



City of Norwalk CT - Redistricting 2024 Proposed Plan as accepted by the Redistricting Advisory Committee on 9-19-24

For Public Hearing on 9/25/24



Project Requirements

Evaluate the Common Council district boundaries to ensure that they meet the requirements of law, as stated in City Ordinance and, if necessary based solely upon those requirements, to assist the City in developing new district boundaries.

Ord. 9-26 entitled “Standards Pertaining to Reapportionment,” reads as follows:

“The reapportionment of Council Districts shall conform to federal and state constitutional standards and statutory requirements. Accordingly, the Council Districts shall be: A. of substantially equal population; and, B. to the extent possible consistent with the preceding, established in compact and contiguous form following geographical divisions, considering communities of interest and historical boundary lines and shall further use best efforts to include the boundary lines of the Taxing Districts as defined in the Charter within a single Council District where practicable; and, C. to the extent possible consistent with the preceding, established in accordance with the requirements of C.G.S. §9-169f.”

Redistricting Requirements as per the Voting Rights Act & the City Ordinance

Population Equality – All districts will be drawn such that they are as equal in population as possible.

Target population for each district is total population/number of districts. A maximum deviation of under 10% between the most populated and the least populated district is an acceptable norm.

Compact & Contiguous – The districts should be compact and contiguous.

Census blocks are used to build district boundaries as they contain published census population counts and detailed demographic information.

Fair Representation of Minorities – As per Voting Rights Act, Minority vote will not be diluted. Minority populations will be fairly represented such that minorities will not be packed into a district or cracked into more than one district to dilute the minority voting power.

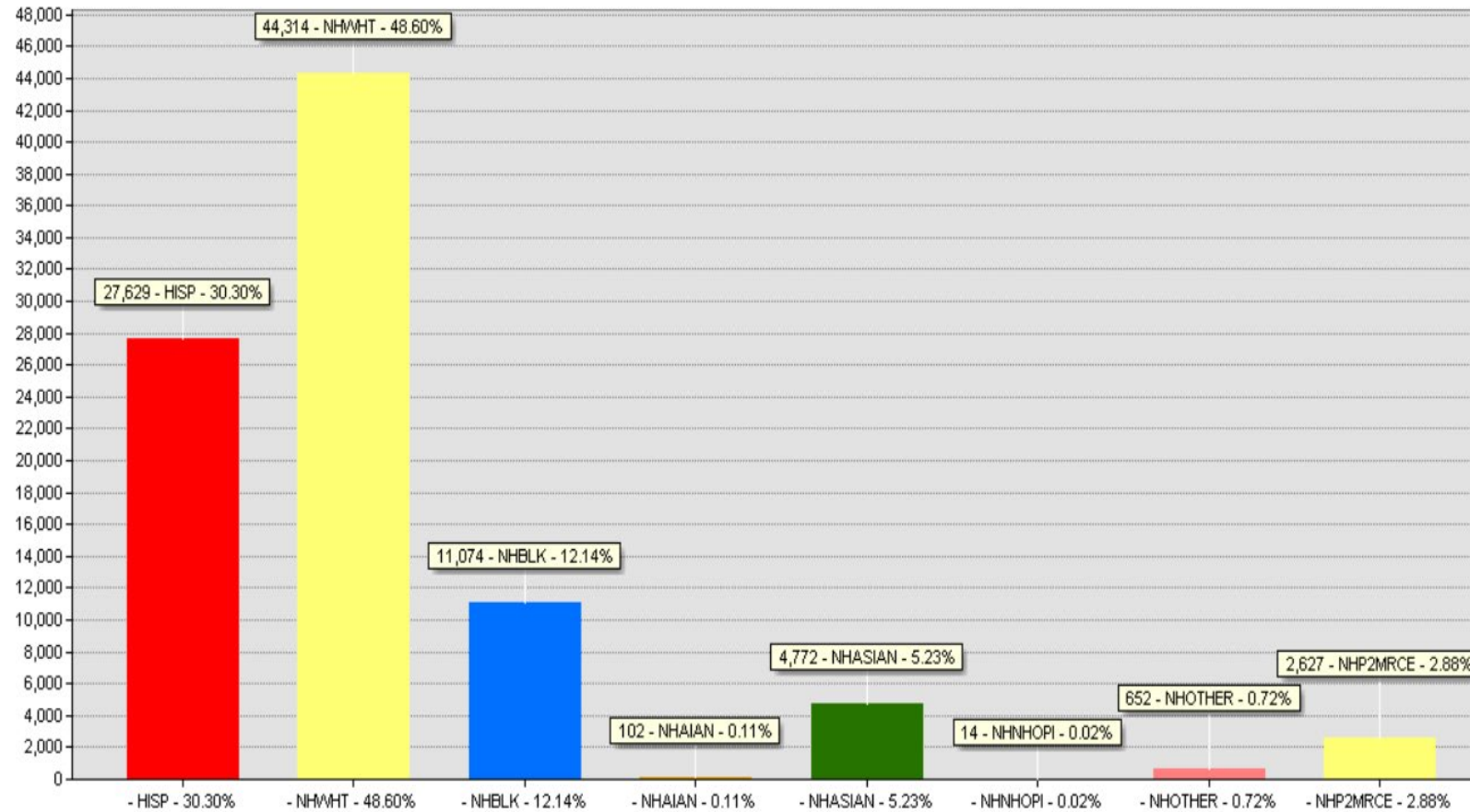
Communities of Interest – Communities of Interests will be identified and all attempts will be made to keep them in one district as long as the population and other criteria are met. Attempts will be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods, where possible, without violating other requirements.

Historical Boundary Lines - Consider historical boundary lines.

Taxing Districts - Use best efforts to include the boundary lines of the Taxing Districts as defined in the Charter within a single Council District *where practicable*.

CTVRA - Compliance with VRA & CTVRA Requirements.

