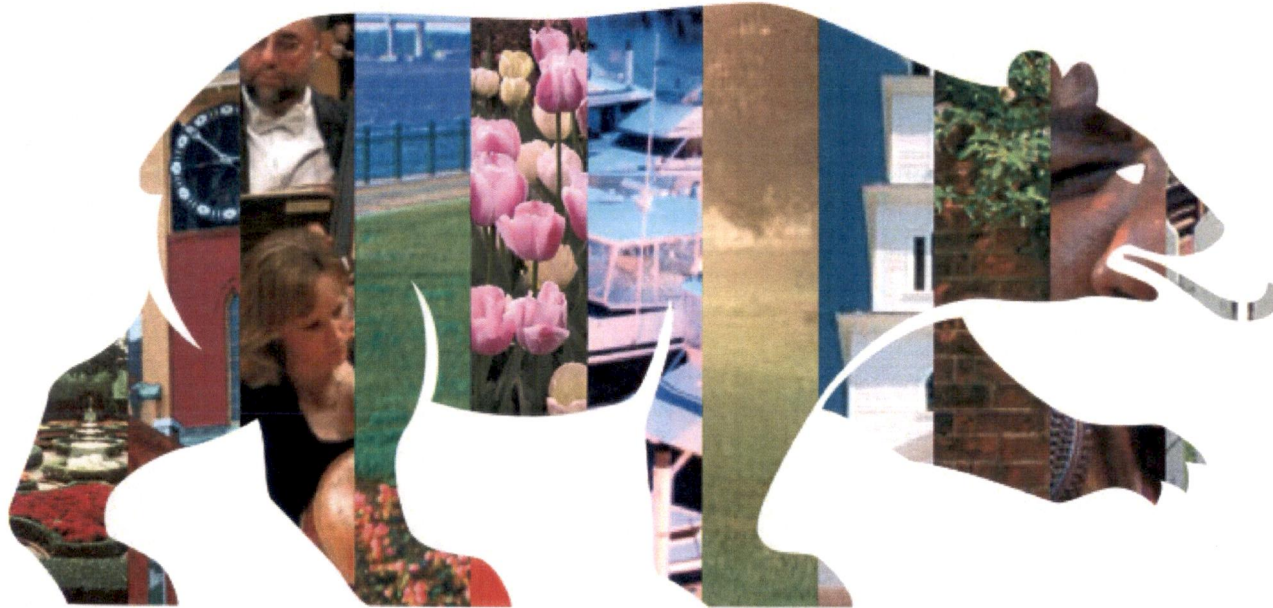


**CITY OF NEW BERN
BOARD OF ALDERMEN WORK SESSION
JUNE 29, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
WEST NEW BERN RECREATION CENTER
1225 PINETREE DRIVE**

1. Discussion and Initial Review of Redistricting.
2. Adjourn.

INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD CALL
639-7501 NO LATER THAN 3 P.M. THE DATE OF THE MEETING



Board of Aldermen Work Session: Redistricting
June 29th, 2021

NC G.S. Governing Municipal Redistricting

- G.S. 160A-23(b) "The council shall have authority to revise electoral district boundaries from time to time... (ii) correcting population imbalances among districts shown by a new federal census"
- G.S. 160A-23.1 "As soon as possible after receipt of federal decennial census information, the council of any city which elects the members of its governing board on a district basis, or **where candidates for such office must reside in a district in order to run**, shall evaluate the existing district boundaries to determine whether it would be lawful to hold the next election without revising districts to correct population imbalances"

