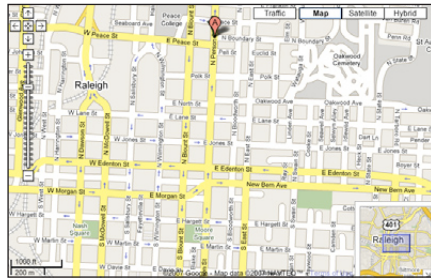


6.9 MAP YOUR COMMUNITY

DIRECTIONS: Pick a spot in your community — a school, the capitol building, town hall or even your house — and create a map that could serve as an infographic to accompany a story if that building suddenly became news. Keep your map simple, but put the building in context. As Tim Harrower says in chapter 6, “Assume your readers are lost.... [I]nclude any familiar landmarks — cities, rivers, highways, shopping malls — that help readers get their bearings.”



- 1 Find a recent, reliable source map. Even an online map such as Google Maps can be useful.
- 2 In software such as Adobe Illustrator or even Adobe InDesign, trace all key roads and items of interest.
- 3 Finish map according to your paper's graphic style. Don't forget to add attribution when appropriate.

