Helpful Hint— How to Incorporate a Buffer into a Practices (polygons) Layer

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PURPOSE

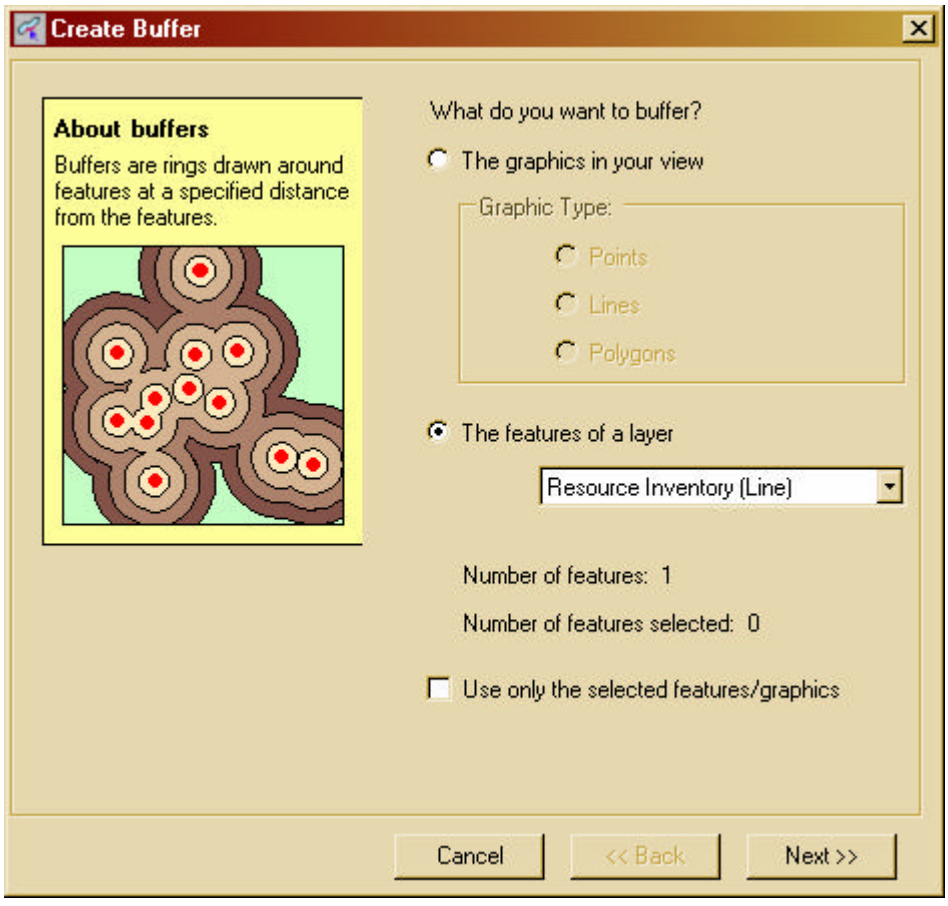
These instructions explain how to use the Buffer tool to make a practice polygon.

INSTRUCTIONS

Create a Practice (polygon) layer by using the New Toolkit Layer button. Even though you have not added any polygon features, point to Editor and Stop Editing.

