# Redistricting Principles

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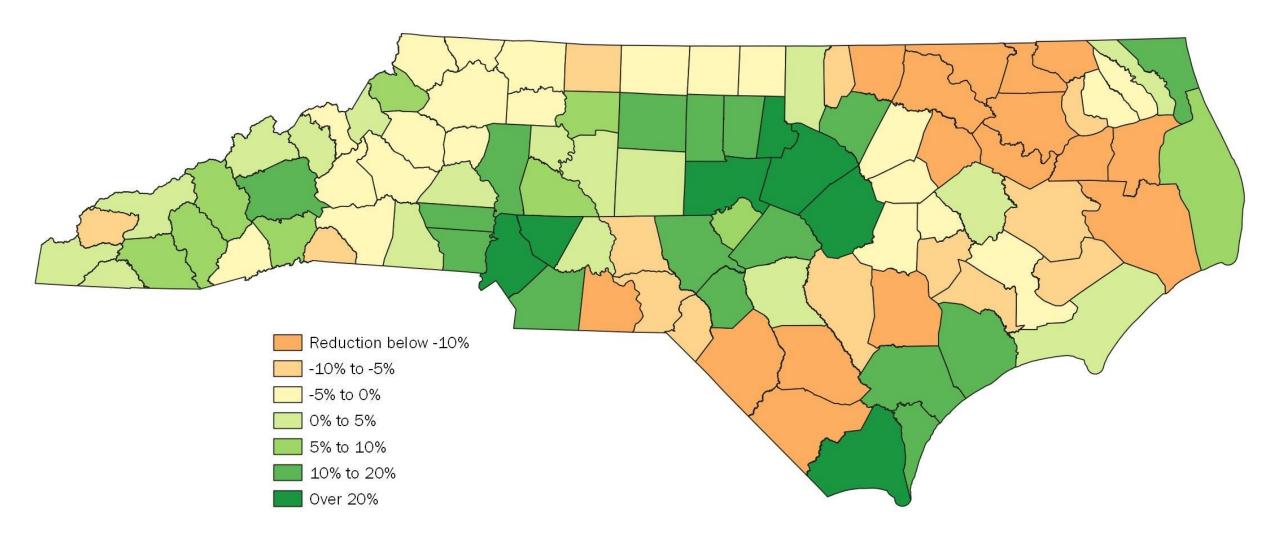
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WAKE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM December 7, 2021

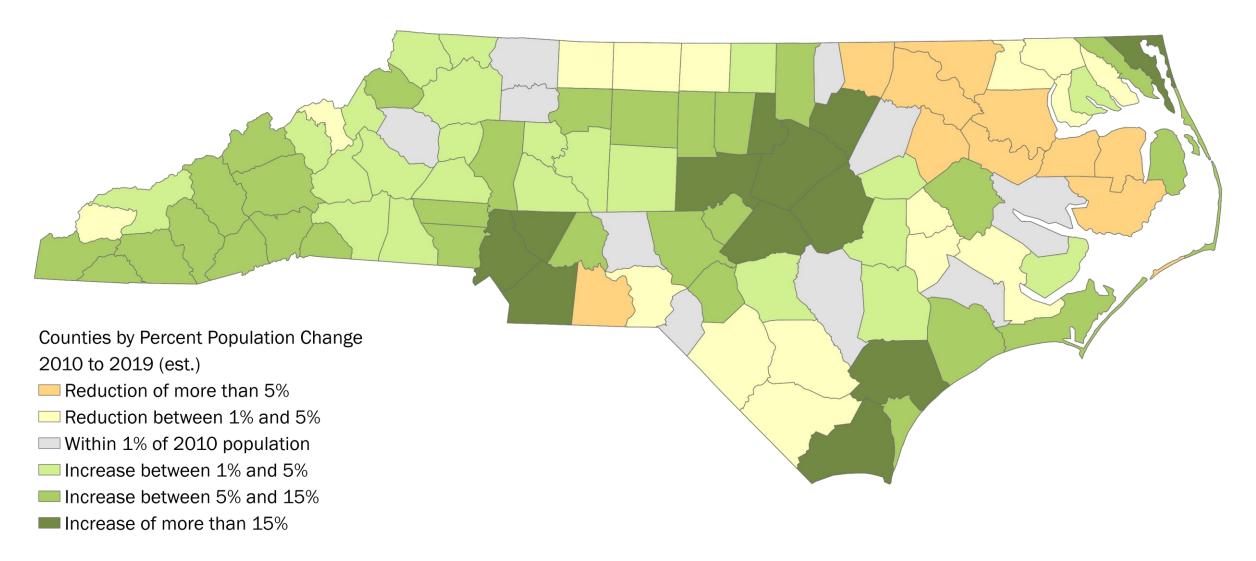
### Foundational & Required Principles

Population Equality

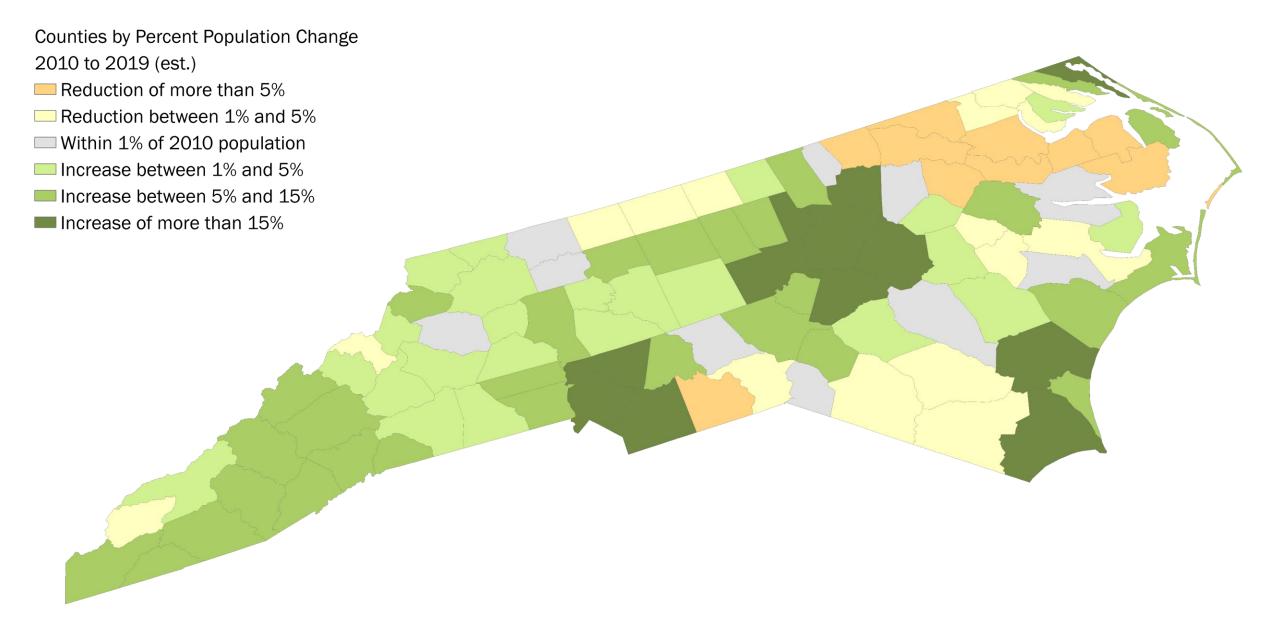
#### Change in NC County Population from 2010 to 2020

