# QGIS Application - Bug report #21865 Can't add 538 redistricting shapefile as vector layer

2019-04-17 02:31 AM - Hank Tucker

Status: Closed Priority: High

Assignee:

Category: Vectors

Affected QGIS version: 3.4.3

Operating System:

Pull Request or Patch shapplied:

Crashes QGIS or corrupts data:

Regression:

No

Resolution:

invalid

Copied to github as #: 29680

#### Description

I'm trying to add shapefiles from the Atlas of Redistricting on FiveThirtyEight as vector layers to QGIS for a class project. For example, one I want is the NC-Compact shapefile, and I'm also downloading the corresponding shx, prj and dbf files into the same folder. But when I try to add the shapefile to my QGIS project, it says "Invalid Data Source: /Users/hanktucker/Desktop/NC Compact/NC-Compact.shp is not a valid or recognized data source." Why is this?

#### History

## #1 - 2019-04-17 08:08 AM - Giovanni Manghi

- Resolution set to invalid
- Status changed from Open to Closed

ogrinfo reports that it cannot read/open the shapefile, so it is normal it won't open in QGIS. The vector has issues of its own, not a QGIS issue.

Try:

ogrinfo -so NC-Compact.shp NC-Compact

### **Files**

NC-Compact (1).prj	57.9 KB	2019-04-17	Hank Tucker
NC-Compact (1).dbf	55.6 KB	2019-04-17	Hank Tucker
NC-Compact (1).shx	55.6 KB	2019-04-17	Hank Tucker
NC-Compact (1).shp	55.6 KB	2019-04-17	Hank Tucker
NC-Compact (2).cpg	57.5 KB	2019-04-17	Hank Tucker
NC-Compact.drf	1.33 MB	2019-04-17	Hank Tucker

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