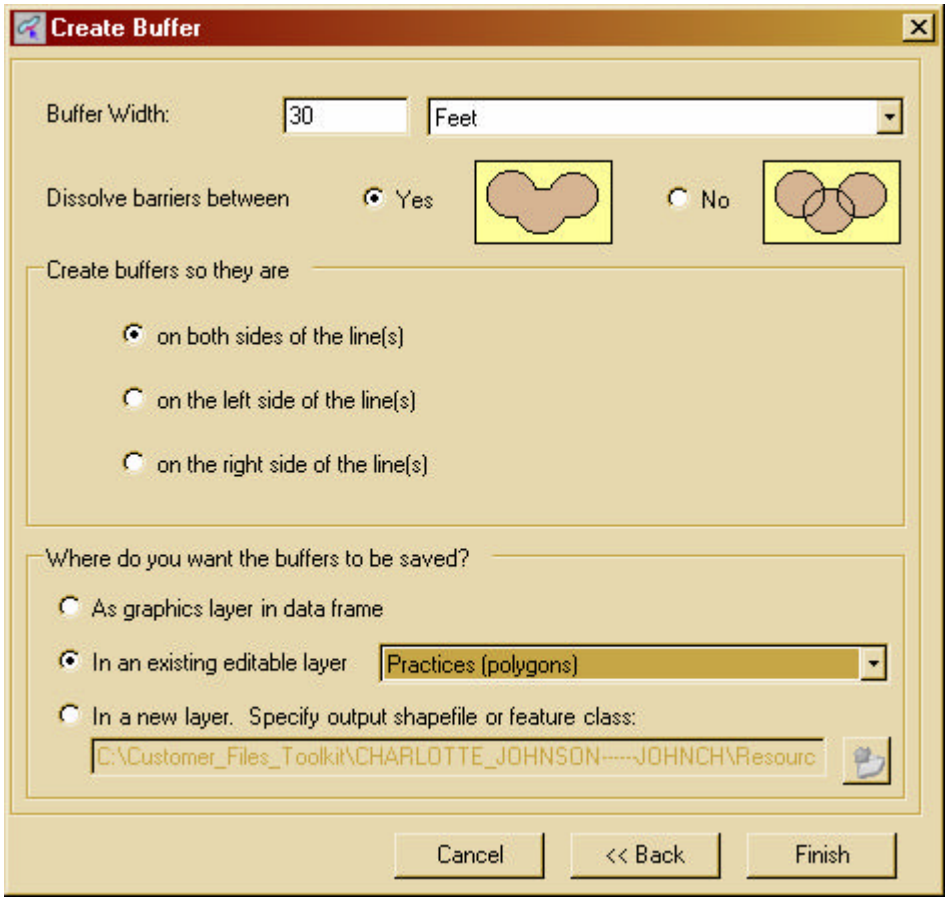
Example 1: Use the New Toolkit Layer button to make a Resource Inventory (Line) along the draw to be buffered. (This step may be skipped if you are making a buffer using a field boundary.)

Click on the Buffer Tool to start the buffer wizard.



If you did not select the Resource Inventory Line, be sure to uncheck the box next to "Use only the selected features/graphics." If you have more than one Resource Inventory Line, select it and keep the check mark beside "Use only the selected features graphics." Click Next

Enter the buffer width for one side of the buffer.

