

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AND WORK SESSION
G.L. Gilleland Council Chambers on 2nd Floor
Monday, February 21, 2022
5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Eason called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Present were Councilmember John Walden, Councilmember Mark French, Councilmember Caleb Phillips, Councilmember William Illg, City Attorneys Kevin Tallant and Kip O'Kelley, City Manager Bob Bolz, City Clerk Beverly Banister, Public Works Director Trampas Hansard, Crew Chief Blake Croft, Planning Director David Picklesimer and Finance Administrator Robin Gazaway.
3. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Invocation and Pledge were led by Councilmember Walden.
4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** None
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Motion to approve the consent agenda for the following items (a) made by W. Illg; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes
 - Regular Meeting held February 7, 2022
 - Executive Session held February 7, 2022
8. **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** The Mayor and Council awarded Robin Gazaway a one-year service award. City Manager Bolz introduced the City's newest employee, Susan Bailey.

BUSINESS

9. **ZA-C2200079:** Crawford West Properties, LLC has petitioned a zoning amendment for TMP 091 010, Located at 2279 HWY 9 North from R1 (Restricted Single-Family Residential) to HB (Highway Business). Public Hearing Date: City Council on February 7, 2022. City Council for a decision on February 21, 2022.

Planning Director Picklesimer read the rezoning request.

Motion to approve the rezoning request ZA-C2200079 as presented made by M. French; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
10. **ORDINANCE NO. 03-2022:** An Ordinance To Amend The Charter Of The City Of Dawsonville For The Purpose Of Reapportionment Of Representative Districts Pursuant To O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 And § 36-35-4.1 (First Reading and Adoption: February 7, 2022; Second Reading and Final Adoption: February 21, 2022)

Attorney Tallant read the second reading of the ordinance amendment.

Motion to approve the second reading and final adoption of Ordinance No. 03-2022 for a Charter Amendment made by W. Illg; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor. (Exhibit "A")
11. **MAPLE HILL DRIVE DETENTION POND:** Mayor Eason stated City staff and the City Attorney are planning a meeting with the property owners of Maple Hill Drive next week and requests a motion to postpone.

Motion to postpone the agenda item to the March 21, 2022 City Council meeting made by J. Walden; second by M. French. Vote carried unanimously in favor.
12. **SELECTION OF AIRPORT CONSULTING SERVICES:** City Manager Bolz provided the history of the City's airport consulting services firm and the need to rebid and appoint a firm every five years.

Motion to appoint Lead Edge Design Group as the City's Airport Consultant Engineering Services firm made by C. Phillips; second by J. Walden. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

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STAFF REPORTS

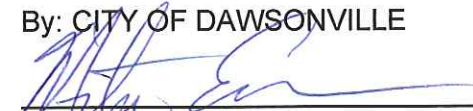
13. **BOB BOLZ, CITY MANAGER:** City Manager Bolz provided his report in the agenda packet; the leak adjustment for the month was \$1,142.93.
14. **ROBIN GAZAWAY, FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR:** Financial reports representing fund balances and activity through January 31, 2022 were provided in the agenda packet. Mayor Eason inquired about a transfer in from reserves on the report. Finance Administrator Gazaway explained it is actually an increase. The City had more revenue than expenditures, and with the requirement of having all funds balanced, the transfer is used as a balancing tool.

ADJOURNMENT:

At 5:12 p.m. a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J. Walden; second by C. Phillips. Vote carried unanimously in favor.

Approved this 7th day of March 2022

By: CITY OF DAWSONVILLE



Mike Eason, Mayor



Caleb Phillips, Councilmember Post 1



William Illg, Councilmember Post 2



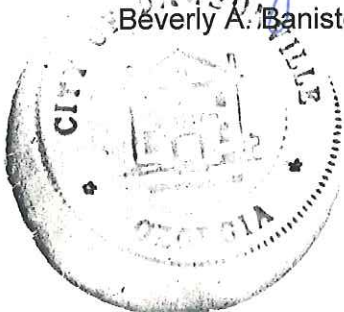
John Walden, Councilmember Post 3



Mark French, Councilmember Post 4

Attested: 

Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk



Subject Matter: Charter Amendment – Redistricting

First Reading and Adoption: February 7, 2022

Second Reading and Final Adoption: February 21, 2022

Publication Dates: Feb. 2, 2022, Feb. 9, 2022, Feb. 16, 2022

Filed with DC Clerk of Court (publication version): January 27, 2022

Filed with DC Clerk of Court (adopted version): _____

Filed with Georgia Secretary of State: _____

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DAWSONVILLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF REAPPORTIONMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS PURSUANT TO O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 AND § 36-35-4.1

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Dawsonville, Georgia provides in Section 5.11(e) there shall be four (4) council member districts of approximately equal populations that shall be created and modified as required.

WHEREAS, the City of Dawsonville's current voting district posts were created utilizing data obtained from the 2010 United States Census;

WHEREAS, the City utilized the services of the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission to analyze available data and information from the most recent decennial census to describe population growth and change;

WHEREAS, the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission determined population growth and shifts resulted in uneven voting districts;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that such reapportionment is necessary due to the addition and shift of the population of the City of Dawsonville since the previous census and thus have determined the below Charter amendment reapportioning said Council Voting Districts is necessary;

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section II, Paragraph II of the Constitution of the State of Georgia, titled *Home Rule for Municipalities*, permits the General Assembly of the State of Georgia to provide by law for the self-government of municipalities, which the General Assembly has done with *The Municipal Home Rule Act of 1965*, O.C.G.A. § 36-35-1, et seq.;

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution requires voting districts be drawn to give maximum effect to one-person/one-vote as required by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution;

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4.1 authorizes municipalities to reapportion election districts for the next municipal elections when the municipality is on notice wherein districts may be unconstitutionally out of balance;

WHEREAS, Georgia law also establishes each reapportioned district shall be formed of contiguous territory with boundary lines be at the center of streets or other well-defined boundaries, the variations in populations among the districts created comply with the one person-one vote requirements of the Constitution, and the reapportionment is limited to the extent necessary to establish one person-one vote limits and that the number of representative districts may not be changed, O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4.1(b);

WHEREAS, the data obtained and analyzed by the Georgia Mountain Regional Commission, using criteria and methods where are generally accepted in the field of demography and relying on data that is generally relied upon by demographers, establishes the current district lines must be revised to comply with the one person-one vote mandate of the United States Constitution and the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 36-35-4.1(b);

WHEREAS, a notice of the proposed Charter Amendment, authorized by the General Assembly pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 was published in the Legal Organ for Dawson County for each of three (3) weeks within sixty (60) days of the final action on this ordinance, O.C.G.A. § 35-35-3(b)(1);

WHEREAS, the title of these Ordinances shall have been read and the Ordinance duly adopted at two (2) consecutive City Council meetings not less than seven (7) nor more than sixty (60) days apart, as required by Georgia law;

NOW THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council for the City of Dawsonville, at consecutive Regular meetings of the Governing Authority for the City of Dawsonville, does HEREBY DECLARE AND ORDAIN as follows:

1. The statements and conclusions contained in the "Whereas" paragraphs above are made the findings of fact of the City Council.
2. Any previous maps, depictions, or representations of the voting district posts found in the Charter of the City of Dawsonville are hereby REPEALED in their Entirety.
3. A new Appendix A is hereby enacted and described as shown in the attached Exhibit 1 illustrating the new district lines.
4. The City Attorney is directed to provide notice of this redistricting to the Georgia Secretary of State and to the Legislative Reapportionment Office within 30 days of this Ordinance, and to the Office of the United States Attorney General, to the extent the law requires such communication.

SO ADOPTED AND ORDAINED by the City Council of Dawsonville, Georgia, this 21 day of February, 2022.

