SPECIAL CALLED

CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

R. Carlisle Roddey Chester County Government Complex

1476 J.A. Cochran Bypass Chester, SC 29706

Thursday, February 24th, 2022 at 8:30 AM

Agenda

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Approval of Minutes**
   - **a.** February 15th, 2022 Special Called Minutes.
3. **Executive Session**
   - **a.** Receive legal advice regarding a contractual matter.
4. **Council Action Following Executive Session**
   - **a.** Action taken regarding legal advice on a contractual matter.
5. **Public Hearing**
   - **a.** **3rd Reading of 2022-2** An Ordinance to Provide for the Redistricting of Chester County Council Seats Utilizing Popular Data from The 2020 Federal Census In Accordance With The South Carolina Code Of Law.
6. **Ordinance**
   - **a.** **3rd Reading of 2022-2** An Ordinance to Provide for the Redistricting of Chester County Council Seats Utilizing Popular Data from The 2020 Federal Census In Accordance With The South Carolina Code Of Law.
7. **Adjourn**

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, the Chester News & Reporter, The Herald in Rock Hill, SC, WSOC-TV, Channel 9 Eyewitness News, the Mfg. Housing Institute of SC, WRHI Radio Station, C&N2 News, WCNC News and Capitol Consultants were notified, and a notice was posted on the bulletin board at the Chester County Government Building 24 hours prior to the meeting.

SPECIAL CALLED CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL MINUTES

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Tuesday, February 15th, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Present: Interim Chairman Frederick, Councilman Killian, Councilman Wilson, Councilwoman Guy County Attorney Winters, Clerk to Council Lee. Councilman Vaughn came in at (9:17 AM).

Absent: Vice Chairman Branham and Councilman Jordan were absent with prior notification.

1. **Call to Order-** Interim Chairman Frederick called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. **Ordinance**

Attorney Winters introduced Katherine Kelly and Adam Damaris who were with the South Carolina Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office to answer questions from Council. Ms. Kelly stated it looks like your deviation range has gotten down to 3.85%, which is well within the 10% limit and also beneath our recommended 5%. So I guess what we need to understand is what questions you have for our staff as well as where you want to see some changes because we can sit in Colombia and draw maps, but we don't know your communities of interest as well as you do. And so we don't know where you may want the lines to stay or where you want the lines to move.

Councilwoman Guy stated she was District five, since her district lost 109 people in the census her district was a minority district and needed to stay one. Around 30 years ago the Supreme Court made it a single member district so that minorities could win since it was hard to win in the other districts. But also, the best candidate to win but she still wanted an opportunity for minorities to be there. She did not want district five to be a toss- up district.

Mr. Damaris stated based off the benchmark report she was about 56% majority minority, the new draft proposed only dropped that percentage down to around 2.5%, meaning it was only couple of people removed. He stated he did not look at street data but looks at population total in the black population to stay within the confines of trying to keep district five in a majority minority. He stated she was above 50%, it went from 56.04% to 55.87%. Which was at the 2% point some of the population was not just black voters but also Hispanics it's the population as a whole map and wasn't one specific demographic.

Ms. Miller stated to Councilwoman Guy she would need to lose around 109 people to reach the goal for each district. She stated the lines were shifted to bring the deviation down under 5%. That put her district at over 20 people, and she lost 90 people in her district to get closer to the goal.

Mr. Damaris stated he would send Attorney Winters the Census block map which is the census block based on the population in that block.

Attorney Winters asked from the first draft the County is currently at 3.5% deviation which was under the goal of 5%. She asked if they had ever seen 0% and if Council was happy with this draft could they vote to adopt the way it is. She also asked what the time frame was if any lines were to move.

Mr. Damaris stated it would be good luck to have 0% deviation. District Five and District Six remained the majority minority districts it was 2% and they did not shift too many individuals, he

would identify the individual blocks that were shifted from the districts.

Attorney Winters stated for the record she wanted Council to understand this was not a Chester County initiative but a national initiative. She stated the County had received phone calls why this was being done, this is not just Chester County its state and national since the census happens every ten years.

Councilman Killian asked of the 359 people brought into his district would be black and white.