Population for the City of Norwalk as per – Census 2021 PL94-171 Data



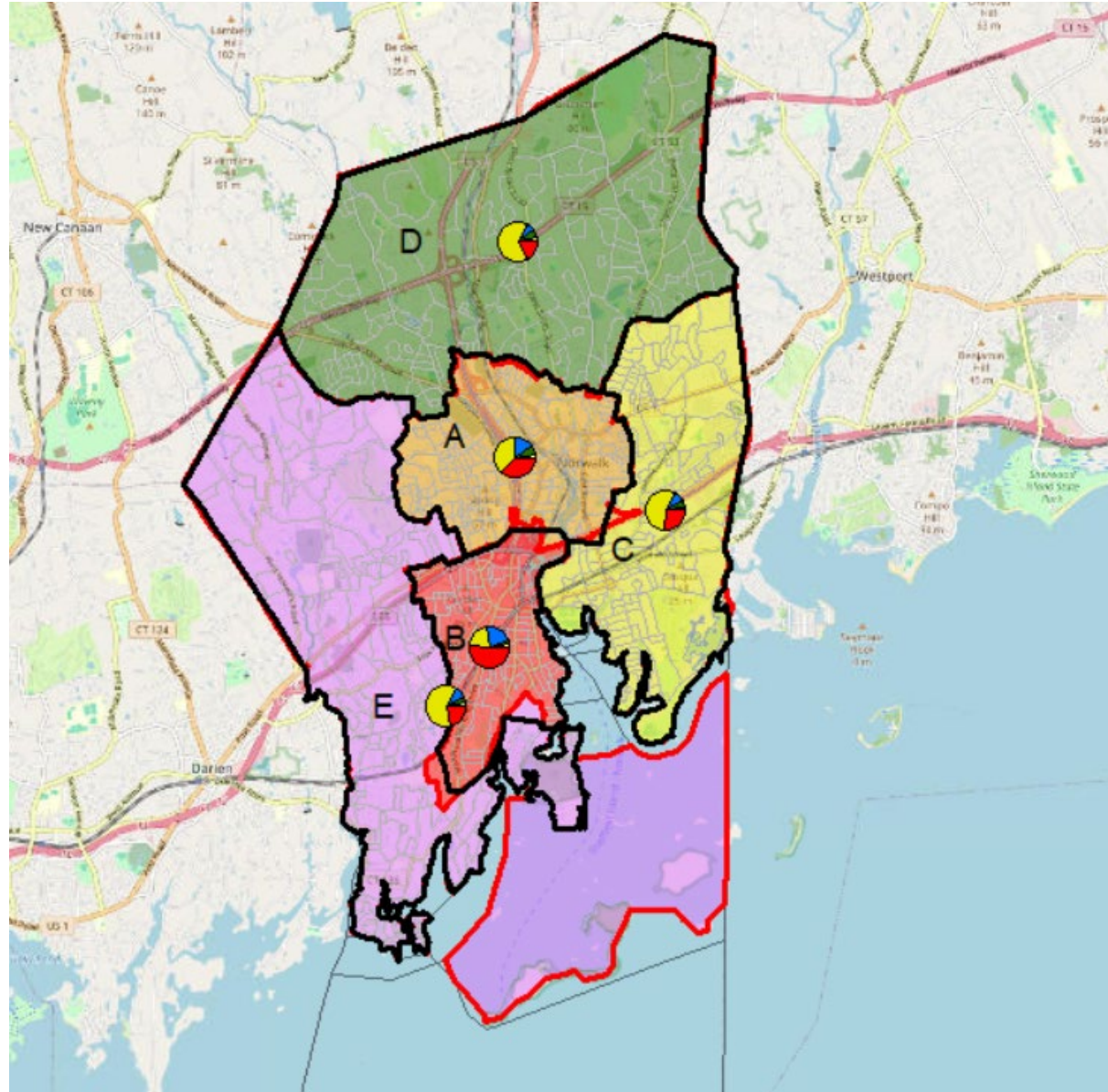
Total Population		
HISPANIC	27,629	30.30%
NH WHITE	44,314	48.60%
NHBLACK	11,074	12.14%
NHAIAN	102	0.11%
NHASIAN	4,772	5.23%
NHNHOPI	14	0.02%
NHOTHER	652	0.72%
NHP2+RACES	2,627	2.88%
	91,184	100.00%

Voting Age Population		
HISPANIC	19,680	27.08%
NH WHITE	38,163	52.51%
NHBLACK	8,760	12.05%
NHAIAN	77	0.11%
NHASIAN	3,900	5.37%
NHNHOPI	11	0.02%
NHOTHER	411	0.57%
NHP2+RACES	1,680	2.31%
	72,682	100.00%

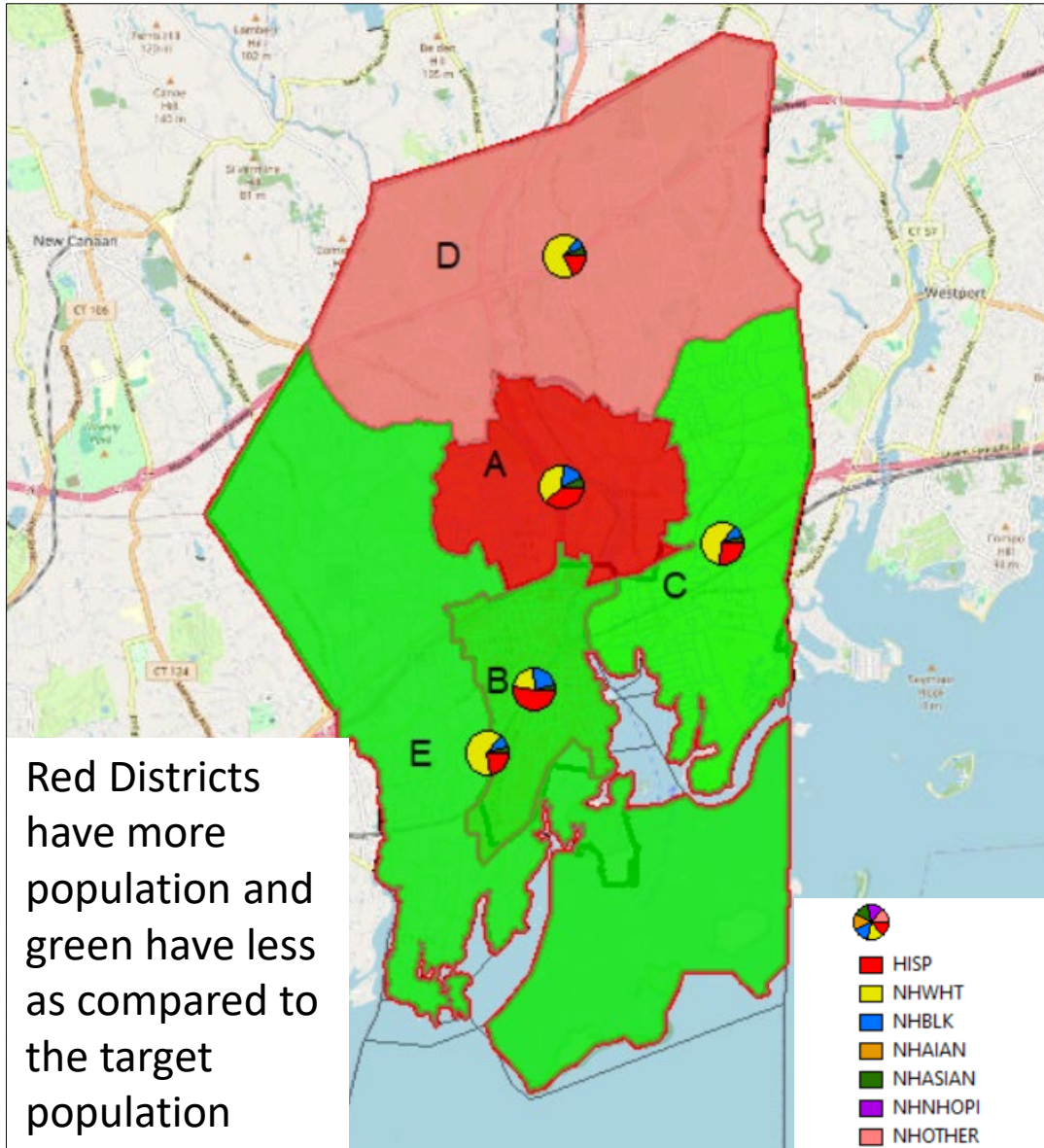
Non-Hispanic versions of race are used to avoid double counting of Hispanic population

