

# How the Proposed Magisterial Districts and Voter Precincts Were Developed

Jefferson County Commission  
Public Hearing on Redistricting  
November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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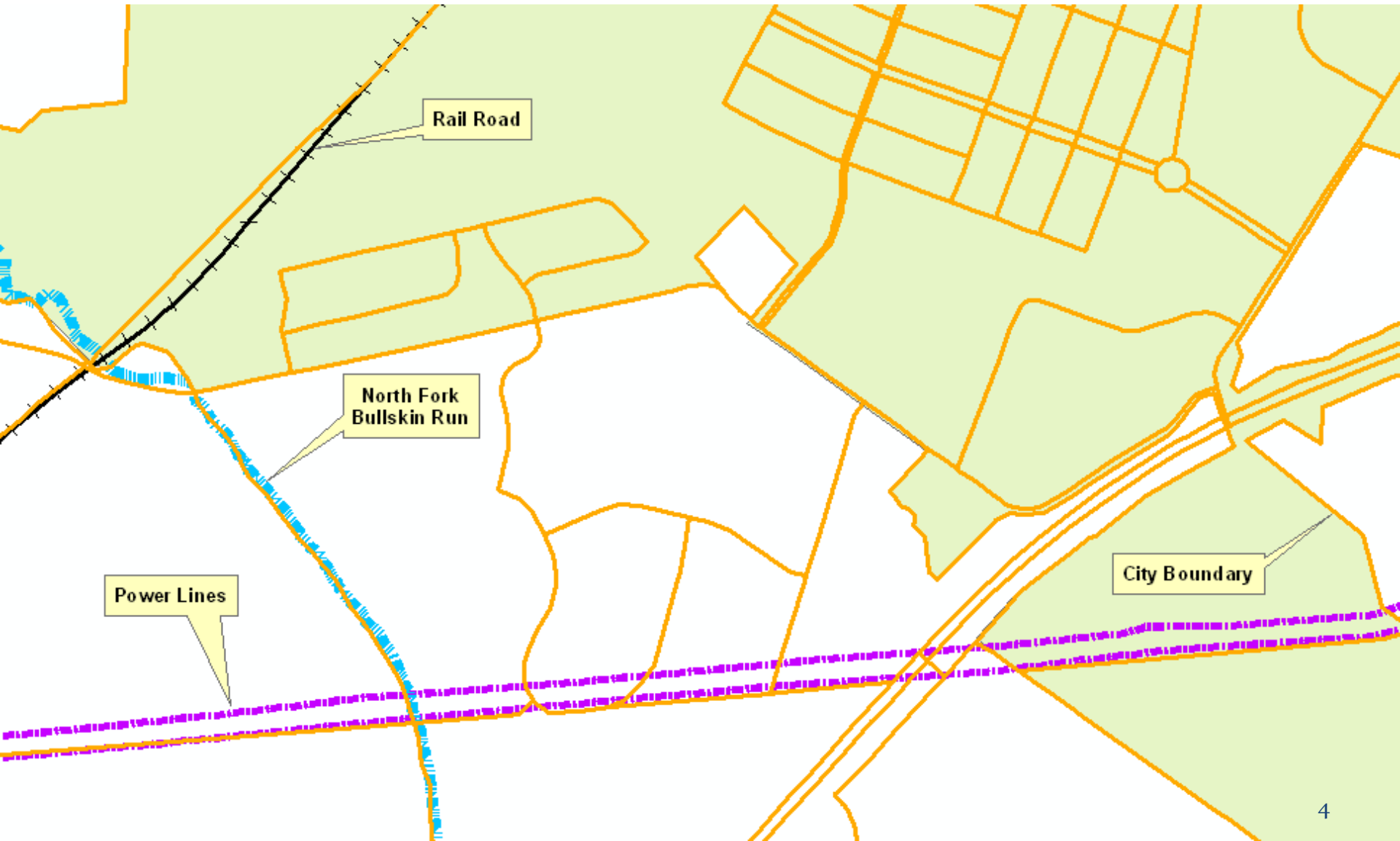
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- Smallest geographic unit used by USCB
- Enumerated by population
- Typically bounded by streets in urban areas but may be bounded by streams, rivers, railroads, power lines, trails, city borders, etc

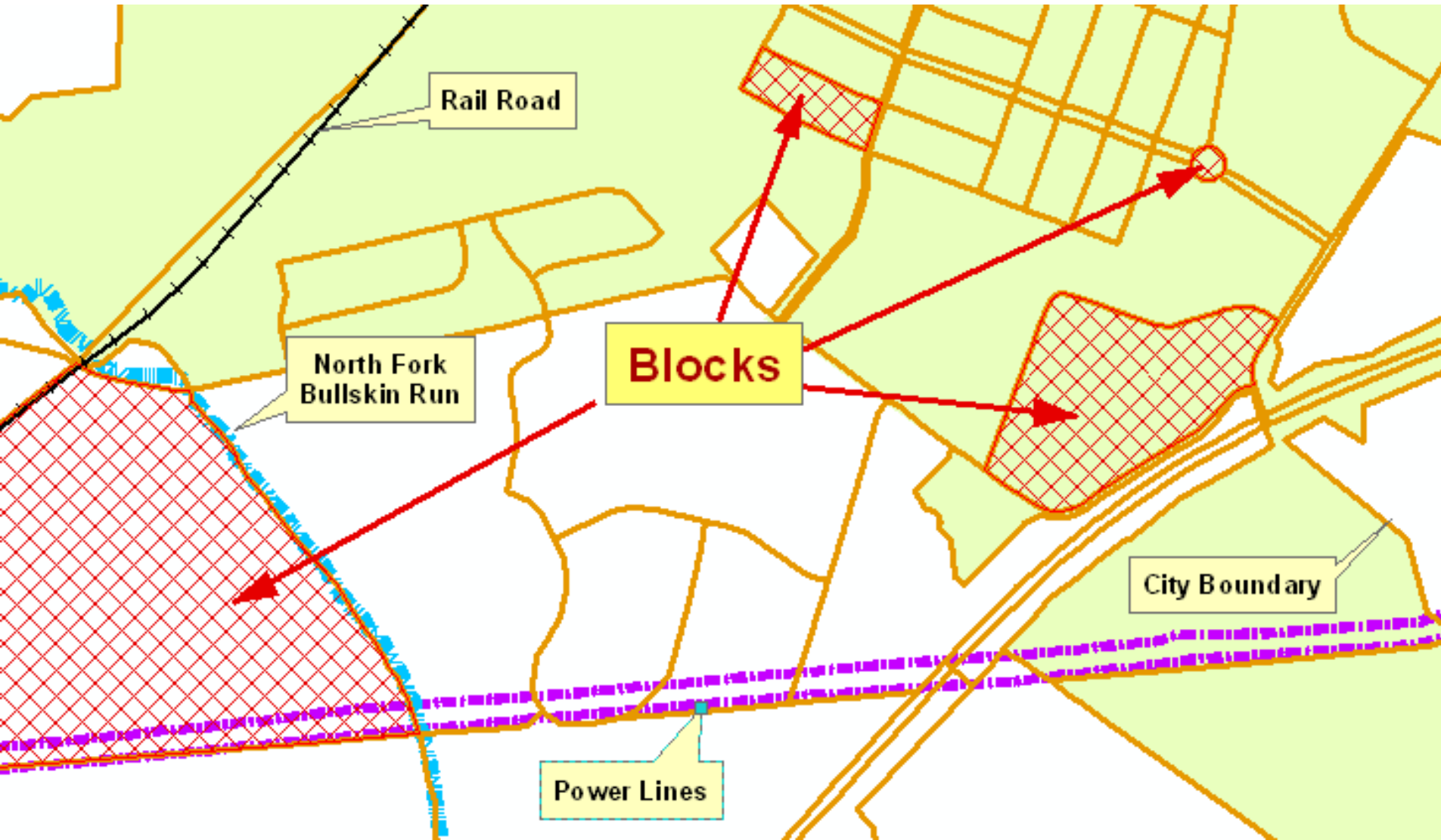
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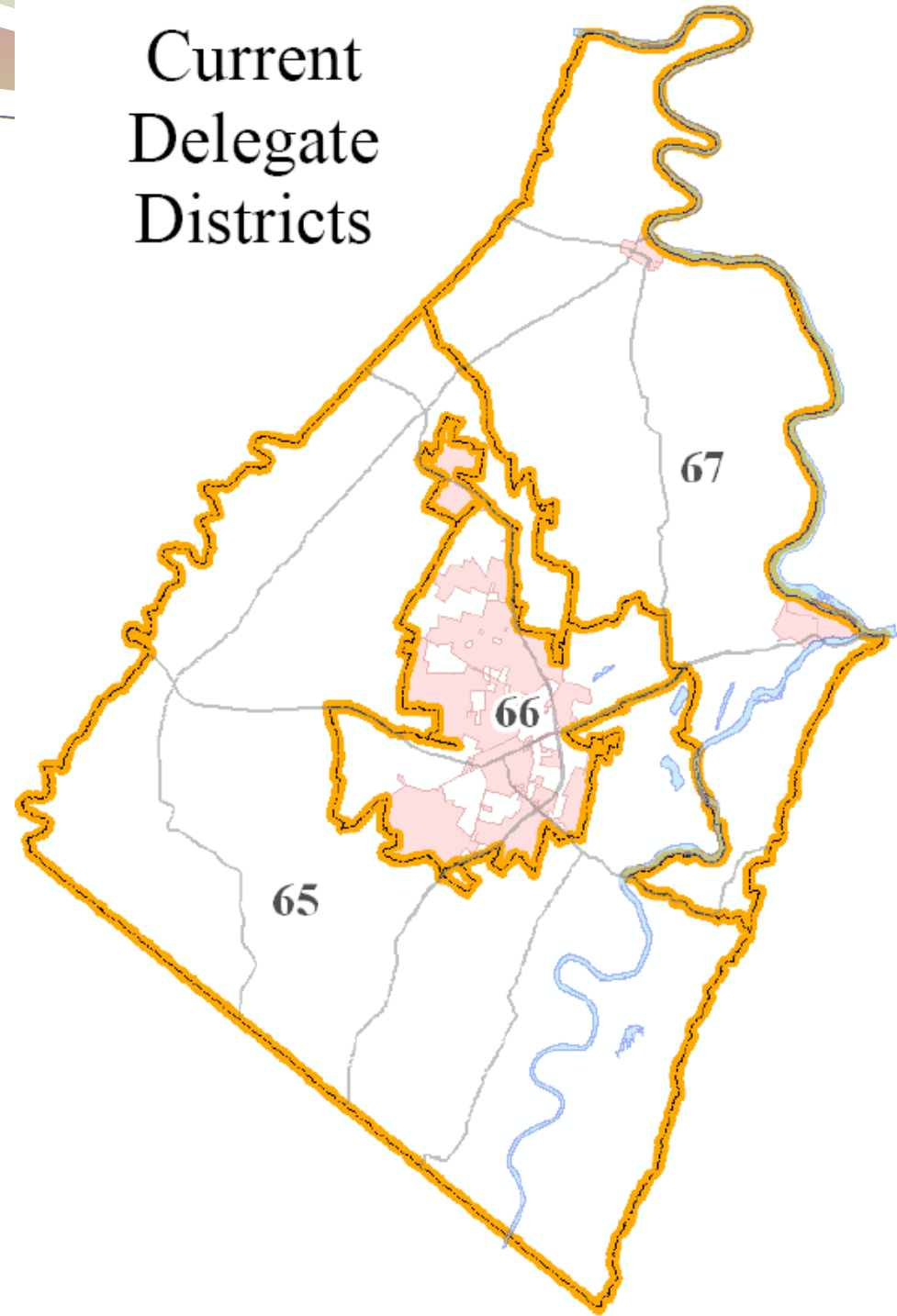
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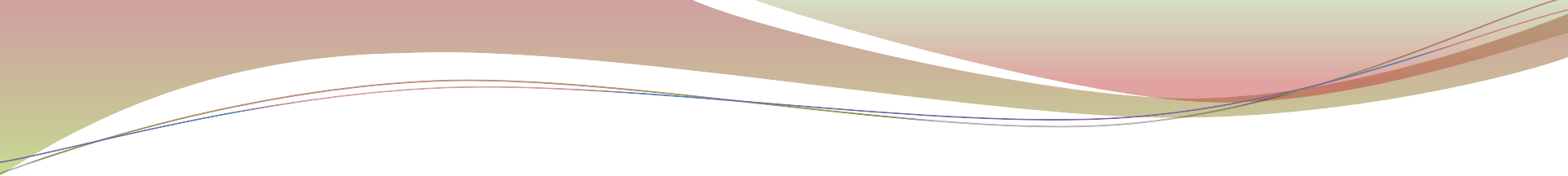
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# Current Delegate Districts