Mr. Damaris stated yes, it was a demographic as a whole, not one specific demographic. It could be any different racial groups. They were not dealing with just black and white folks or any other race but dealing with the County's overall population and trying to stay within the confines of criteria that had been set out based off the benchmark any federal and state.

Councilman Vaughn stated his population grew some. He asked when the census was done in 2020 if citizens did not complete and did not participate if that would have a major impact on redistricting.

Mr. Damaris stated a few blocks were moved from district one to district two he increased since he was underneath 215 population from the benchmark and went to 230. It could be a number of things people moving out of the county and mostly people did not fill out their census data. He also stated the deadline for any changes to the map was February 17th, if they were satisfied with the map created with 3.85% deviation, they could stay with that one. But if they desired to make any changes again the deadline was at close of Thursday, February 17th.

Attorney Winters stated they would need to have any request for changes for another draft map by Thursday, February 17th, the new draft map would be presented back to Council to discuss on February 22nd for the regular called meeting. The public hearing and third/final reading would be on February 24th. Once Council approves the final map it would be submitted to them to meet their March 3rd deadline. Once Council approves the map it would be sent to our election commission.

Councilman Wilson asked to have the maps loaded to the website. He stated this map compared to the benchmark, you will see what is currently and the proposed changes they're proposing. He did not see a lot of changes.

a. **2nd Reading of 2022-2 An Ordinance to Provide for the Redistricting of Chester County Council Seats Utilizing Popular Data from the 2020 Federal Census In Accordance With The South Carolina Code Of Law.** Councilman Wilson motioned to approve the second reading of the ordinance to provide of the redistricting of the Chester County seats utilizing popular data from the 2020 federal census in accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, second by Councilman Vaughn. Councilman Killian and Councilwoman Guy opposed. Interim Chairman Frederick broke the tie and voted to oppose. Motion didn't carry.

3. **Adjourn-**Councilman Vaughn voted to adjourn, second by Councilman Wilson. Vote 4-0 to adjourn.

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County Council: 5

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Chester County - County Council

Legend

- County Boundary
- Municipal Limits
- Interstate
- SC / US Highway
- Secondary Road
- Water Features

County Council Districts

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Chester **Total Population by Race** *Race defined using DOJ definitions. Not Hispanic or Latino is abbreviated as NH.

County	District	Total	Hispanic	% Hispanic	NH White	% NH White	NH DOJ Black*	DOJ Black	Other Race	% NH Other Race
Chester	1	5,470	169	3.09%	3,766	68.85%	1,307	23.89%	228	4.17%
Chester	2	5,397	84	1.56%	3,528	65.37%	1,598	29.61%	187	3.46%
Chester	3	5,420	167	3.08%	4,023	74.23%	985	18.17%	245	4.52%
Chester	4	5,342	115	2.15%	3,566	66.75%	1,468	27.48%	193	3.61%
Chester	5	5,402	141	2.61%	2,079	38.49%	3,018	55.87%	164	3.04%
Chester	6	5,263	119	2.26%	1,629	30.95%	3,380	64.22%	135	2.57%
	Total	32,294	795	2.46%	18,591	57.57%	11,756	36.40%	1,152	3.57%

Voting Age Population by Race *Race defined using DOJ definitions. Not Hispanic or Latino is abbreviated as NH.

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Chester	1	4,233	103	2.43%	3,033	71.65%	934	22.06%	163	3.85%
Chester	2	4,236	50	1.18%	2,884	68.08%	1,175	27.74%	127	3.00%
Chester	3	4,340	120	2.76%	3,290	75.81%	763	17.58%	167	3.85%
Chester	4	4,214	84	1.99%	2,894	68.68%	1,102	26.15%	134	3.18%
Chester	5	4,130	70	1.69%	1,689	40.90%	2,251	54.50%	120	2.91%
Chester	6	3,991	82	2.05%	1,350	33.83%	2,465	61.76%	94	2.36%
	Total	25,144	509	2.02%	15,140	60.21%	8,690	34.56%	805	3.20%

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Sum of Hispanic	Sum of	Sum of NH_DOJ_B	Sum of NH_OTH	Sum of VAP_TOTA	Sum of VAP_HISP	Sum of VAP_NH	Sum of VAP_NH_DOJ_BL	Sum of VAP_NH_OT