Redistricting Procedures

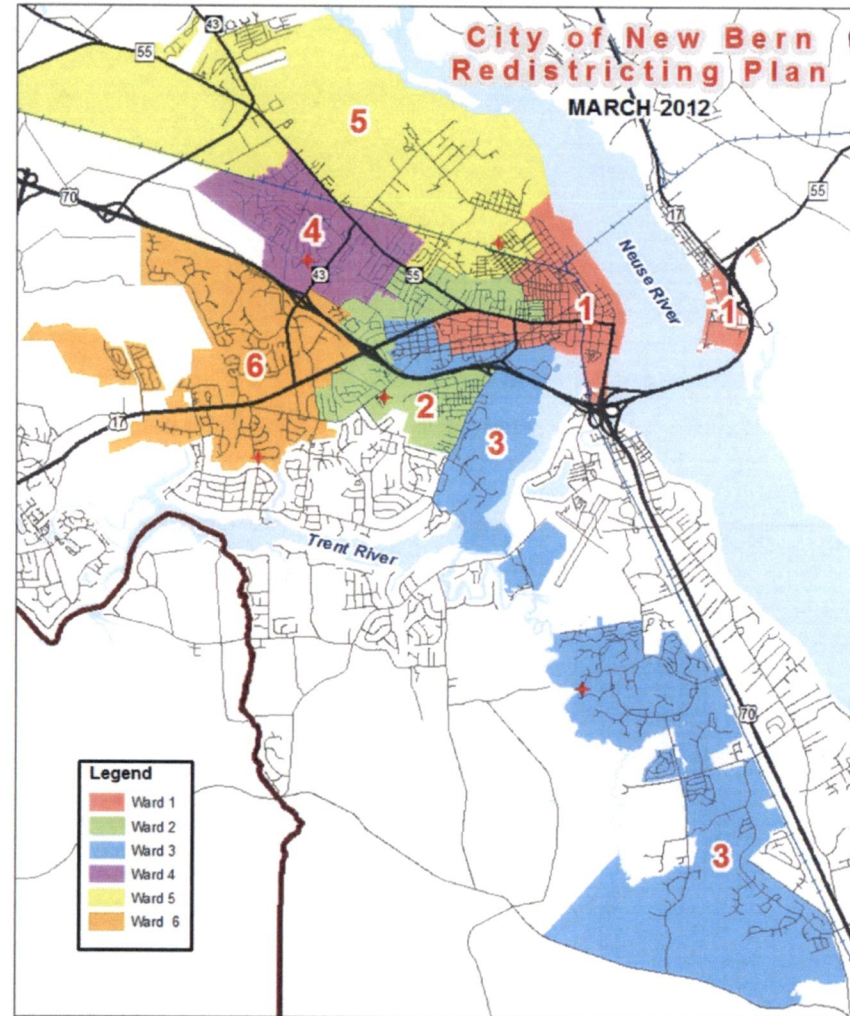
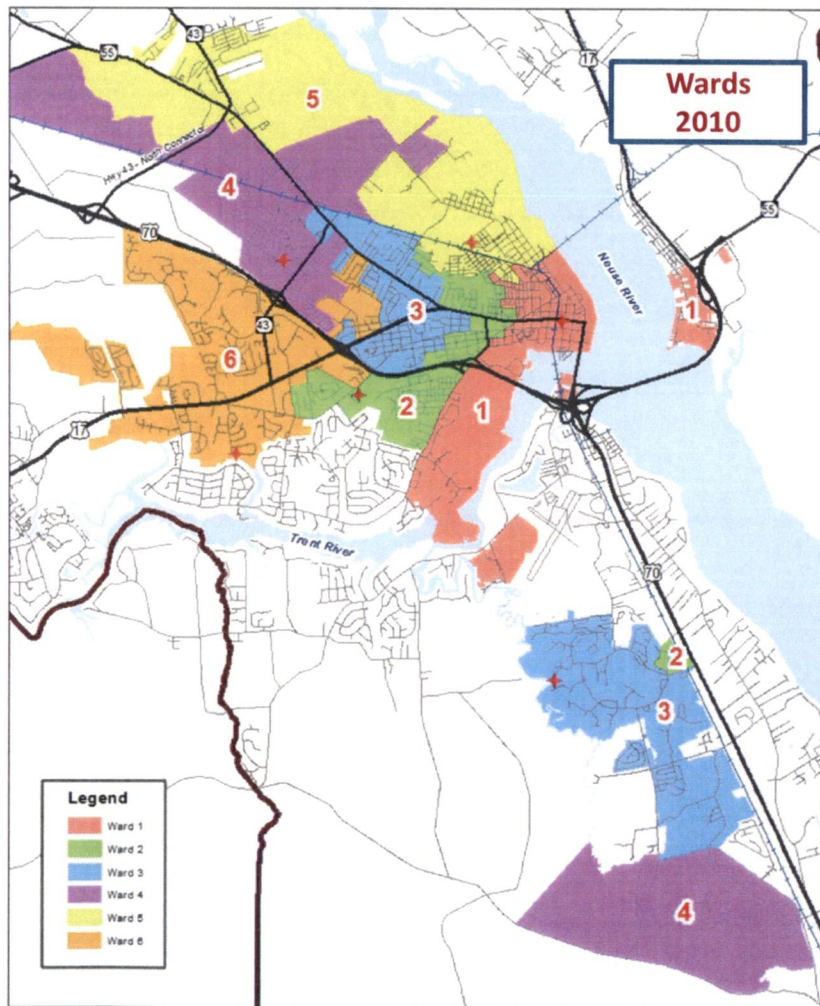
- NC General Statutes: No procedures for cities are specified. Cities are free to adopt additional procedures if they wish; appointment of citizens advisory boards, public hearings, establish public comment periods, etc. – **none of these are required**
- Once new districts (wards) are determined, the City may adopt the new wards in an ordinance or resolution and should stick to the format used most recently (last redistricting was by resolution)
- Maps will be drawn & made public and the BOE notified of changes made to the Wards as well as a list of changes in registered voters, who will then be notified by the Board of Elections of the changes

Continued Demographic Shift

	1990 Census	2000 Census	2010 Census	July 2019 Estimate
Total Population	17,363	23,128	29,524	29,994
Percentage	9,654	12,943	17,099	17,666
White Population	55.69%	55.96%	57.92%	58.9%
Percentage	7,563	9,325	9,792	9,118
Black Population	43.56%	40.32%	33.17%	30.4%
Percentage				
Asian Population	0.35%	0.60%	3.57%	5.90%
Percentage				
Other Population	0.49%	3.12%	5.35%	4.80%

Apr. 1 2010	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
29,524	29,530	30,011	30,117	29,898	30,031	29,762	29,921	29,904	30,010	29,994