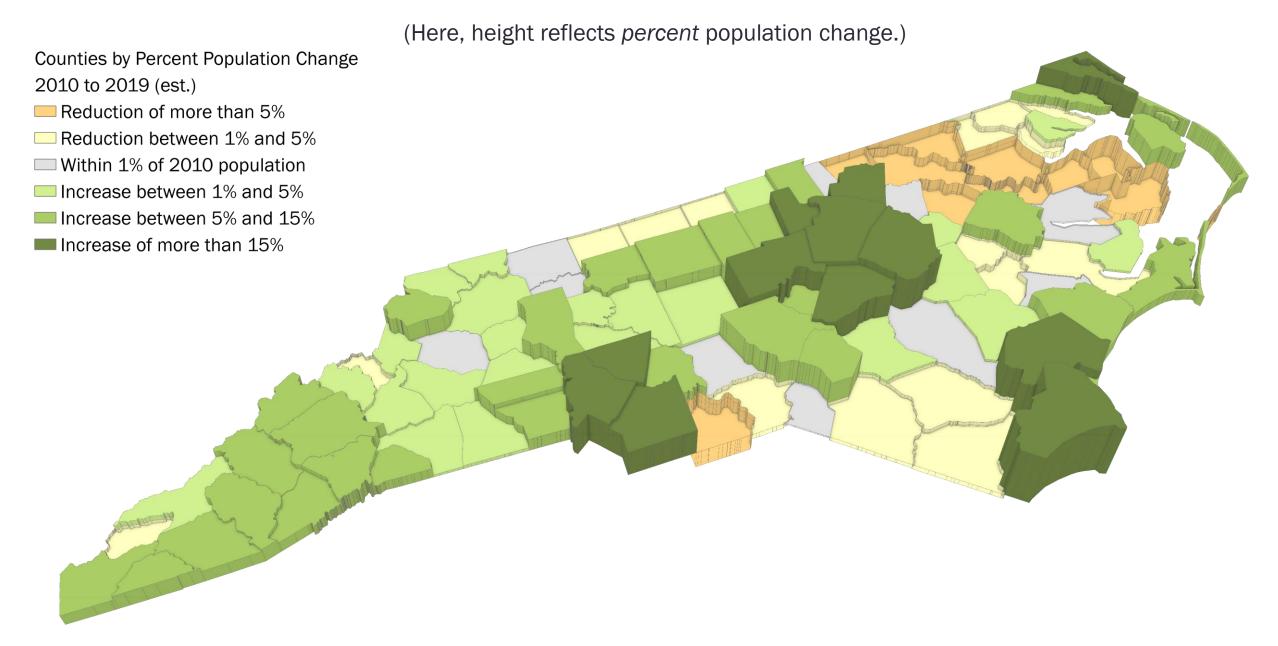


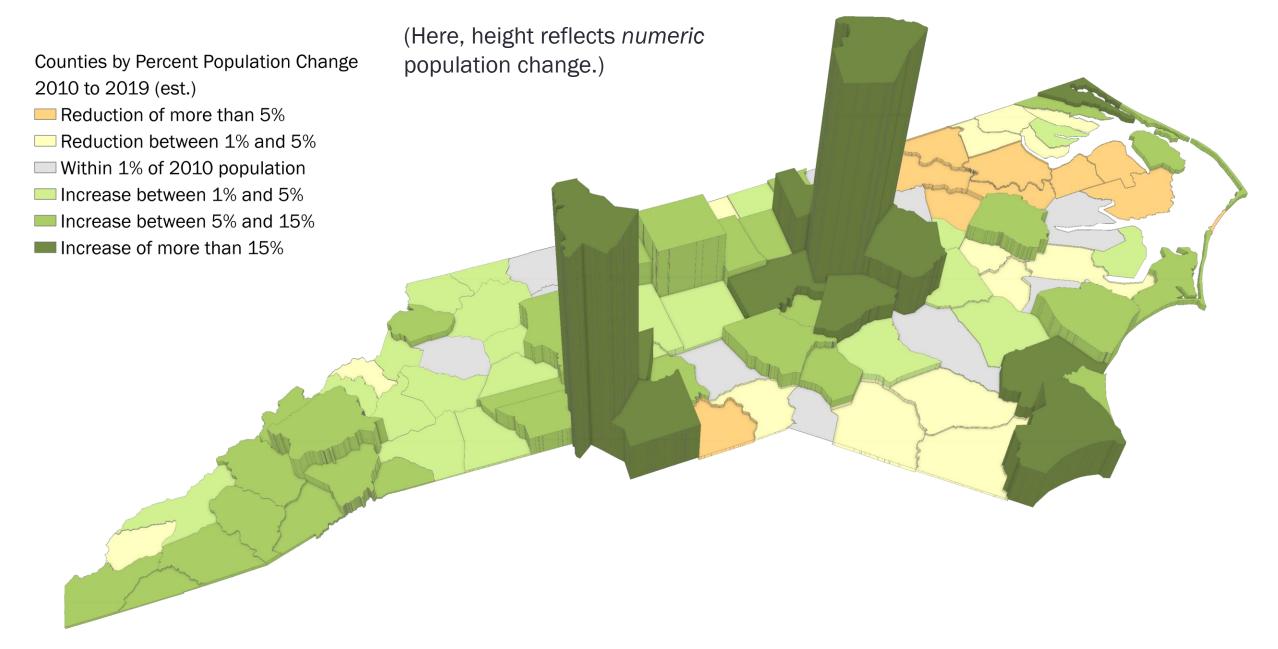


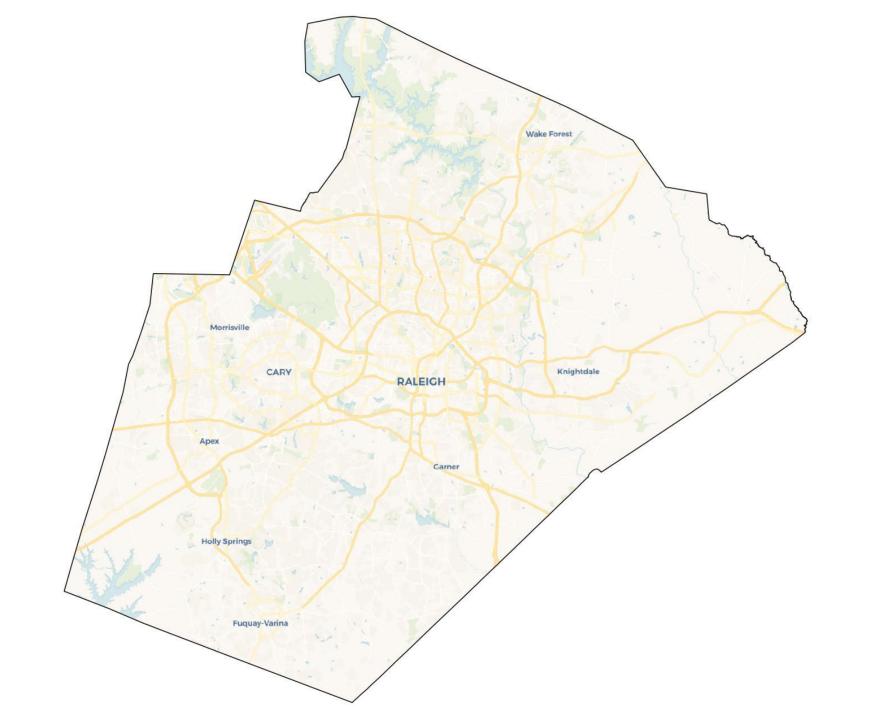


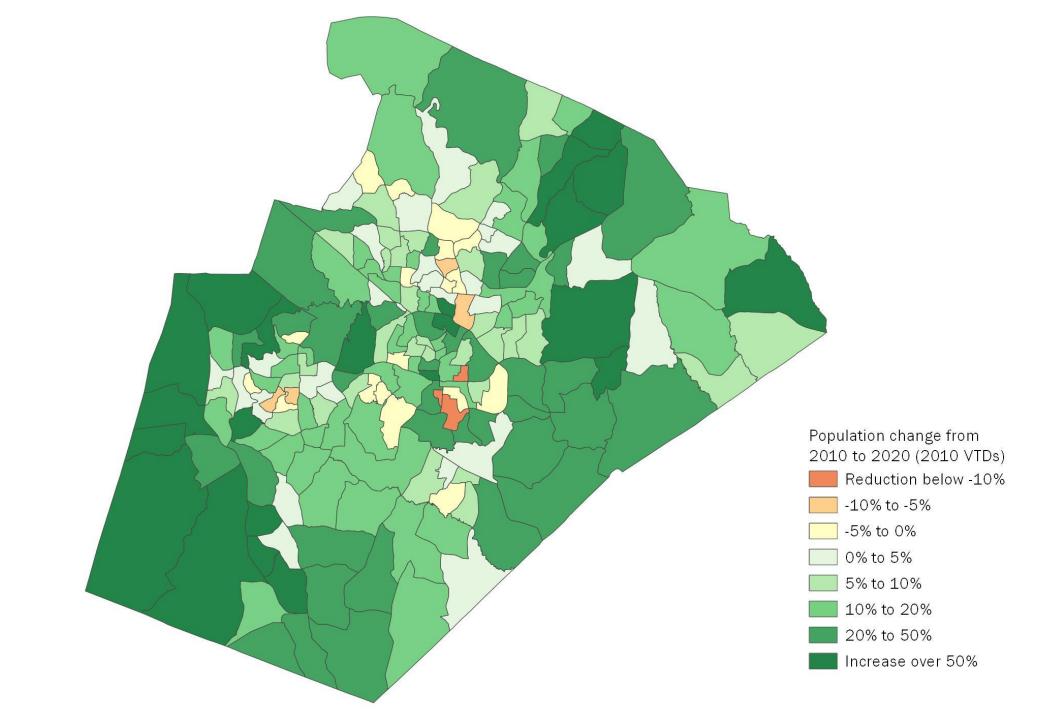
Source: 2010 US Census and NC OSBM 2019 County Estimates

