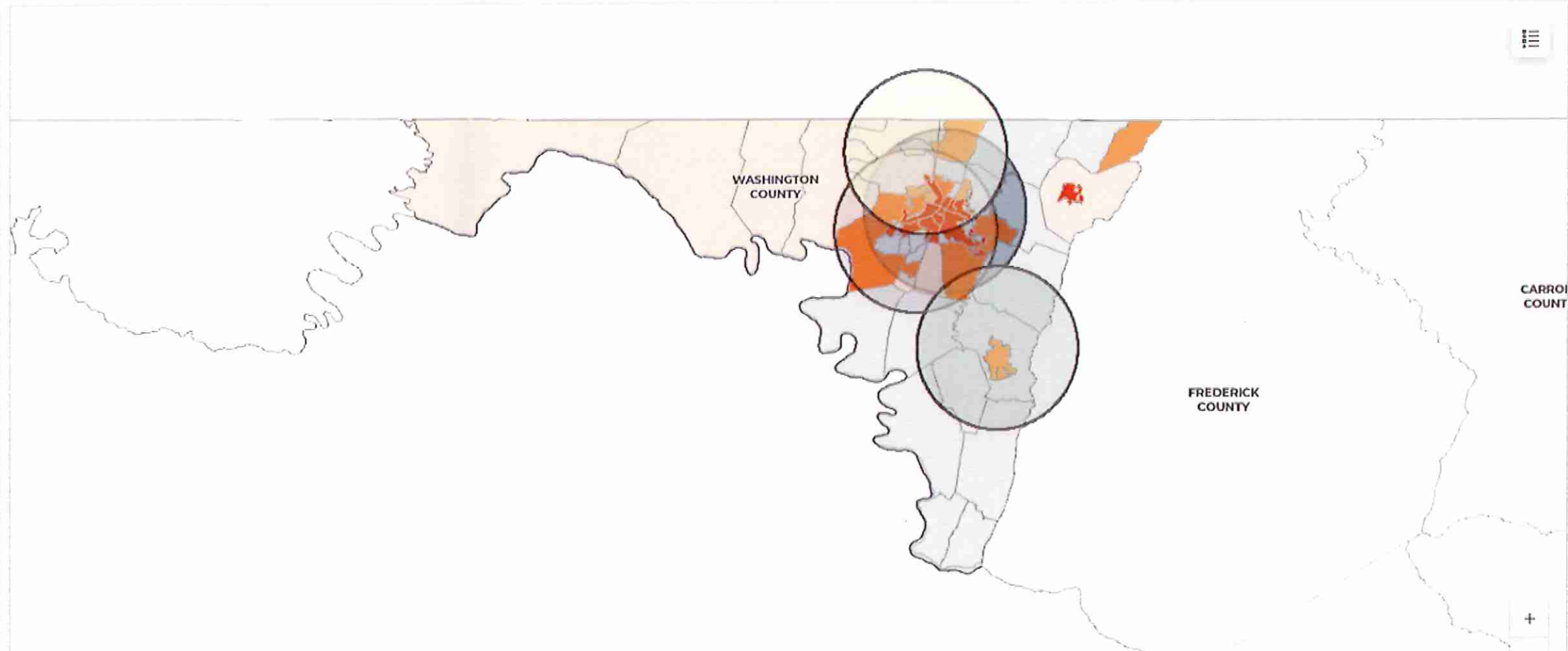
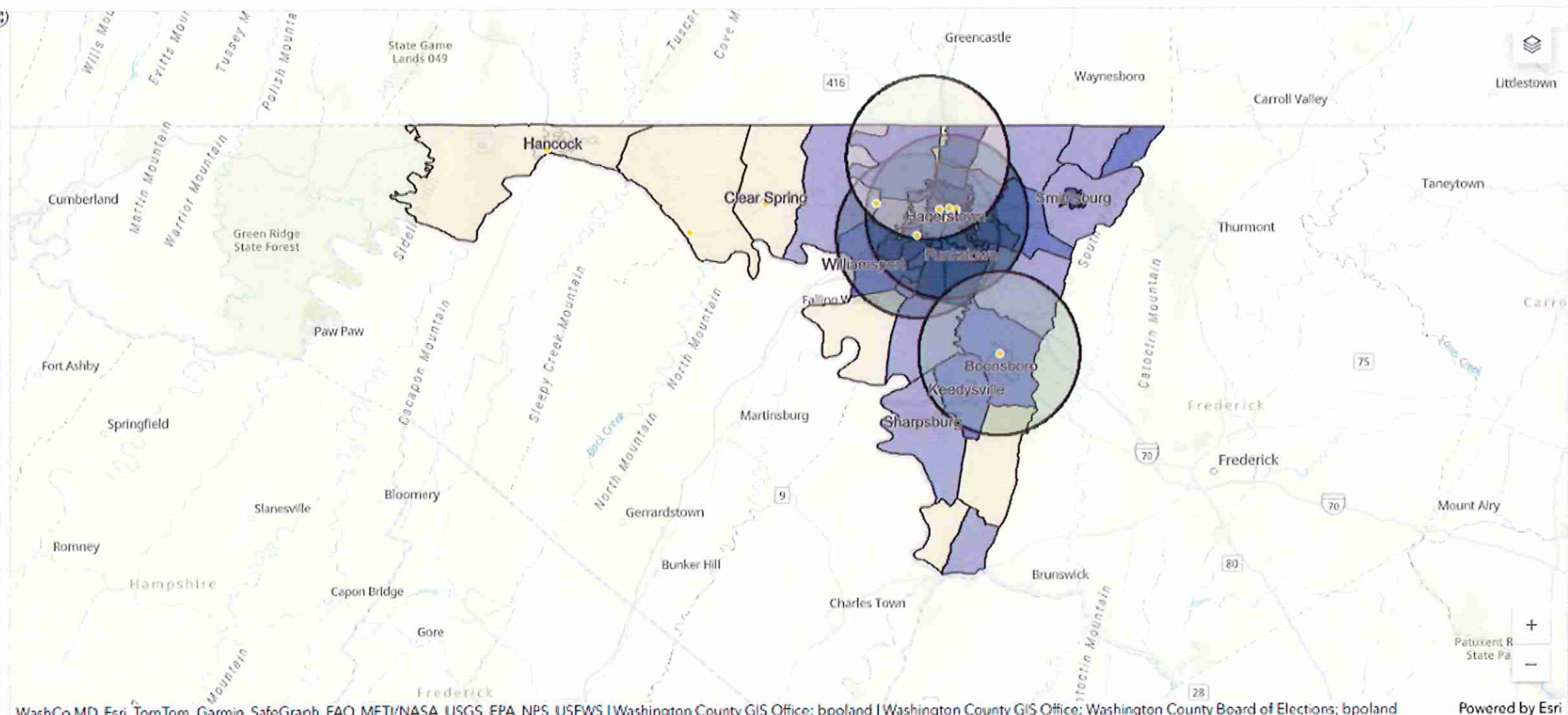
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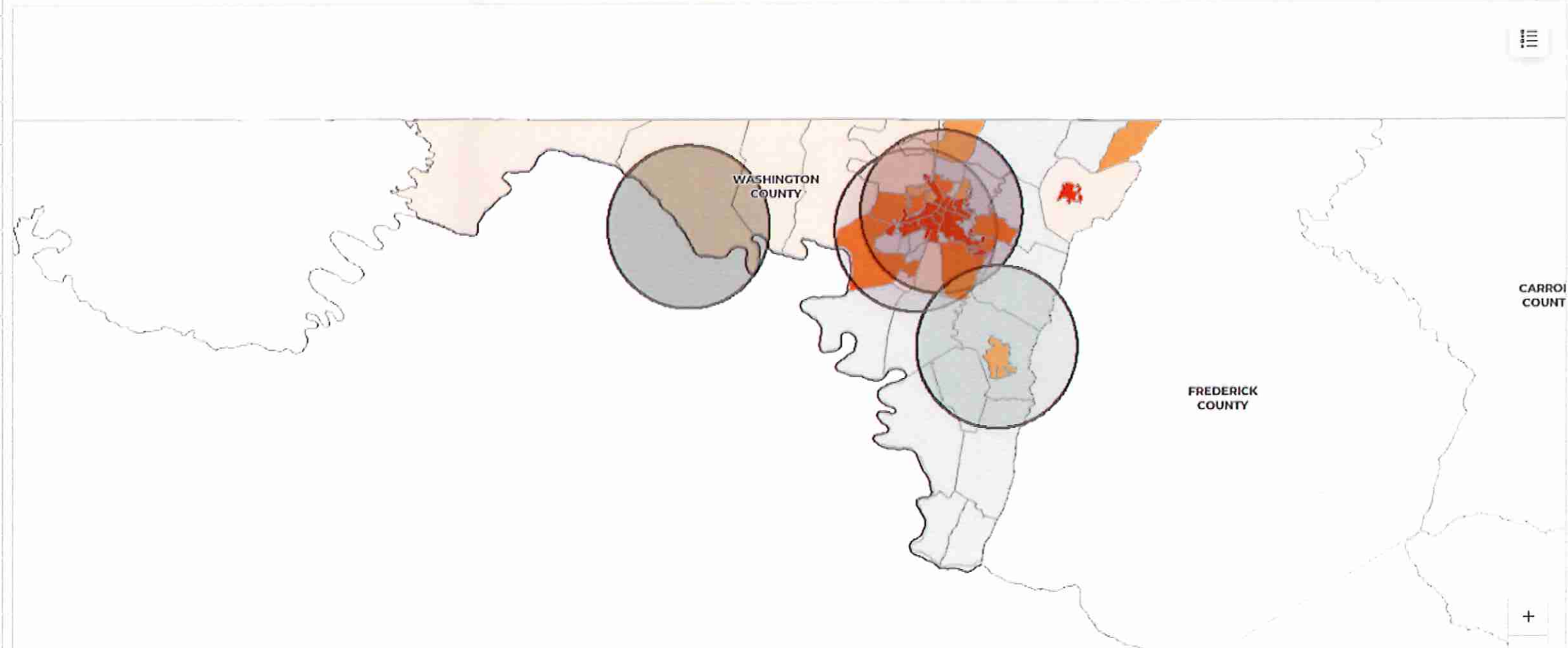
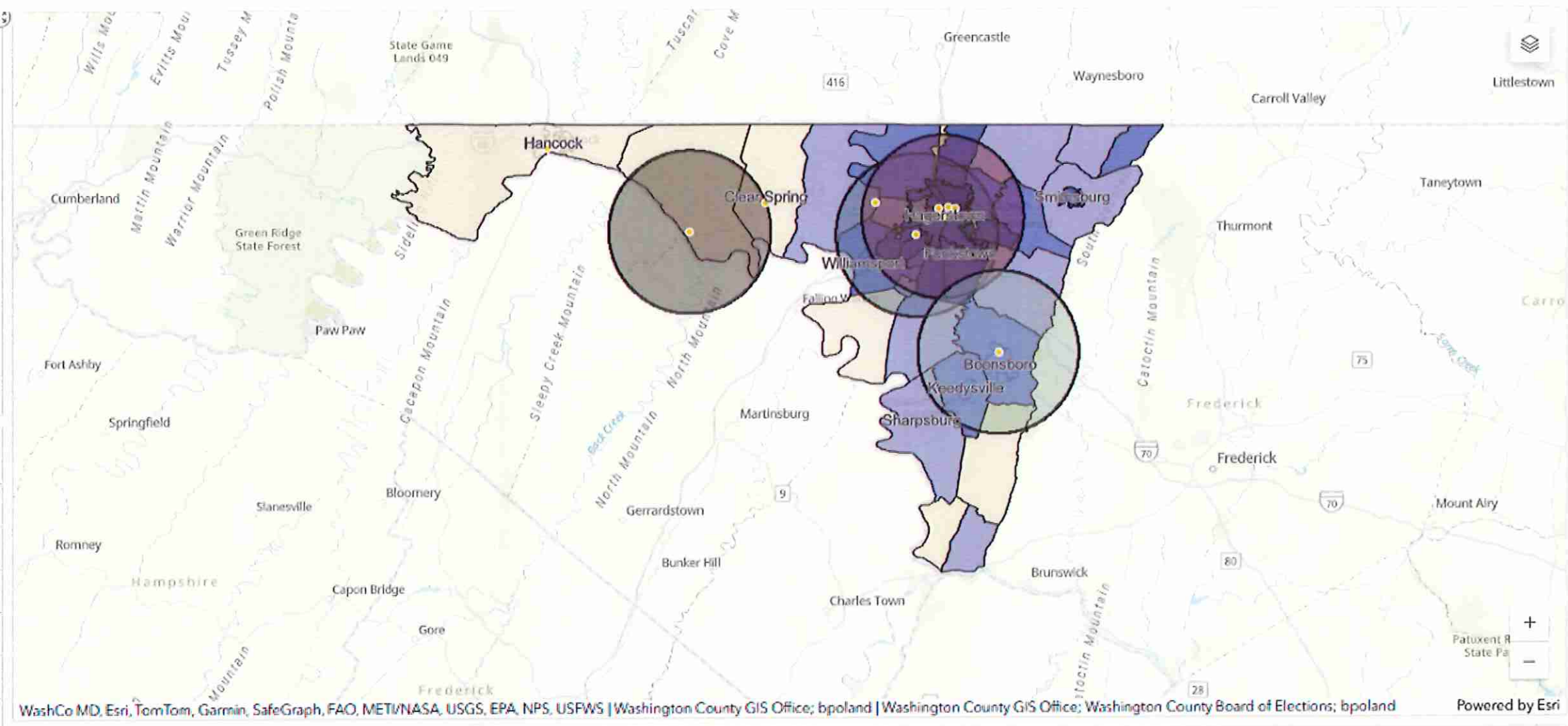
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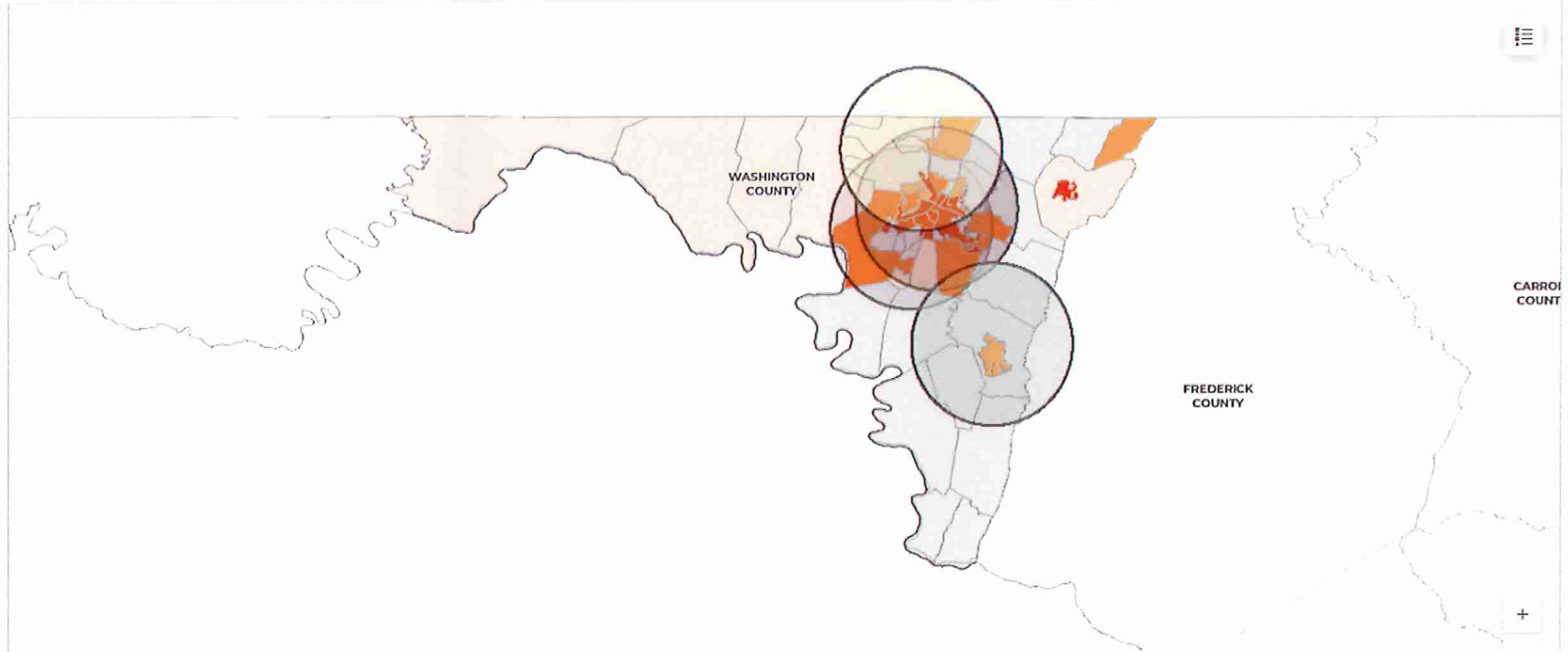
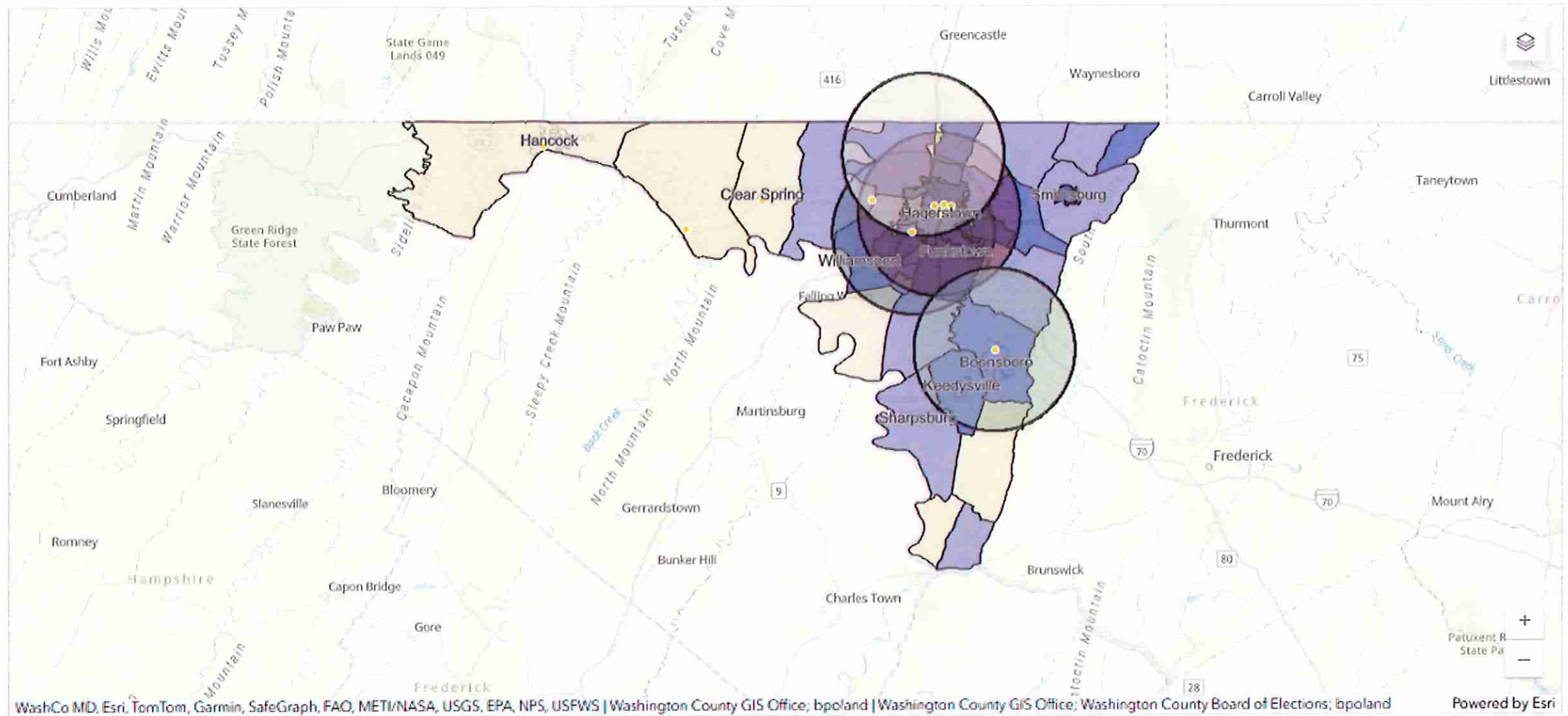
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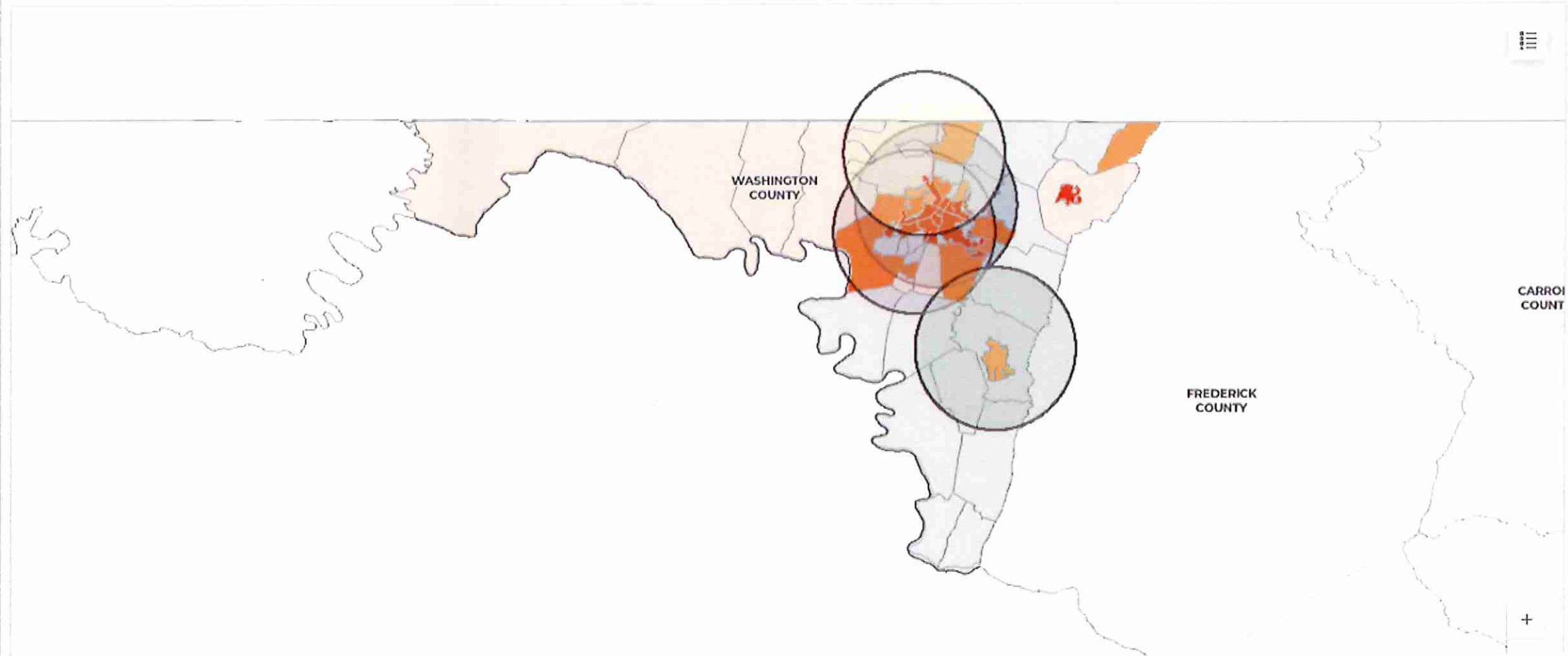