MAYOR AND DAWSONVILLE CITY COUNCIL

By: 
Mike Eason, Mayor


Caleb Phillips, Council Member Post 1

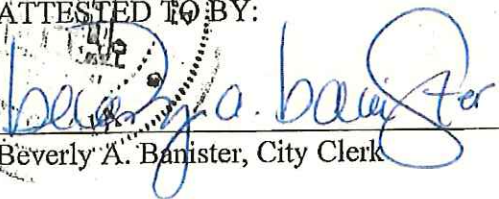

William Illg, Council Member Post 2


John Walden, Council Member Post 3


Mark French, Council Member Post 4



ATTESTED TO BY:


Beverly A. Banister, City Clerk

City of Dawsonville Proposed Revised Voting District Posts

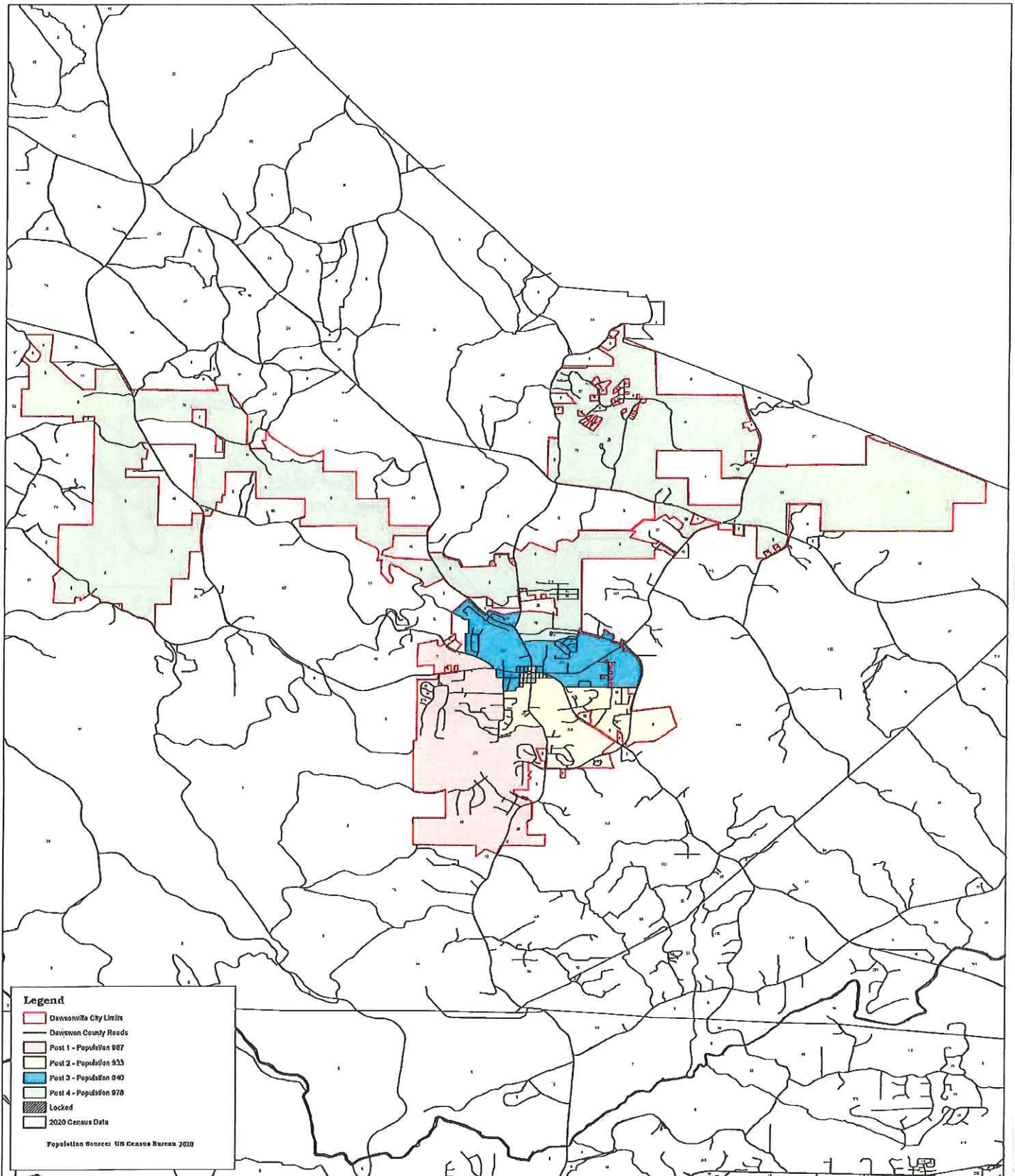
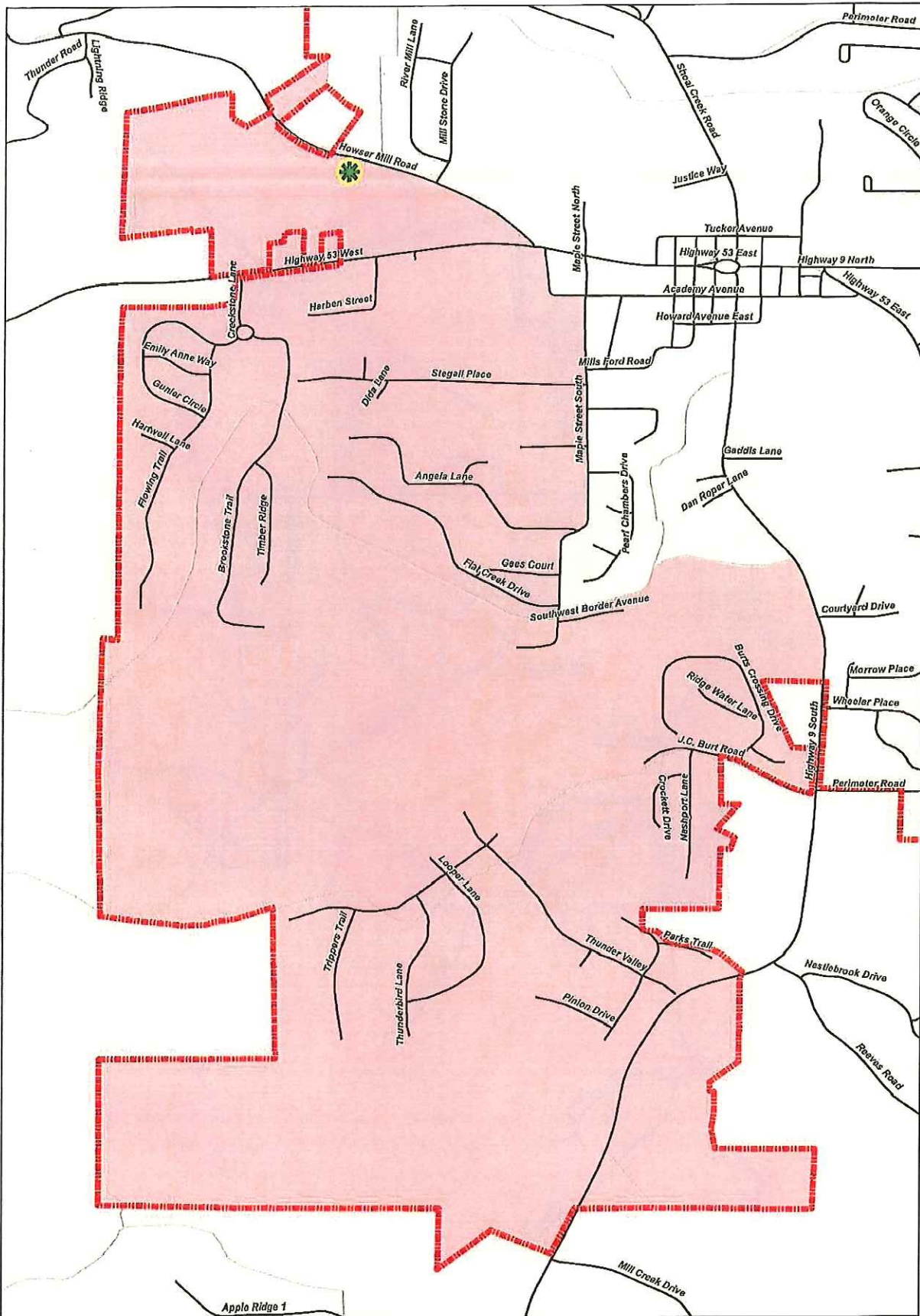