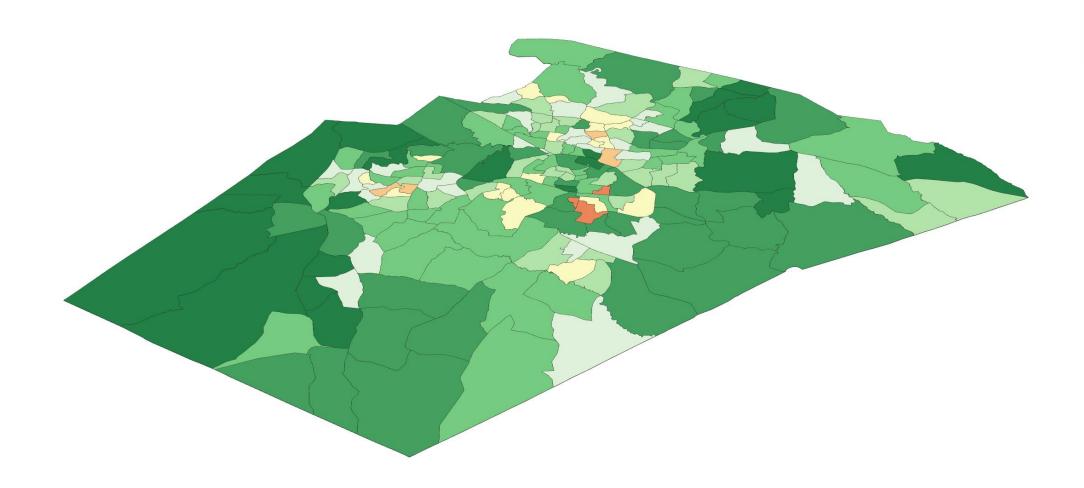


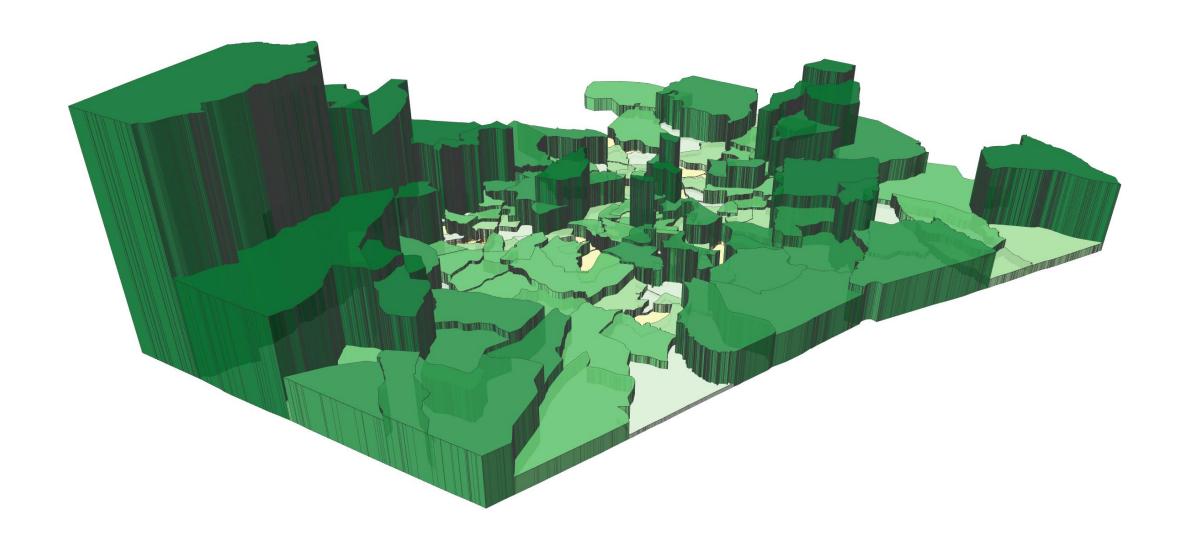


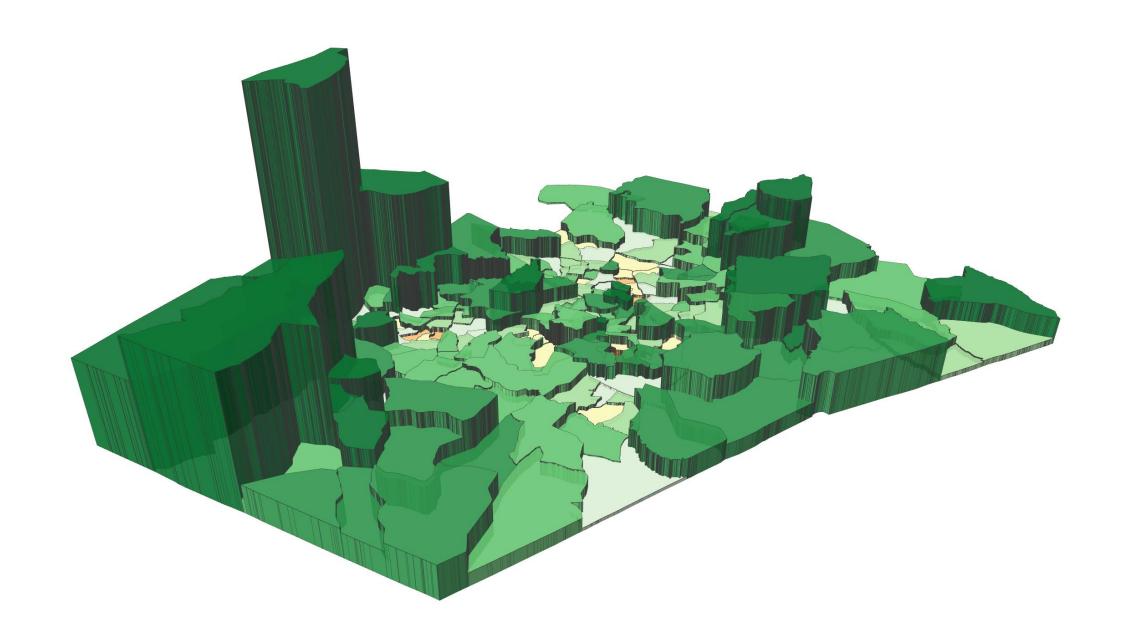


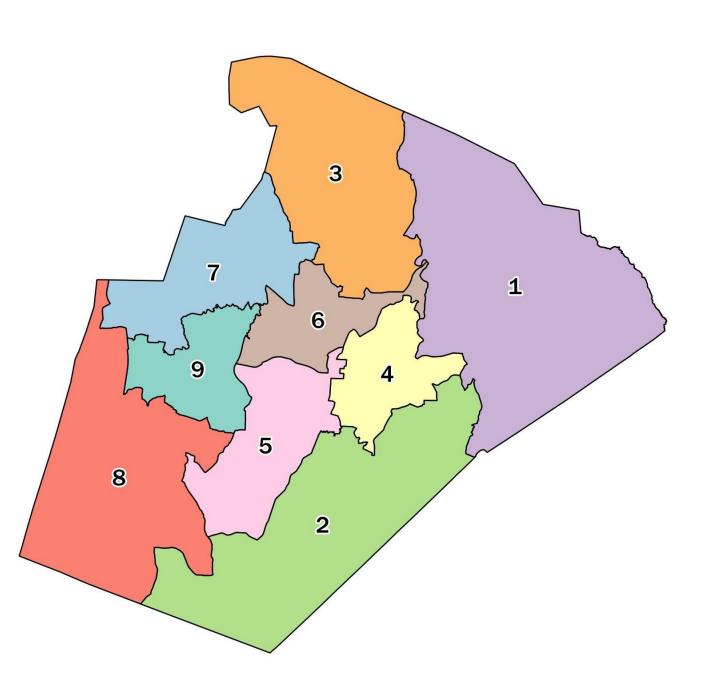


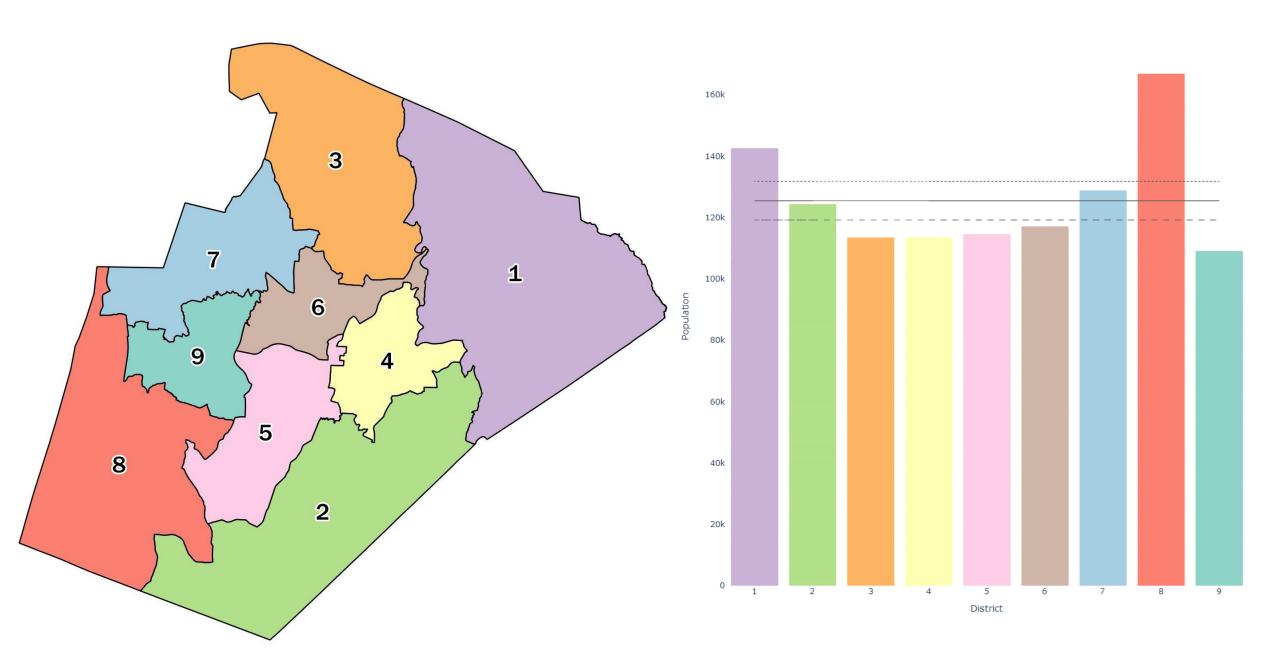