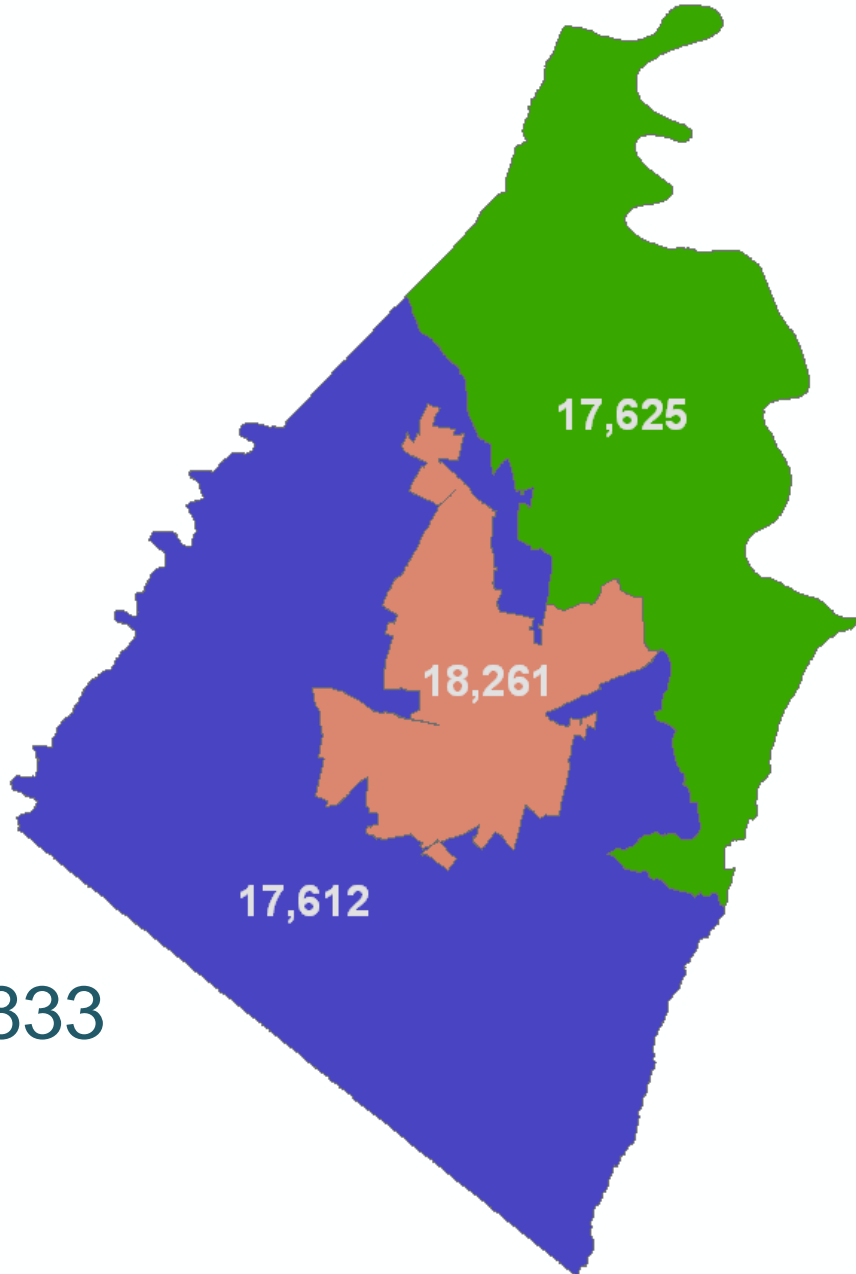
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- Received Data Late August 2011

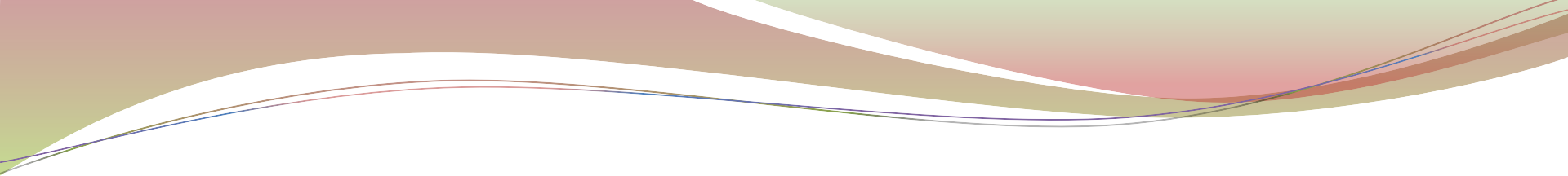
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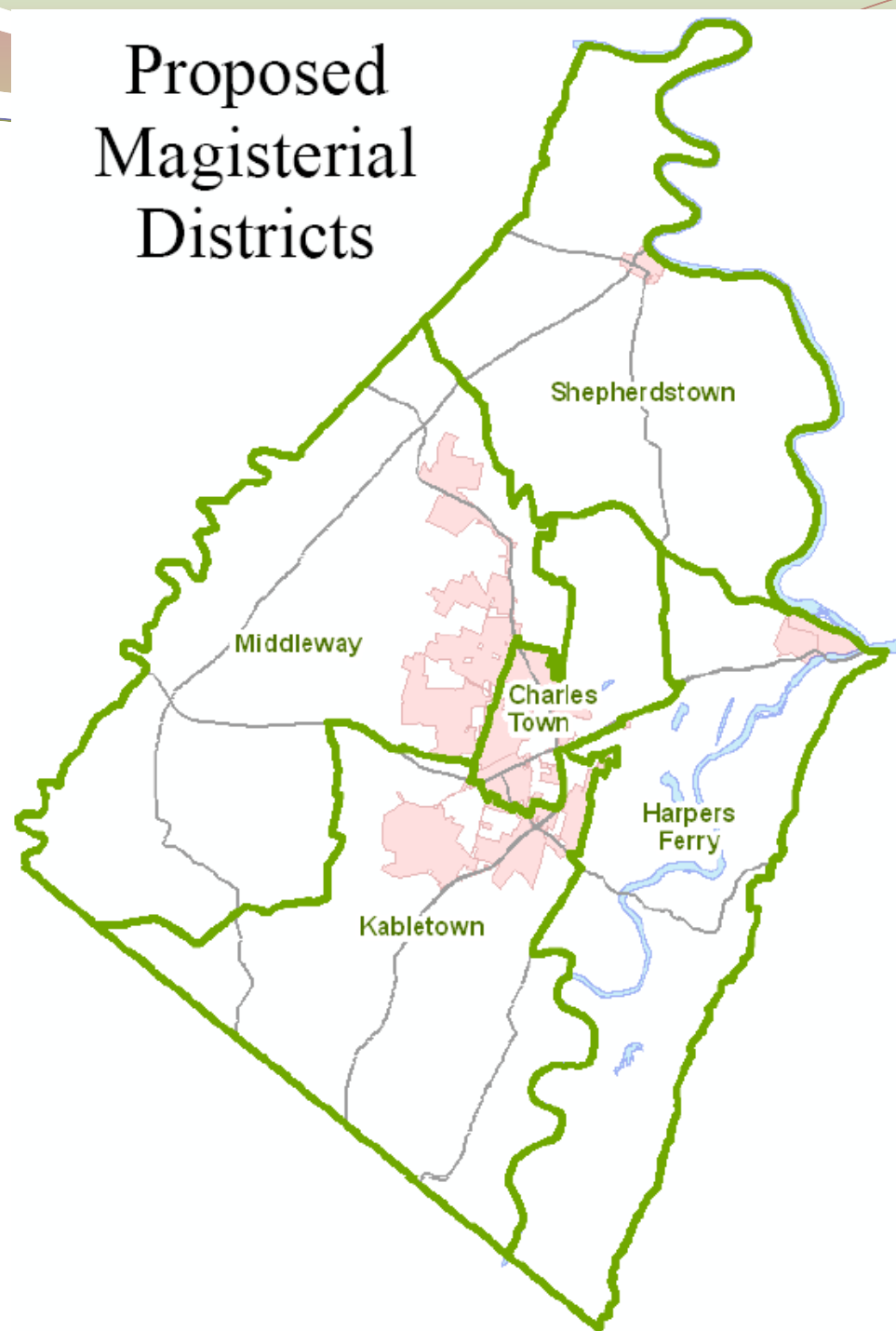
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County Population = 53,498  
Target avg per District = 17,833

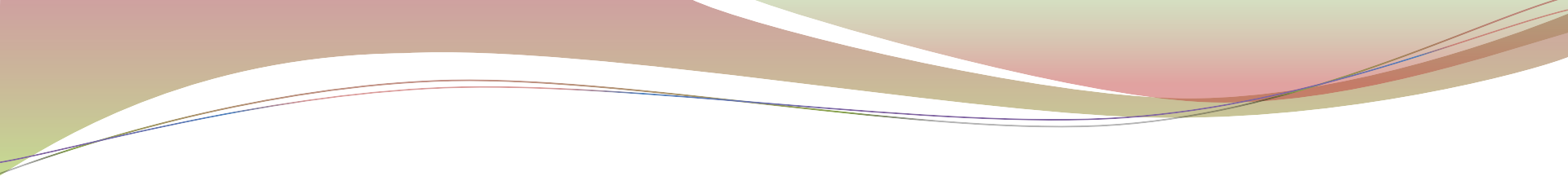
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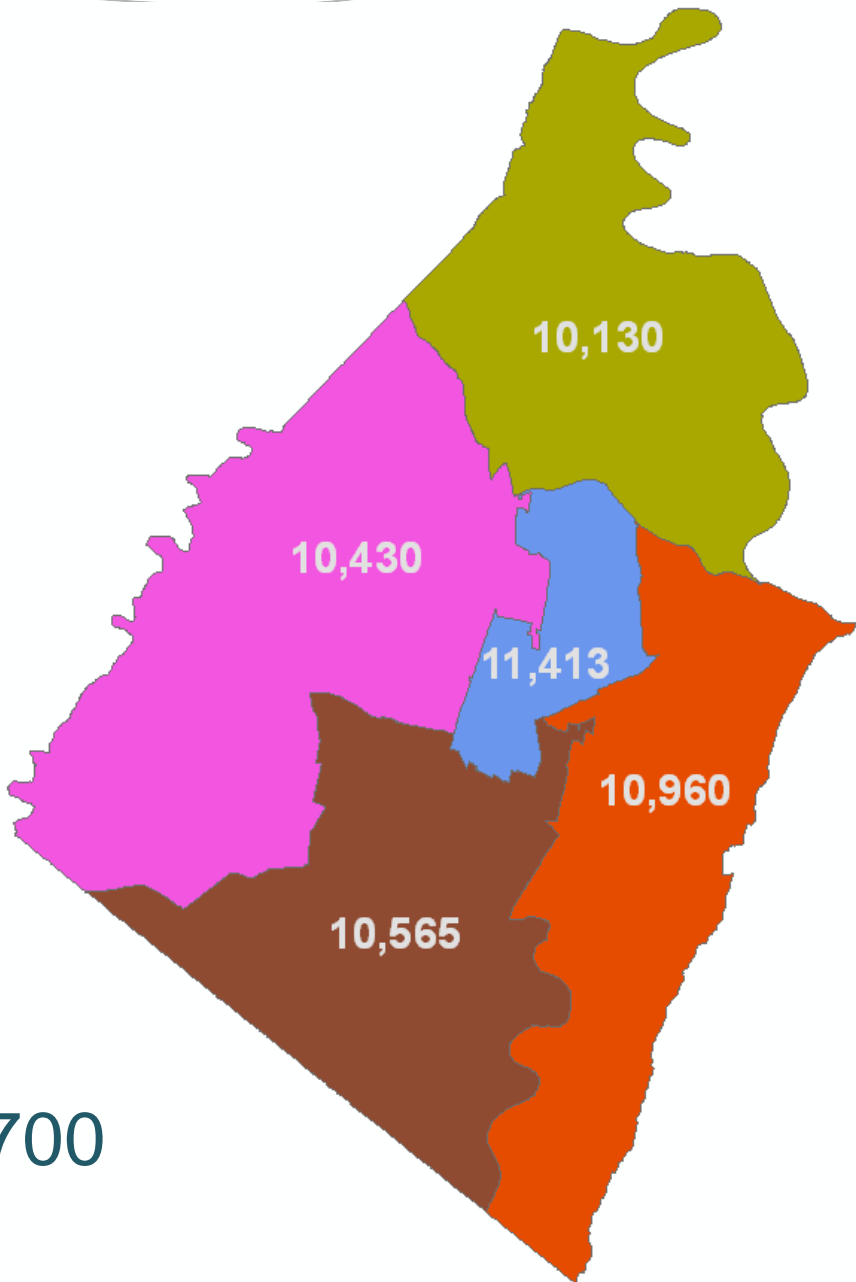