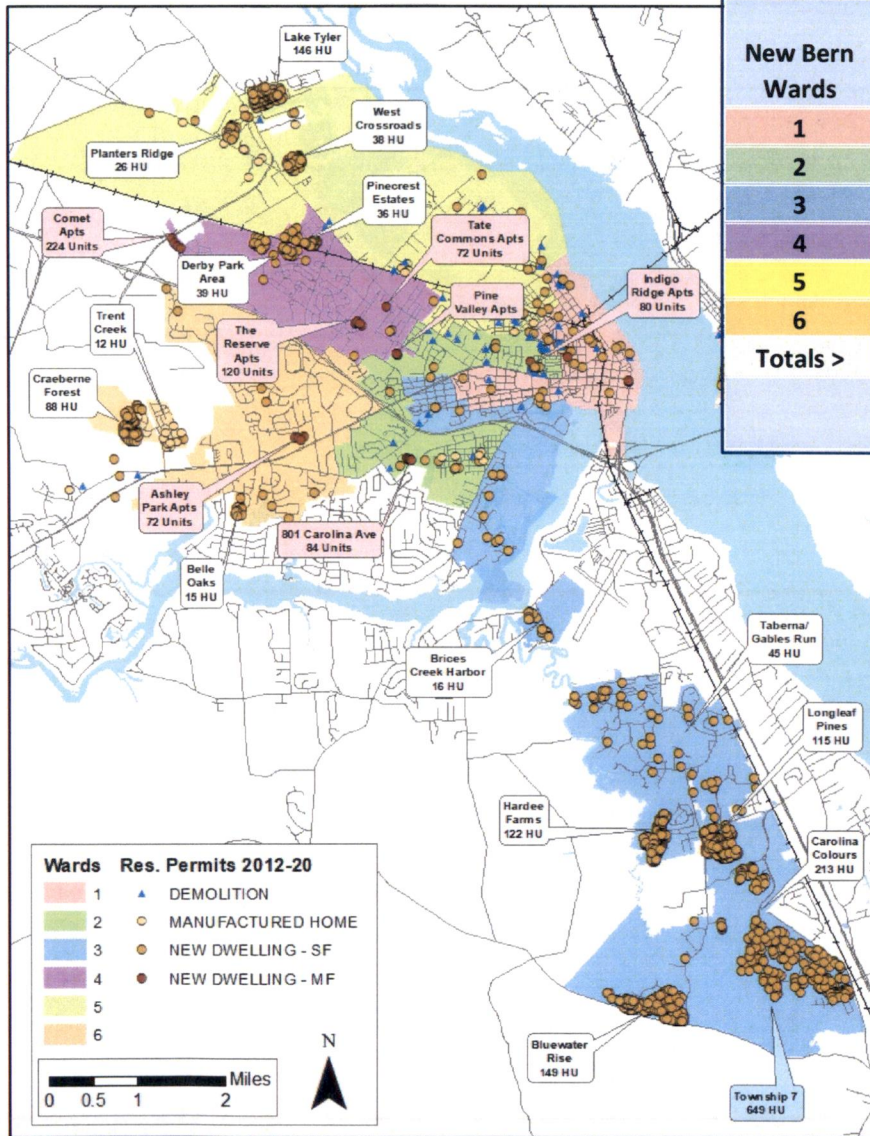
Look at Last Redistricting: March 2012



Redistricting: Things to Consider

- **Don't** try and make all wards equal in population, the City doesn't grow equally by ward. Consider growth
- **Do** stay under the 10% deviation rule
- Make boundaries easy to distinguish or follow topography, roads, neighborhood boundaries
- Accessibility
- No retrogression – make sure to consider African American blocks.

Look at Growth Since 2012

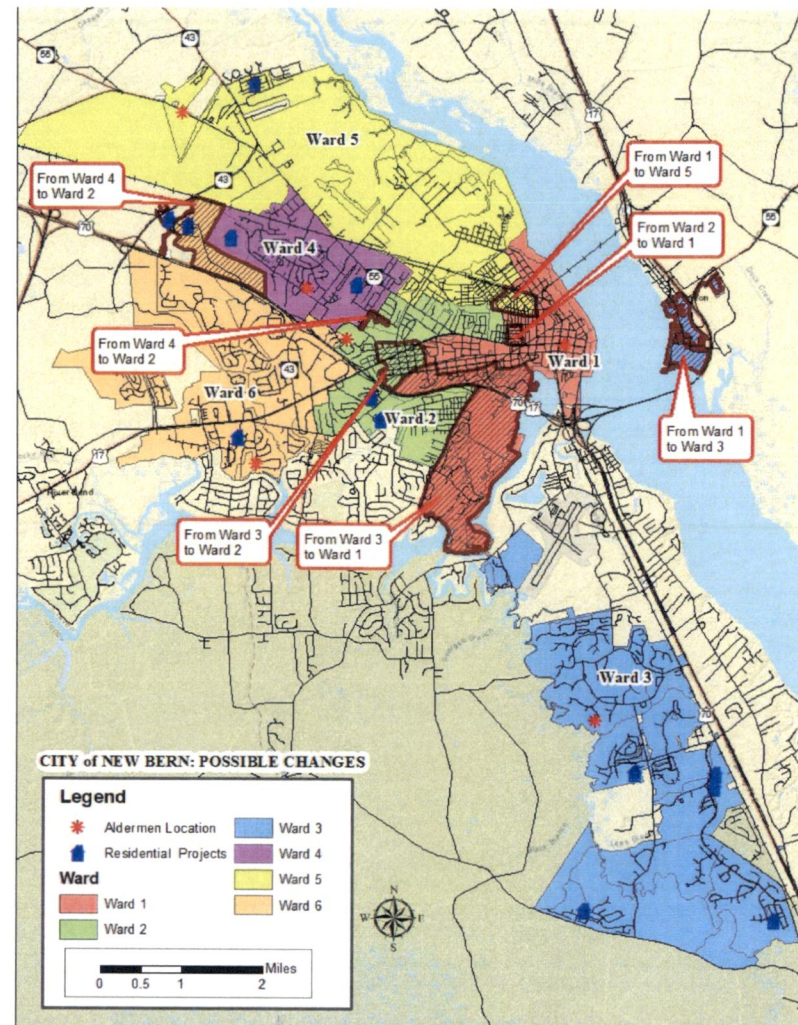
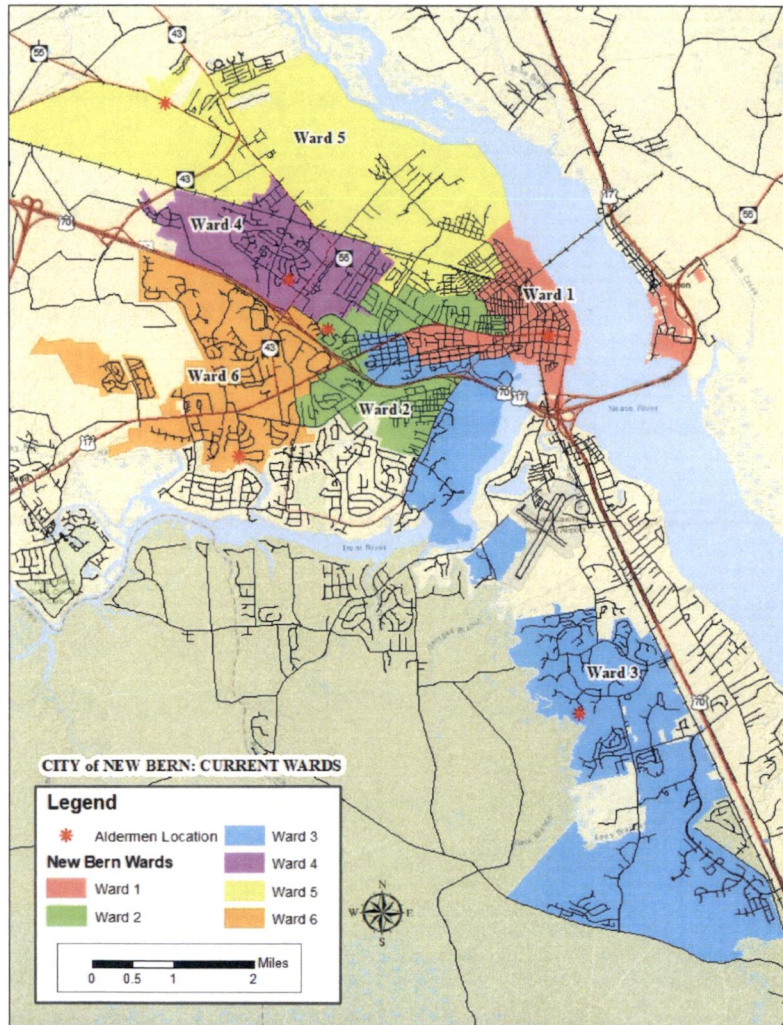


