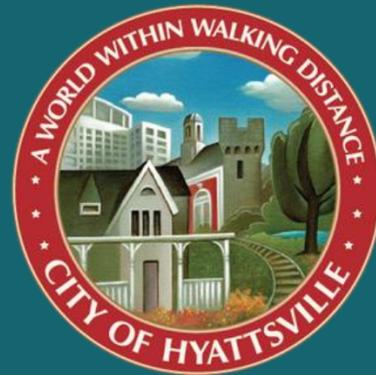


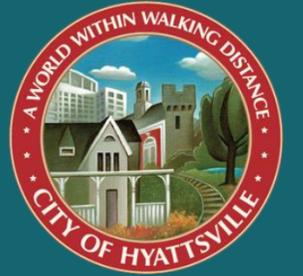


City of Hyattsville

Redistricting Commission
Recommendations to Council

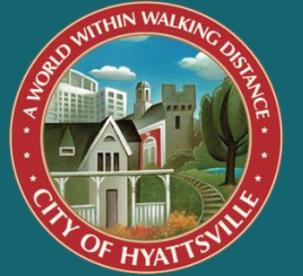


Redistricting guidelines (i)



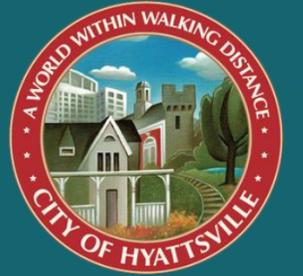
- Wards **must** be population balanced with no more than 10% variation between wards
 - **Required** to use the 2020 Census: $4,237 \pm 423$ per Ward
 - Currently Ward 3 population is **too high** and Ward 5 is **too low**
- Wards **must** be reasonably compact and contiguous
 - We chose the Polsby-Popper score to quantify compactness
- Wards **must** be drawn to provide fair and effective representation for all residents of the City, keeping in mind historically marginalized groups

Redistricting guidelines (ii)



- Wards should take in account existing infrastructural and natural boundaries
- Wards most likely to be impacted by future development may be smaller by design in order to minimize impact of population growth on future redistricting
 - Large number of units expected in current Wards 3 and 5; fewer in Wards 1 and 2; none in Ward 4
- Redistricting must be done in compliance with local, state, and federal laws, including the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965

Equity



- In alignment with the Government Alliance on Racial Equity's Equity Impact tool, we considered three key framing questions throughout the process:
 - What are the **equity impacts** of a particular decision?
 - Who will **benefit** from or be **burdened** by the decision?
 - Are there strategies to mitigate **unintended consequences**?