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- Proposed for Public Review on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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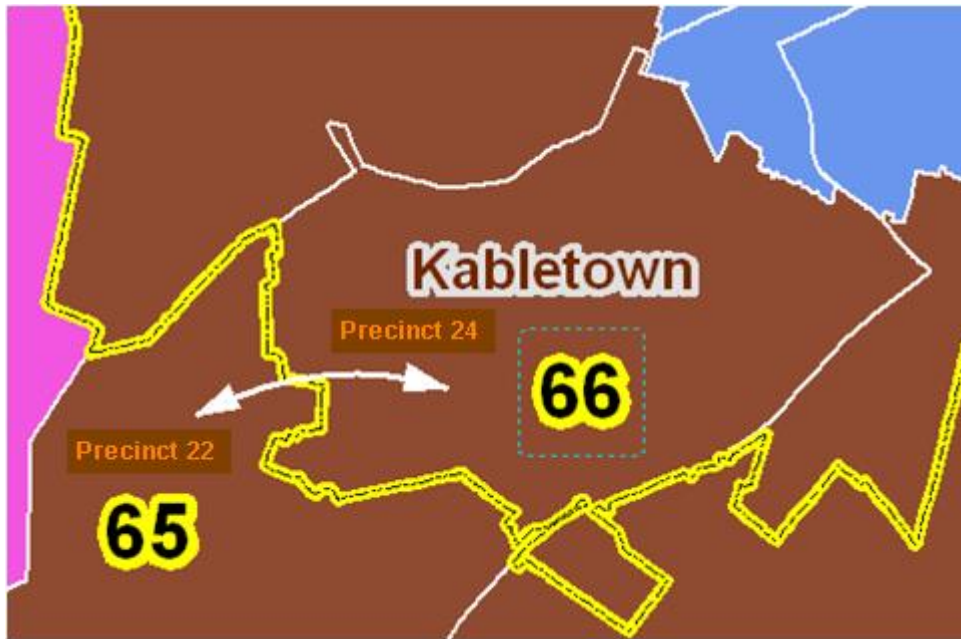
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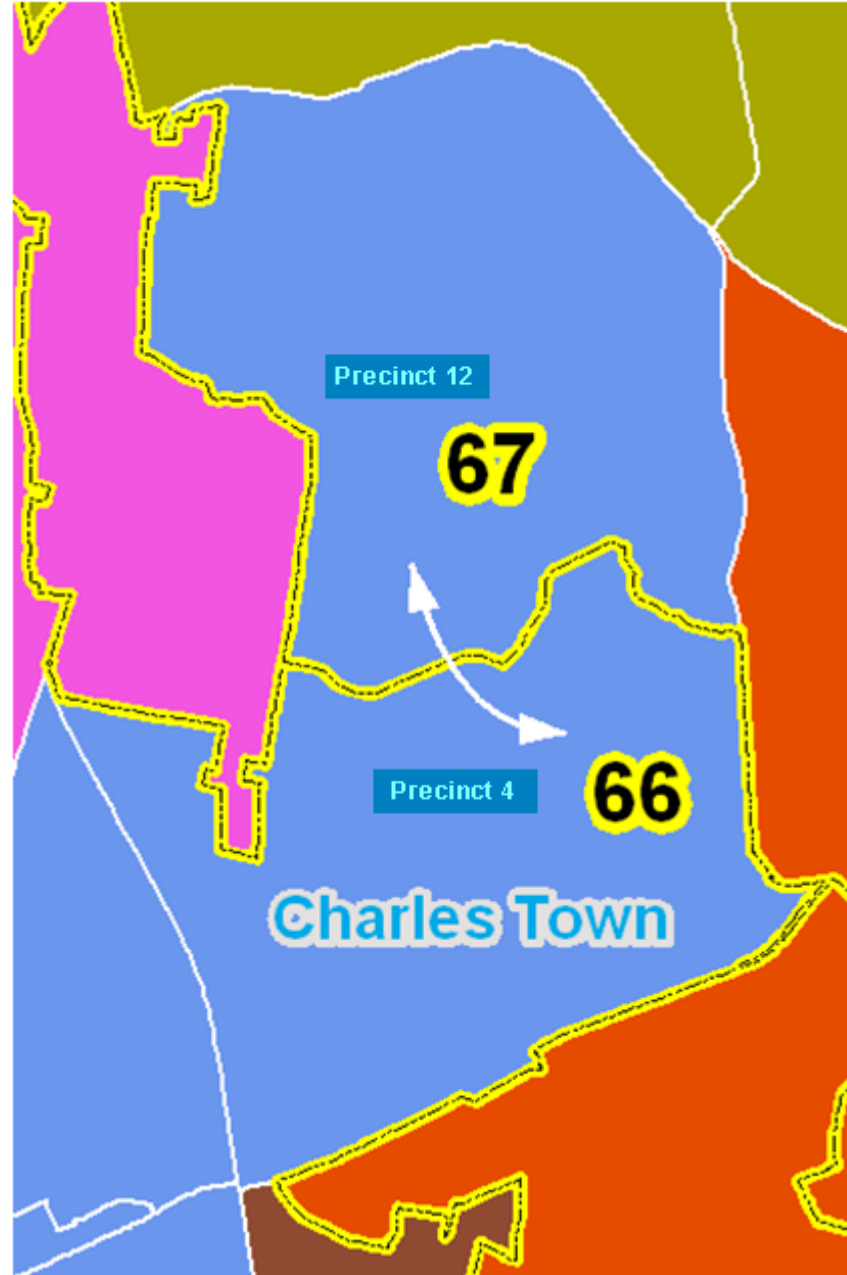
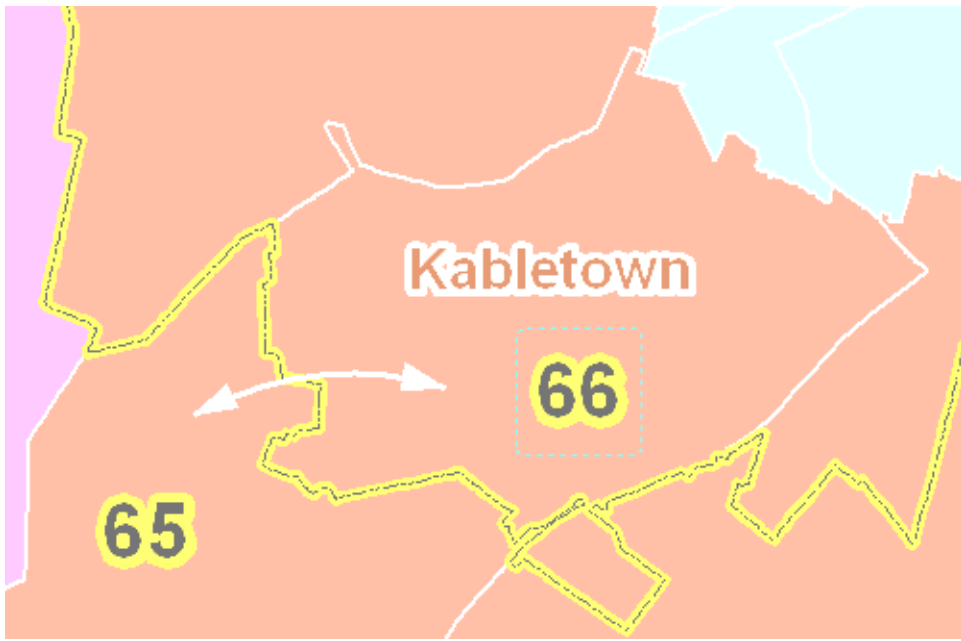
Target avg per District = 10,700

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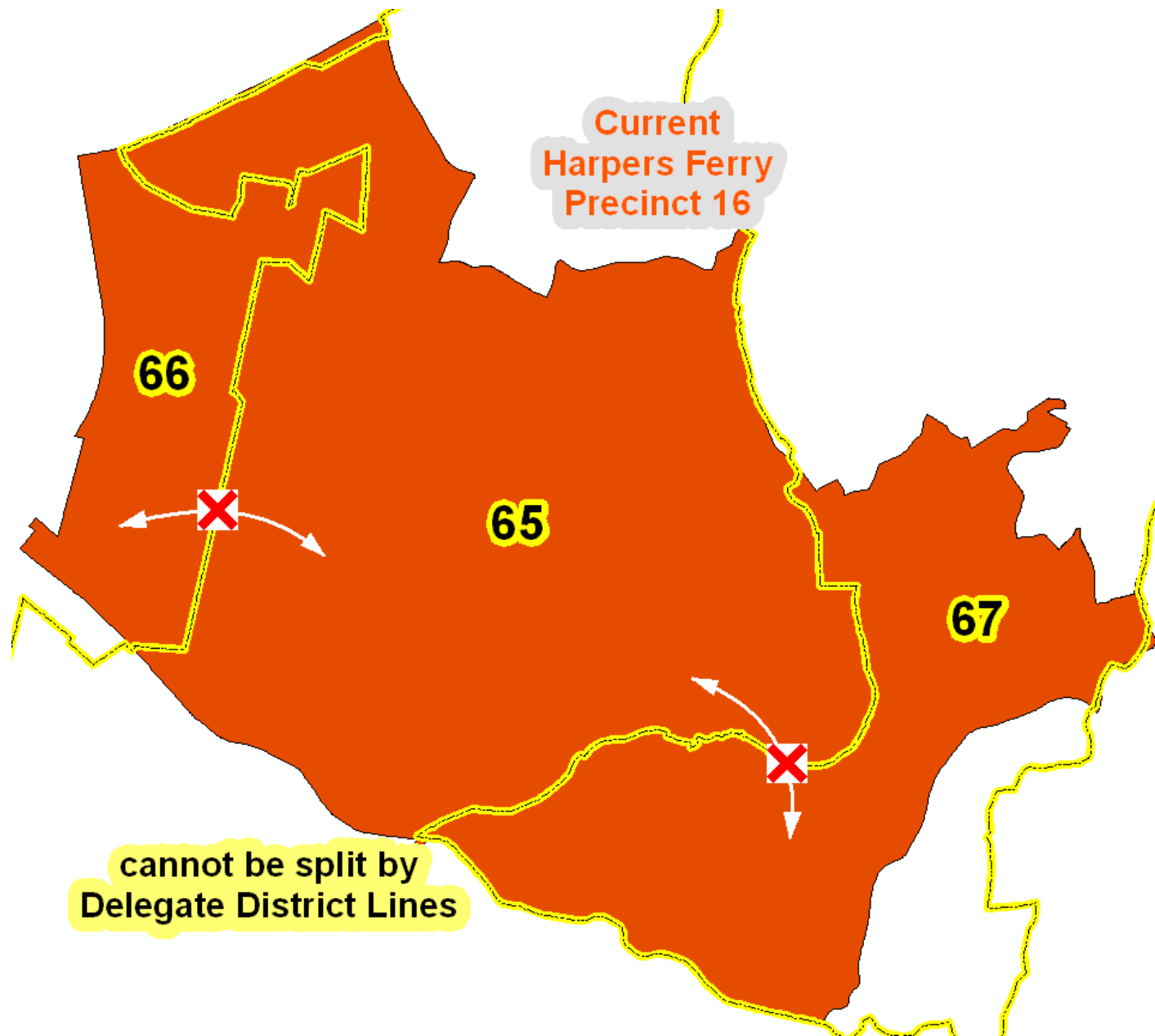