NH – Non-Hispanic
NHP2+Races – Persons of 2 or more races

Current Districts with 2020 Census Population



Current Districts - Challenges



1. **The current Maximum Deviation is 18.86% and this needs to be under 10%**

District A has the most population
District C has the least.
District A needs to loose population and
District C needs to gain population.

2. **The current district boundaries do not align with census blocks.**

We need to use census blocks to build the districts because Census published demographic data is available at the block level.

The Bureau of Census releases data every 10 years. This data is primarily for redistricting and is called Public Law 94-171 data

Current Districts-Total Population By Race

Target Population in each district 18,237

	Hispanic	NH White	NH Black	NH AIAN	NH Asian	NH NHOPI	NH Other	NH - 2+ Race	Total	Deviation from Target
A	7,360	7,653	3051	31	1383	2	177	570	20,227	1,990
B	9,038	3,896	3790	34	622	4	135	444	17,963	-274
C	4,300	9,728	1360	5	830	5	96	464	16,788	-1,449
D	3,084	12,356	1252	16	1095	1	120	570	18,494	257
E	3,847	10,681	1621	16	842	2	124	579	17,712	-525
									91,184	
Racial Ethnic Composition of Each District %										
	Hispanic%	NH White%	NH Black%	NH AIAN%	NH Asian%	NH NHOPI %	NH Other%	NH - 2+ Race%	Total	Deviation from Target
A	36.39%	37.84%	15.08%	0.15%	6.84%	0.01%	0.88%	2.82%	100.00%	10.91%
B	50.31%	21.69%	21.10%	0.19%	3.46%	0.02%	0.75%	2.47%	100.00%	-1.50%
C	25.61%	57.95%	8.10%	0.03%	4.94%	0.03%	0.57%	2.76%	100.00%	-7.95%
D	16.68%	66.81%	6.77%	0.09%	5.92%	0.01%	0.65%	3.08%	100.00%	1.41%
E	21.72%	60.30%	9.15%	0.09%	4.75%	0.01%	0.70%	3.27%	100.00%	-2.88%
										18.86%

Districts A & B are Minority Majority District; District B is a Hispanic Majority District; Districts C, D and E are NH White Majority Districts

Current Districts-Total Voting Population By Race

	Hispanic	NH White	NH Black	NH AIAN	NH Asian	NH NHOPI	NH Other	NH - 2+ Race	Total
A	5,350	6,772	2420	24	1132	2	116	396	16,212
B	6,305	3,498	2977	26	517	3	93	292	13,711
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Racial Ethnic Composition of Each District %									
	Hispanic%	NH White%	NH Black%	NH AIAN%	NH Asian%	NH NHOPI %	NH Other%	NH - 2+ Race%	Total
A	33.00%	41.77%	14.93%	0.15%	6.98%	0.01%	0.72%	2.44%	100.00%
B	45.98%	25.51%	21.71%	0.19%	3.77%	0.02%	0.68%	2.13%	100.00%
C	22.40%	61.93%	7.97%	0.01%	4.96%	0.04%	0.43%	2.26%	100.00%
D	14.77%	69.91%	6.60%	0.09%	5.94%	0.01%	0.45%	2.24%	100.00%
E	19.60%	63.34%	9.14%	0.08%	4.82%	0.00%	0.54%	2.47%	100.00%