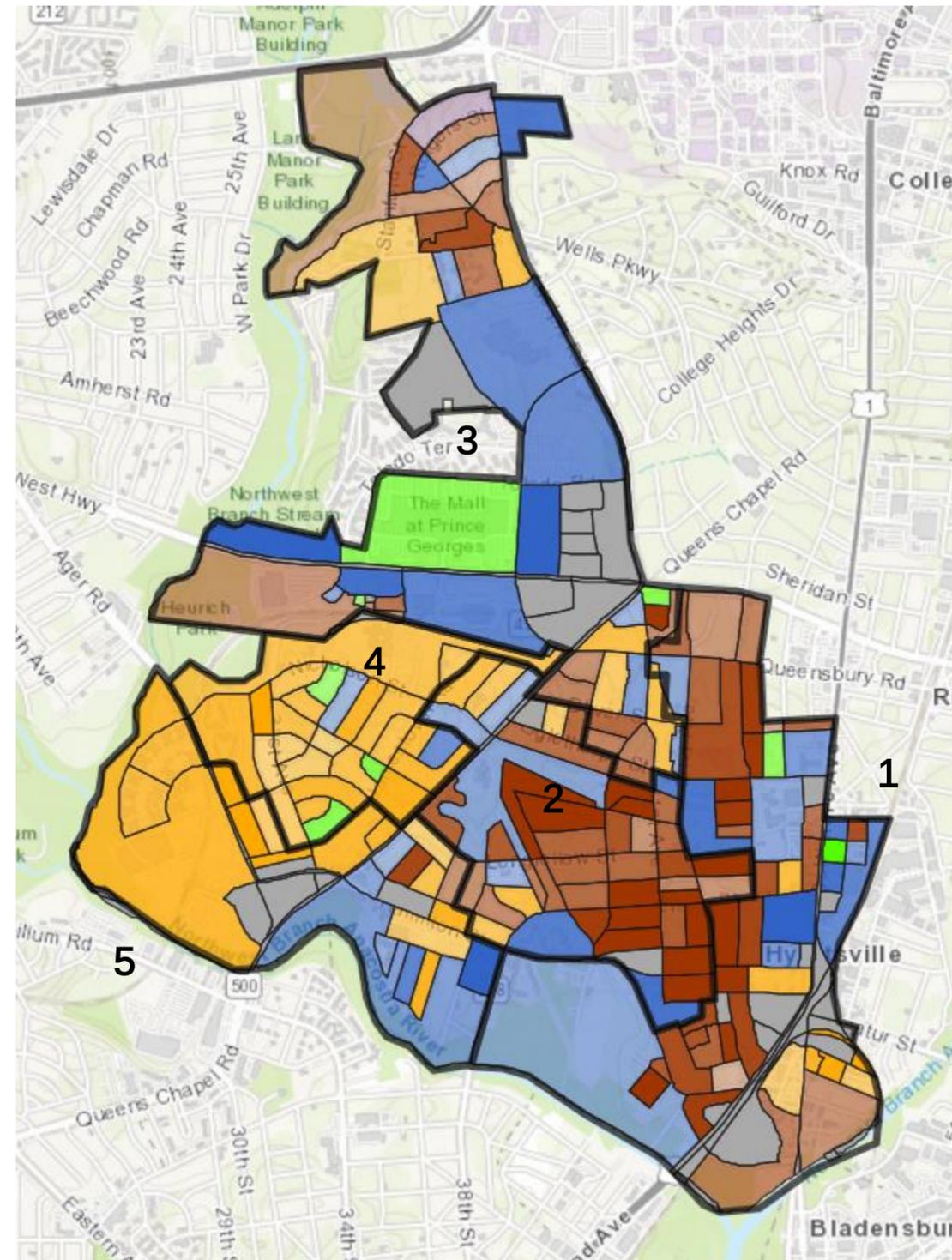
Demographics & data sources

2020 Census reports per census block:

- Total population
- Number of housing units
- Population by race (7 categories)
- Population by ethnicity (Hispanic or Non-Hispanic, of any race)

2017 American Community Survey (ACS) has socioeconomic data, but:

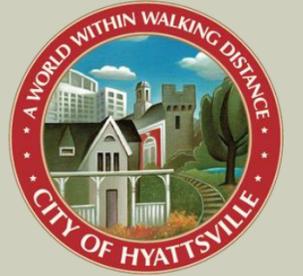
- We have a report on **coarse census tract level** and not **census blocks**
- Did not receive early in the process



Predominant category

- White
- Other race
- Black or African American
- Multiracial
- Asian
- Native American
- Pacific Islander
- Unpopulated

Key themes in public feedback



Scale

Some prefer to balance for the decade ahead *“so we’ll all keep the same voting power”*

Others prefer minimal change: *“you move us around like toys”*; *“our elected representatives should not be swapped out every 10 years unless we vote them out”*

Concerns about Ward 2 representation changing shortly after Council election

Drawing boundaries

Straight lines feel fair; cut-out blocks look like they were done for *“political purposes”* or *“someone’s trying to benefit themselves”*

Some streets feel like natural boundaries, but try to avoid cuts along residential roads; *“I should be in the same Ward as my neighbors beside and across the street”*; we have *“common traffic concerns”*