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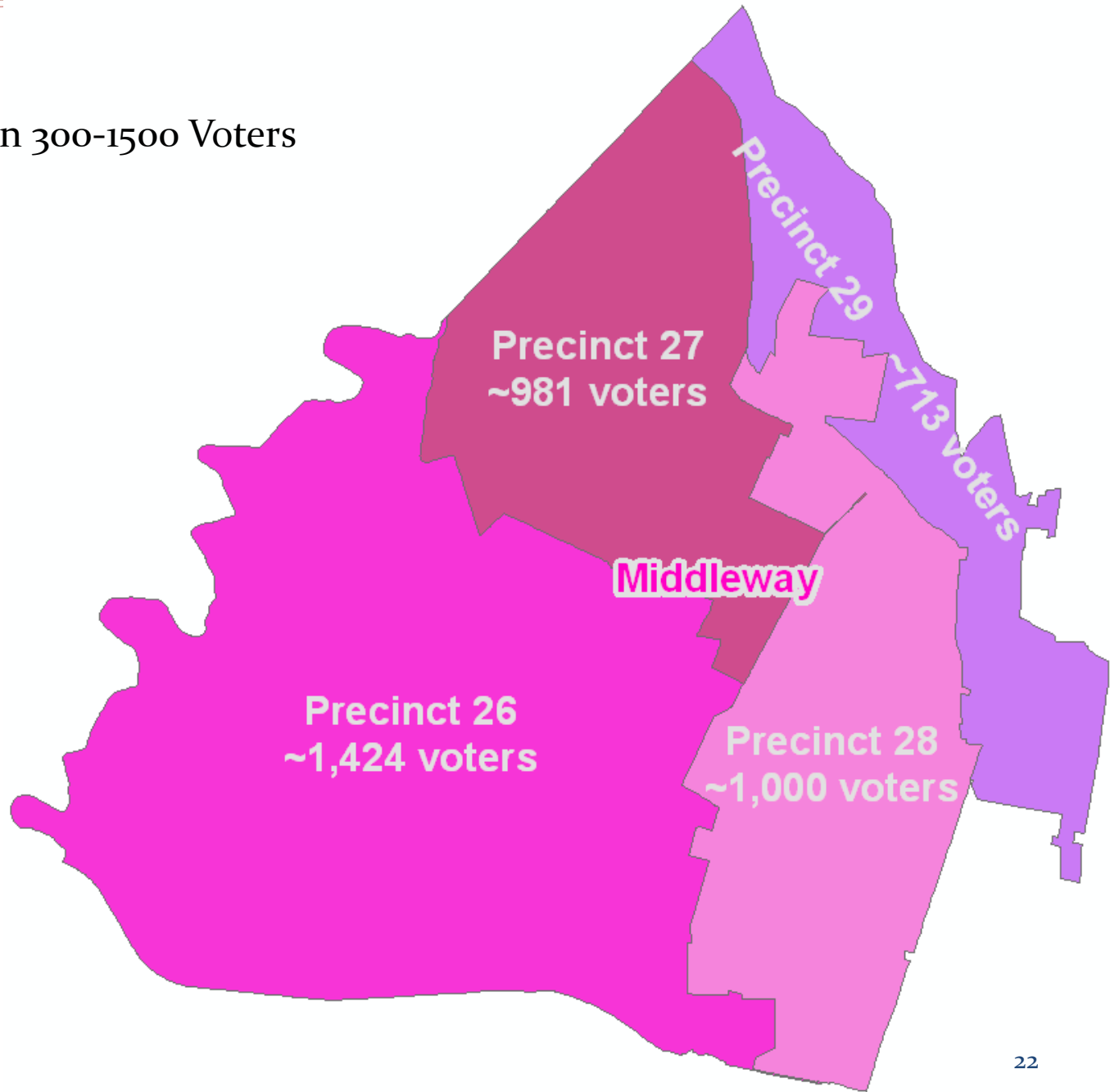
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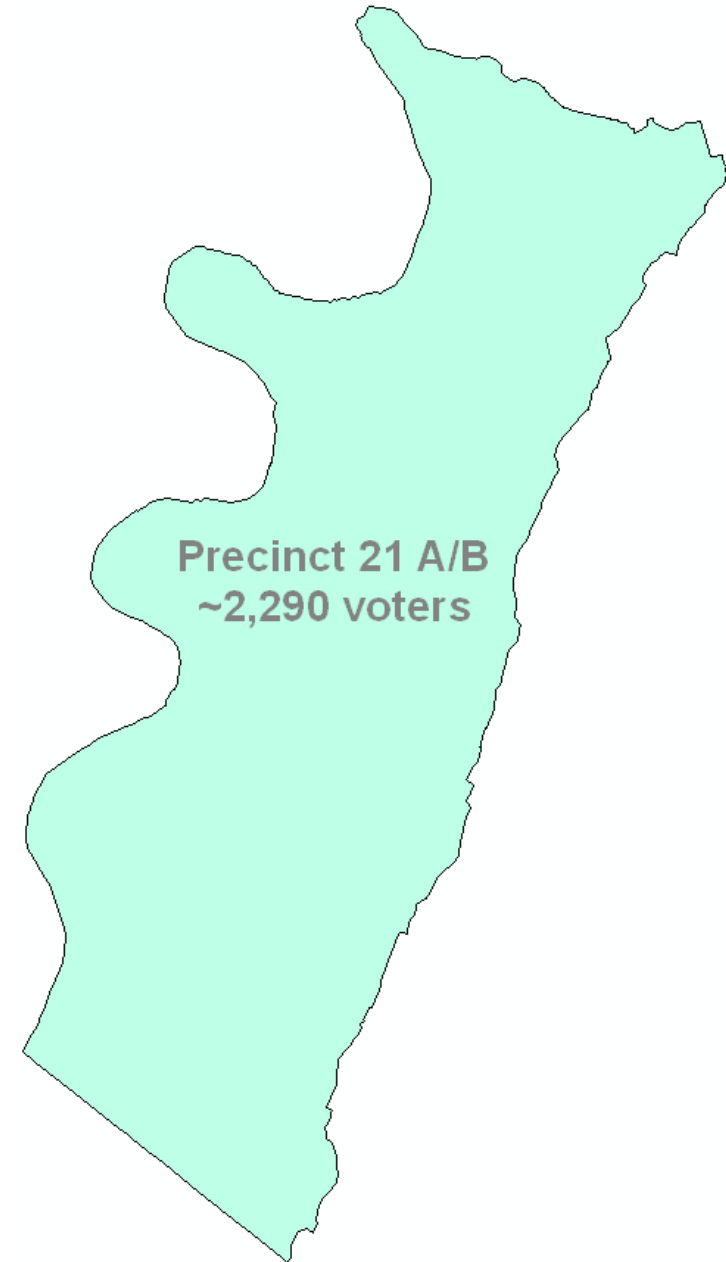
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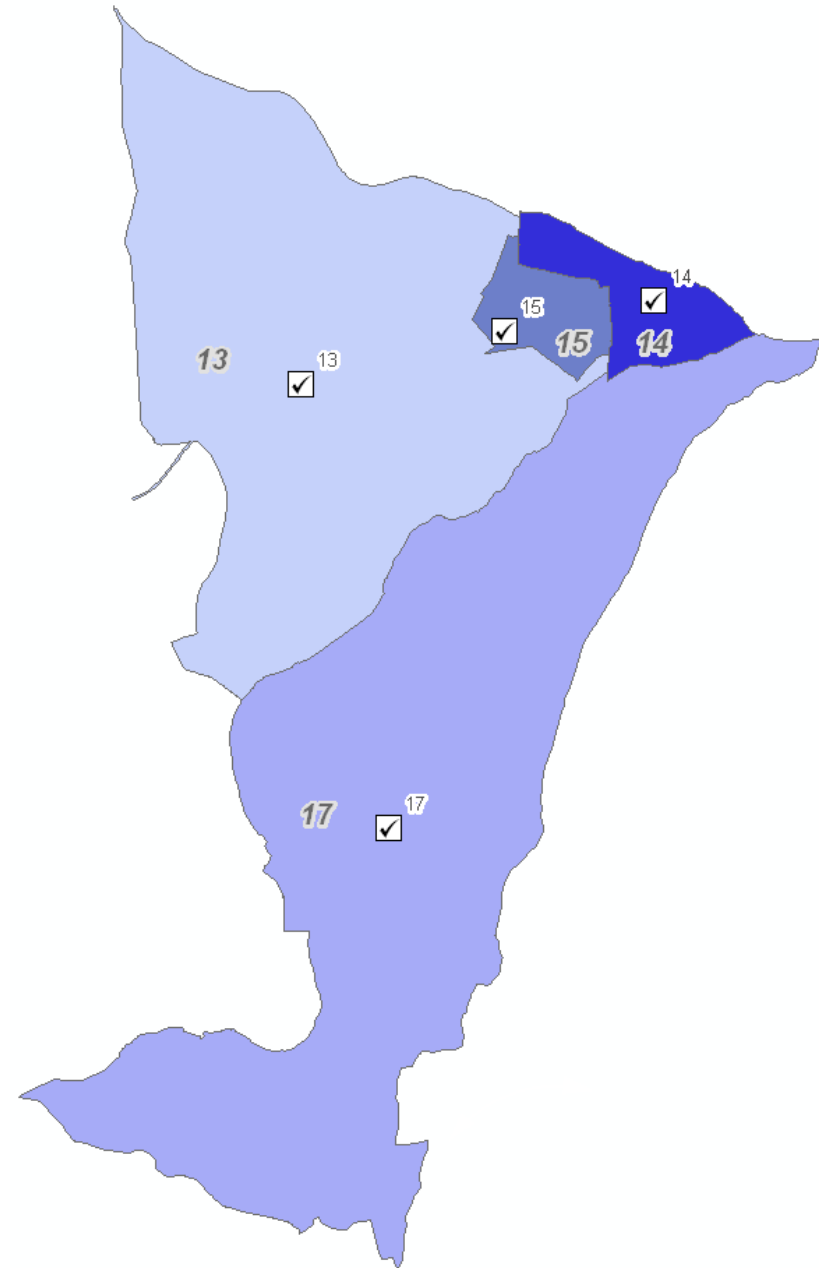
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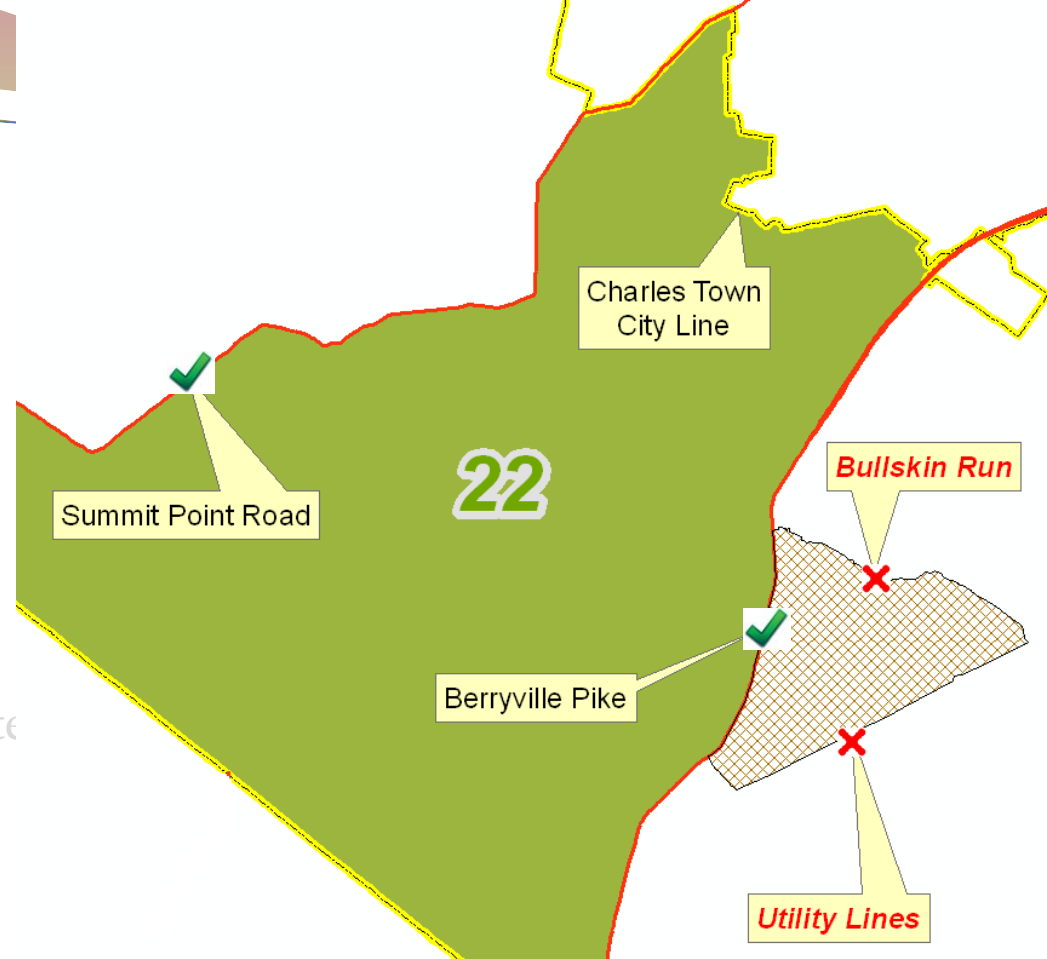
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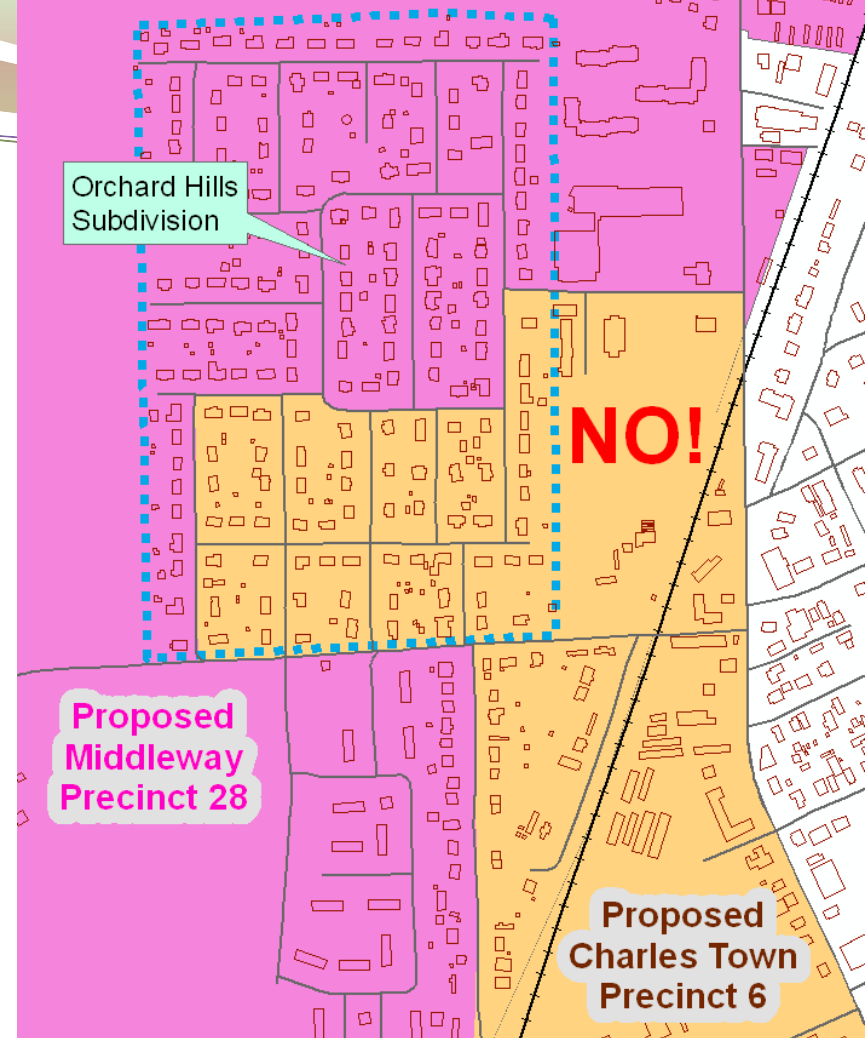
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- **Public Building preferred**
  - **ADA Compliant**
  - **Large enough to accommodate voters on election day**