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Proposed Changes

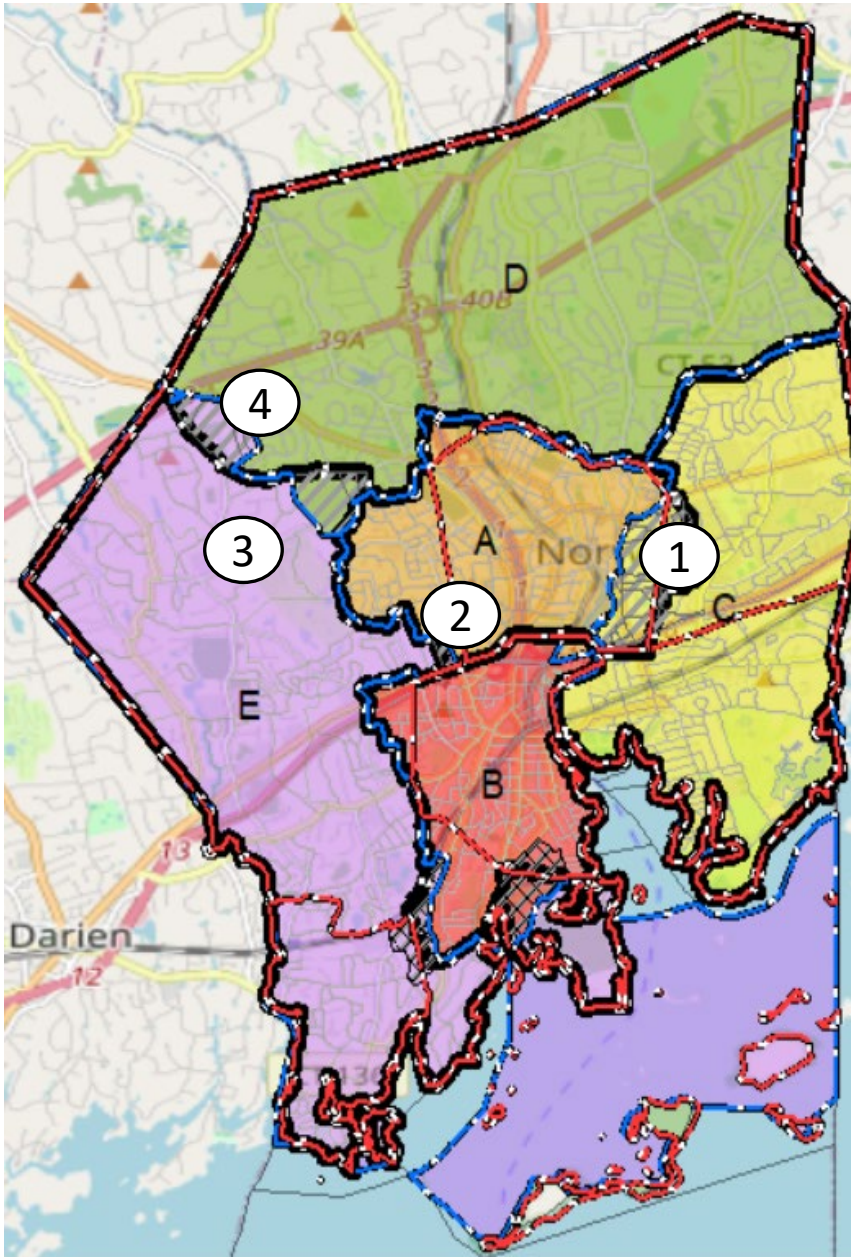
Proposed Council Districts

The Maximum Deviation is 4.75%

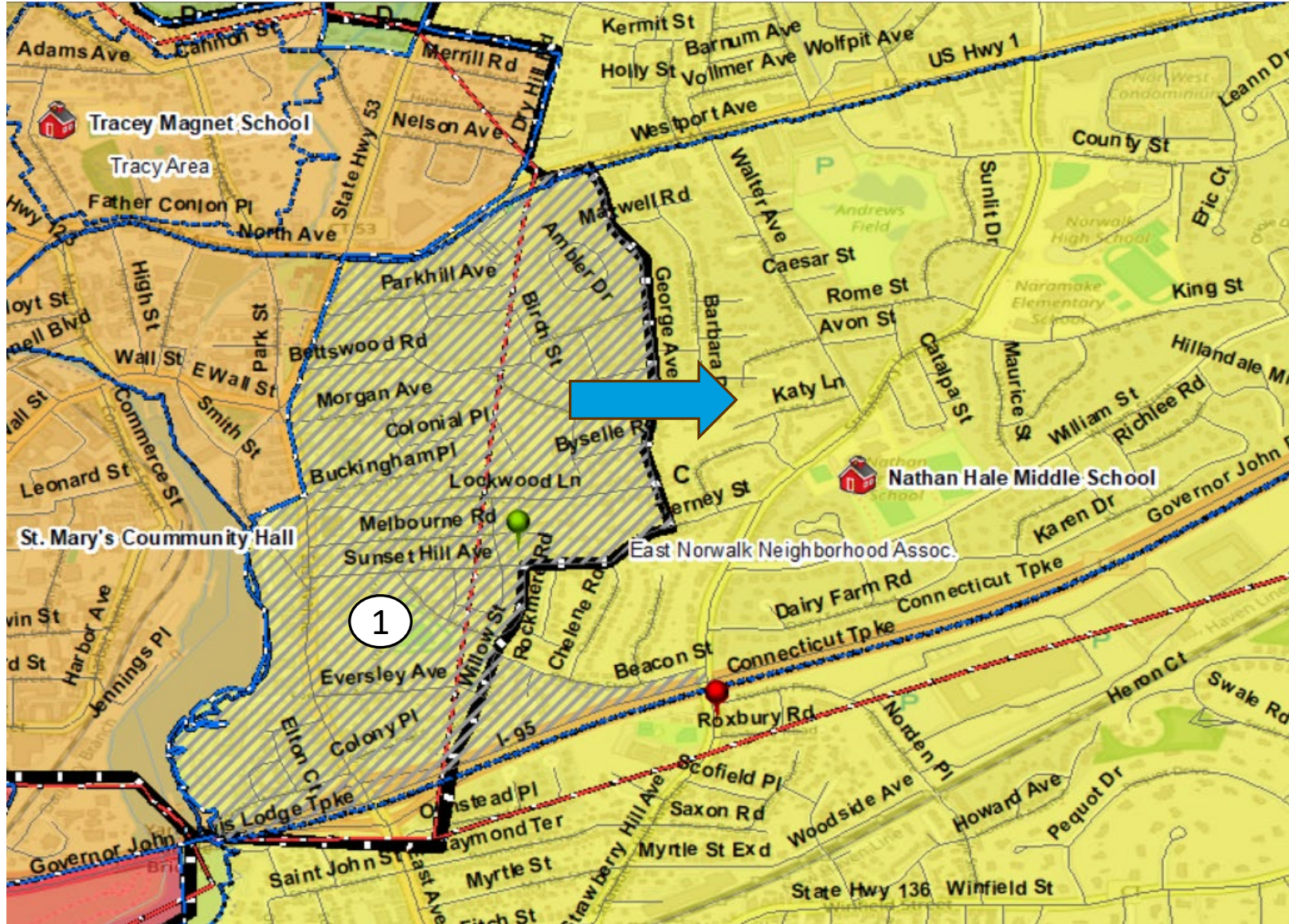
4 Proposed Changes

1. A to C
2. A to E
3. E to D
4. D to E

Other Changes due to Taxing Districts
A to D, B to A, B to E and E to B