Exhibit 1

Exhibit "A"



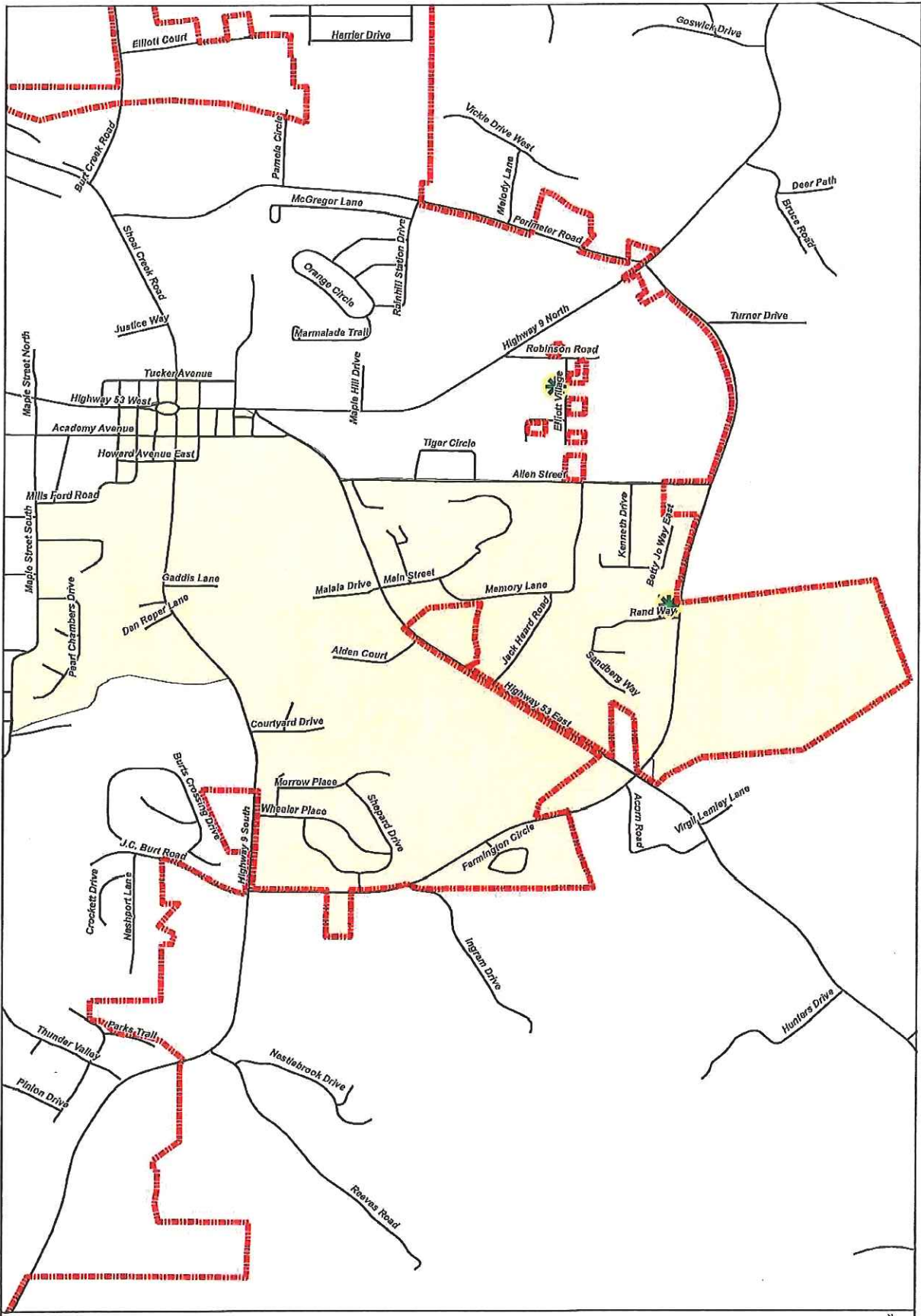


**City of Dawsonville
Voting Post 1
Population - 987**

Exhibit "A"



