Citizen District Boundaries Update

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2020 Citizen District Update

- Citizen Districts are updated every 10 years upon release of Decennial Census counts
- ARC counties are divided into 15 Citizen Districts, with Population divided evenly among them (+-3%)
- Also updated if/when a jurisdictional change is made to metropolitan area planning and development commissions (MAPDCs)
  - *Forsyth County must be incorporated into the 15 districts.*
- The members of the Georgia Legislature whose districts are located wholly or in part of the 11 County area are responsible for adopting an updated boundary map within 90 days of the release of the Census Population totals
  - *The Census release has been delayed with an expected release date of September 30, 2021*
- ***The Citizen member election process can begin once the new map is adopted.***
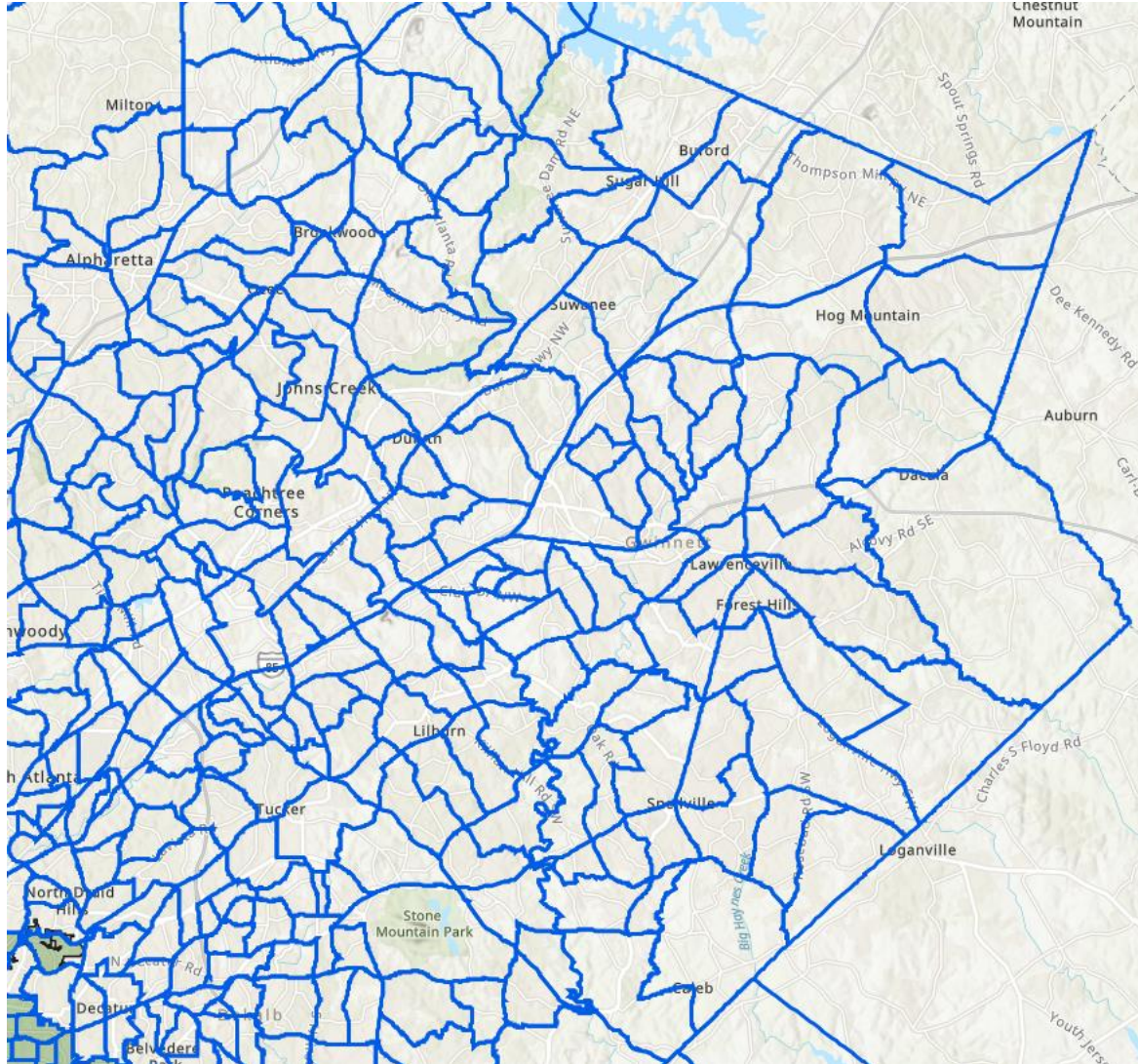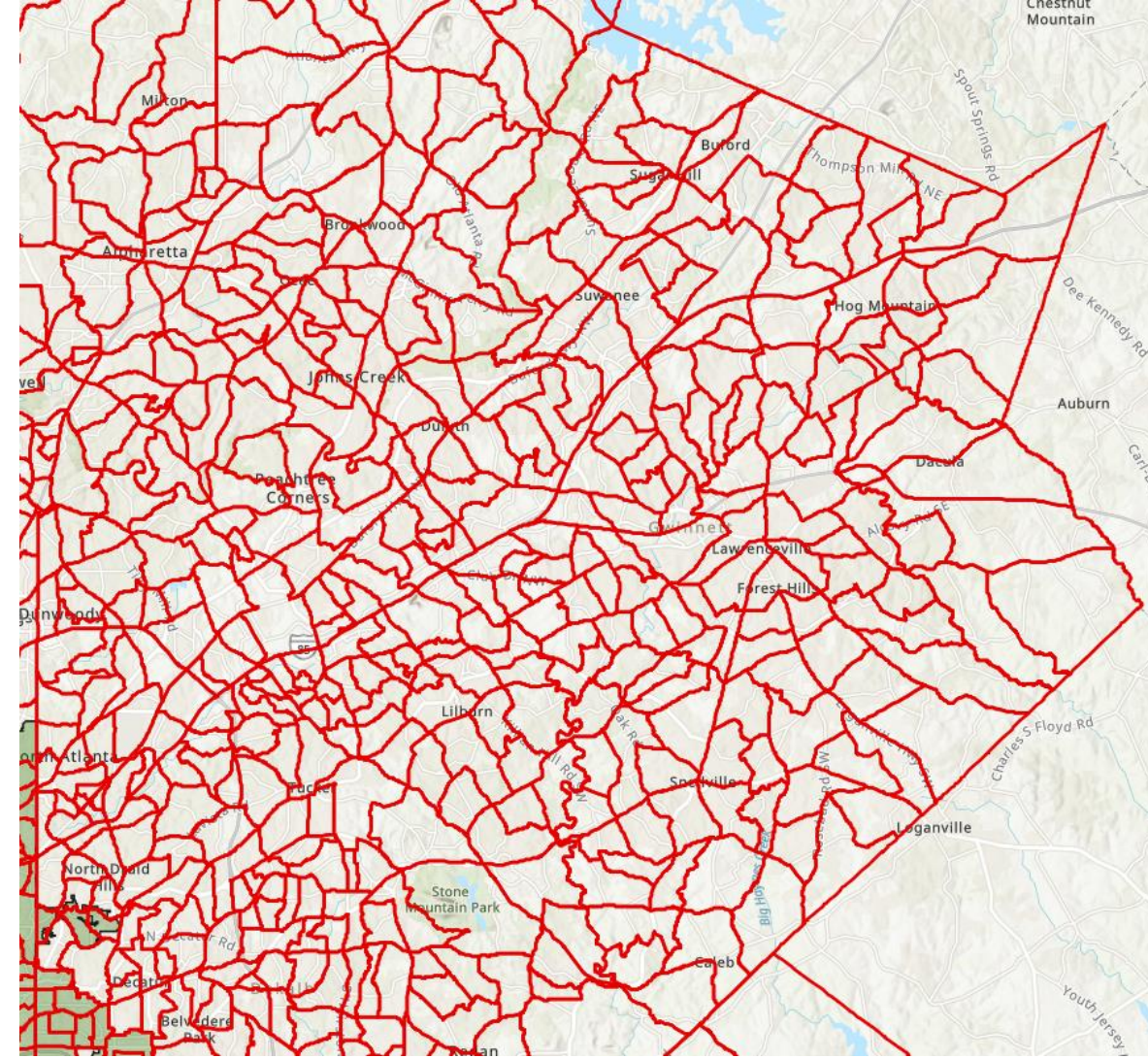
Citizen Member Elections

- Citizen members serve for four years, EXCEPT-
  - one-half shall serve an initial term of two years after a redistricting election.