Draft 1 Statistics, February 2022

District	2020 Census	Goal	Over/ (Under)	% Deviation
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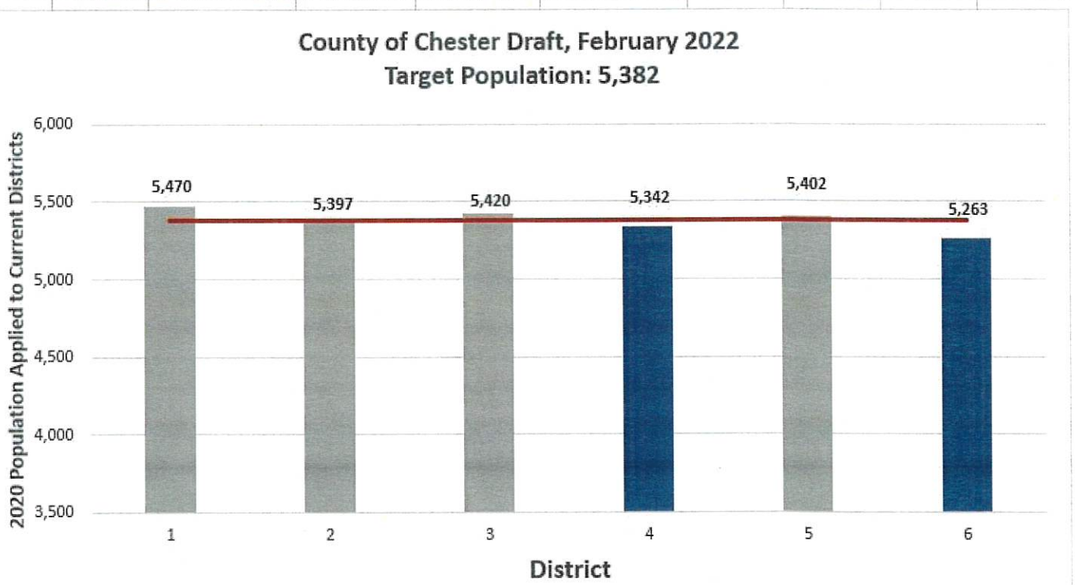
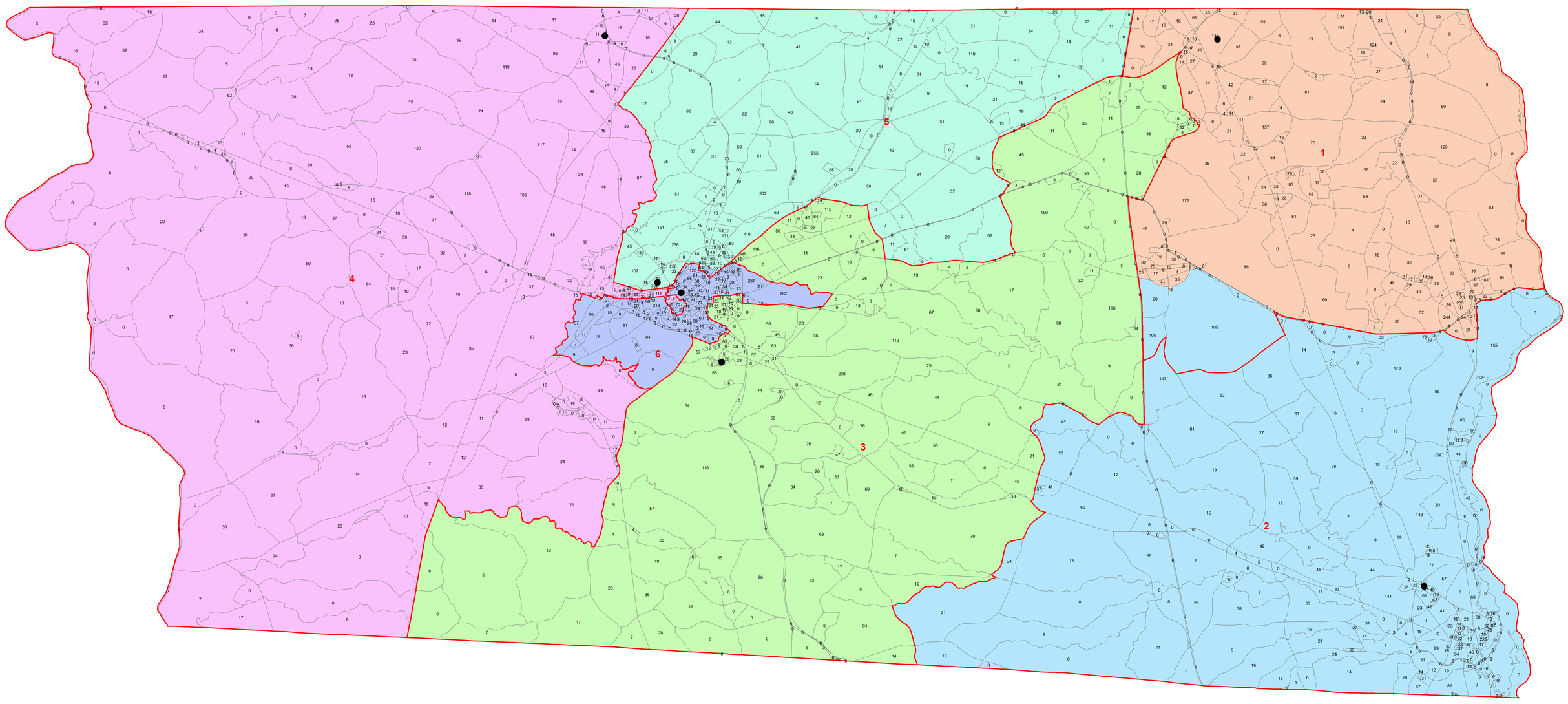
2	5,397	5,382	15	0.27%
3	5,420	5,382	38	0.70%
4	5,342	5,382	(40)	-0.75%
5	5,402	5,382	20	0.37%
6	5,263	5,382	(119)	-2.22%
Lowest	-2.22%			
Highest	1.63%			
Range	3.85%			