Exhibit 1



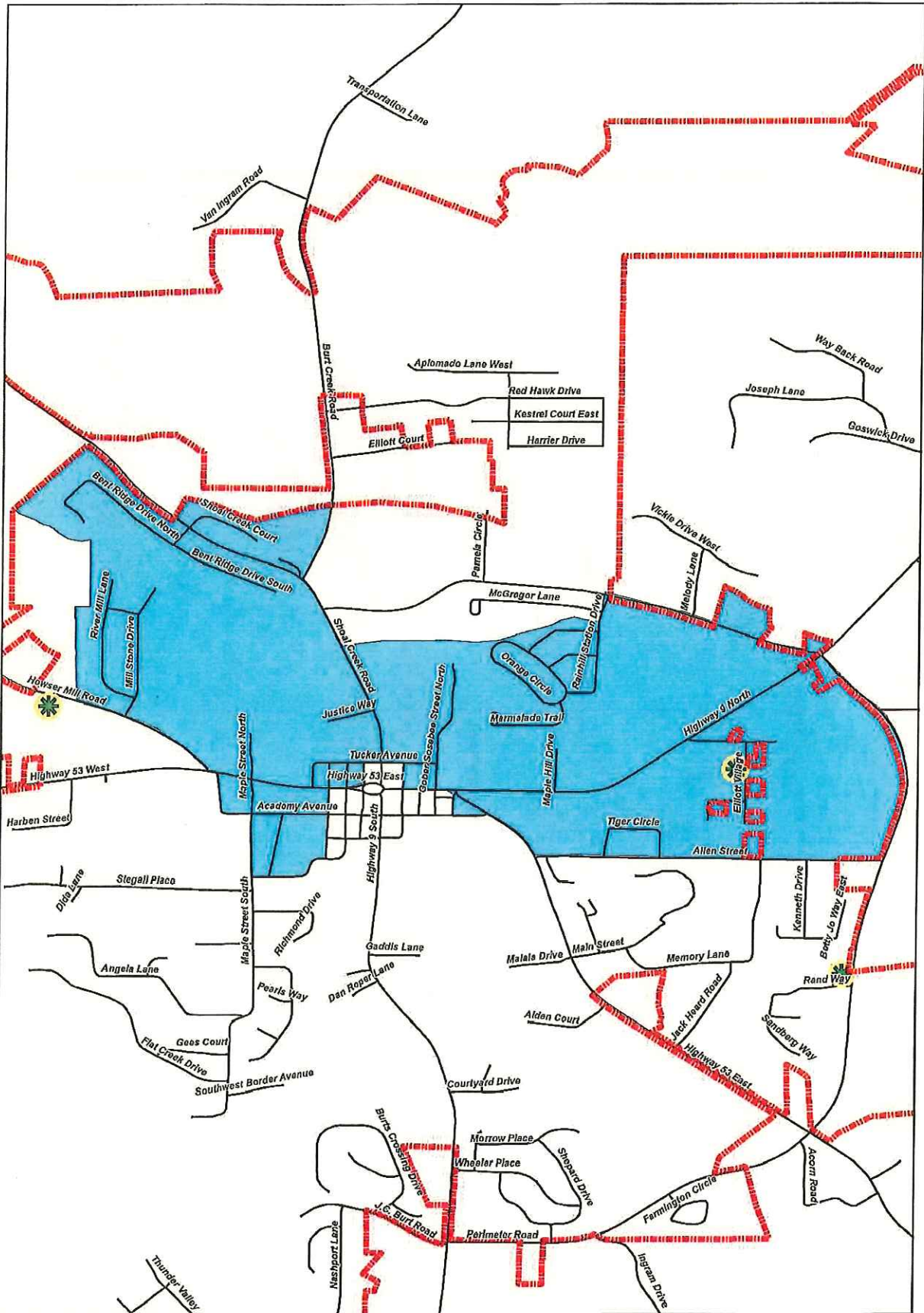
**City of Dawsonville
Voting Post 2
Population - 933**



Exhibit "A"