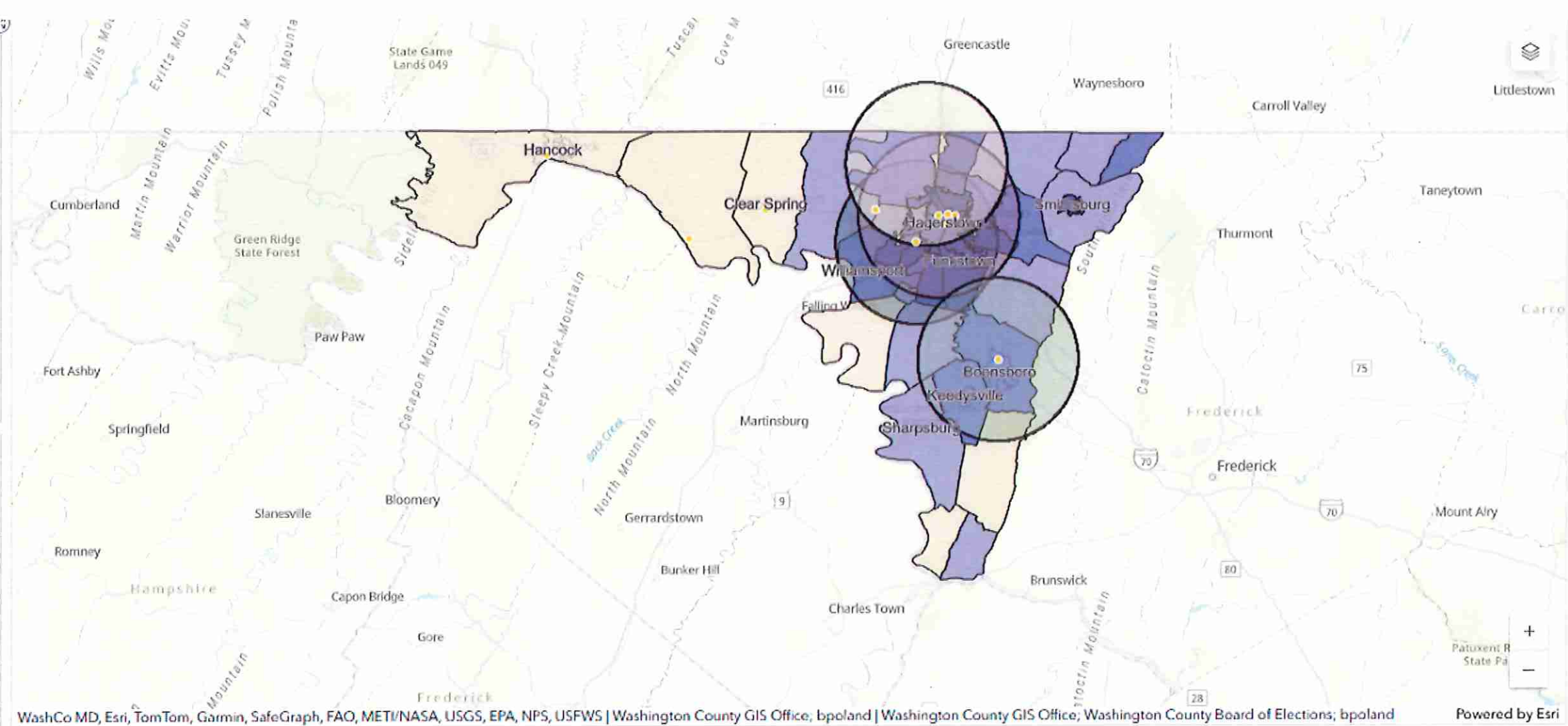
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ADDITIONS TO COUNTY REGISTRATION

METHOD	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL	EXACT	DUPES
By Mail	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
In Person	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Motor Vehicle Administration	130	118	2	4	177	10	441	441	0
Online Voter Registration	1	5	0	0	1	0	7	7	0