Chester County 2020 Redistricting Draft 1 Map (Deviation 3.85%)



Legend

Chester Draft 1-385

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Chester	4	5,329	114	2.14%	3,566	66.92%	1,460	27.40%	189	3.55%
Chester	5	5,402	141	2.61%	2,079	38.49%	3,018	55.87%	164	3.04%
Chester	6	5,276	120	2.27%	1,629	30.88%	3,388	64.22%	139	2.63%
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Chester	5	4,130	70	1.69%	1,689	40.90%	2,251	54.50%	120	2.91%
Chester	6	4,003	83	2.07%	1,350	33.72%	2,472	61.75%	98	2.45%
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Draft 2 Statistics, February 2022

District	2020 Census	Goal	Over/ (Under)	% Deviation
1	5,470	5,382	88	1.63%
2	5,397	5,382	15	0.27%
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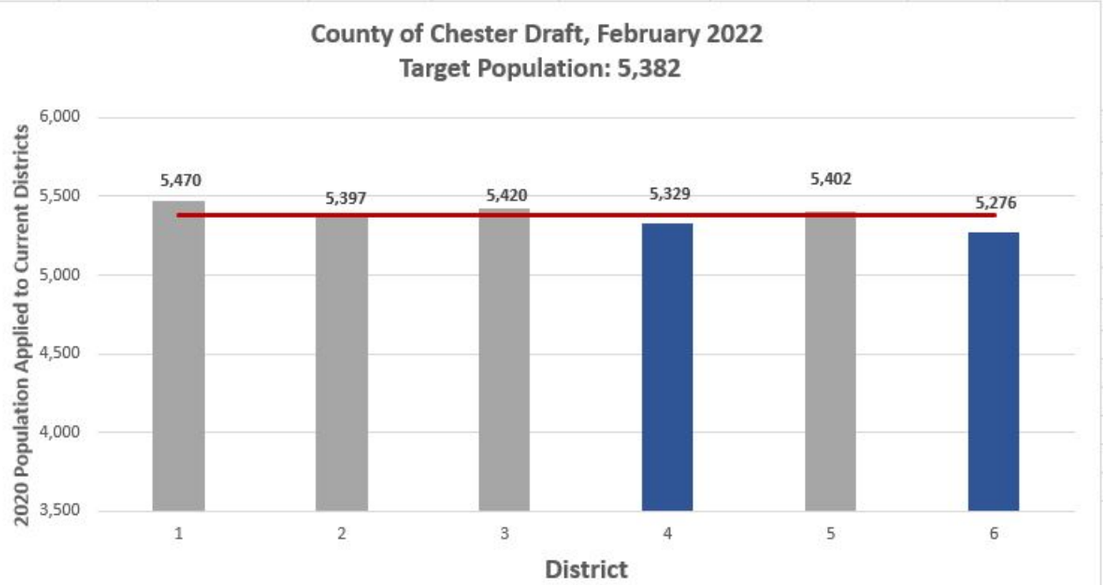
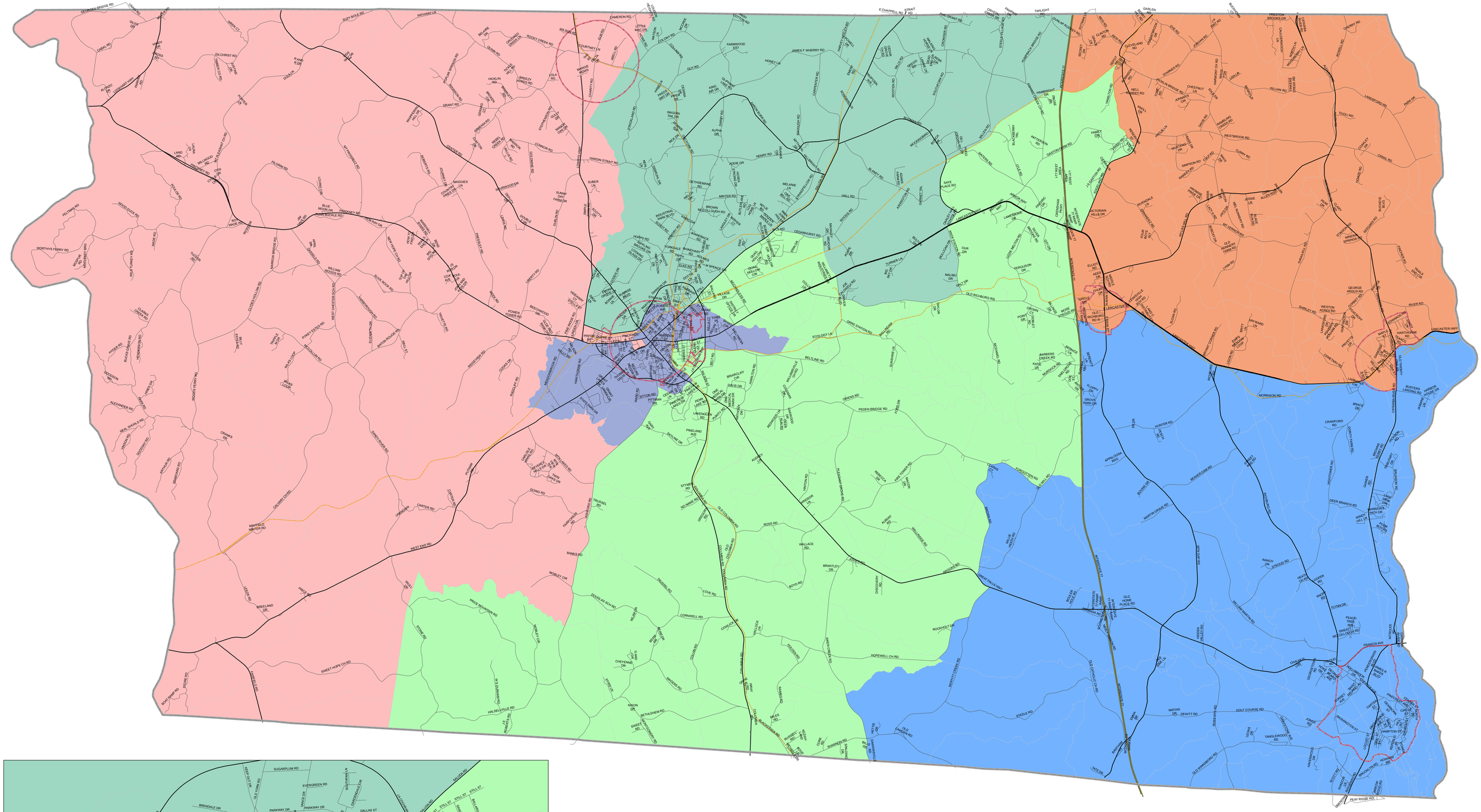


