

Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA)

What is LUCA? It is the only opportunity offered to tribal, state, and local governments to review and comment on the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list for their jurisdiction prior to the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach every living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the census. Communities should be interested in LUCA to help ensure an accurate decennial census count.

An accurate count helps the federal government annually allocate more than \$675 billion across 26 federal agencies for tribal, state and local government programs and services. An accurate count also helps communities plan for future needs.

Last summer, CCRPC offered to assist with the LUCA address review. Seven-member-municipalities accepted the offer. Those towns: Colchester, Essex, Essex Junction, Jericho, Milton, Shelburne and Underhill filled out the required paperwork to appoint CCRPC staff members, Pam Brangan or Melanie Needle, as their liaison and reviewer of the Census provided addresses.

CCRPC received the LUCA data from the Census Bureau mid-March and were given 90 days to complete the review. Using ArcGIS, staff reviewed the address lists provided by the Census Bureau checking for accuracy of location, address number and street name. Staff used the following resources to check the accuracy of the census address lists: CCRPC housing dataset, e911 sites dataset, DMV, utility, grand list and/or assessor data as well as local knowledge. All address additions, corrections or deletions were completed and submitted back to the Census Bureau the first week of July. CCRPC's effort across the seven municipalities resulted in an average increase of 13% for corrected or new addresses. Below is a breakdown of the approximate increase by town:

Colchester: 15% increase in residential addresses

Essex: 6% increase in residential addresses

Essex Junction: 21% increase in residential addresses

Jericho: 16% increase in residential addresses

Milton: 15% increase in residential addresses

Shelburne: 11% increase in residential addresses

Underhill: 15% increase in residential addresses