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## MINUTES MEETING REYNOLDSBURG WARD BOUNDARY COMMISSION May 18, 2022

Les Davies called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

PRESENT: Benner, Castro, Davies (Remote), Missick

ABSENT: Boggs

Additional attendees included Derek Maier of EMH&T and Clerk Mollie Prasher

### Approval of Agenda

Vice Chair Castro moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Second by Mr. Benner. Motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes

1. Ward Boundary Commission – Meeting – April 20, 2022

Mr. Benner moved to approve the April 20, 2022 minutes as submitted. Second by Vice Chair Castro. Motion carried.

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>ACCEPTED</b>
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### Ward Boundary Map Discussion

#### Member Boundary Suggestions

The Commission members reported that after trying to reorganize and recalculate possible alternate boundary configurations, they unanimously agreed to maintain the current ward boundary maps and updating new annexations and existing additions to the map from the Census Bureau. Using the latest Census data and the inclusion of the newly annexed areas, the current ward boundary maps are within the 5% margin of difference. The Commission acknowledged that Ward 2 and Ward 3 have the potential for dynamic growth in the next three to five years. However, that growth is anticipated to be unpredictable. The Commission anticipates that Council may need to call a Ward Boundary Commission together again prior to 2031 to review and adjust these boundaries.

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The Commission advised Mr. Maier of EMH&T to update the ward boundary map to include all annexations and updated census numbers. Wards 1 and 4 are anticipated to remain constant with Wards 2 and 3 anticipated to be the areas of growth and/or change.

Vice Chair Castro thanked Mr. Maier for his work. With his help, the Commission was able to review and reason the effectiveness of several possible new scenarios of maps. The Commission worked hard and did their due diligence to maintain the 5% difference in ward populations. The Commission determined after several weeks of review that changing the maps today would not be adequate enough to address likely population changes in Ward 3 happening in two to three years. Maintaining the current maps seems like the best course of action in 2022 and 2023.

### EMH&T MAP SCENARIOS

Vice Chair Castro moved to request that EMH&T create a report and set of maps using the most current census data and maintain the same ward boundary lines. Second by Ms. Missick. Motion carried.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Steve Castro
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Shatonna Missick
<b>AYES:</b>	Benner, Castro, Davies, Missick
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Boggs

### Other Matters

Clerk Prasher will advise if an additional meeting will be necessary in June. Perhaps that meeting could be virtual.

### Adjourn

Mr. Benner moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Ms. Missick. Motion carried.

Mollie Prasher  
Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council

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## MINUTES MEETING REYNOLDSBURG WARD BOUNDARY COMMISSION April 20, 2022

Les Davies called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM

PRESENT: Benner, Boggs, Castro, Davies, Missick  
ABSENT:

### Approval of Agenda

Mr. Benner moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Second by Vice Chair Castro. Motion carries.

### Approval of Minutes

1. Ward Boundary Commission – Meeting – March 16, 2022

Mr. Benner moved to approve the March 16, 2022 minutes as submitted. Second by Vice Chair Castro. Motion carried.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ACCEPTED</b>
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### Ward Boundary Process

#### PROPOSED NEW WARD BOUNDARY MAPS

Derek Maier of EMH&T presented a series of maps to the Commission showing a variety of scenarios with all of the most current data. There was a map showing the existing wards that currently stay within the 5% margin.

A large map showed the current Ward boundaries.

One map, not included in the packet and requested by Attorney Shook, shows all of Licking County in Ward 3. The Commission liked the overall look of this map, but the percentages were above 5%. Attorney Shook explained that a 1993 Supreme Court decision of Voinovich vs. Quilter. That decision stated that boundaries could exceed that 5% compliance limit, but be more than 10%. This map was at the limit of the 10% compliance limit.

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Apr 20, 2022 6:00 PM (Approval of Minutes)

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Another map that was compliant, showed Ward 3 in three counties. Attorney Shook suggested that a three county scenario was not optimum and would difficult for any candidate that would need to register in all three counties.

A third map showed a slight variation of the boundary between Wards 2 and 3.

The Commission discussed possible options in shifting various areas of the map. They indicated that their goal was to maintain a final map within the 5% compliance that would last 10 years. After much discussion, the Commission surmised that with the projected growth in Ward 3, maintaining the 5% compliance would be difficult or another Ward Boundary Commission would need to be convened within three to five years to revise boundary lines again. That Commission would not have benefit of current census block numbers.

Mr. Castro suggested that the Commission might consider maintaining the current Ward boundary lines as they meet the 5% compliance limit. If a mid-decade Commission was likely, it might be just as well to maintain the current map and if a mid-census Commission would need to be called, they would have a better idea of the progress of development.