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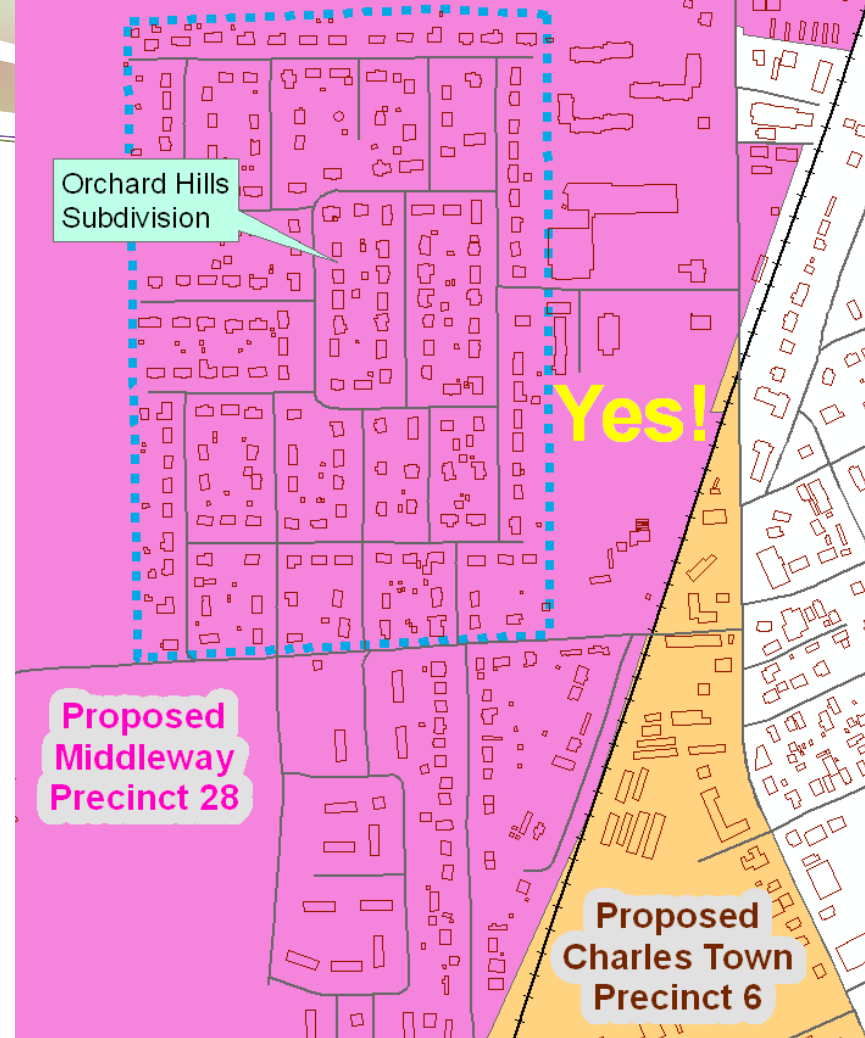
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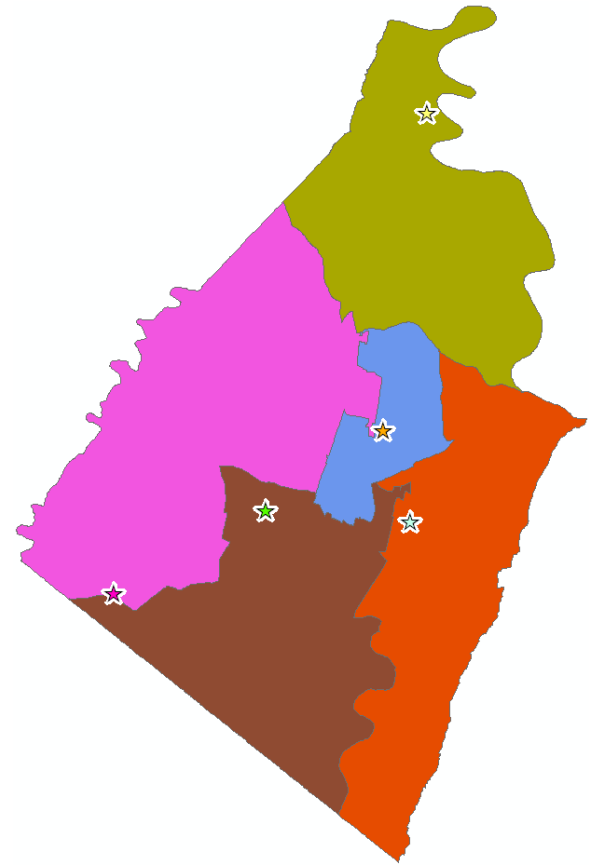
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## Constraints to Developing New Magisterial Districts and Voting Precincts

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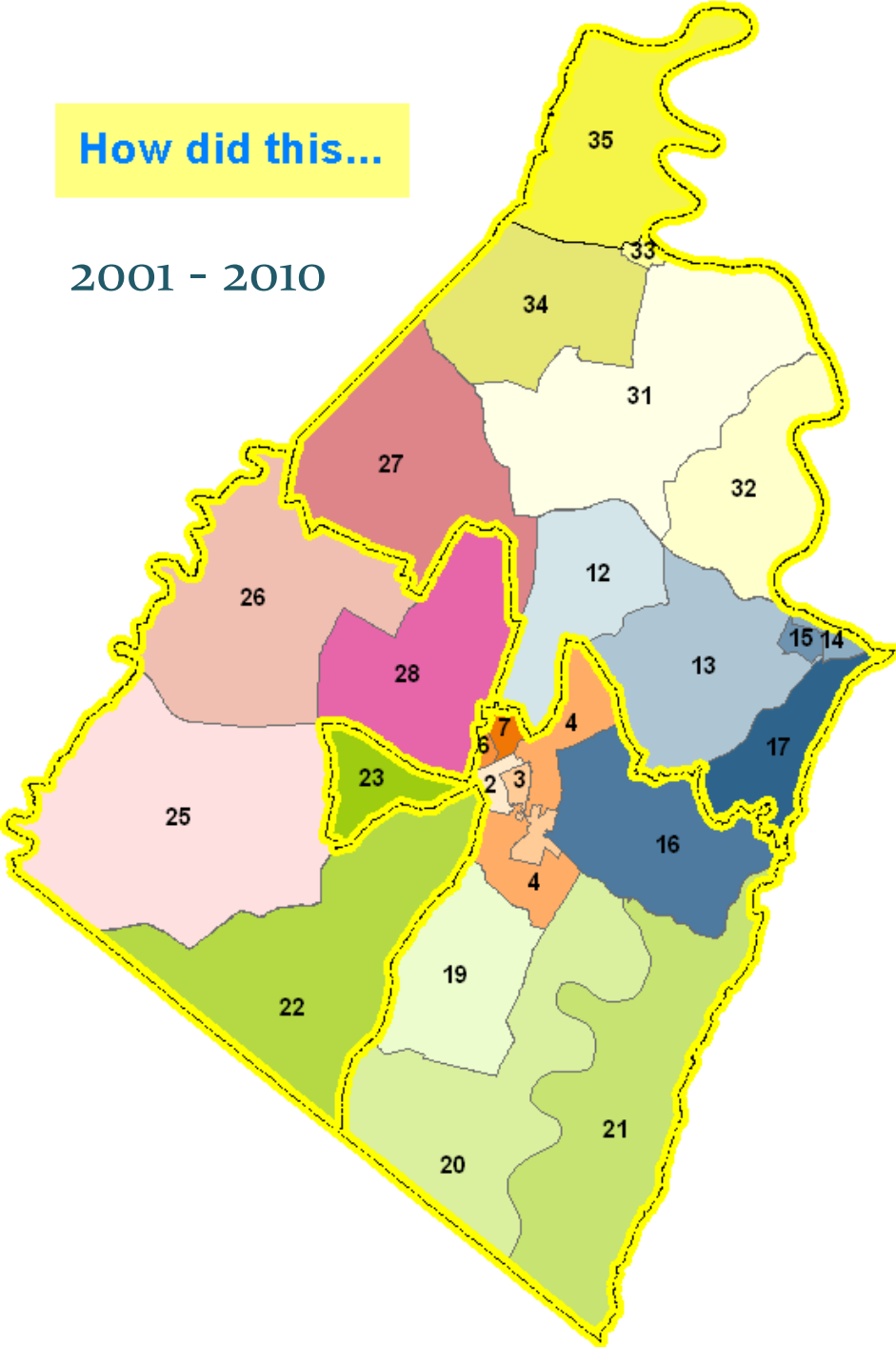