Change 1 – From District A to District C



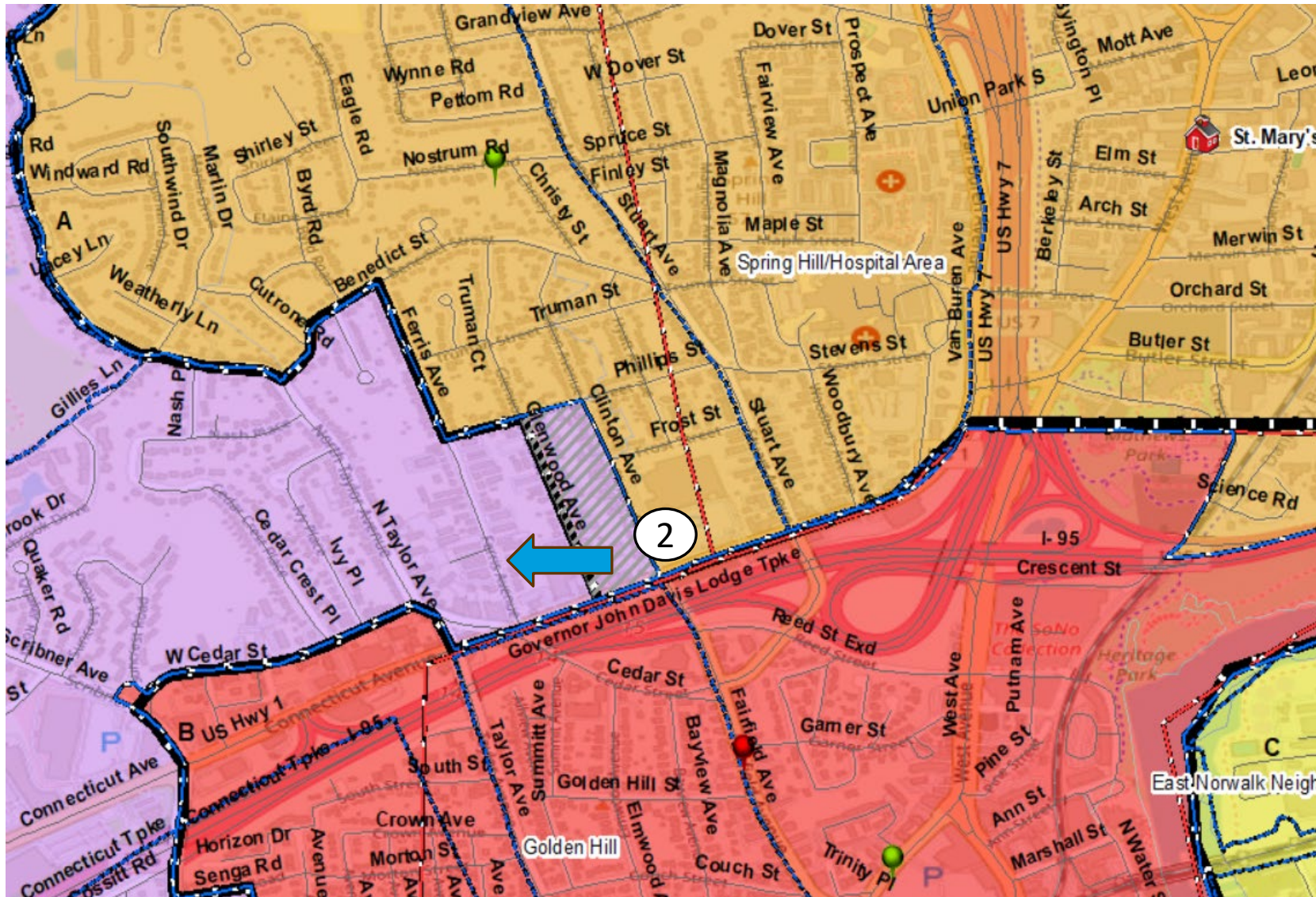
Change 1 area –

From Westport Ave in the North to East Ave/State Highway 123 to Moodys Ln, along the river to Connecticut Tpke currently in District A is now being assigned to District C

This area has a Total Population of 1,682 and a Voting Age Population of 1,393.