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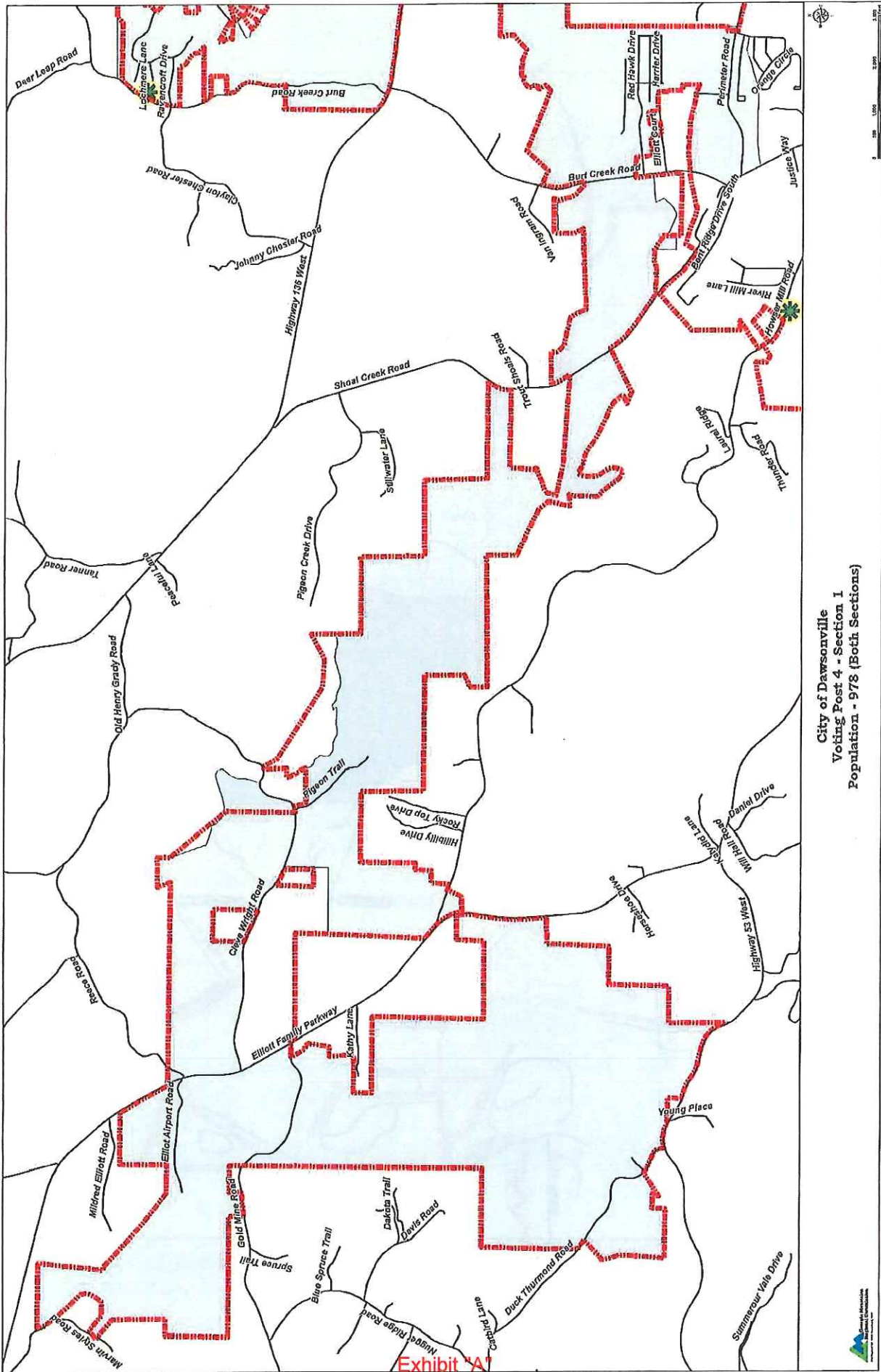
**City of Dawsonville
Voting Post 3
Population - 940**