Chester County
Redistricting Draft 2 Map (Deviation 3.60%)



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Chester	5	5,447	142	2.61%	2,079	38.17%	3,062	56.21%	164	3.01%
Chester	6	5,218	118	2.26%	1,629	31.22%	3,336	63.93%	135	2.59%
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5	5,447	5,382	65	1.20%
6	5,218	5,382	(164)	-3.05%

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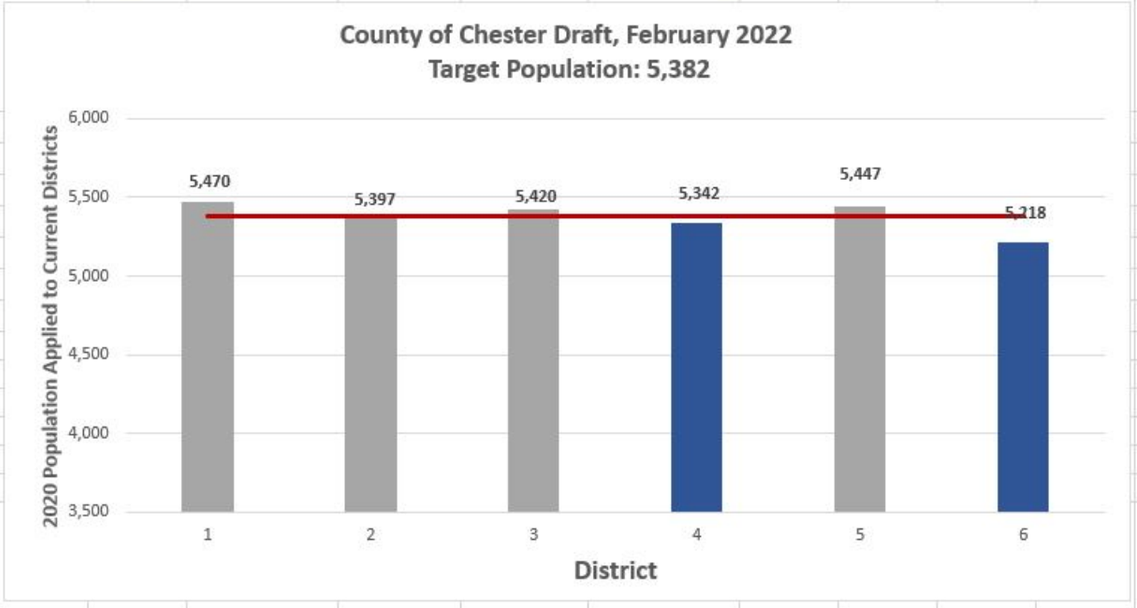