The Commission requested that Mr. Maier email Clerk Prasher pdf copies of the large maps with the census block numbers to allow the Commission to individually look at trying revise the map. The Commission would convene in May and review any possible new scenarios, decide on one of the new maps, or maintain the existing map.

### Other Matters

Chair Davies advised that he might be in Atlanta in May and miss the next meeting unless he could attend virtually.

Clerk Prasher advised that Council Chambers could accommodate a virtual meeting.

Chair Davies advised that he would make a best effort to attend in person, but would advise Clerk Prasher the week prior if that would not be possible.

### Adjourn

Mr. Benner moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Vice Chair Castro. Motion carried.

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Mollie Prasher, Clerk of Council

**Clerk of Council**  
**Mollie Prasher**  
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## **Memo**

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**DATE:**           **May 18, 2022**

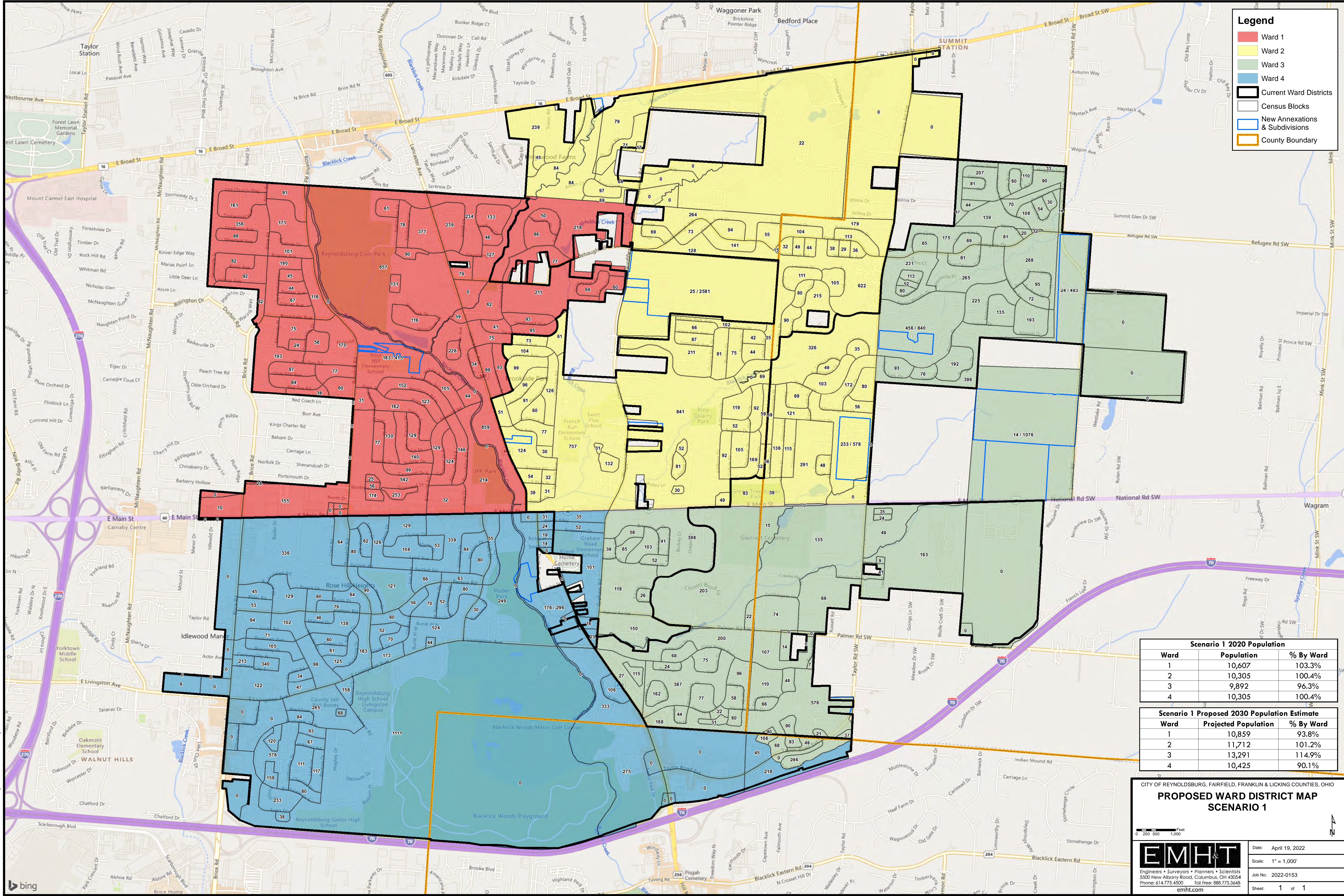
**TO:**

**CC:**

**RE:**               **EMH&T Map Scenarios**

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These maps were submitted to the Committee during their April 18th meeting.