How did we assemble the Puzzle  
with the least change possible?

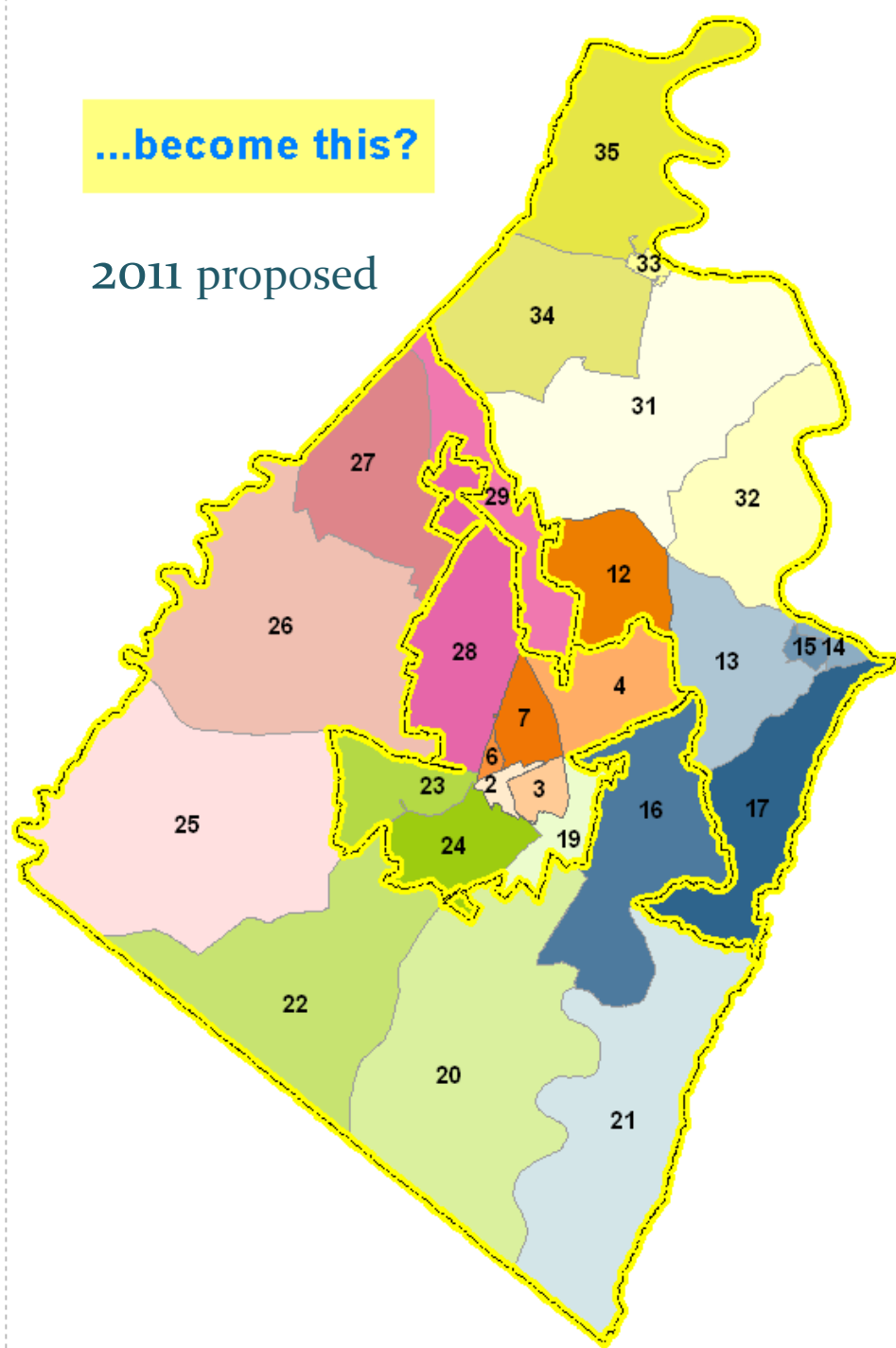
## How did this...

2001 - 2010

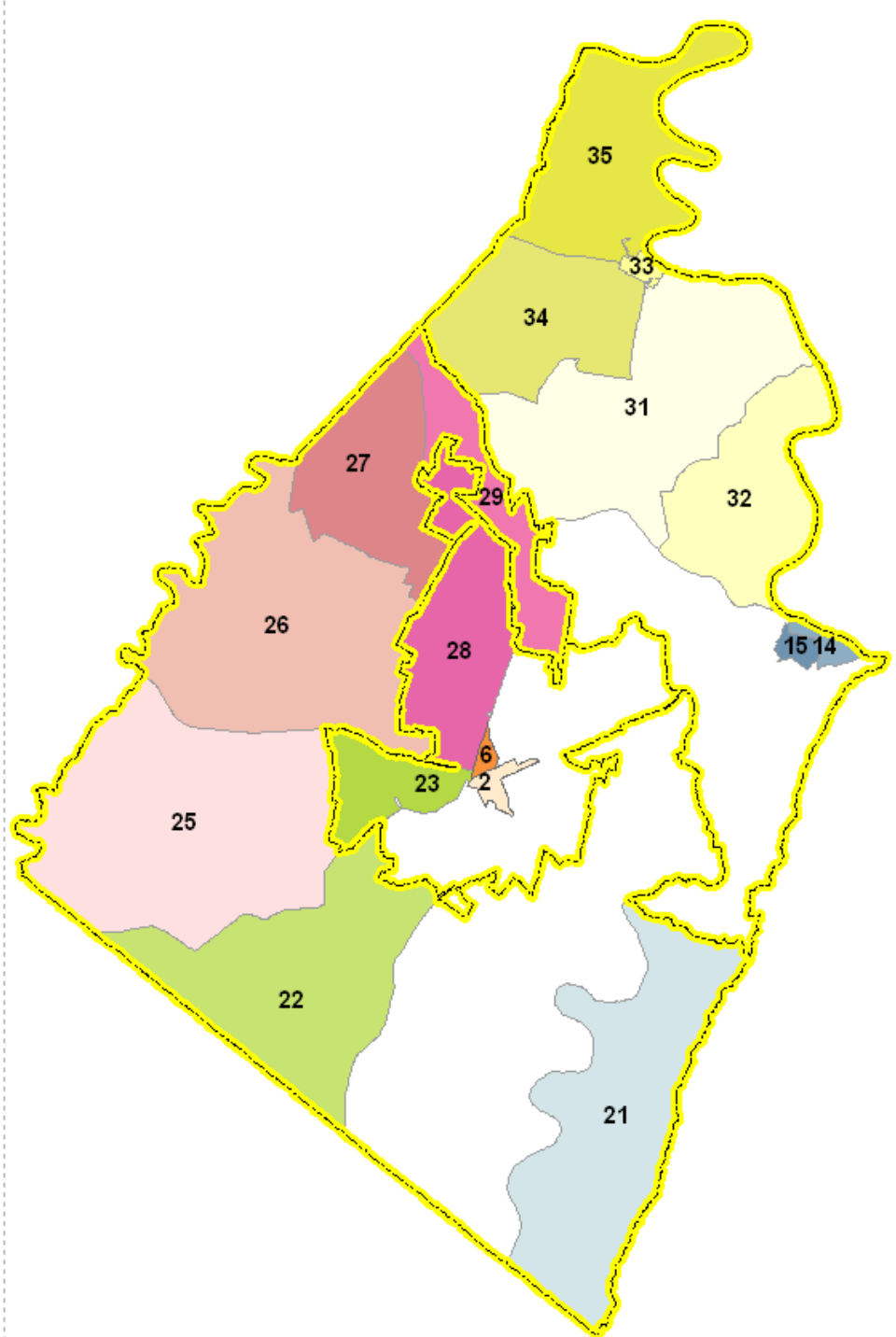
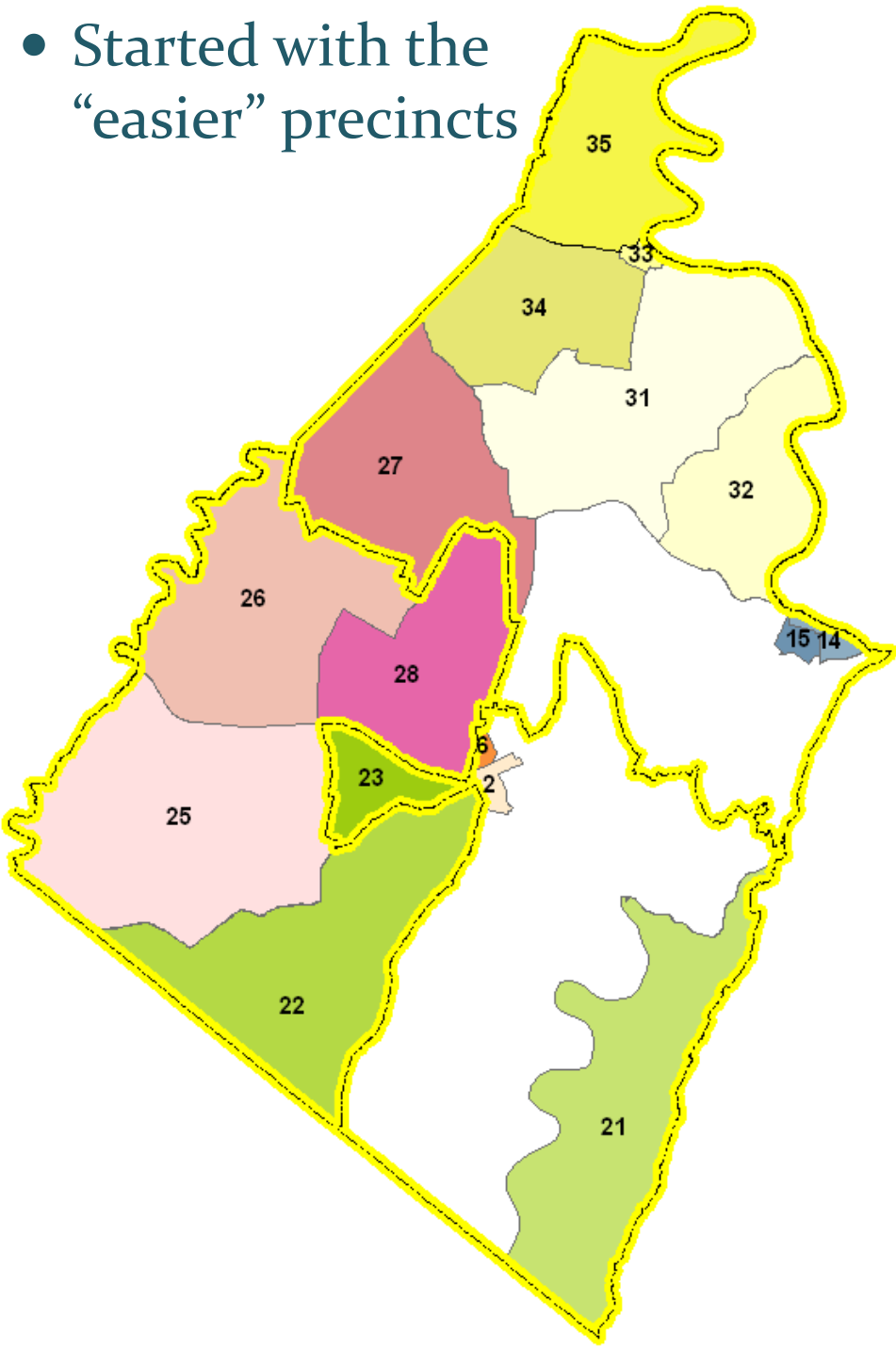