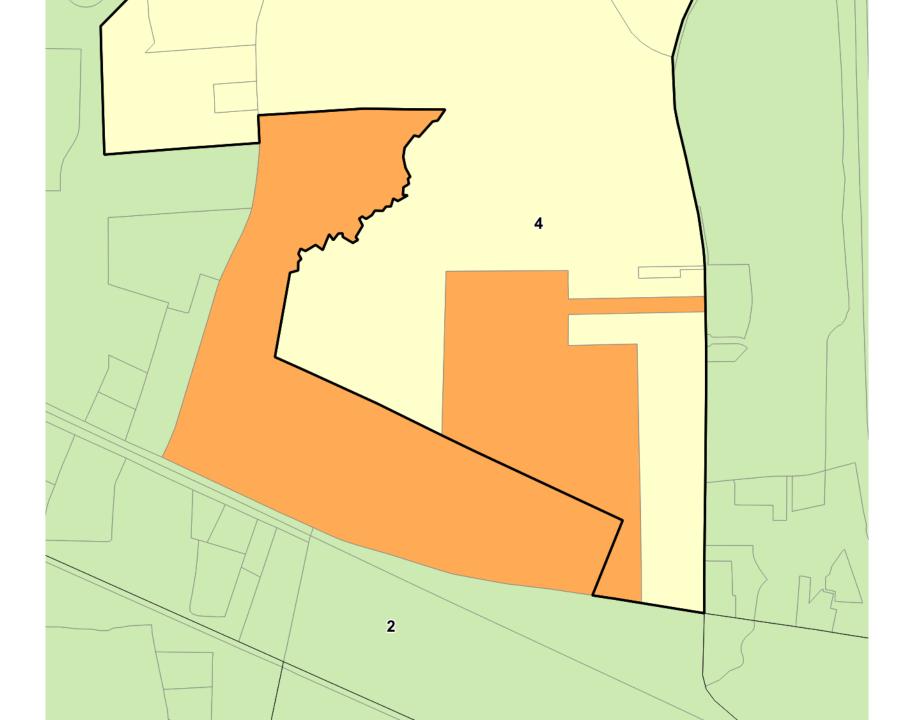












### Other Foundational Principles

- Contiguity
- Compliance with the Federal Voting Rights Act
- (Partisan election data will not be considered.)