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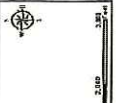
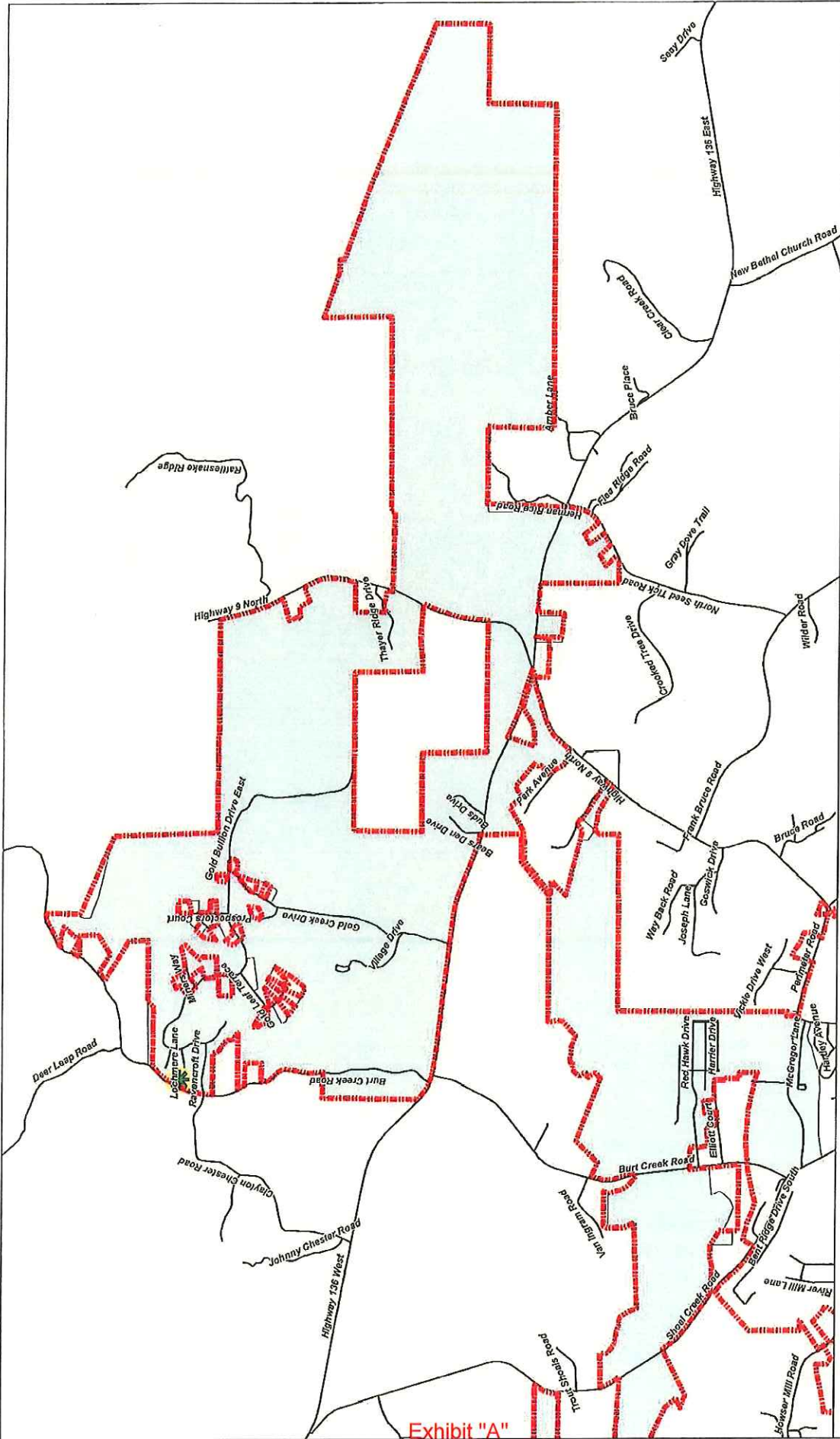


Exhibit 1



City of Dawsonville
 Voting Post 4 - Section 1
 Population - 978 (Both Sections)

Exhibit "A"



City of Dawsonville
 Voting Precinct 4 - Section 2
 Population - 978 (Both Sections)

Exhibit "A"

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