Keeping existing communities together is more important than creating demographically-even Wards

Using census blocks has led to some areas feeling like *“orphans”* split from their communities

Minimal Adjustments concept

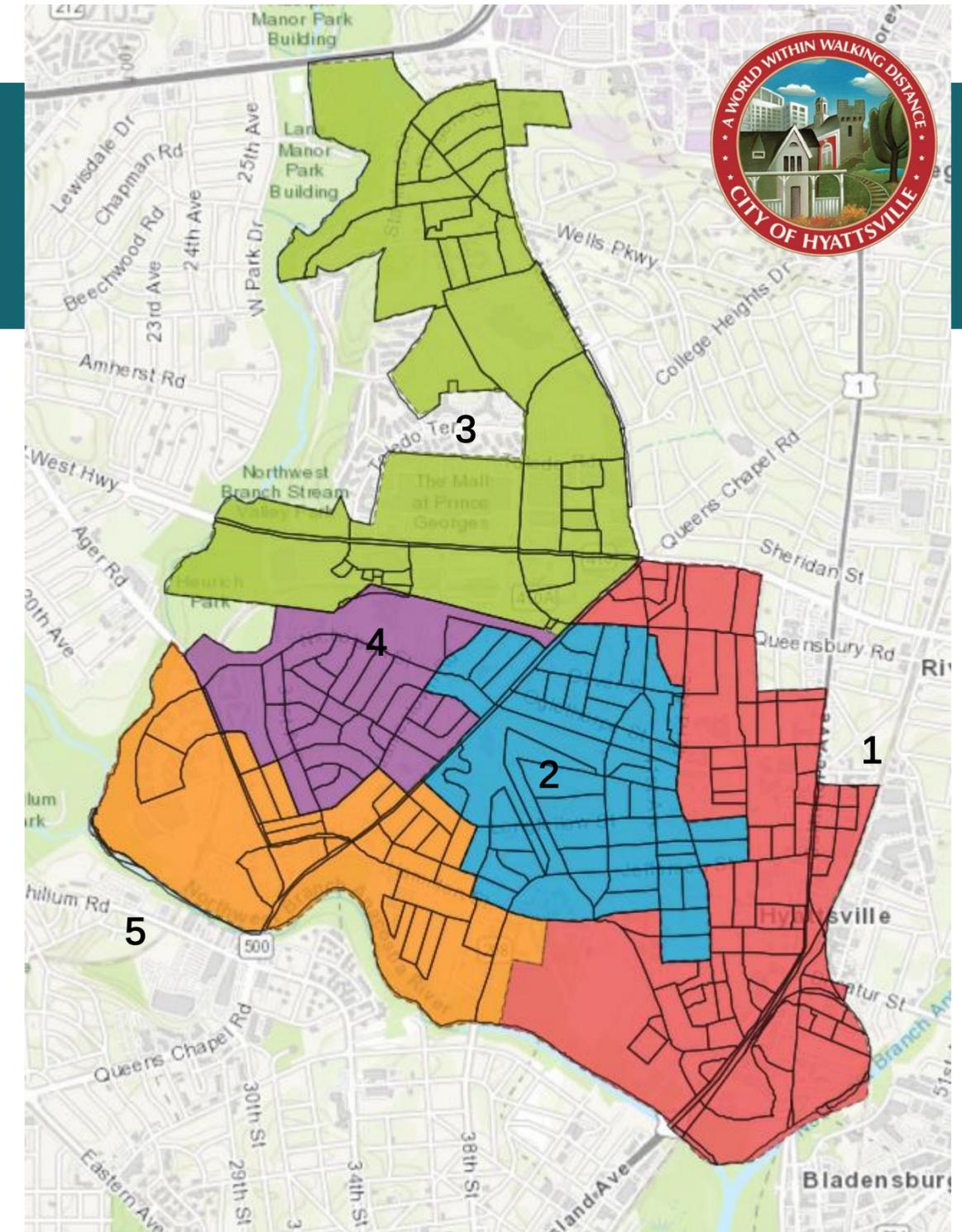
Create compliant Wards while minimizing the number of people whose Ward changes