**Legend**

- Ward 1
- Ward 2
- Ward 3
- Ward 4
- Current Ward Districts
- Census Blocks
- New Annexations & Subdivisions
- County Boundary

Scenario 1 2020 Population		
Ward	Population	% By Ward
1	10,607	103.3%
2	10,305	100.4%
3	9,892	96.3%
4	10,305	100.4%

Scenario 1 Proposed 2030 Population Estimate		
Ward	Projected Population	% By Ward
1	10,859	93.8%
2	11,712	101.2%
3	13,291	114.9%
4	10,425	90.1%

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### PROPOSED WARD DISTRICT MAP SCENARIO 1

Scale: 1" = 1,000'

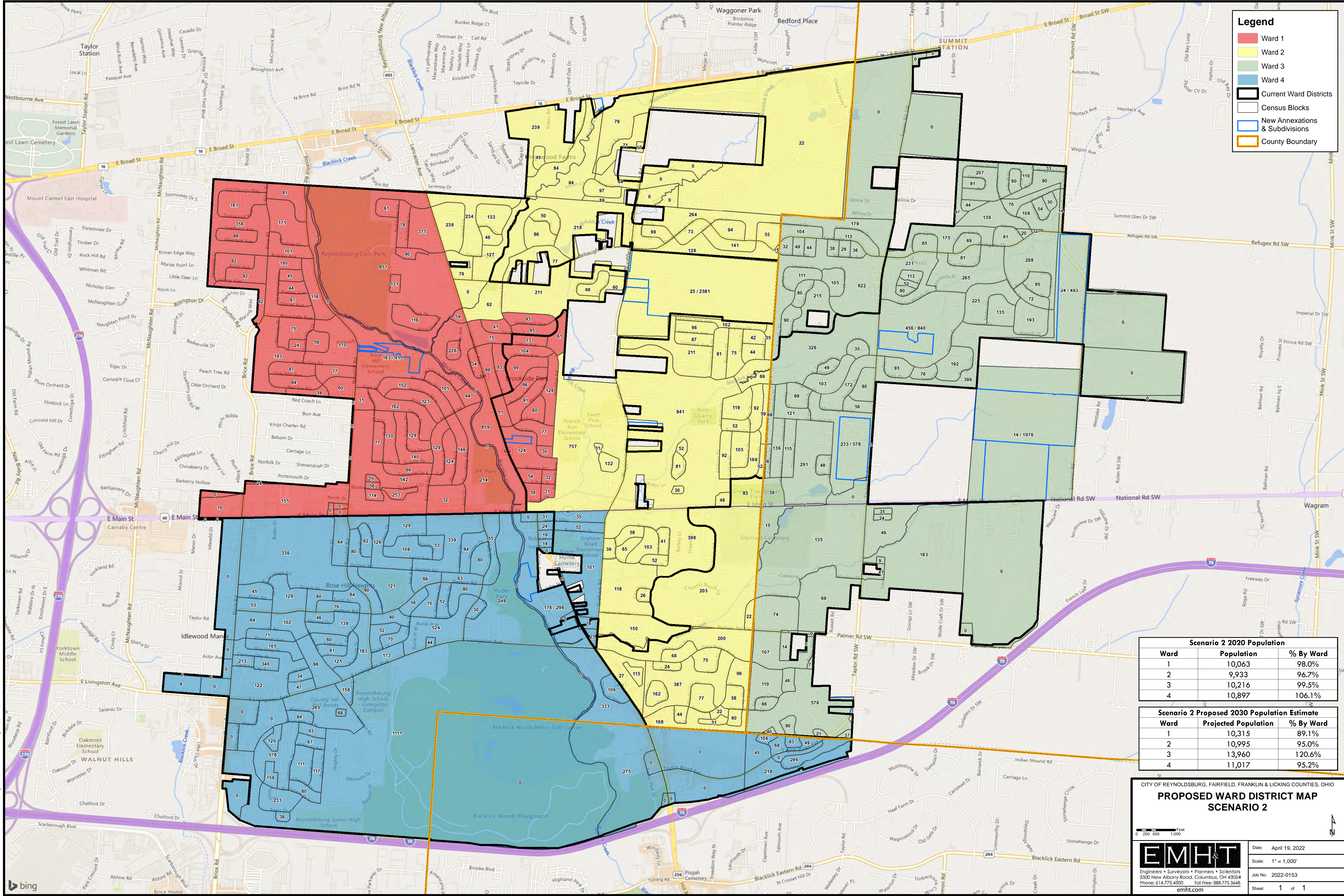
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**Scenario 2 2020 Population**

Ward	Population	% By Ward
1	10,063	98.0%
2	9,933	96.7%
3	10,216	99.5%
4	10,897	106.1%