62% of the Total Population in this area is NH White

Change 2 – From District A to District E

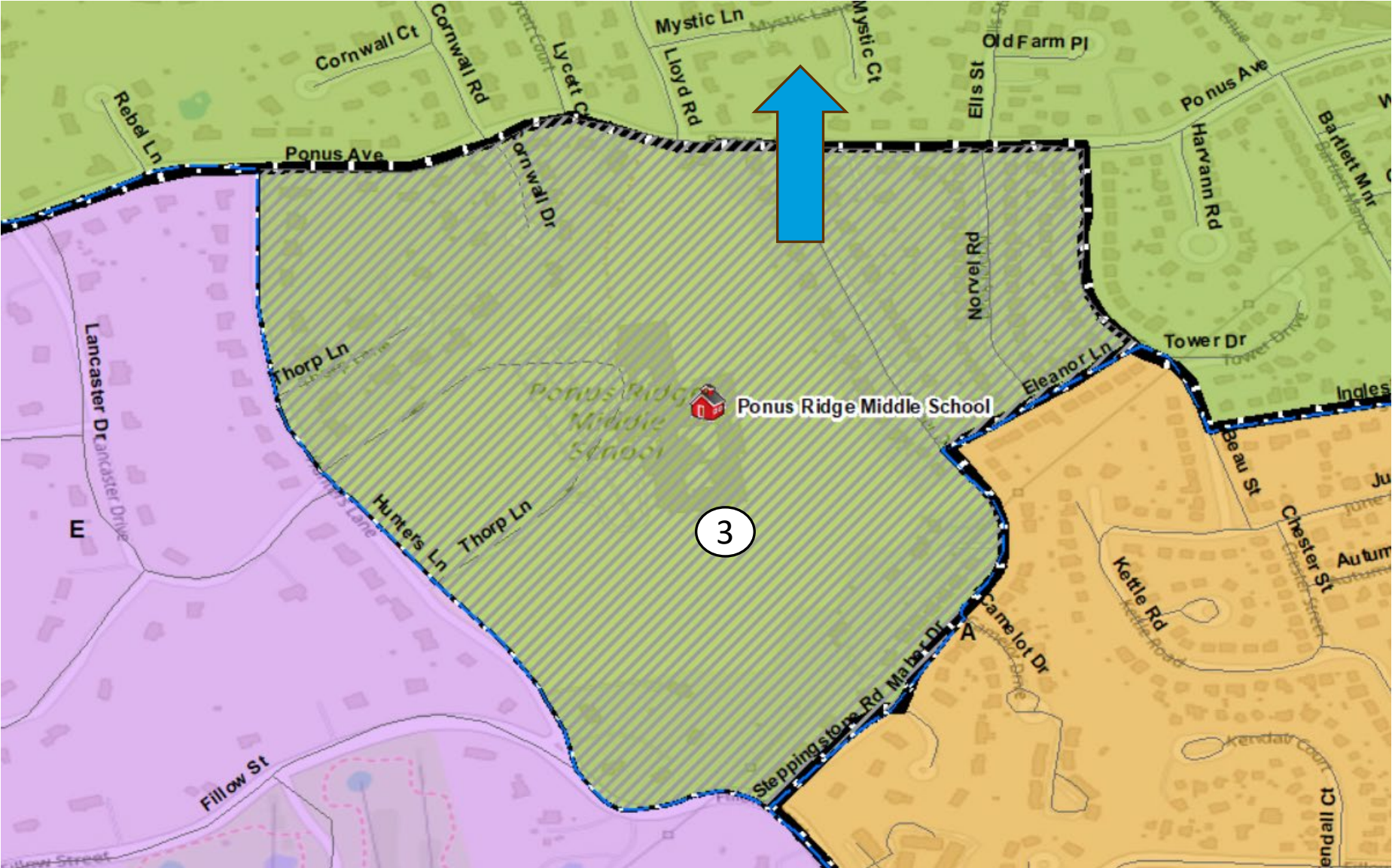


Change 2 area -

From Phillips Street to Glenwood Ave to Connecticut Ave to Clinton Ave currently in District A is now assigned to District E

This area has a Total Population of 330 and a Voting Age Population of 105. 35% of the Total Population in this area is NH White.

Change 3 – From District E to District to D

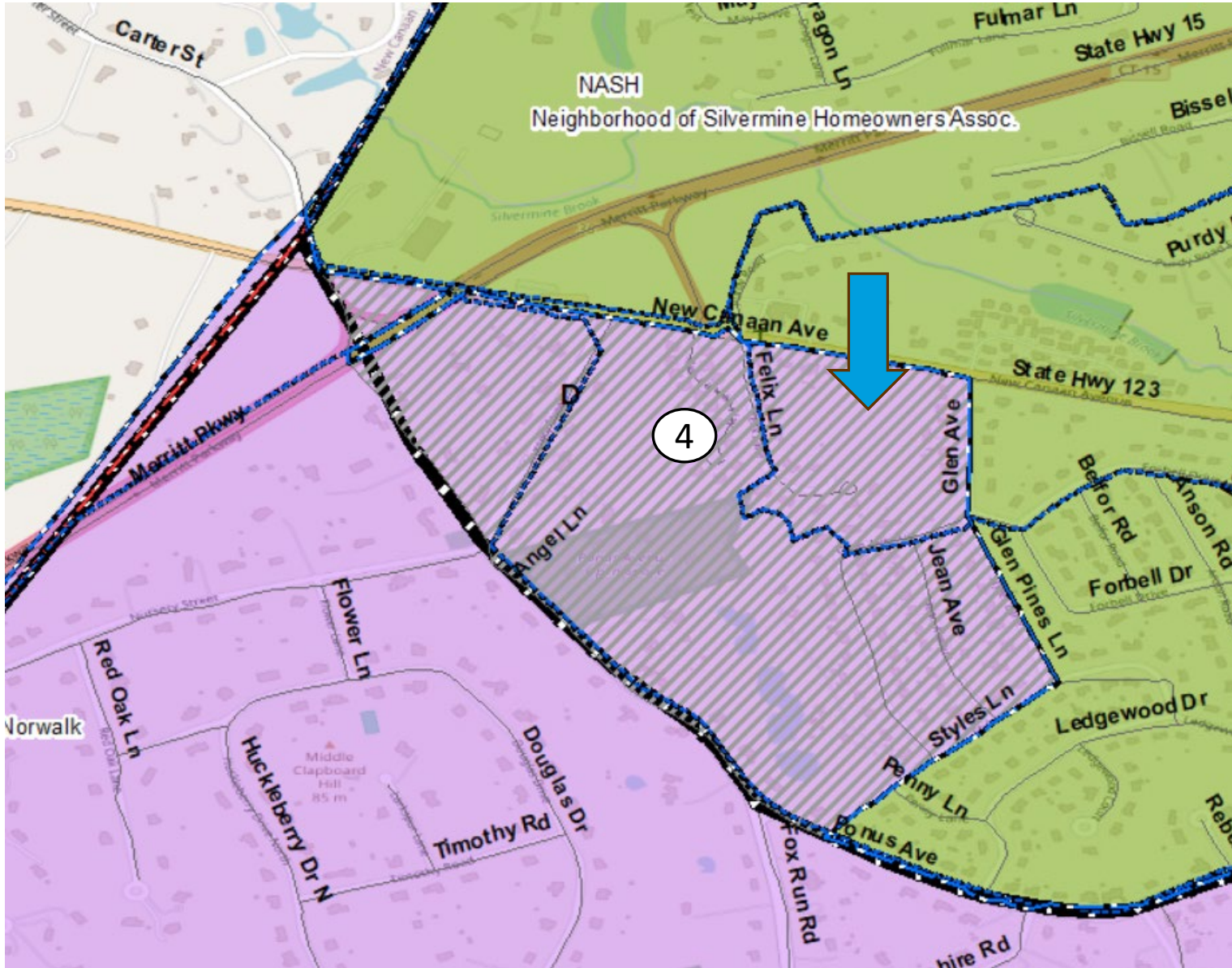


Change 3 area -
From Ponus Ave in the North to Hunters Ln, to Stepping Stone Rd, Maher Rd, Eleanor Rd, Beau St to Ponus Ave, currently in District E is now being assigned to District D. This area has Ponus Ridge Middle School, a polling place used by District D

This area has a Total Population of 351 and a Voting Age Population of 293.
55% of the Total Population in this area is NH White.



Change 4 – From District D to District E



Change 4 area –

From New Canaan Ave in the north to Ponus Ave, to Styles Ln, Glen Pines Ln, Glen Ave, and back to New Canaan Ave, currently in D is now being assigned to E.