Changes:

- Portion of Ward 3 east of Queen's Chapel Rd split between Wards 1 and 2 at Queensbury Rd
- Suffrage Point development unified into Ward 1 by moving portion south of Hamilton St
- Houses and Park Place Condominiums south-east of Hamilton St and 38th Ave moved into Ward 5
- Volunteer Fire Department buildings unified into Ward 3

Implications:

- Less disruptive to current residents
- More drastic changes likely necessary in 2030 redistricting



Colors show Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Growth Conscious concept

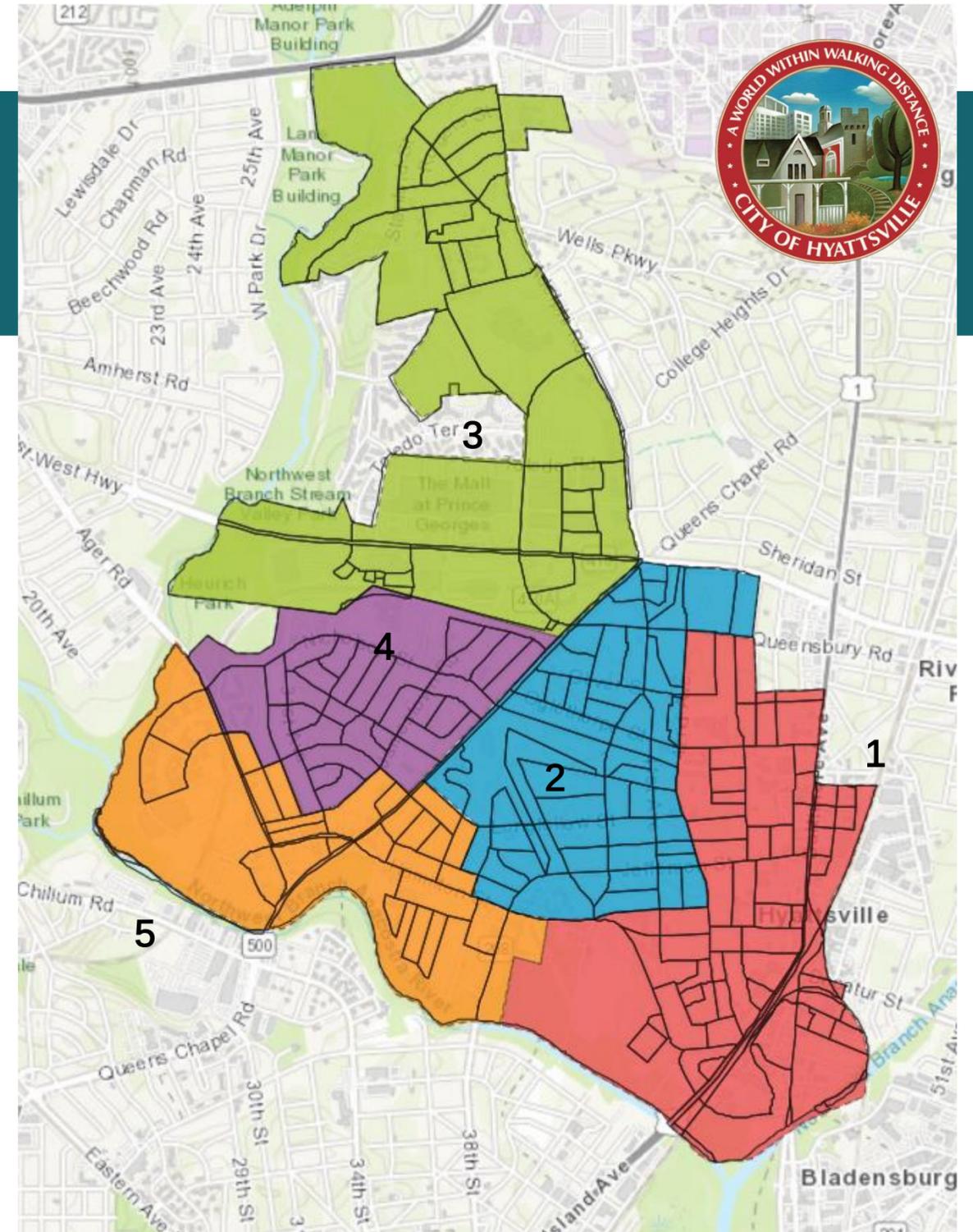
More even Ward populations through the decade given current and expected development

