

Eligibility for the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit

To qualify for the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit, your property must meet one of the following requirements (language copied from the [Alternative Fuels Data Center](#)).

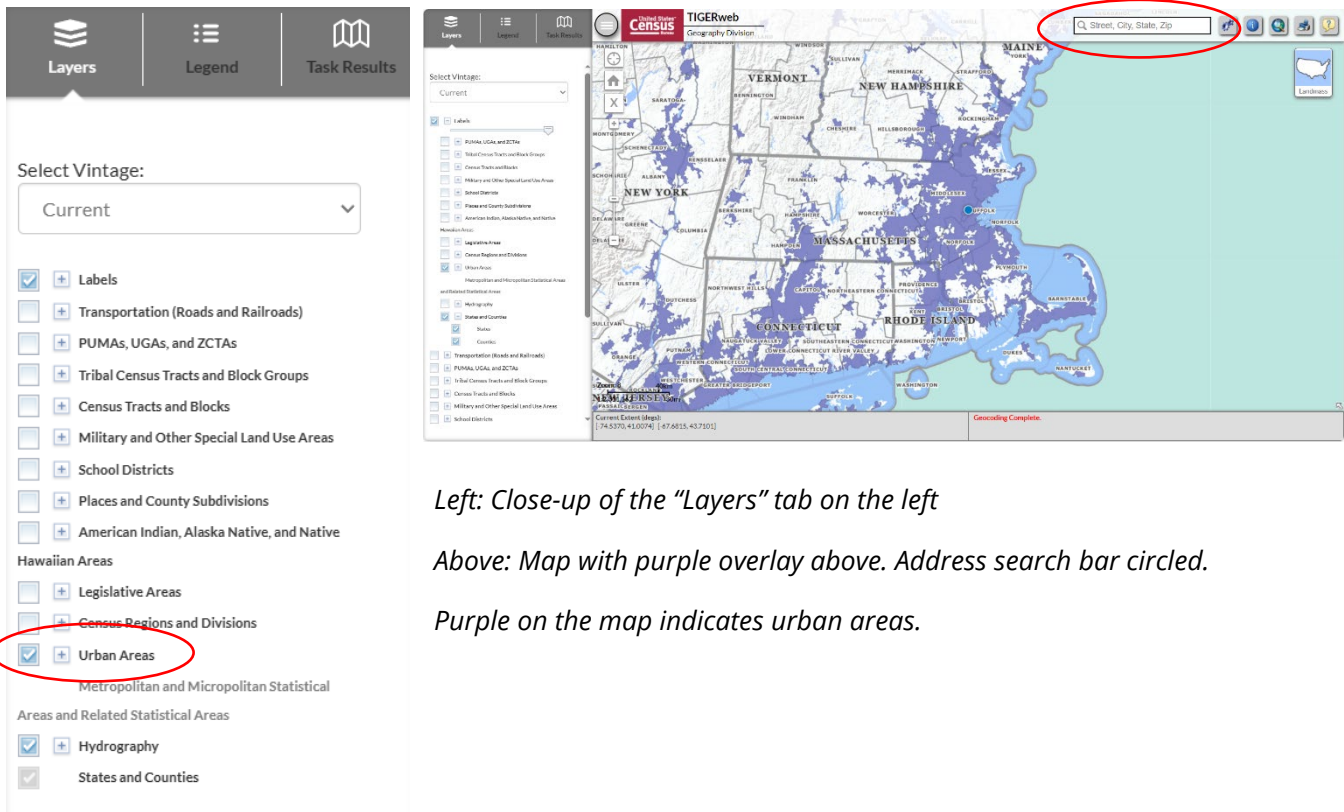
Qualified fueling equipment must be installed in locations that meet the following census tract requirements:

- *The census tract is not an urban area;*
- *A population census tract where the poverty rate is at least 20%; or*
- *Metropolitan and non-metropolitan area census tract where the median family income is less than 80% of the state medium family income level.*

To check if your property qualifies for the tax credit based on its location, follow the instructions below for Step A and Step B below.