### Discretionary Principles

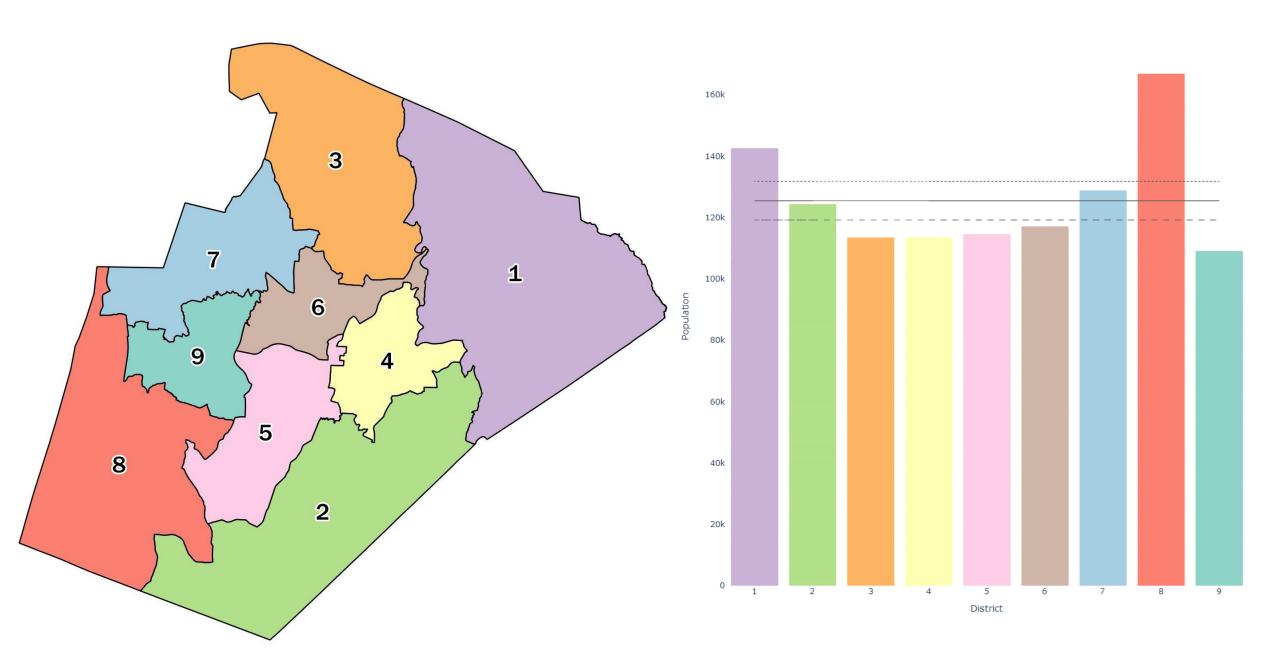




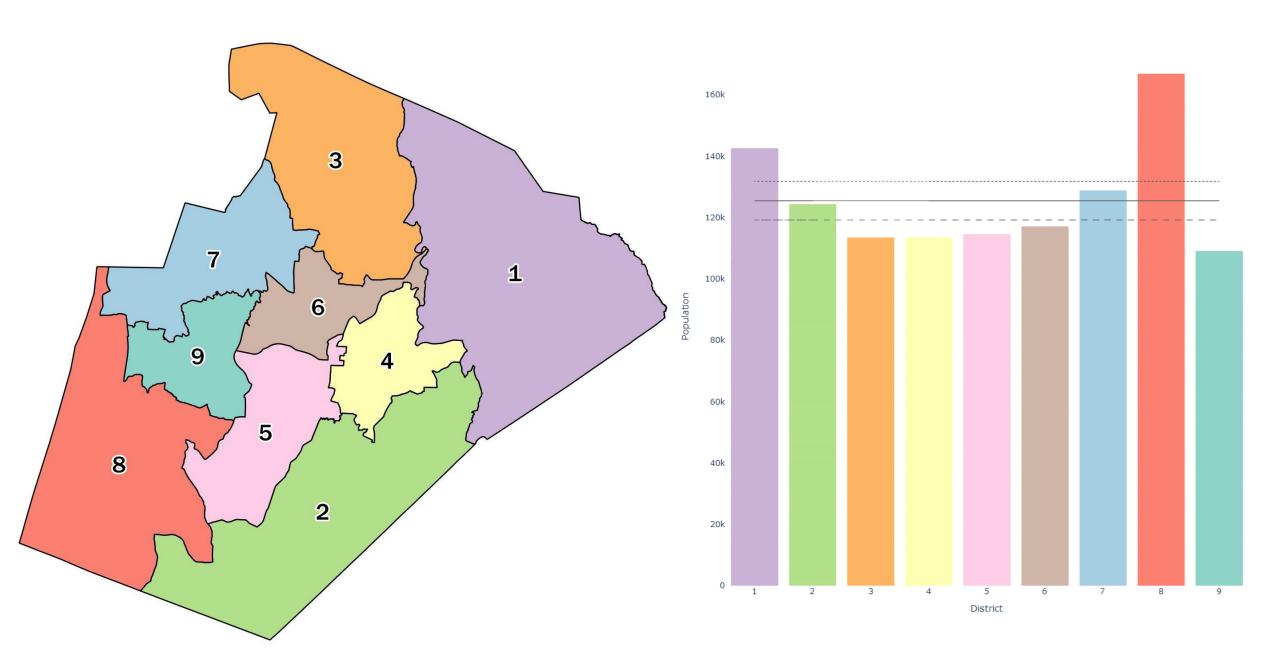
#### Discretionary Principles

- 1. Preservation of the cores of existing districts (minimizing change)
- 2. Consideration of the home addresses/precincts of incumbents
- 3. Using precincts as building blocks and keeping them intact
- 4. Consideration of municipalities
- Compactness
- 6. Following major physical features as boundaries when possible (e.g., major roads, railroad tracks, waterbodies)
- 7. Preserving communities of interest (can be neighborhoods, or other areas with shared demographic, cultural, historic, or economic characteristics).
- 8. Taking into account post-census development and population growth when balancing populations of districts (all still must be within ± 5% of ideal)
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- 10. Consideration of the locations of schools