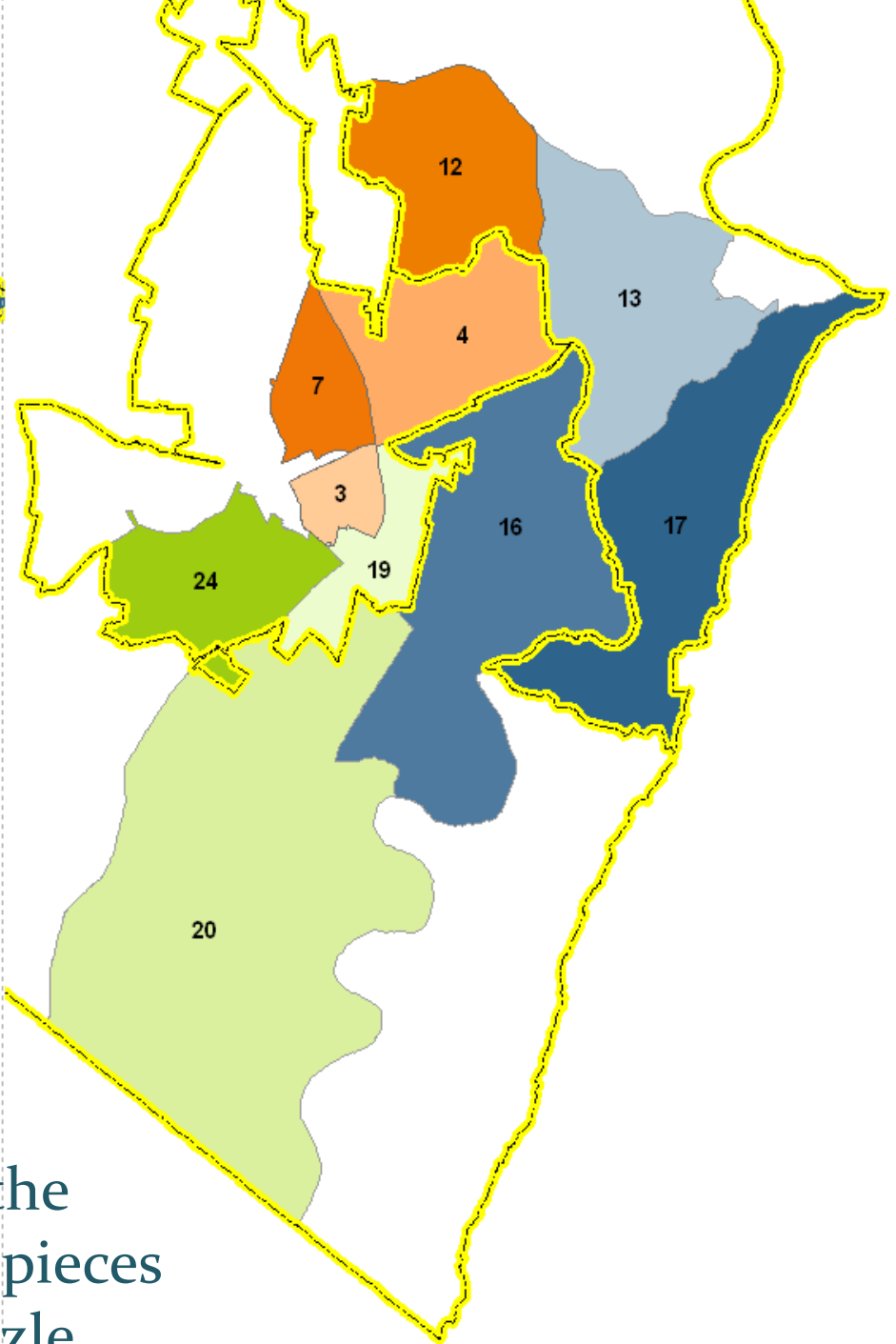
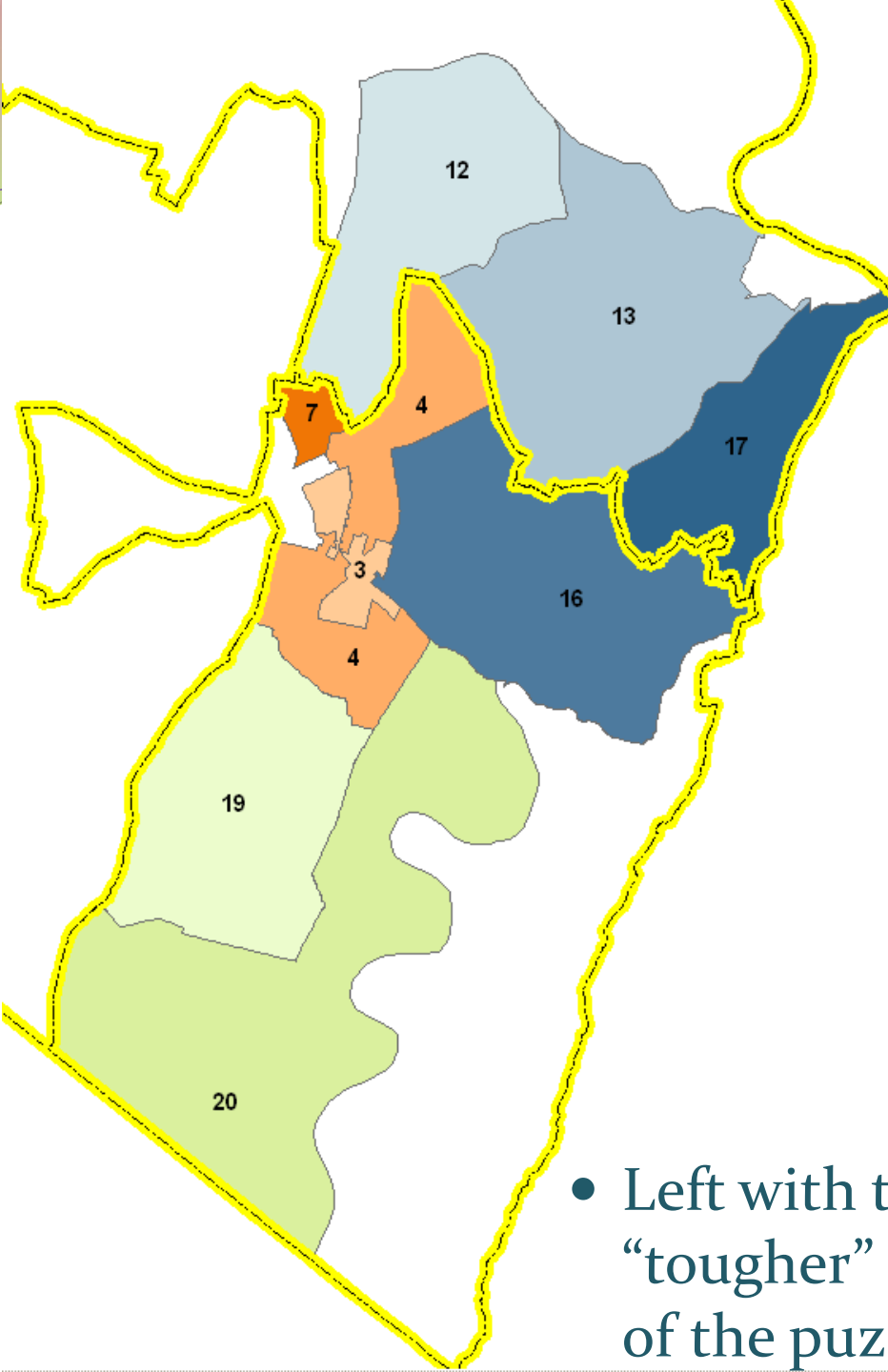
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2011 proposed