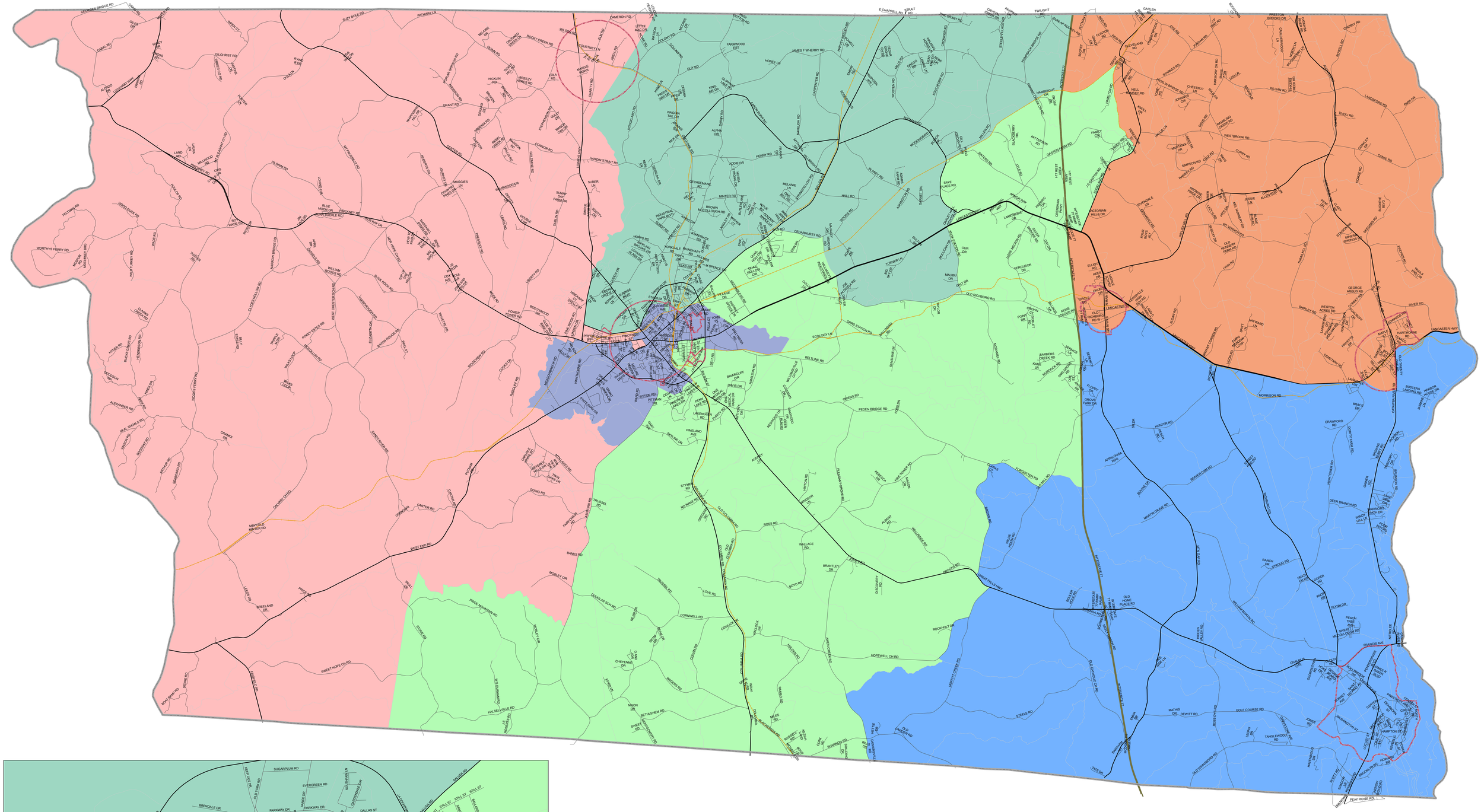
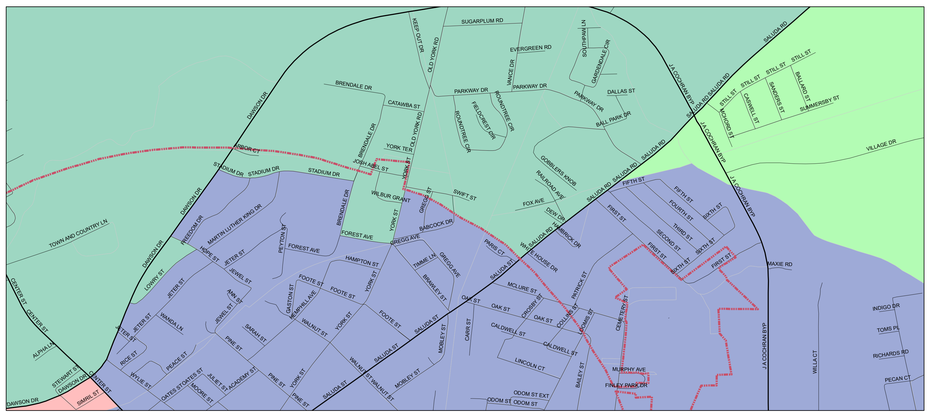
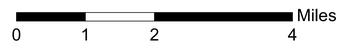


Chester County
Redistricting Draft 3 Map (Deviation 4.68%)







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County Boundary	**Draft 3 Districts**
Municipality	1
Railroads	2
Interstate	3
Major Road	4
Minor Road	5
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