New Bern Wards	New Permitted H.U.s 2012-20	H.U. Demos 2012-20	Net New HU 2012-20	Current H.U.s	Approved Not Built	Tot. Potential H.U.
1	50	29	21	2,456	18	2,474
2	257	31	226	2,486	87	2,573
3	674	6	668	2,880	580	3,460
4	492	3	489	2,818	237	3,055
5	243	23	220	2,473	135	2,608
6	131	1	130	2,714	117	2,831
Totals >				15,827	1,159	17,001
				15,827/6 = 2,638		17,001/6 = 2,834

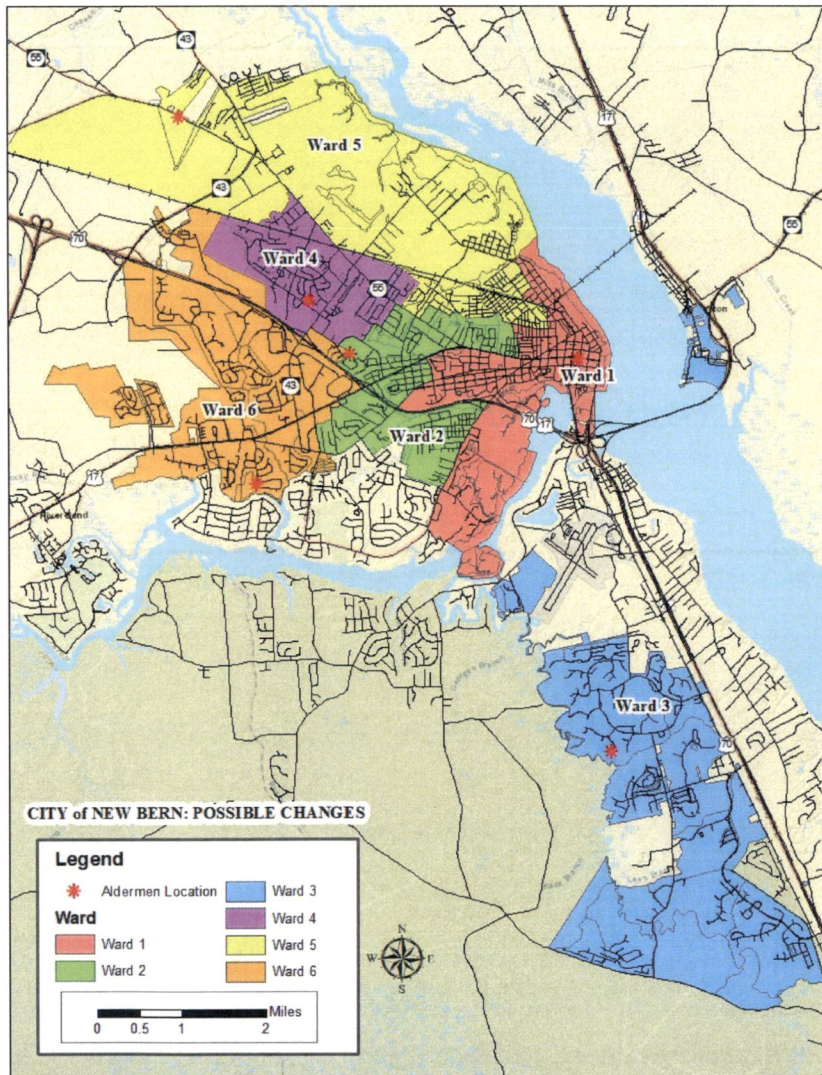
Development Name	Type	Housing Units	Ward	Totals
Pine Valley Apts	Multi-Family	72	2	236
Indigo Ridge Apts	Multi-Family	80	2	
801 Carolina Ave	Multi-Family	84	2	
Brices Creek Harbor	Single Family	16	3	660
Taberna/Gables Run	Single Family	45	3	
Longleaf Pines	Single Family	115	3	
Carolina Colours	Single Family	213	3	
Hardee Farms	Single Family	122	3	
Bluewater Rise	Single Family	149	3	
Comet Apts	Multi-Family	224	4	491
The Reserve Apts	Multi-Family	120	4	
Tate Commons Apts	Multi-Family	72	4	
Pinecrest Estates	Single Family	36	4	
Derby Park	Single Family	39	4	
Lake Tyler	Single Family	146	5	210
West Crossroads	Single Family	38	5	
Planters Ridge	Single Family	26	5	
Ashely Park Apts	Multi-Family	72	6	197
Trent Creek	Single Family	12	6	
Craeberne Forest	Single Family	88	6	
Belle Oaks	Single Family	15	6	