Step A: Check if your property is in a census tract that is not an urban area.

1. Go to this webpage: <https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerweb/>
2. Under the “Layers” tab, check off “Urban Areas.” The map should now have a purple overlay.

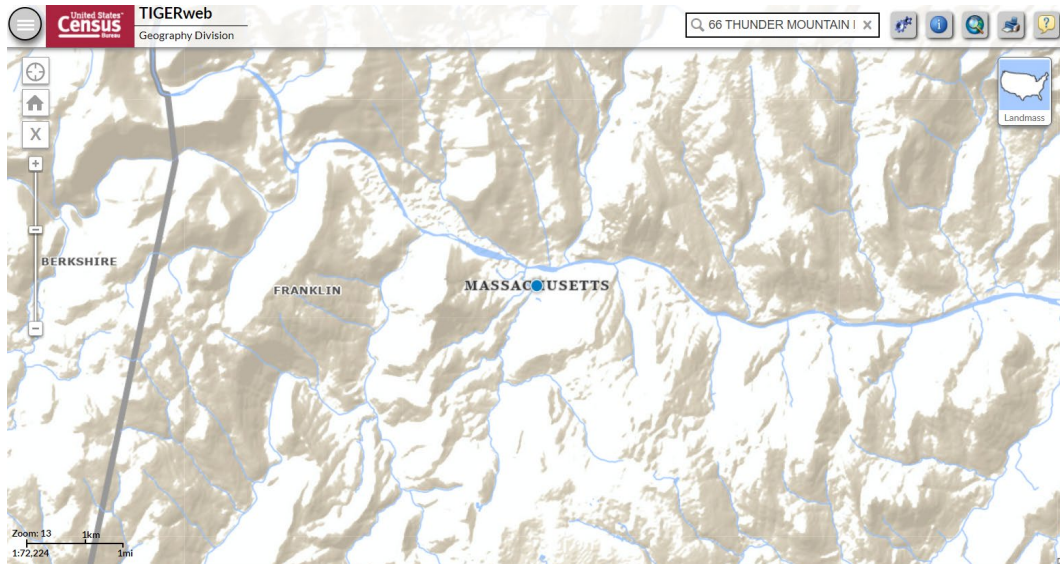


Left: Close-up of the “Layers” tab on the left

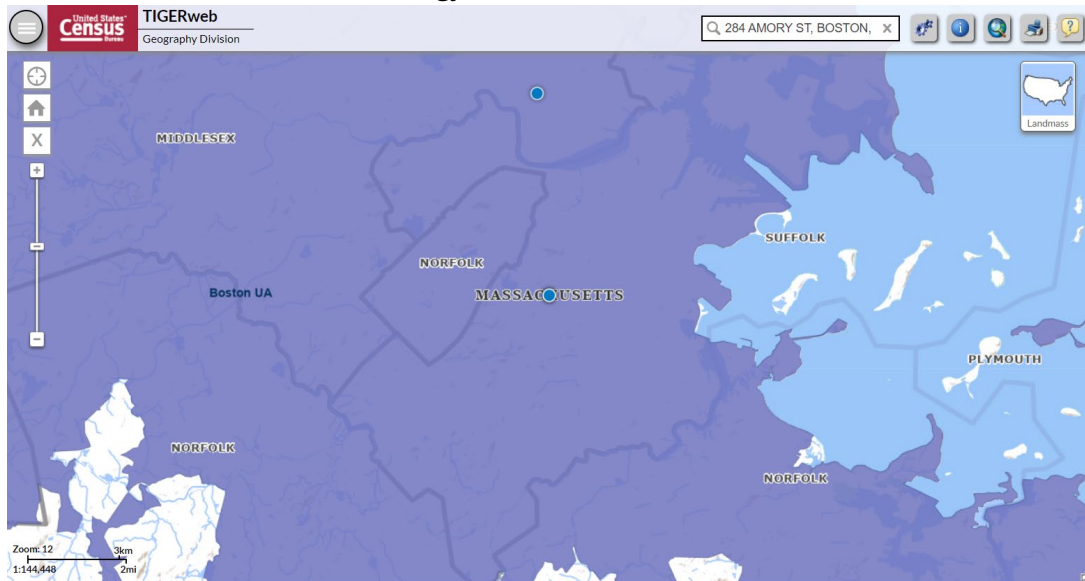
Above: Map with purple overlay above. Address search bar circled.

