Selecting features in a 2D view or 3D scene

- 1 Activate either a 2D view or 3D scene.
- 2 Activate the theme from which you wish to select features.
- 3 Press the Select tool on the left side of the toolbar of the ArcView application window when a view is active, or press on the left side of the control bar of the 3D viewer when a 3D scene is active.
- 4 In an active view, move the mouse into the view window, then draw a box around the desired feature by clicking the mouse button to the upper left of the feature and dragging the cursor to the lower right until the feature is encompassed by the box. In an active 3D scene, move the cursor into the 3D scene viewer over the desired feature and click the left mouse button.

All views and 3D scene viewers have a Select tool. A selected feature will be redrawn in the current selection highlight color. If you select another feature, the first one will become unselected. However, you can add to a selection by pressing down the shift key while clicking the left mouse button.

In a view, multiple features can be selected with a single selection box if the features are in the same geographic location.

If multiple viewers exist for a 3D scene and each one of them displays the theme from which the features are being selected, then the selected features will be drawn in the same highlighted color in all of the 3D viewers.

In 3D scenes, as in views, you can also select features either by highlighting records in a theme's feature-attribute table or by building a query. Features that correspond to the selected records will be automatically displayed in the current highlight color.