- This year all citizen members must be reelected.

- The Chairman of Fulton County (the most populous) calls the meeting of elected officials serving on the ARC Board to elect new Citizen members.

- Any elected official, without regard to jurisdiction, may offer a nomination for any citizen district position.

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- It is Recommended that:
  - Districts 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, 14 & 15 would be two-year terms.
  - Districts 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, & 13 would be four-year terms.

The 2020 Census Added More Census Tracts (Gwinnett Example)

2010 Census Tracts

2020 Census Tracts

District Population sizes

Year	Total Population	District Target Pop (+- 3%)
2010 Census (10 counties)	4,107,750	273,850
2020 Census Estimate (11 counties)	4,947,636	329,842

Districts will be drawn in 2020 using the 2020 Census Bureau Census Tracts

CD	Cherokee	Clayton	Cobb	DeKalb	Douglas	Fayette	Forsyth	Fulton	Gwinnett	Henry	Rockdale
D1				23%						77%	
D2		91%						9%			
D3		4%				41%		55%			
D4				1%				99%			
D5			35%		46%			18%			
D6				18%					51%		32%
D7				100%							
D8									100%		
D9									100%		
D10				56%					44%		
D11		1%	52%					47%			
D12								100%			
D13			100%								
D14			100%								
D15	78%		22%								

The Atlanta Region Citizen Districts

2010 District Share of Population by County (#s)

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Citizen District	**Cherokee**	**Clayton**	**Cobb**	**DeKalb**	**Douglas**	**Fayette**	**Forsyth**	**Fulton**	**Gwinnett**	**Henry**	**Rockdale**	**10 County total**
D1				60,241						203,922		**264,163**
D2		247,998						24,289				**272,287**
D3		11,426				106,567		143,121				**261,114**
D4				1,750				284,610				**286,360**
D5			99,963		132,403			52,372				**284,738**
D6				47,761					135,763		85,215	**268,739**
D7				284,715								**284,715**
D8									275,552			**275,552**
D9									274,779			**274,779**
D10				150,169					119,227			**269,396**
D11			3,916	147,257				134,510				**285,683**
D12								281,679				**281,679**
D13			261,058									**261,058**
D14			264,342									**264,342**
D15	214,346		58,799									**273,145**
2010 County Total	**214,346**	**259,424**	**688,078**	**691,893**	**132,403**	**106,567**	*175,498*	**920,581**	**805,321**	**203,922**	**85,215**	**4,107,750**	**11 Cty Totals**
2020 Census Estimate	265,274	292,646	762,944	762,009	147,988	115,821	250,847	1,077,402	942,627	239,139	90,939	4,696,789	4,947,636
Change 2010 to 2020	50,874	33,007	74,868	69,978	15,707	9,265	75,349	157,009	137,386	35,362	5,766	589,222	664,571
Percentage Change	19%	11%	10%	9%	11%	8%	30%	15%	15%	15%	6%	13%	13%

Year	Total Population	District Target Pop (+-3%)
2010 Census (10 counties)	4,107,750	273,850
2020 ESRI (11 counties)	4,908,073	327,205
2020 Census Estimate (11 counties)	4,947,636	329,842

Expected Timeline

April 26, 2021

- Census Bureau release apportionment data (State Population Totals)

August 16th 2021

- Census Bureau EXPECTED to Release Redistricting Data (2020 Census with block level population counts
- ***The GA Legislative members in the ARC Area have 90 days to meet to adopt a new Citizen District Map***

November 16, 2021

- Deadline to Adopt a Citizen District Map

November 17, 2021

- The Chair of Fulton County calls the meeting to elect new Citizen Members (December 8, 2021)

December 8, 2021

- ARC Board Holds Citizen Member Elections

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