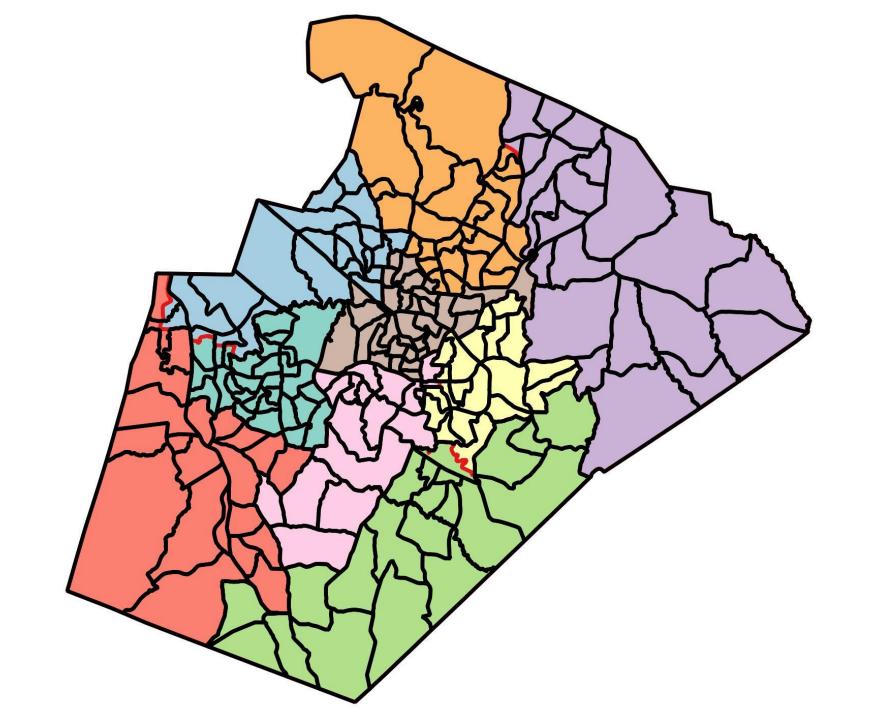
### 1. Preservation Of District Cores



### 2. Considering Incumbent Residences

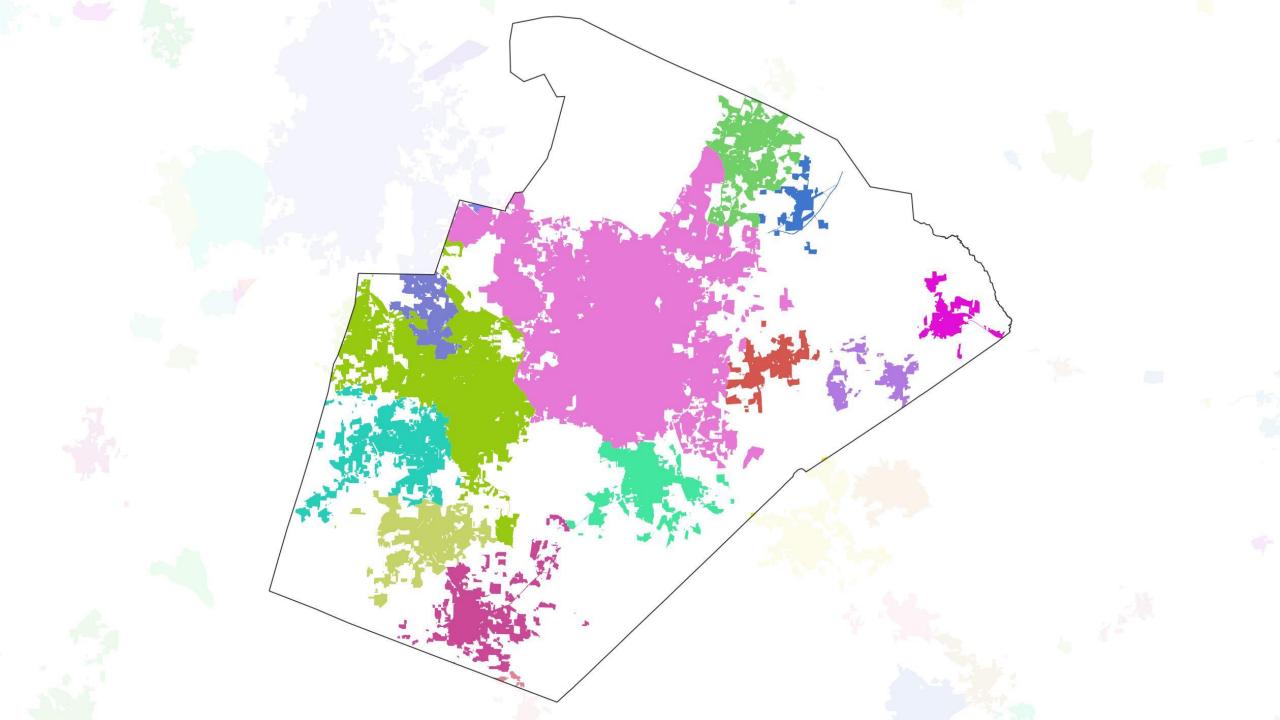


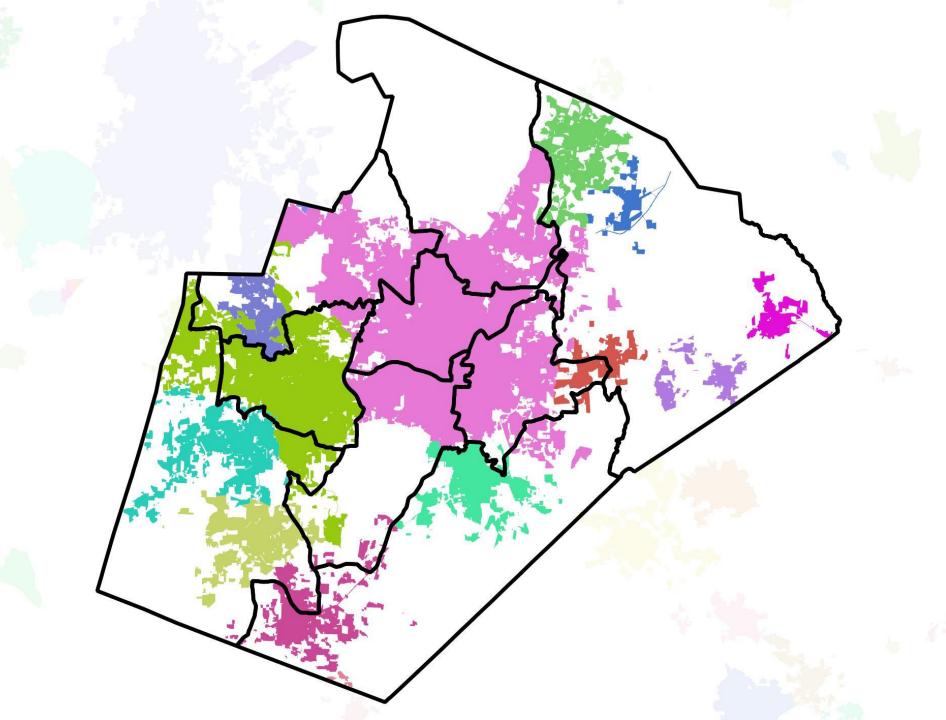