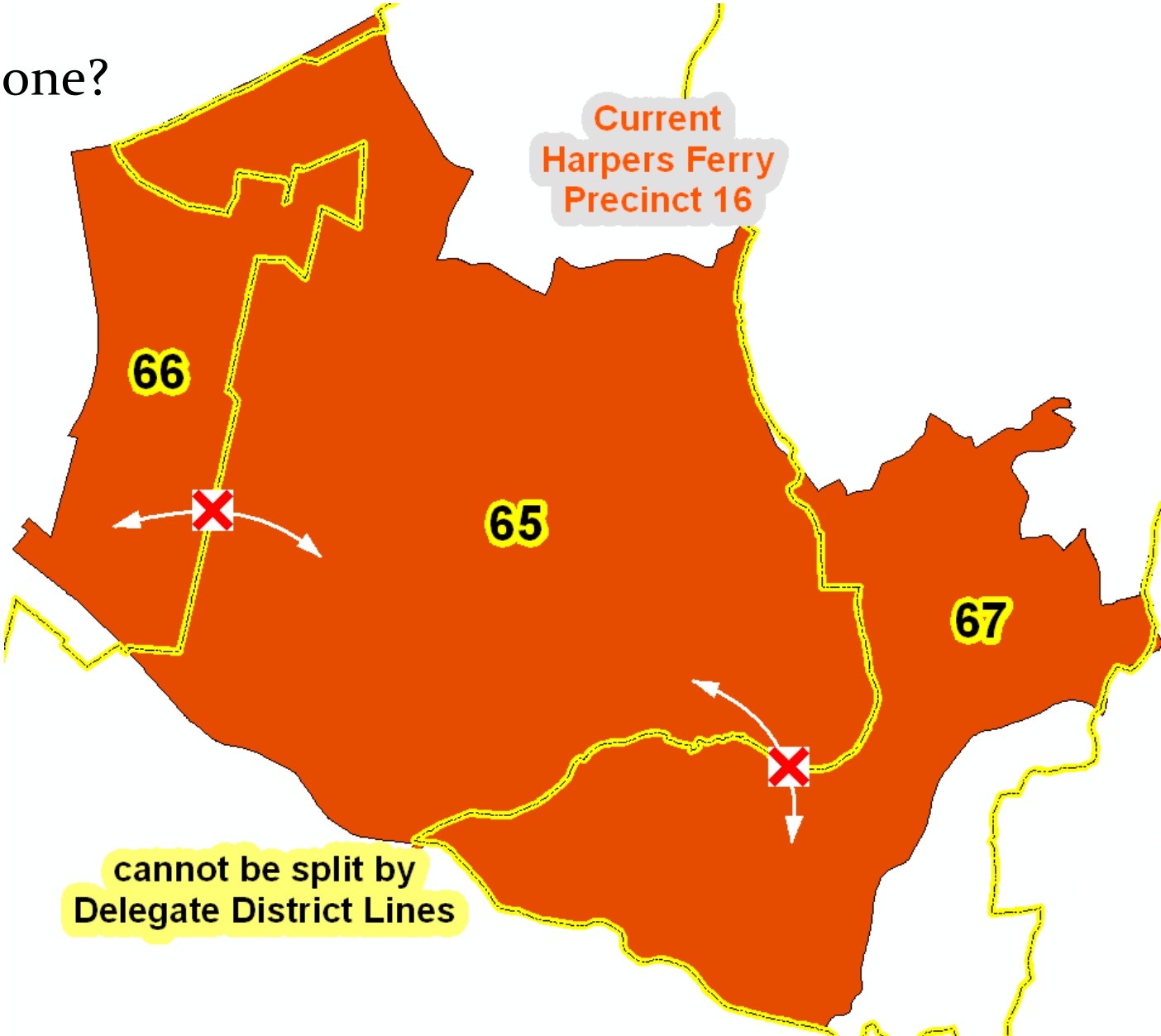
- Started with the “easier” precincts





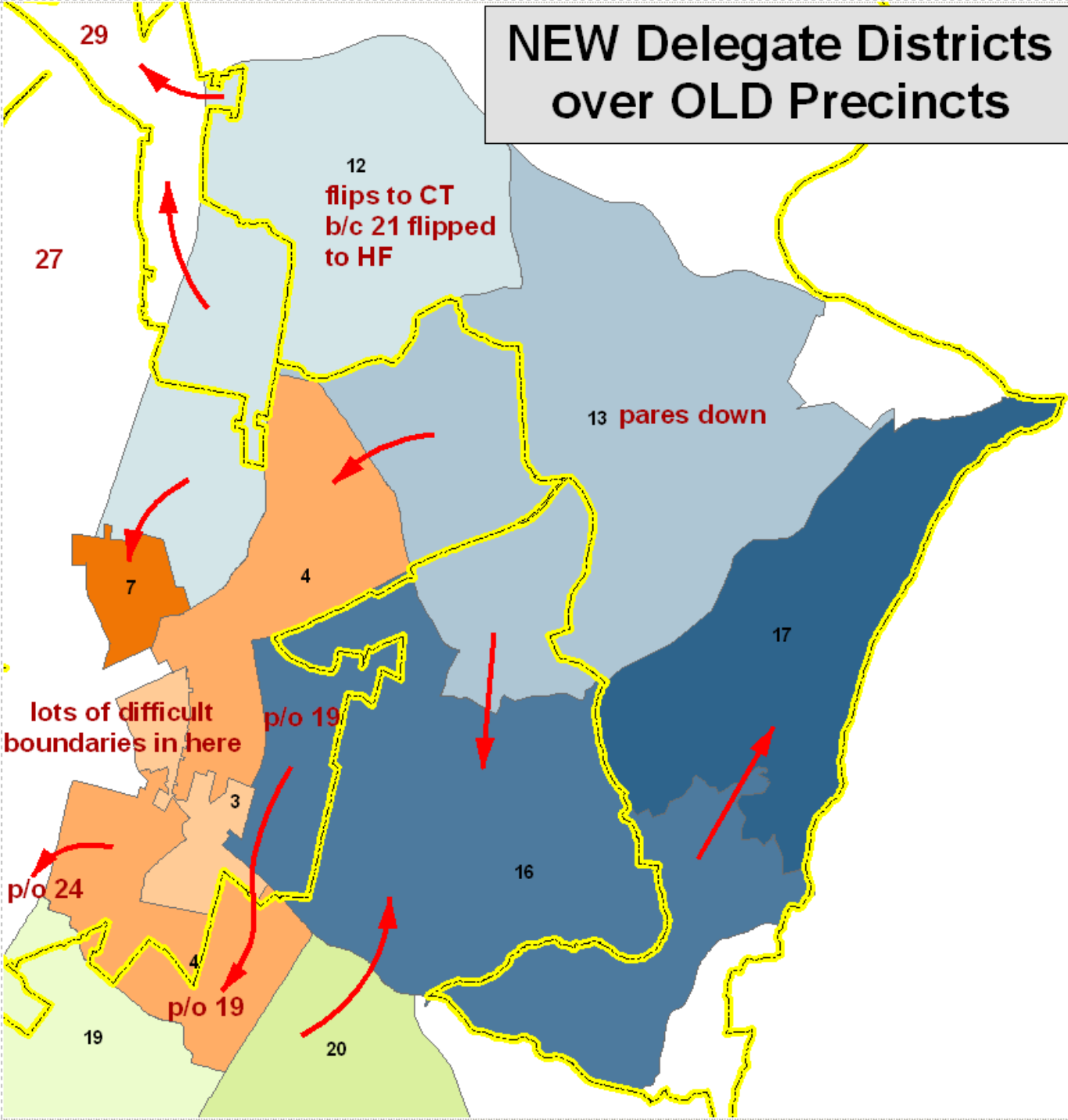
- Left with the “tougher” pieces of the puzzle

- Remember this one?



# NEW Delegate Districts over OLD Precincts

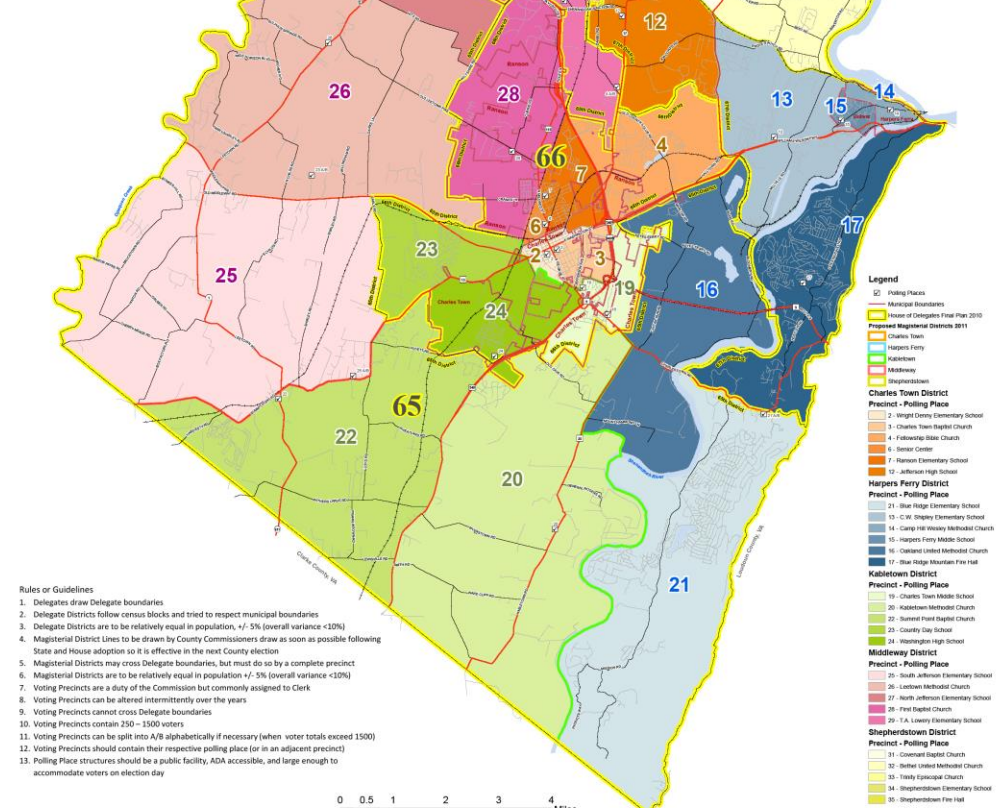
Best example of necessary shifting of whole block areas to new precincts (and sometimes new magisterial districts) due to constraints imposed by NEW DELEGATE LINES



# Proposed 2011 Magisterial Districts and Voting Precincts of Jefferson County, WV

PROPOSED POLLING PLACES IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

- Charles Town District - 006 Delegate District**  
 Precinct 1 - 001a Middle Elementary School 2008 St. Charles St., Charles Town  
 Precinct 2 - Charles Town Baptist Church 2012 E. Commerce St., Charles Town  
 Precinct 3 - Charles Town Baptist Church 2012 E. Commerce St., Charles Town  
 Precinct 4 - East Main St. Following 6th Church 100 Center St., Shearstown Junction  
 Precinct 5 - 1st and 2nd Streets 100 W. Pine, Harpers  
 Precinct 6 - Harpers Elementary School 2003 N. Preston St., Harpers
- Charles Town District - 070 Delegate District**  
 Precinct 12 - Jefferson High School 2141 Fleming Springs Rd., Shearstown Junction Use entrance to Auditorium
- Harpers Ferry District - 016 Delegate District**  
 Precinct 11 - C.W. Shipley Elementary School 2001 Steeles School Rd. off Rt. 302 S. Harpers Ferry  
 Precinct 14 - Camp Hill Wesley Methodist Church 1001 Washington St., Harpers Ferry  
 Precinct 15 - Harpers Ferry Middle School 1710 E. Washington St., Harpers Ferry  
 Precinct 17 - Blue Ridge Mountain Fire Hall 1000 Hayes Oak Road, Harpers Ferry
- Harpers Ferry District - 016 Delegate District**  
 Precinct 16 - Oakland United Methodist Church 170 Oakland Terrace, Charles Town  
 Precinct 17 - 170 Oakland Terrace, Charles Town
- Kathtown District - 009 Delegate District**  
 Precinct 21a - East Main St. Blue Ridge Elementary School 10000 Charles Town Rd. W. S. Harpers Ferry  
 Precinct 21b - East Main St. County Day School 2400 Blue Hill St., Harpers Ferry  
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  - Municipal Boundaries
  - House of Delegates Final Plan 2010
  - Proposed Magisterial Districts 2011
  - Charles Town
  - Harpers Ferry
  - Kathtown
  - Middletown
  - Shepherdstown
- Charles Town District**  
 Precinct - Polling Place
- 1 - English Cove Elementary School
  - 3 - Charles Town Baptist Church
  - 4 - Fellowship Bible Church
  - 6 - Senior Center
  - 7 - Harpers Elementary School
  - 12 - Jefferson High School
- Harpers Ferry District**  
 Precinct - Polling Place
- 21 - Blue Ridge Elementary School
  - 13 - C.W. Shipley Elementary School
  - 14 - Camp Hill Wesley Methodist Church
  - 15 - Harpers Ferry Middle School
  - 16 - Oakland United Methodist Church
  - 17 - Blue Ridge Mountain Fire Hall
- Kathtown District**  
 Precinct - Polling Place
- 19 - Charles Town Middle School
  - 20 - Harpers Middle School
  - 22 - Summit Point Baptist Church
  - 23 - Country Day School
  - 24 - Harpers High School
- Middletown District**  
 Precinct - Polling Place
- 25 - South Jefferson Elementary School
  - 26 - Lowell Methodist Church
  - 27 - North Jefferson Elementary School
  - 28 - First Baptist Church
  - 29 - T.A. Lowery Elementary School
- Shepherdstown District**  
 Precinct - Polling Place
- 31 - Concord Baptist Church
  - 32 - Bethel United Methodist Church
  - 33 - Trinity Episcopal Church
  - 34 - Shepherdstown Elementary School
  - 35 - Shepherdstown Fire Hall

- Rules or Guidelines**
- Delegates draw Delegate boundaries
  - Delegate Districts follow census blocks and tried to respect municipal boundaries
  - Delegate Districts are to be relatively equal in population +/- 5% (overall variance <10%)
  - Magisterial District Lines to be drawn by County Commissioners, drawn as soon as possible following State and House adoption so it is effective in the next County election
  - Magisterial Districts may cross Delegate boundaries, but must do so by a complete precinct
  - Magisterial Districts are to be relatively equal in population +/- 5% (overall variance <10%)
  - Voting Precincts are a duty of the Commission but commonly assigned to Clerk
  - Voting Precincts can be altered intermittently over the years
  - Voting Precincts cannot cross Delegate boundaries
  - Voting Precincts contain 200 - 1500 voters
  - Voting Precincts can be split into A/B/C alphabetically if necessary (when voter totals exceed 1500)
  - Voting Precincts should contain their respective polling place (or in an adjacent precinct)
  - Polling Place structures should be a public facility, ADA accessible, and large enough to accommodate voters on election day

...and that's how it happened.

Thank You