

MaryAnn's Computer Corner
MLXchange Frequently asked Questions - Search Map

If you have any questions about MLXchange functions or features, please email MaryAnn @ mbaer@marketlinx.com

1.Q: Why am I not getting listing results when I use the Area number with the Search Map area?

A: As an alternative to specifying your search area by entering area names or codes, MLXchange allows you to graphically define the area you want to search by using a dynamic mapping system. If you try to specify and **Area** using both search criteria and the Search Map feature, no matching listing will be found unless the two area overlap.

2.Q: Can I change the default map that comes up when I search using the Search Map Area?

A: Yes, you can set the search default map view to an area and zoom level you would find more useful. On the search screen, click on the **Search Map** tab located to the right of the Search Form tab, move the map to your preferred area and zoom in to the level you need. To save this view as your default, click on the **Set My View** button in the lower right corner of the map. The new view will be set as the default in all the property types and search templates.

3.Q: In MLXchange can I draw a circle around the area I want to search?

A: Yes, with the improved map search using the radius-based (Draw Circle) map searching option. From the search screen, click on the **Search Map** tab and click on the "Draw Circle" option. Place your mouse (you will see a cross hair icon) in the center of the area, **hold down** the left mouse button and move the mouse until the radius miles are achieved, than let go of the mouse button to set the area selected. You are able to enter a distance of .01 miles to infinity from the center point.

4.Q: In MLXchange can I draw a free-form area on the Map?

A: Yes, from the search screen click on the Search Map tab and select the **Draw Polygon** option. Place your mouse on the map and click 1 time to establish the first point. Move your mouse and click for each point you want to add to the shape (up to a maximum of 10 points), and click back on the first point (which appears as a blue dot) to set the final search area. The boundary line turns blue and the interior is shaded. Click on the (x) to quickly clear the polygon.

5.Q: On the Map, what is the difference between the Map View and the Bird's Eye View?

A: The **Map View** is the default in MLXchange. It contains a **Road** (2D road map), **Aerial** (aerial photo) or **Hybrid** (aerial photo with road map overlays). To zoom in on the entire map you can use the zoom controls on the slider bar or place your mouse on the map and double click to zoom into a specific area. Click the **Locator** button in the top right corner to open the Locator dialog box, which allows you to search for an **Address, MLS Number, Zip/Postal code** or **Business/Point of Interest**.

When choosing the **Bird's Eye View**, you can see the search area displayed as a satellite view using Microsoft's Virtual Earth™ technology. It uses the same zoom features and Locator button as the Map View but contains N, E, S, W controls - change the map's direction.