3. Using Precincts as Building Blocks

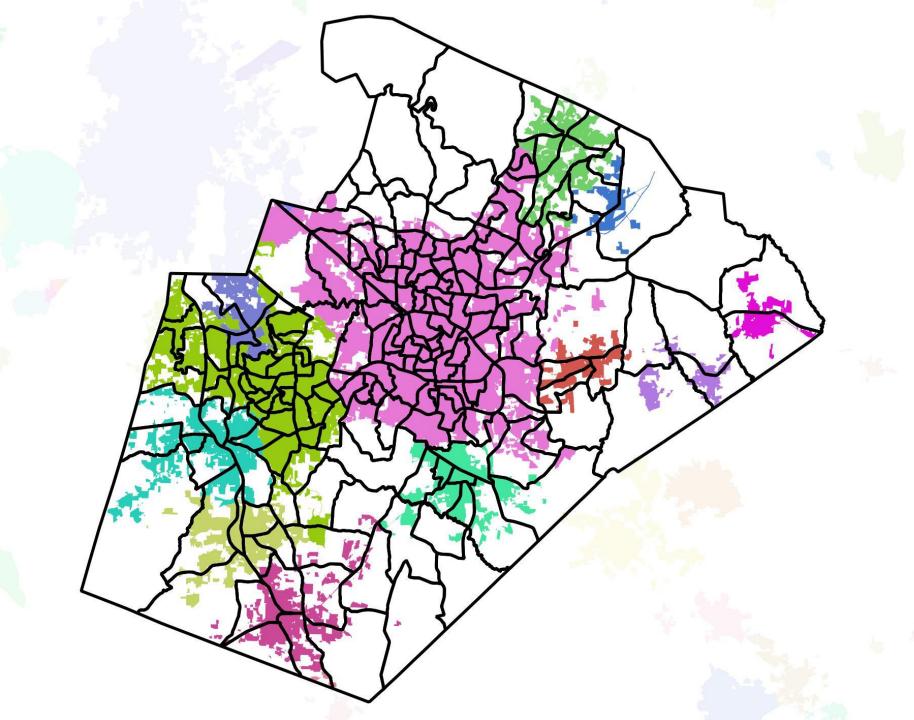


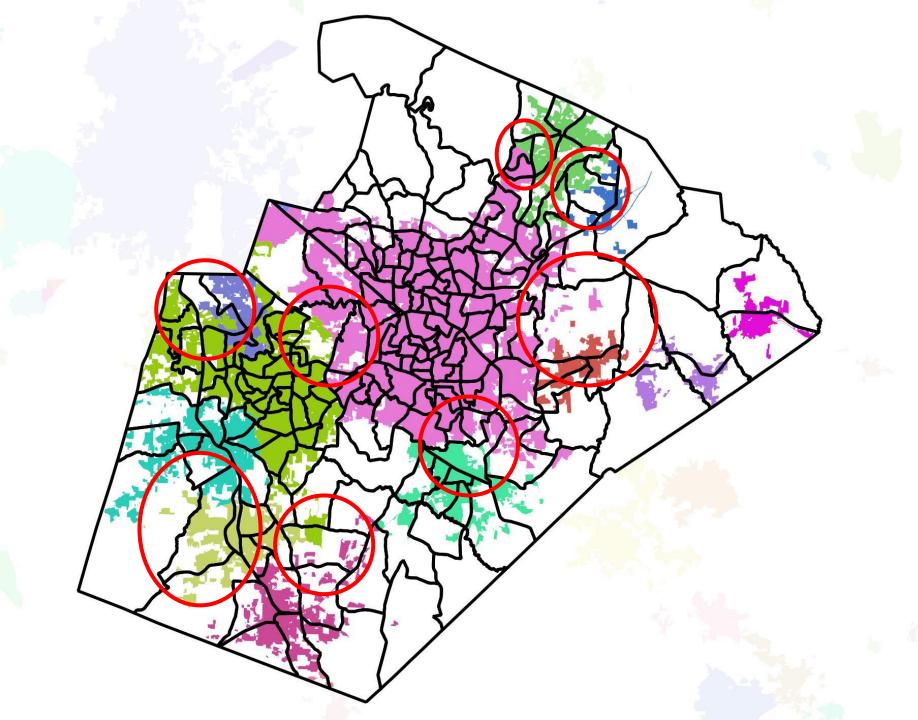
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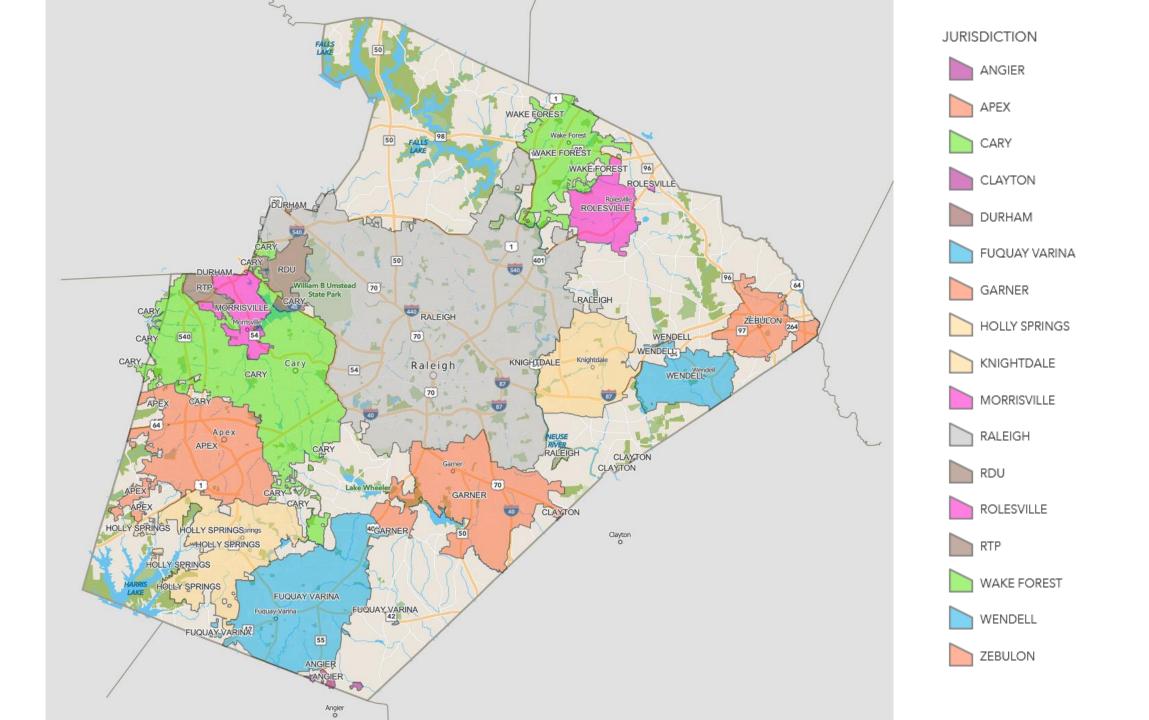