Major Issued Permits 2012-2020

Look at Possible Adjustments



Look at Possible Adjustments Reasoning



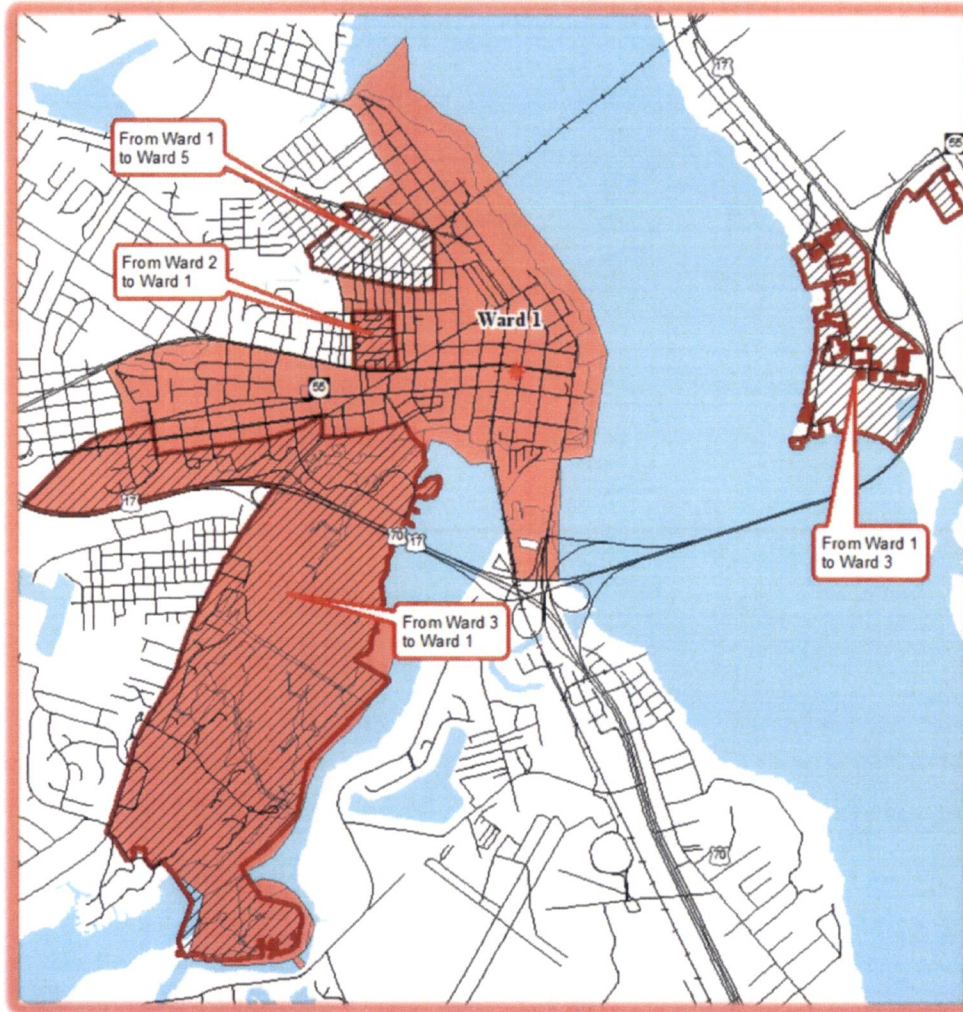
Current Ward	2010 Census Pop.	2020 Census Pop Est.	Diff. from Optim.	% from Optim.	Potential Pop.	Diff. of Optim.
1	4660	4315	-1204	21.82%	5468	-51
2	5087	5348	-171		5443	-76
3	4603	6712	1193	21.62%	5218	-301
4	5072	5846	327		5794	275
5	5092	5322	-197		5620	101
6	5010	5569	50		5569	50
Total	29524	33112				

33112/6 per ward 5519
Step 1 - Optimum

Methodology for Estimated 2020 Population:

- > Counted **Residential Housing Units** up to early 2020 and likely occupied for each census block.
- > Reviewed new construction and demolitions within each census block
- > Calculated and used the 2010 Census block data for occupied and persons per household for each census block.
- > Determined each census blocks percentage of occupied housing units and multiplied that by estimated persons/household

Look at the Potential Changes Ward 1



Lowest 2020 Estimated Population.