Changes:

- Portion of Ward 3 east of Queen's Chapel Rd moved into Ward 2
- Ward 1-2 boundary along Hamilton St, 42nd Ave, and Queensbury Rd
- Ward 2-4 boundary along Queen's Chapel Rd
- Houses and Park Place Condominiums south-east of Hamilton St and 38th Ave moved into Ward 5
- Volunteer Fire Department buildings unified into Ward 3

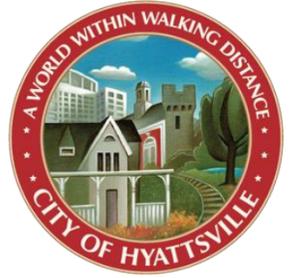
Implications:

- More disruptive to current residents
- Smaller changes likely necessary in 2030 redistricting



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Population



Map	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Ward 4	Ward 5
Current	4376	3859	5201	4026	3725
Minimal Adjustments	4640	4466	4055	4026	4000
Growth Conscious	4157	4504	4055	4471	4000

Permitted range: 3,814 to 4,661 – non-compliant in red

Race & ethnicity (%)



Current Wards

Ward	1	2	3	4	5
White	38	39	23	12	11
Black or African American	32	27	45	21	28
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1	1	2	2
Asian	3	2	7	3	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Other	14	19	14	48	46
Multiracial	11	11	10	14	10
Hispanic (ethnicity)	23	31	22	65	60

Minimal Adjustments

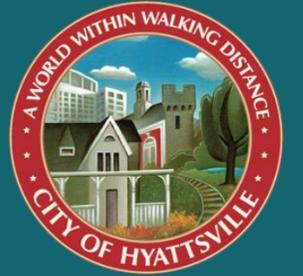
Ward	1	2	3	4	5
White	36	38	21	12	11
Black or African American	34	25	51	21	28
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	2	1	2	2
Asian	3	2	8	3	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Other	15	21	9	48	46
Multiracial	11	12	9	14	10
Hispanic (ethnicity)	24	33	17	65	60

Growth Conscious

Ward	1	2	3	4	5
White	39	38	21	12	11
Black or African American	34	25	51	23	28
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	1	1	4	2
Asian	3	3	8	4	2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
Other	13	20	9	47	46
Multiracial	10	12	9	14	10
Hispanic (ethnicity)	22	31	17	64	60

Numbers in **bold** indicate demographics significantly higher than the City average

Comparing the proposed maps



Similarities

New Wards 3 and 5 identical under both proposals

Volunteer Fire Department facilities unified into Ward 3

“Orphan” corner SE of Hamilton St and 38th Ave unified into Ward 5

Ongoing and future developments unified into single Wards

Racial & ethnic balance of Wards similar to current

Slightly (Minimal Adjustments) or moderately (Growth Conscious) more compact than current Wards on average

Differences

Extent to which Ward populations will remain balanced over the decade 2020-2030

Disruption to current residents (especially Ward 2)

Balance between favoring current lines vs. straighter boundaries often perceived as fairer