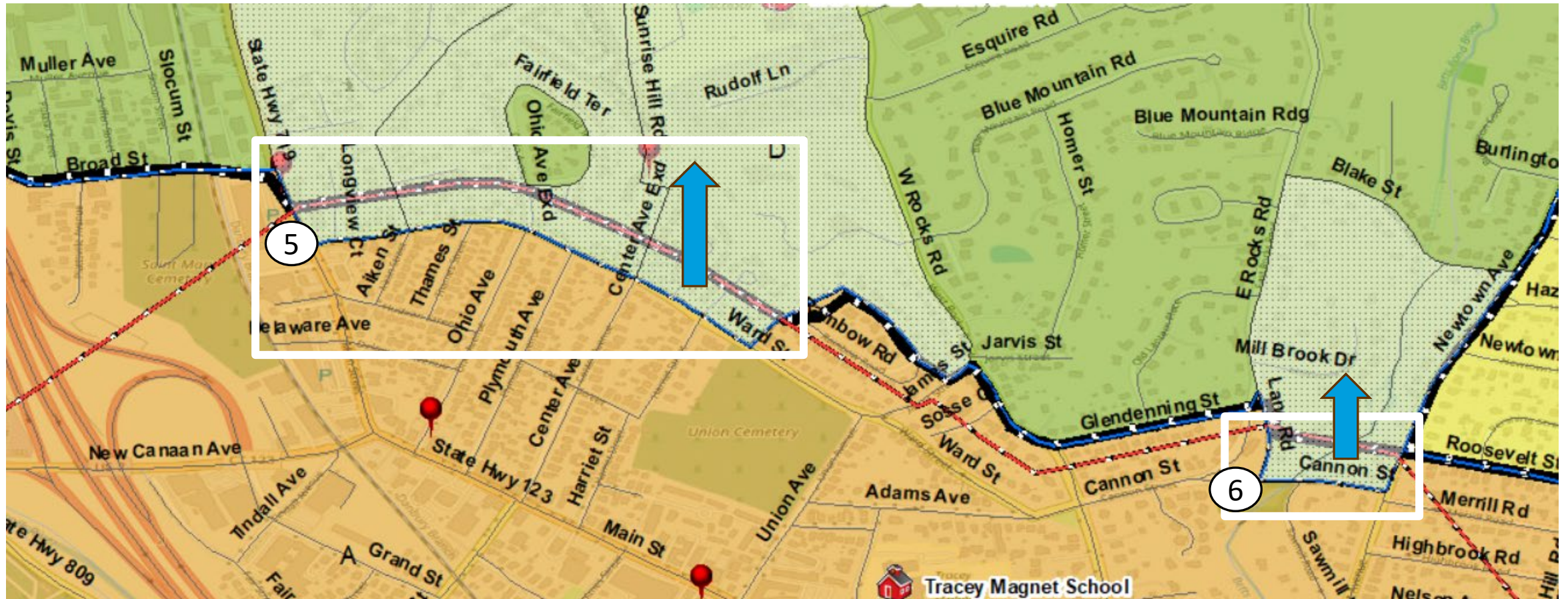
This area has a Total Population of 285 and a Voting Age Population of 241.

79% of the Total Population in this area is NH White.

