## Quick guide to the <u>Vulnerability Analysis – Southern Windsor County</u> web map

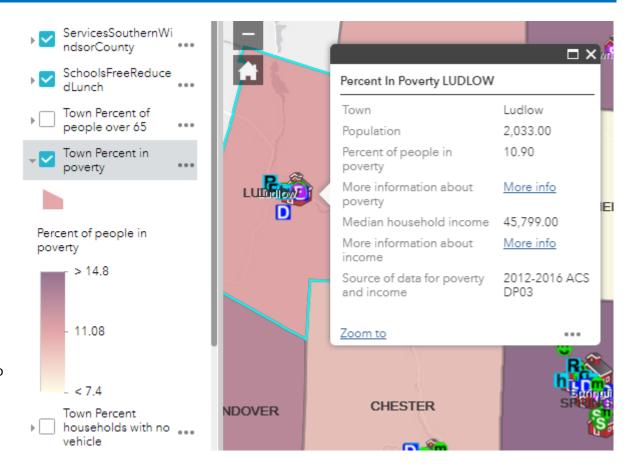
The Vulnerability Analysis map is a tool to help visualize the relative vulnerability of populations in different parts of the Southern Windsor County Region. The map draws together various vulnerability measures in three different themes – Health, Resources and Food.

Click on the boxes in the "Operational Layer" window on the left so that different types of information will show in the map window. For example; we've defaulted 'Town Percent in poverty' to be clicked by default.

If you click on a town in the map you'll get a pop-up window that lists details about Ludlow according to what data "layers" are clicked "on" — for example, what percentage of people within the town are in poverty, along with other demographic information.

Click on the 'More info' in blue text which is a hyperlink to a website or an infographic online.

See the next page for more information about how to navigate the web map.



## **Hexagon Analysis:**

We identified 17 types of services that a population might need. We divided these among 3 categories – Health, Food and Resources – and ran analysis to find out how well served areas of the region area are.

This is how we did it:

- Each type of service was assigned a relative value score from 0-10, with the resources of highest value getting a 10 (eg hospital and grocery store)
- A buffer was created for each service at both 4 and 8 miles.
- The ArcGIS software then calculated how many buffers overlap with the hexagons to assign a score. Each hexagon has an area of 5 square miles.
- Then the score was inversed so the better served areas show as more transparent/ lighter color.