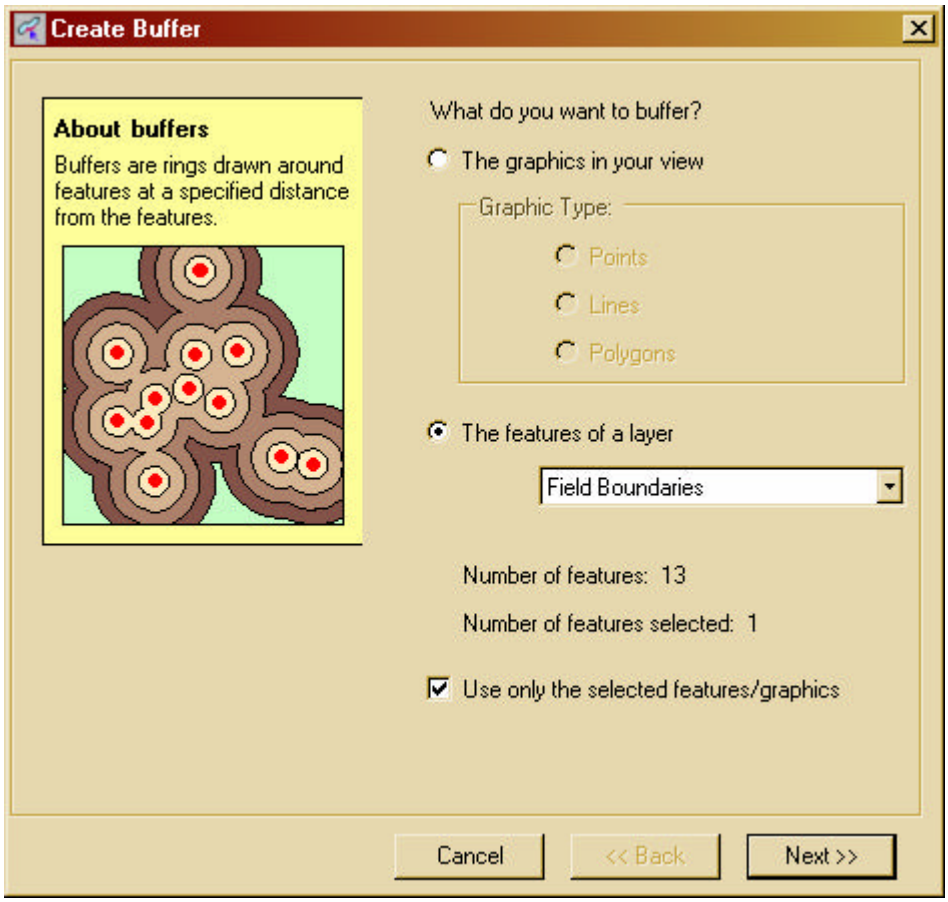


Turn on the radio button beside "In an existing editable layer" and select the Practice (polygon) layer from the pull down list. Click Finish.

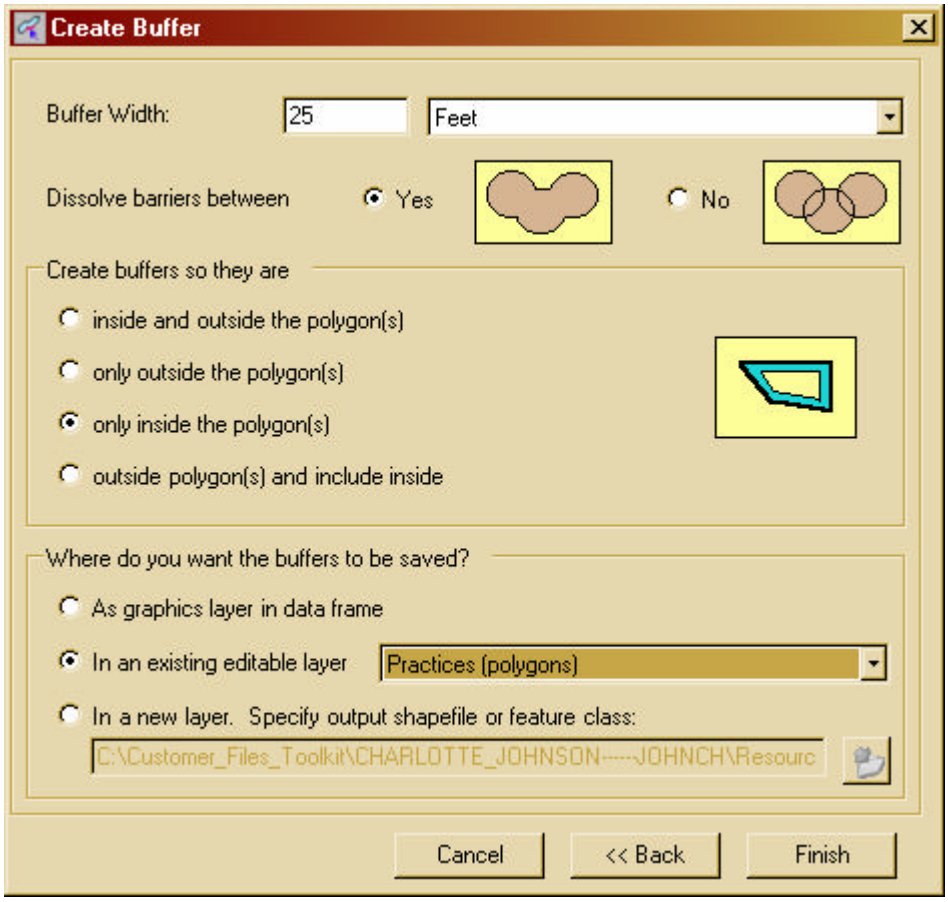
The resulting Practice polygon may need to be edited to remove ends of the buffer which may be outside of the tract. Be sure to attribute the Practices (polygon) layer and select the appropriate practice.

Example 2: Select a field from the Planned Land Unit layer to buffer.

Click on the Buffer Tool to start the buffer wizard.



Enter the buffer width for one side of the buffer and decide how you want them created. Select to save the buffers in the Practices (polygons) layer. Click Finish.



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