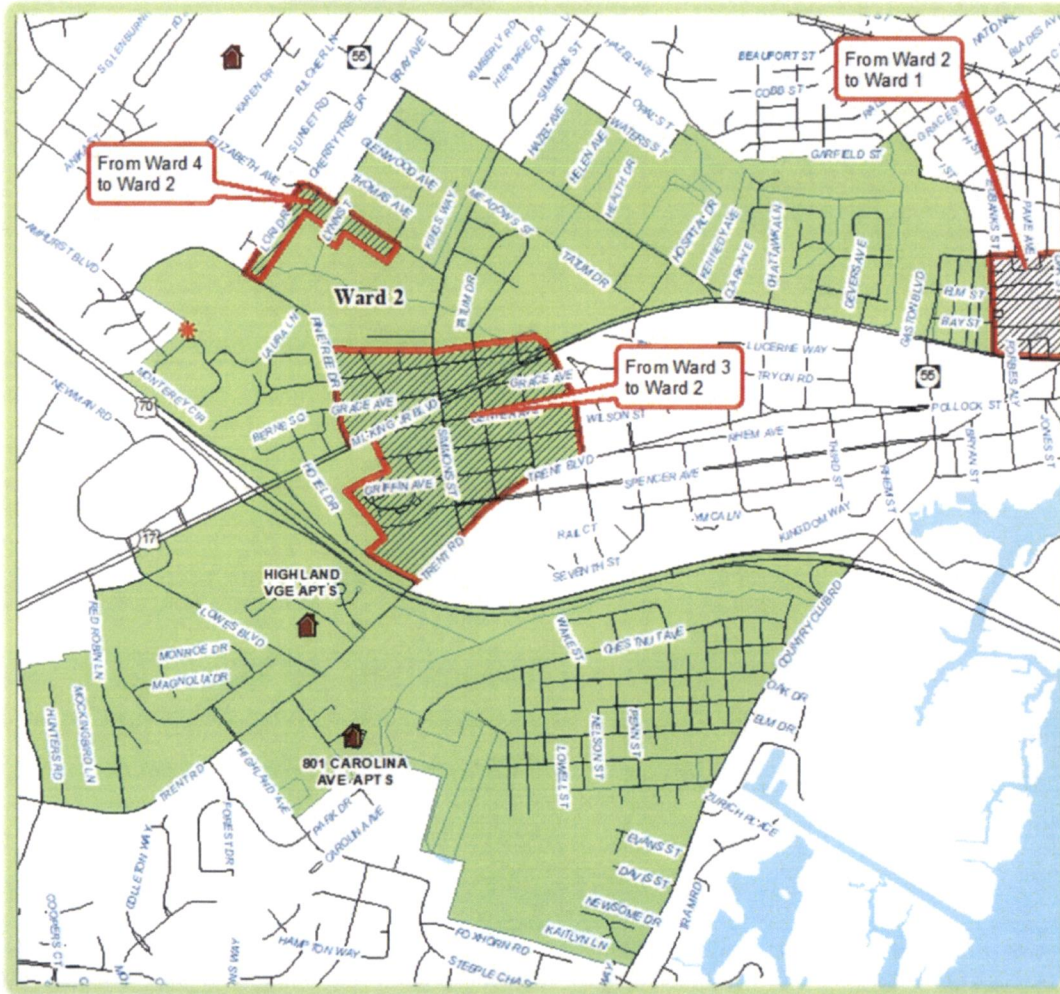
Suggested Gain: East side of Country Club Road including Olde Towne and Hidden Harbor areas and the remainder of the Ghent Neighborhood.

Suggested Gain: Remainder of Craven Terrace.

Suggested Move to Ward 5: A portion of Pavie Town merging that area all into Ward 5.

Suggested Move to Ward 3: Township 2 aka Bridgeton area. Recommended in 2012 all areas across the river in one Ward, Ward 3

Look at the Potential Changes Ward 2



Suggested Gain: Portion of Trent Park and Tryon Estates Apts.

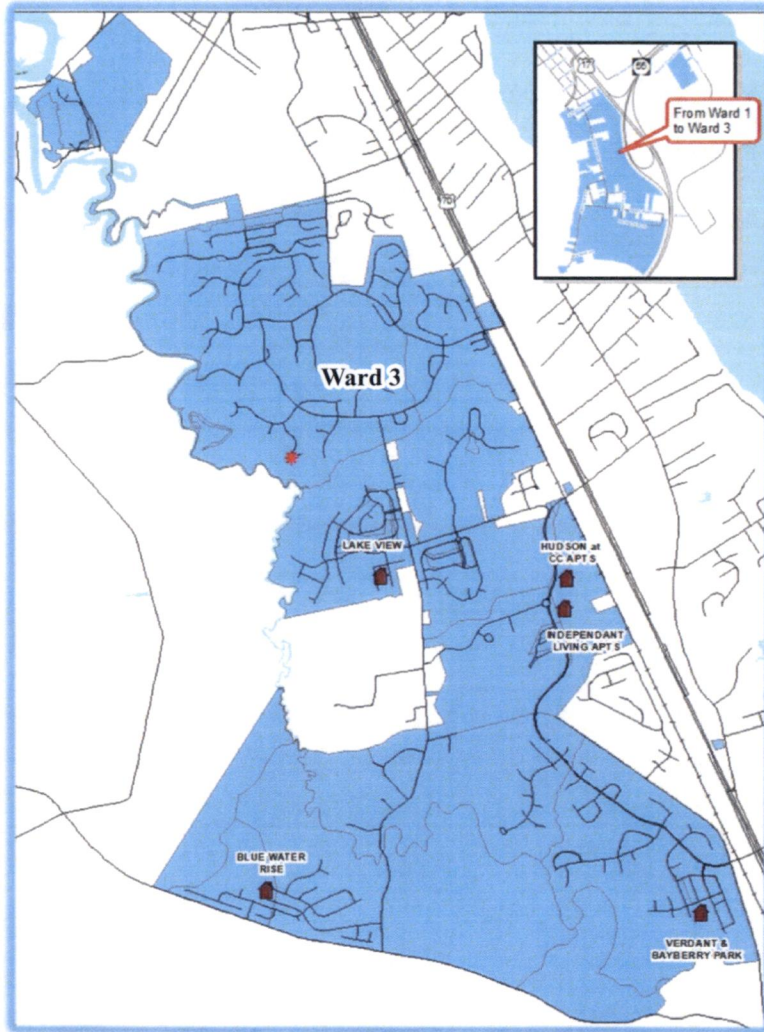
Suggested Gain: Small area in Parrott Park, clean up area divided in last redistricting.

Suggested Move: Craven Terrace to Ward 1.

Residential Development Projects

- Highland Village Apts.: Proposed 60-unit, multi-family project, under review.
- 801 Carolina Ave Apts.: 84-unit, multi-family project, under construction.