Purple on the map indicates urban areas.

3. Type in the address of your property in the top right-hand corner and hit "Return" on your keyboard. The website will prompt you with a formatted version of the address you typed in; click that. The webpage will zoom in on that address.
4. **If the area around your property is gray, *not* purple, then it is considered rural, not urban, and you qualify for the federal tax credit!** For example, here is a screenshot of an address in Charlemont, MA.



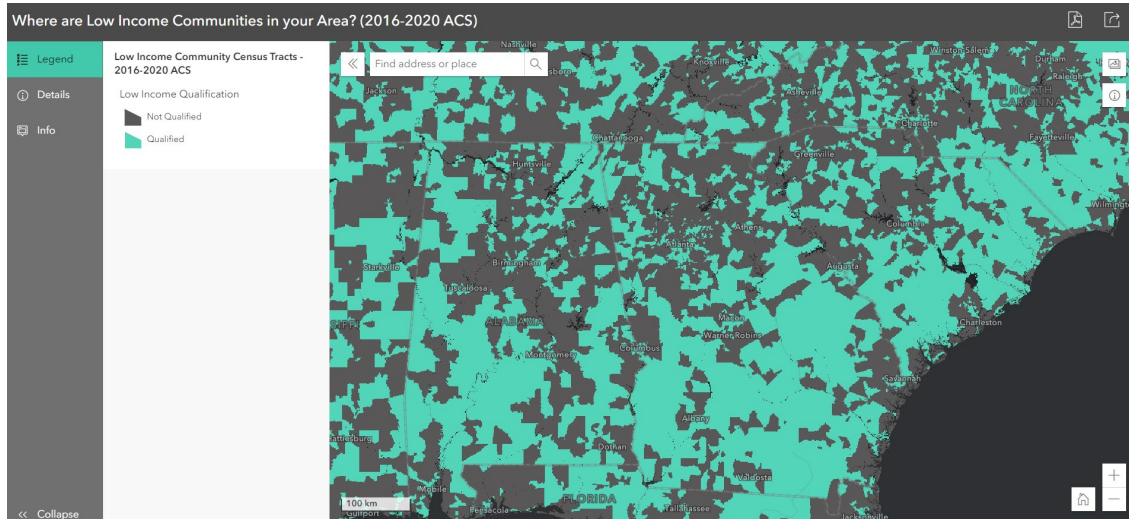
5. **If the area around your property is purple, then it is considered urban. To determine whether or not you qualify for the federal tax credit, move on to Step B.** For example, here is a screenshot of Green Energy Consumers Alliance's office in Jamaica Plain.



Step B: Check if your property is in a census tract that meets the income requirements.

The eligibility requirements for this tax credit has two definitions of “low-income”. Luckily, there’s one tool that will give you a simple yes/no answer to whether your property is located in a census tract that meets either requirement.

1. Go to this webpage: [Where are Low Income Communities in your Area? \(2016-2020 ACS\)](https://arcgis.com) (arcgis.com). You’ll see a map with green and gray sections. Green areas qualify as low-income; gray areas do not.



2. Type in your address in the address bar at the top and click the correct option that pops up in the drop-down menu.
3. **If the area around your property is green, then it is considered low-income and you qualify for the federal tax credit!** For example, here is a screenshot of Green Energy Consumers Alliance’s office in Providence.



4. If the area around your property is gray, then it is not considered low-income, and you do not qualify for the federal tax credit unless it is in a census tract that is considered rural (see Step A). For example, Green Energy Consumers Alliance's office in Jamaica Plain is neither in a rural census tract (see above) or a low-income census tract (see below).