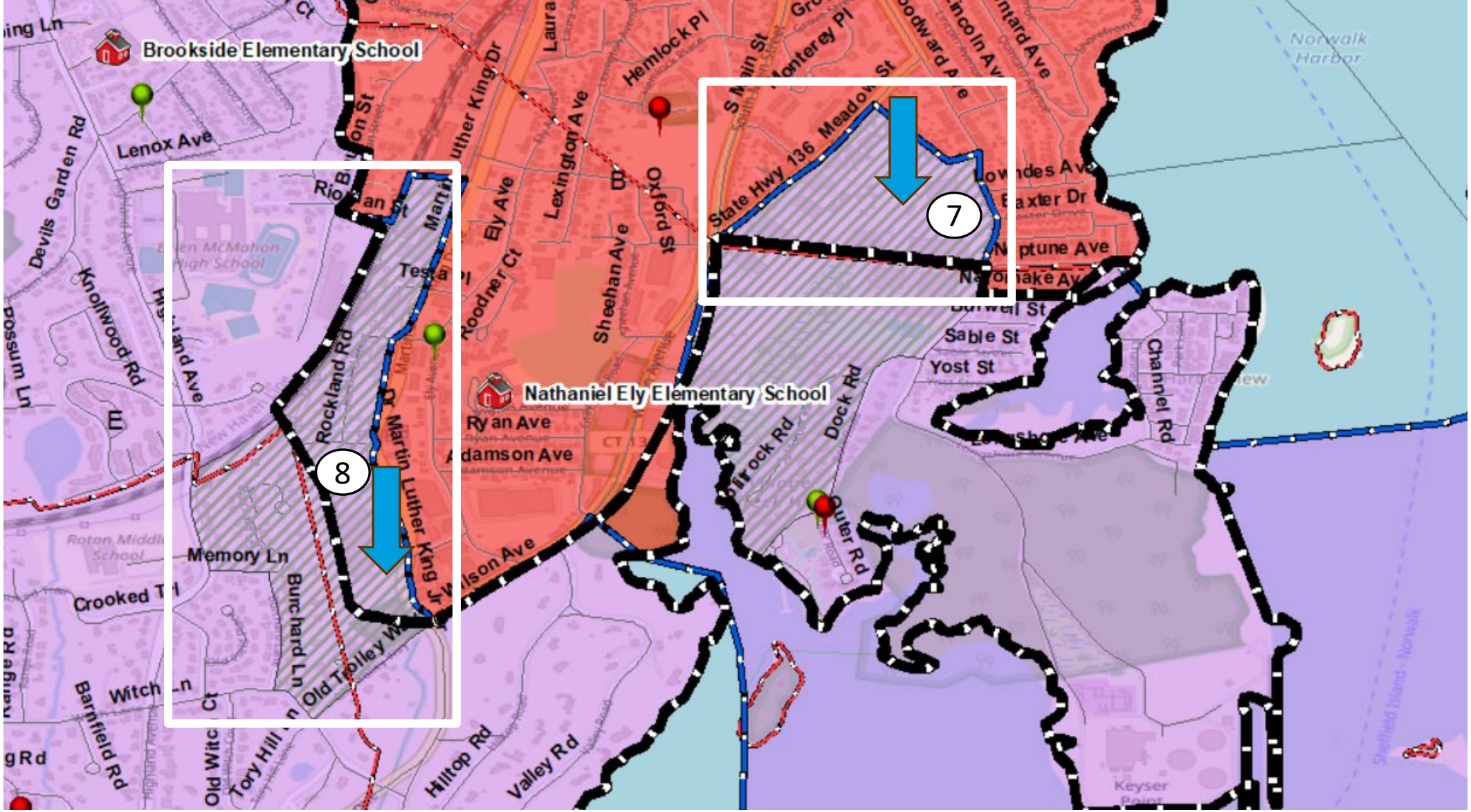
Other Changes

DUE TO CURRENT DISTRICTS NOT ALIGNING WITH CENSUS BLOCKS

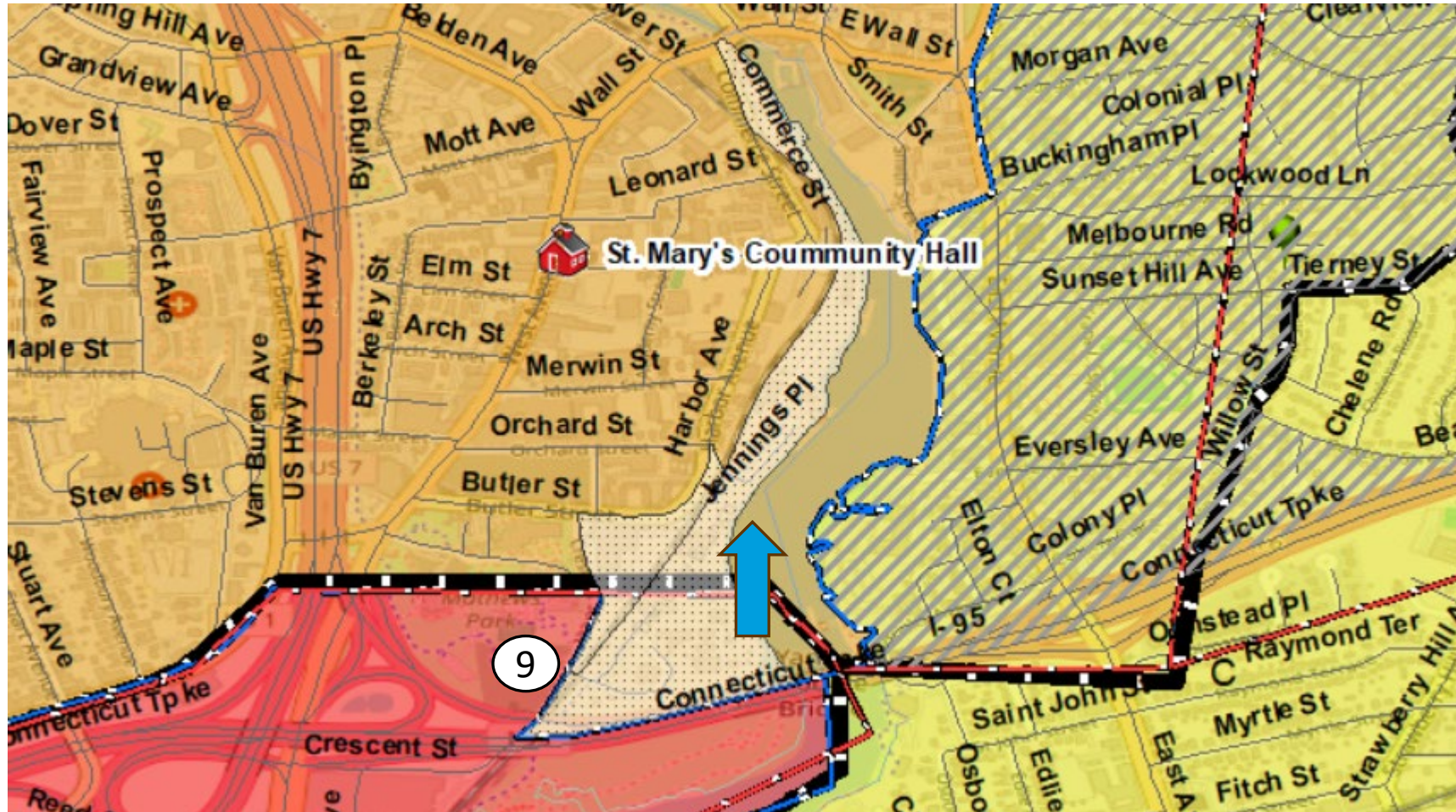
Changes 5 and 6 - A to D



Changes 7 and 8 – From B to E



Change 9 – B to A



Comparison of Total Population and Deviation in Current & Proposed Districts

	Current Districts – Max Dev 18.86%			Proposed Districts – Max Dev – 4.75%		
Districts	Current Districts	Deviation from Target	Deviation %	Proposed Districts	Deviation from Target	Deviation %
A	20,227	1,990	10.91%	18,055	-182	-1.00%
B	17,963	-274	-1.50%	17,764	-473	-2.59%
C	16,788	-1,449	-7.95%	18,630	393	2.15%
D	18,494	257	1.41%	18,560	323	1.77%
E	17,712	-525	-2.88%	18,175	-62	-0.34%
	91,184		18.86%	91,184		4.75%

Current & Proposed Districts - Total Population By Race

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Proposed Districts – Max Dev 4.75%									
	Hispanic	NH White	NH Black	NH AIAN	NH Asian	NH NHOPI	NH Other	NH - 2+ Race	Total
A	6,816	6,399	2,861	30	1,252	2	165	530	18,055
B	8,993	3,767	3,779	34	613	4	134	440	17,764
C	4,699	10,866	1,508	6	936	5	107	503	18,630
D	3,133	12,324	1,293	16	1,094	1	120	579	18,560
E	3,988	10,958	1,633	16	877	2	126	575	18,175
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A	37.75%	35.44%	15.85%	0.17%	6.93%	0.01%	0.91%	2.94%	100.00%
B	50.62%	21.21%	21.27%	0.19%	3.45%	0.02%	0.75%	2.48%	100.00%
C	25.22%	58.33%	8.09%	0.03%	5.02%	0.03%	0.57%	2.70%	100.00%
D	16.88%	66.40%	6.97%	0.09%	5.89%	0.01%	0.65%	3.12%	100.00%
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A	4,970	5,666	2,284	23	1,013	2	112	372	14,442
B	6,269	3,396	2,968	26	508	3	93	288	13,551
C	3,323	9,424	1,193	3	769	5	63	330	15,110
D	2,297	10,631	1,043	14	902	1	68	346	15,302
E	2,821	9,046	1,272	11	708	0	75	344	14,277
									72,682
A	34.41%	39.23%	15.81%	0.16%	7.01%	0.01%	0.78%	2.58%	100.00%
B	46.26%	25.06%	21.90%	0.19%	3.75%	0.02%	0.69%	2.13%	100.00%
C	21.99%	62.37%	7.90%	0.02%	5.09%	0.03%	0.42%	2.18%	100.00%
D	15.01%	69.47%	6.82%	0.09%	5.89%	0.01%	0.44%	2.26%	100.00%
E	19.76%	63.36%	8.91%	0.08%	4.96%	0.00%	0.53%	2.41%	100.00%

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Thank You

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