**Scenario 2 Proposed 2030 Population Estimate**

Ward	Projected Population	% By Ward
1	10,315	89.1%
2	10,995	95.0%
3	13,960	120.6%
4	11,017	95.2%

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**PROPOSED WARD DISTRICT MAP SCENARIO 2**

Scale: 1" = 1,000'

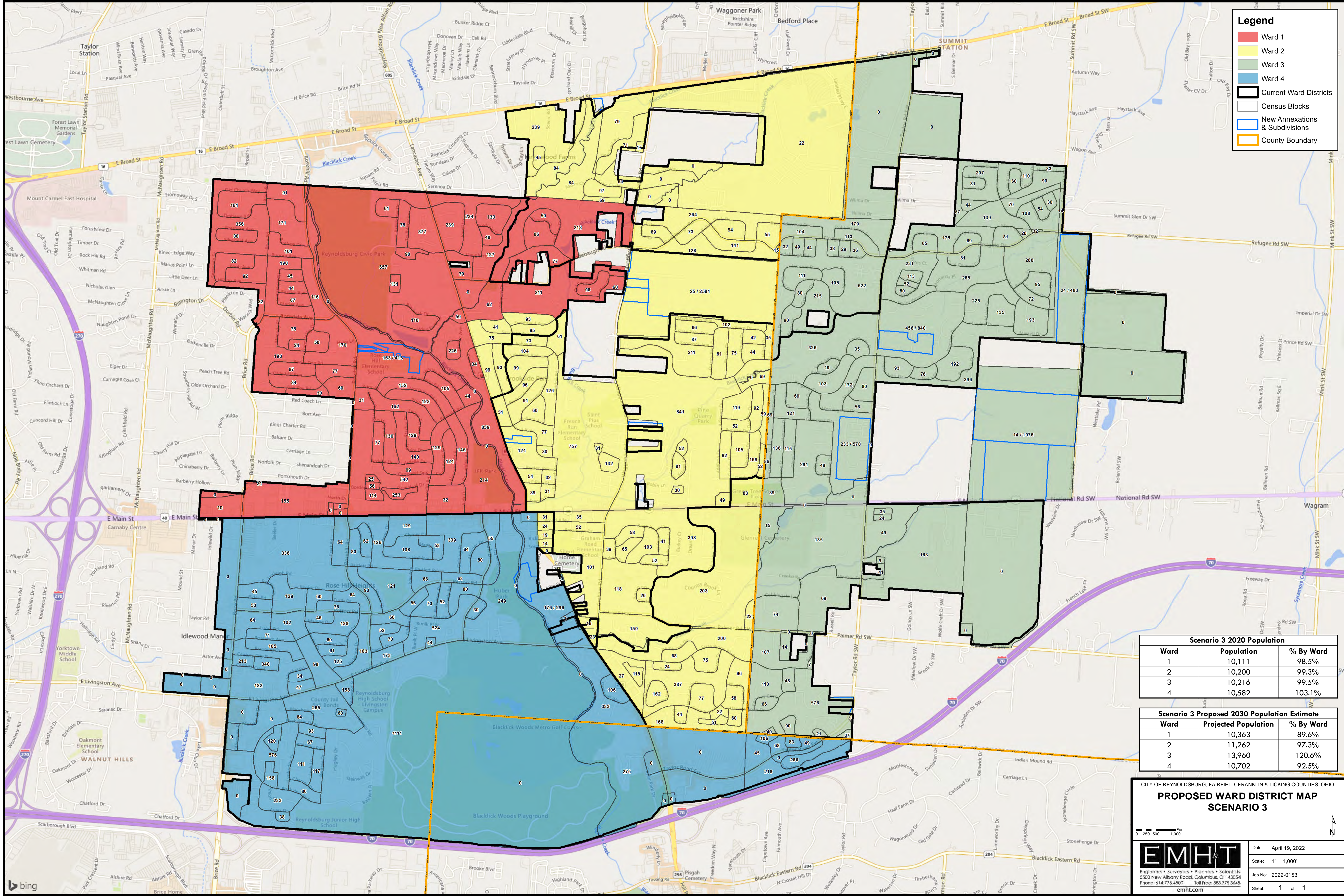
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**Scenario 3 2020 Population**

Ward	Population	% By Ward
1	10,111	98.5%
2	10,200	99.3%
3	10,216	99.5%
4	10,582	103.1%

**Scenario 3 Proposed 2030 Population Estimate**

Ward	Projected Population	% By Ward
1	10,363	89.6%
2	11,262	97.3%
3	13,960	120.6%
4	10,702	92.5%

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**PROPOSED WARD DISTRICT MAP  
SCENARIO 3**

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