Look at the Potential Changes Ward 3

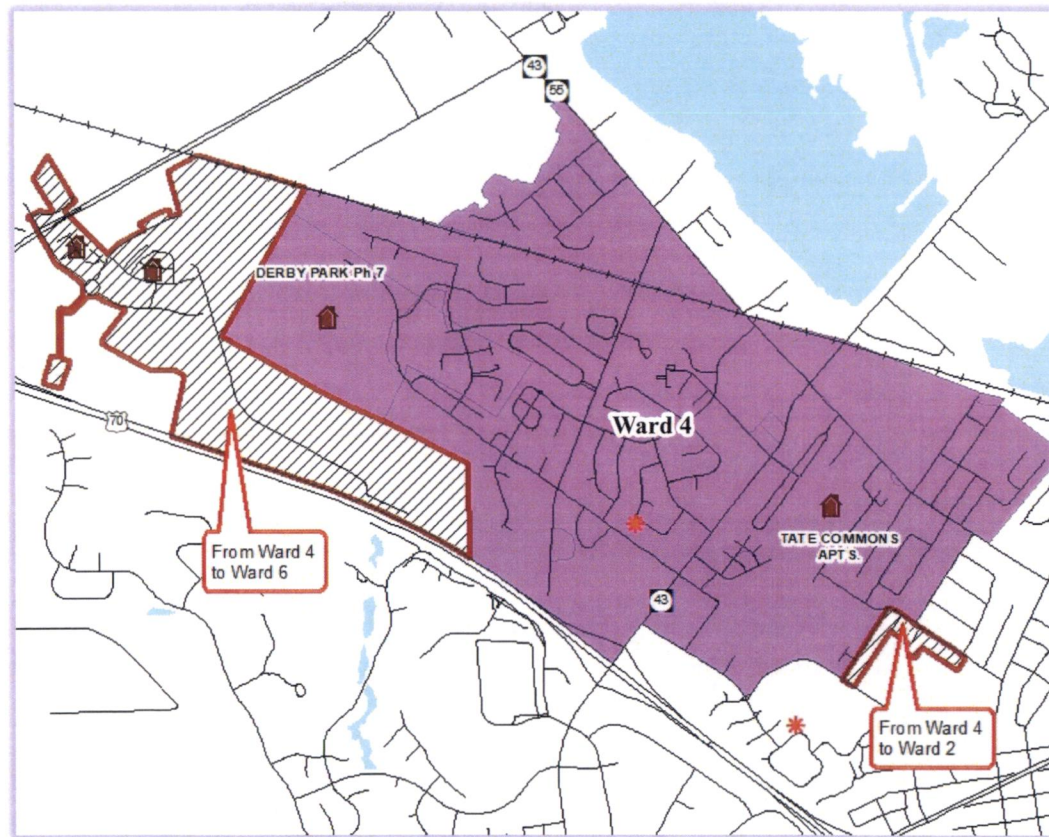


Highest 2020 Estimated Population
Suggested Gain: All of Township 2 Areas
Suggested Move: Areas in Township 8, to Wards 1 and 2. Ward 3 would be totally out of the Township 8 & across the rivers.

Residential Development Projects

- Lake View: Single-Family (104 homes)
- Blue Water Rise: Single-Family (267 homes)
- Verdant/Bayberry Park: Single-Family (77 homes)
- Hudson at Carolina Colours Apts.: Proposed 360-unit apartment under review.
- Carolina Colours Independent Living: 155-unit senior independent living apts., currently under construction.

Look at the Potential Changes Ward 4



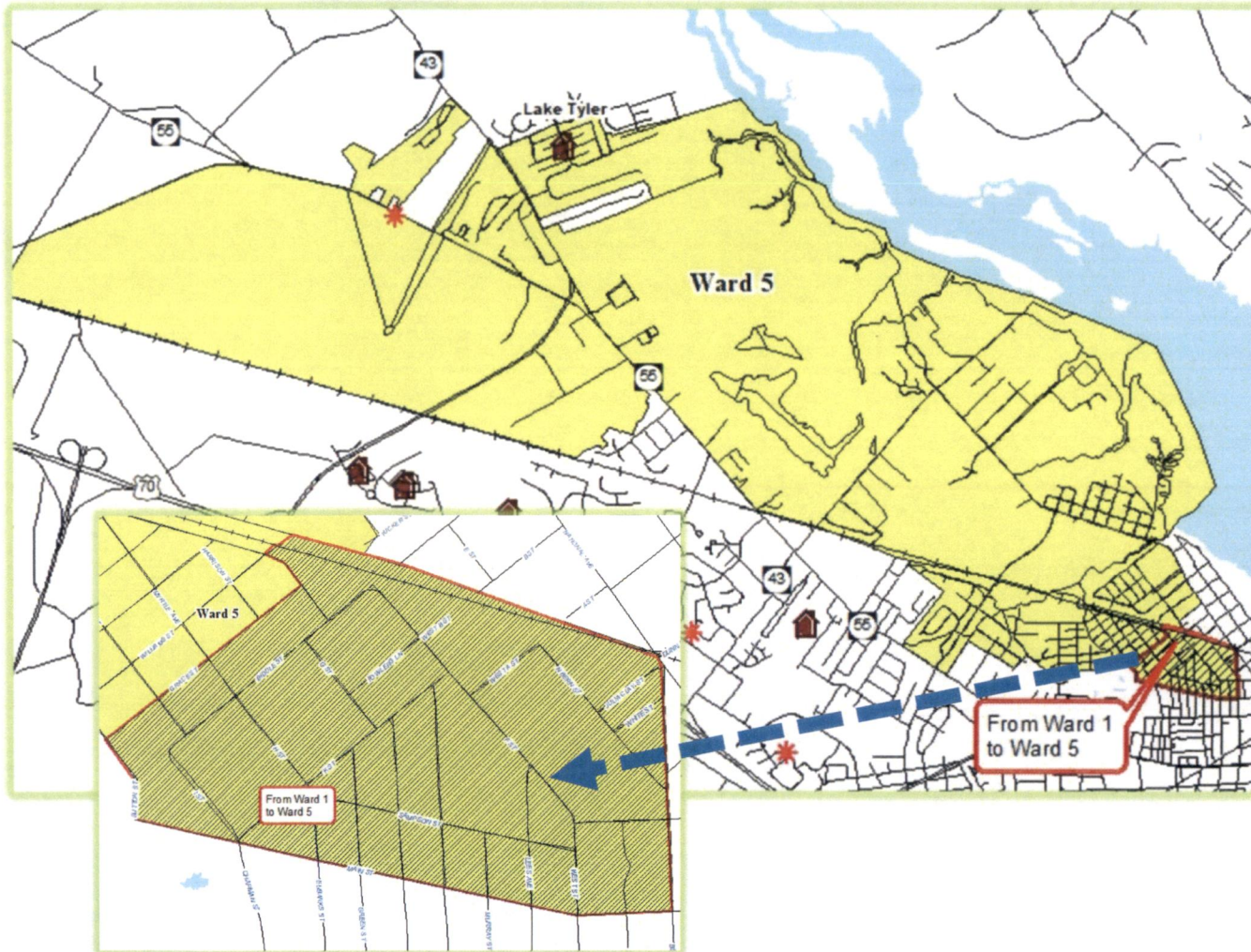
Larger 2020 Estimated Population
Suggested Move: Small area in Parrott Park.