Social Security Administration	4	0	0	0	1	0	5	5	0
Social Services Agencies	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
State Designated Agencies	1	0	0	0	4	0	5	5	0
USPS Sticker	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	3	0
Volunteers	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
TOTAL	139	125	2	4	185	10	465	465	0

SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY ACTIVE STATUS

REASON	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Confirmation Mail Process-NVRA	88	146	0	1	72	8	315
Death Notice	24	55	0	0	11	2	92
Moved Out of State	0	1	0	0	3	0	4
Returned VNC	1	1	0	0	4	0	6
Voter Request	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Duplicate/Merged	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
County Transfer Out	27	21	0	0	26	2	76
TOTAL	141	224	0	1	116	12	494

AFFILIATION CHANGES

CHANGE	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
From	41	28	2	0	34	15	120
To	27	28	2	1	50	12	120
TOTAL	-14	0	0	1	16	-3	0

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**INACTIVE REGISTRATION
 SUBTRACTIONS FROM COUNTY INACTIVE STATUS**

REASON	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
Confirmation Notice	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
Death Notice	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Motor Vehicle Administration	10	9	0	0	14	1	34
Moved Out of State	11	23	0	0	3	1	38
Online Voter Registration	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
State Designated Agencies	1	0	0	0	1	1	3
Duplicate/Merged	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
County Transfer Out	6	4	0	0	5	0	15
TOTAL	30	39	0	0	24	3	96

CURRENT INACTIVE REGISTRATION

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
BEGINNING OF REPORT	2258	2418	16	15	2172	188	7067
* INACTIVATED (+)	88	146	0	1	72	8	315
*REACTIVATED (-)	-12	-10	0	0	-16	-2	-40
COUNTY TRANSFER OUT (-)	-6	-4	0	0	-5	0	-15
AFFILIATION CHANGES (+ OR -)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CANCELLED FROM INACTIVE (-)	-12	-25	0	0	-3	-1	-41
PENDING FROM INACTIVE (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INACTIVE	2316	2525	16	16	2220	193	7286

**TOTAL REGISTRATION RECORDS
 ACTIVE AND INACTIVE REGISTRATION**

ACTIVITY	DEM	REP	GRN	WCP	UNA	OTHERS	TOTAL
ACTIVE REGISTRATION	30605	45444	138	103	25069	1677	103036
INACTIVE REGISTRATION	2316	2525	16	16	2220	193	7286
TOTAL RECORDS	32921	47969	154	119	27289	1870	110322

Address Changes Within Jurisdiction
 Address Changes Statewide

287
 19973 Confirmation Mailings Sent

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