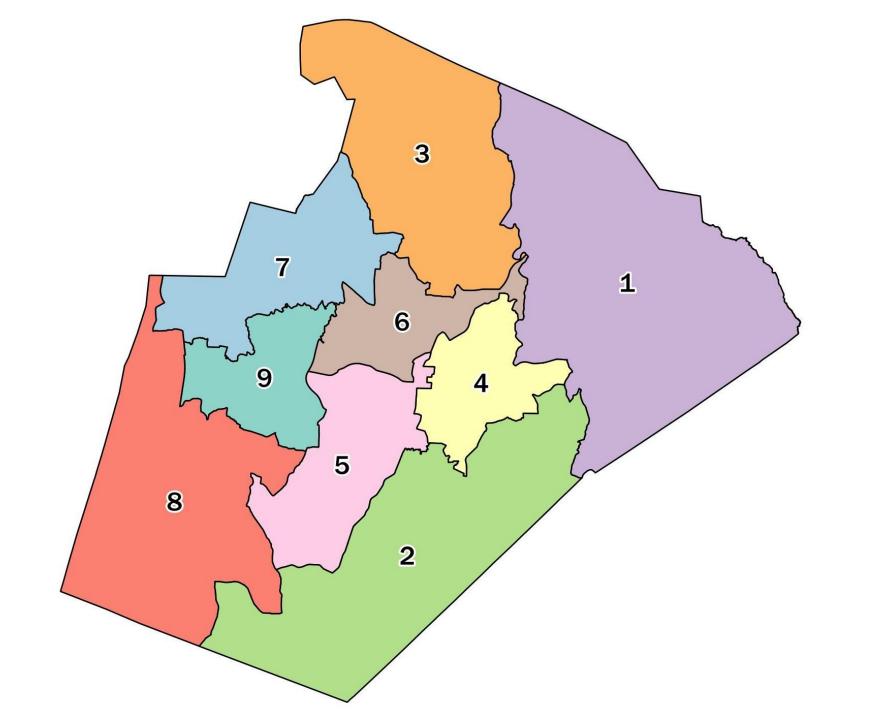


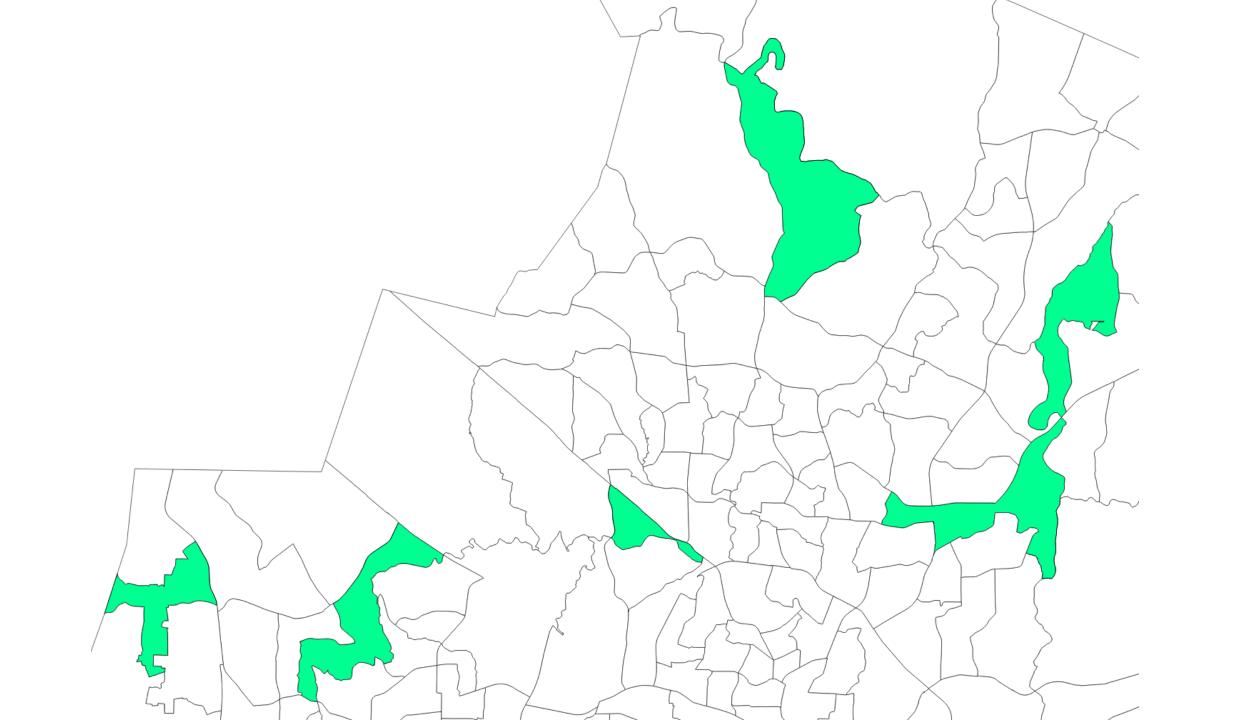






## 5. Compactness





### Remaining Principles

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#### All Discretionary Principles

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#### Timeline — Bookends

- September 21 meeting: introductory discussion
- Today's date: December 7, 2021 (considering guidelines)
- Candidate filing period begins: July 1, 2022
- Boards of Elections need time to process before deadline
- Plan should be adopted by May or early June

#### Timeline — Possible Road Map

- One possible road map for process timing:
  - Presentation of draft plans at a January meeting
    - Could be work session or evening meeting
  - Discussion at a subsequent work session (identify preferred plan?)
  - Public hearing at a March meeting
  - Adoption following public hearing
    - ► Could be immediately following or at a subsequent meeting
  - ► (The above road map includes extra time at the end to allow for possible additional steps)

Questions, Discussion, Consensus?