Suggested Move: Area in West New Bern. Connecting the NC 43 Connector (north & south) developments into the same Ward.

Residential Development Projects

- Derby Park Ph 7: Single-Family (68 homes), in review.
- Tate Commons Apts.: 58-unit multi-family apts., currently under construction.

Look at the Potential Changes Ward 5

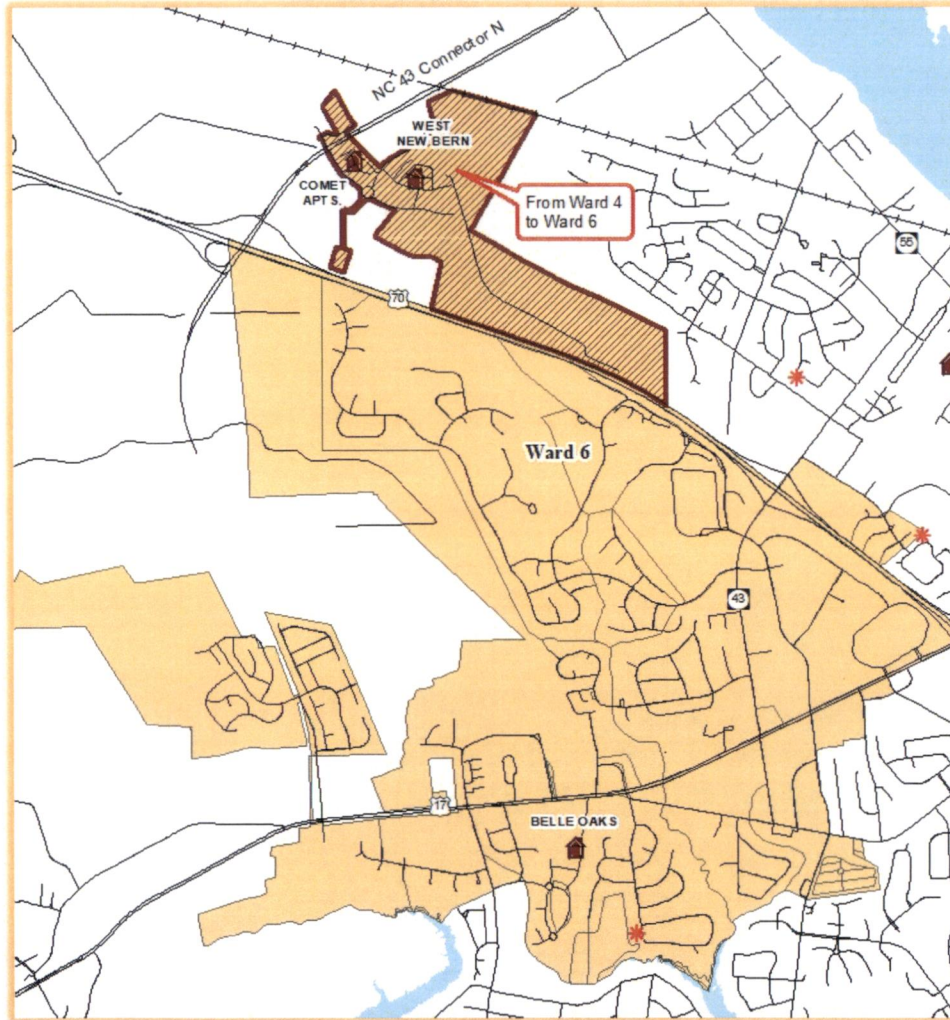


Suggested Gain: Large portion of Pavie Town, from Main St, north to the railroad, west to Grace St. and east to Bern St.

Residential Development Project

- Tyler - Home on the Lake: Single-Family homes, many under construction, a total of 337 homes are approved.

Look at the Potential Changes Ward 6



2020 Estimated Population in line with optimum level per ward

Suggested Gain: Area in West New Bern to Ward 6. Connect the NC 43 Connector (north & south) developments into the same Ward.

Residential Development Projects

- Belle Oaks: Single-Family, 60 homes (in review).
- West New Bern: Single-Family, 63 homes (in review).
- Comet Apts.: 224-unit, multi-family apts., currently under construction.

Next Steps in the Redistricting Process

- Received the official decennial census data for redistricting (P.L. 94-171). To be delivered by August 16th in Legacy Format
- Convert that data into usable GIS format and compare to our data for housing and population counts.
 - Challenge? Limited ability to do so
 - Work with sample data which is available so we can have procedures in place to move forward quickly.
 - Begin the official redistricting work, defining boundaries and adjusting counts as needed.
 - Hold public meetings if desired
 - Make any adjustments needed

Make Changes Online to Suggested Changes

- Created an online map/app we can use to adjust the suggested changes discussed.

Questions?

