



Commonwealth of Kentucky

Petition to Consolidate Precincts and Precinct Election Officers

County Name	
WARREN COUNTY	
Election	
MAY 16, 2023-PRIMARY	
Person Completing this Form	
Name	KARI KUNKEL
Title	DEPUTY CLERK
Phone	270-843-5306
About Voting Location	
<i>Example: Tulip Poplar High, 123 Main Street, County High School</i>	
Name	CUMBERLAND TRACE ELEMENTARY
Address	2464 CUMBERLAND TRACE RD
Type	ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
Voting Equipment to be Used	
Number	Type of equipment
4	VERITY SCANS
1 EACH	TOUCHWRITER/PRINT ON DEMAND
8	E POLLBOOKS

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Precinct name	Number of registered voters
ALL PRECINCTS	94,650

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<i>Example: Tulip Poplar High, 123 Main Street, County High School</i>	
Name	EASTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
Address	500 EASTWOOD ST
Type	CHURCH MEETING ROOM
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Name	EPHRAM WHITE PARK
Address	885 MOUNT OLIVET RD, BOWLING GREEN
Type	GYMNASIUM
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Name	FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Address	621 E 12TH AVE
Type	CHURCH GYMNASIUM
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Name	LIVING HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
Address	1805 WESTEN ST, BOWLING GREEN 421
Type	CHURCH GYMNASIUM
Voting Equipment to be Used	
Number	Type of equipment
7	VERITY SCAN
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Name	Michael O. Buchanon Park
Address	9222 Nashville Rd, Bowling Green, KY 421
Type	Gymnasium
Voting Equipment to be Used	
Number	Type of equipment
4	Verity Scan
1	Each Verity Touch Writer/Print on Demand
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Name	PHIL MOORE PARK
Address	7101 SCOTTSVILLE RD, ALVATON 42122
Type	GYMNASIUM
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Number	Type of equipment
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1 EACH	TOUCHWRITER/PRINT ON DEMAND
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Name	SMITHS GROVE UNITED METHODIST
Address	333 N MAIN ST, SMITHS GROVE
Type	CHURCH MEETING ROOM
Voting Equipment to be Used	
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Name	SUGAR MAPLE SQUARE
Address	1347 KY HIGHWAY 185, BOWLING GREE
Type	OLD SHOPPING CENTER
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Name	WARREN CENTRAL HIGH
Address	559 MORGANTOWN RD
Type	COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
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Name	WARREN CO COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE
Address	5162 RUSSELLVILLE RD, 42104
Type	COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFICE
Voting Equipment to be Used	
Number	Type of equipment
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WARREN COUNTY EARLY & ELECTION DAY LOCATION PLAN
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EARLY VOTING LOCATION PLAN

Warren County's early voting plan remains unchanged from 2022. Our plan includes **FIVE (5) County-wide Vote Centers** for early voting.

Early Voting Locations:

- Ephram White Park Gymnasium
885 Mount Olivet Rd
Bowling Green, KY 42101
- Living Hope Baptist Church Gymnasium
1805 Westen St
Bowling Green, KY 42104
- Michael O Buchanon Park Gymnasium
9222 Nashville Rd
Bowling Green, KY 42101
- Phil Moore Park Gymnasium
7101 Scottsville Rd
Alvaton, KY 42122
- Sugar Maple Square
1347 KY Highway 185
Bowling Green, KY 42101

Precincts in Early Voting Locations: Each of our FIVE (5) locations are open to all precincts in the county. Hours will be 8:00-4:30pm-May 11th, 12th & 13th, 2023.

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ELECTION DAY VOTING LOCATION PLAN

Warren County's Election Day plan for May 2023 will expand to offer eleven (11) County-wide Vote Centers.

Election Day Vote Centers:

- Eastwood Baptist Church
500 Eastwood St
Bowling Green, KY 42103
- Ephram White Park Gymnasium
885 Mount Olivet Rd
Bowling Green, KY 42101
- First Baptist Church
621 E 12th Avenue
Bowling Green, KY 42101
- Living Hope Baptist Church Gymnasium
1805 Westen St
Bowling Green, KY 42104
- Michael O. Buchanon Park Gymnasium
9222 Nashville Rd
Bowling Green, KY 42101
- New Cumberland Trace Elementary School
2464 Cumberland Trace Rd
Bowling Green, KY 42103
- Phil Moore Park Gymnasium
7101 Scottsville Rd
Alvaton, KY 42122
- Smiths Grove United Methodist Church
333 N. Main St
Smiths Grove, KY 42171
- Sugar Maple Square Old Shopping Center
1347 KY Highway 185
Bowling Green, KY 42101

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- Warren Central High School
559 Morgantown Rd
Bowling Green, KY 42101
- Warren County Cooperative Extension
5162 Russellville Rd
Bowling Green, KY 42104

EARLY VOTING & ELECTION DAY SUMMARY QUESTIONS:

1) Why is the consolidation of these precincts desirable?

The consolidation of precincts into vote centers creates an efficient voting process. It allows staff from the clerk's office to be at every location to monitor and assist officers with election duties. We need fewer poll workers, which allows us to be more selective and allows us to use more experienced, qualified election officers. As we did in 2020, we are able to reassess location needs and create additional job roles to streamline the voting process. This, combined with the use of ePollbooks, results in shorter wait times for voters. We will be increasing our number of Election Day voting locations from the eight we had in 2022 to eleven in 2023. Our busiest Election Day location in 2022 was our Living Hope location in the center of Bowling Green. To take some of the strain off of that location we are adding two additional locations within the city limits. One of these locations, First Baptist Church, is downtown close to campus and the business district. A second location, Eastwood Baptist, is on the eastern side of town and is convenient for many of the more populated neighborhoods within the city. A third location is being added in the city of Smiths Grove in the eastern part of the county. After feedback from the 2022 election, we felt it important to add this voting option for the rural voters.

2) In what manner will Precinct Officers be assigned?

We will ensure parity among all poll workers across all locations. Election officers will be placed according to the precinct they are registered in. Each location will be fully staffed according to estimated turnout per day.

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3) How will the voting location be publicized to voters? How will the location be noted as a "Vote Center"?

We plan a social media ad campaign notifying voters of all their voting options. We will also put several notices in the local newspaper, notify all local news outlets, and post notice on our clerk website and county social media.

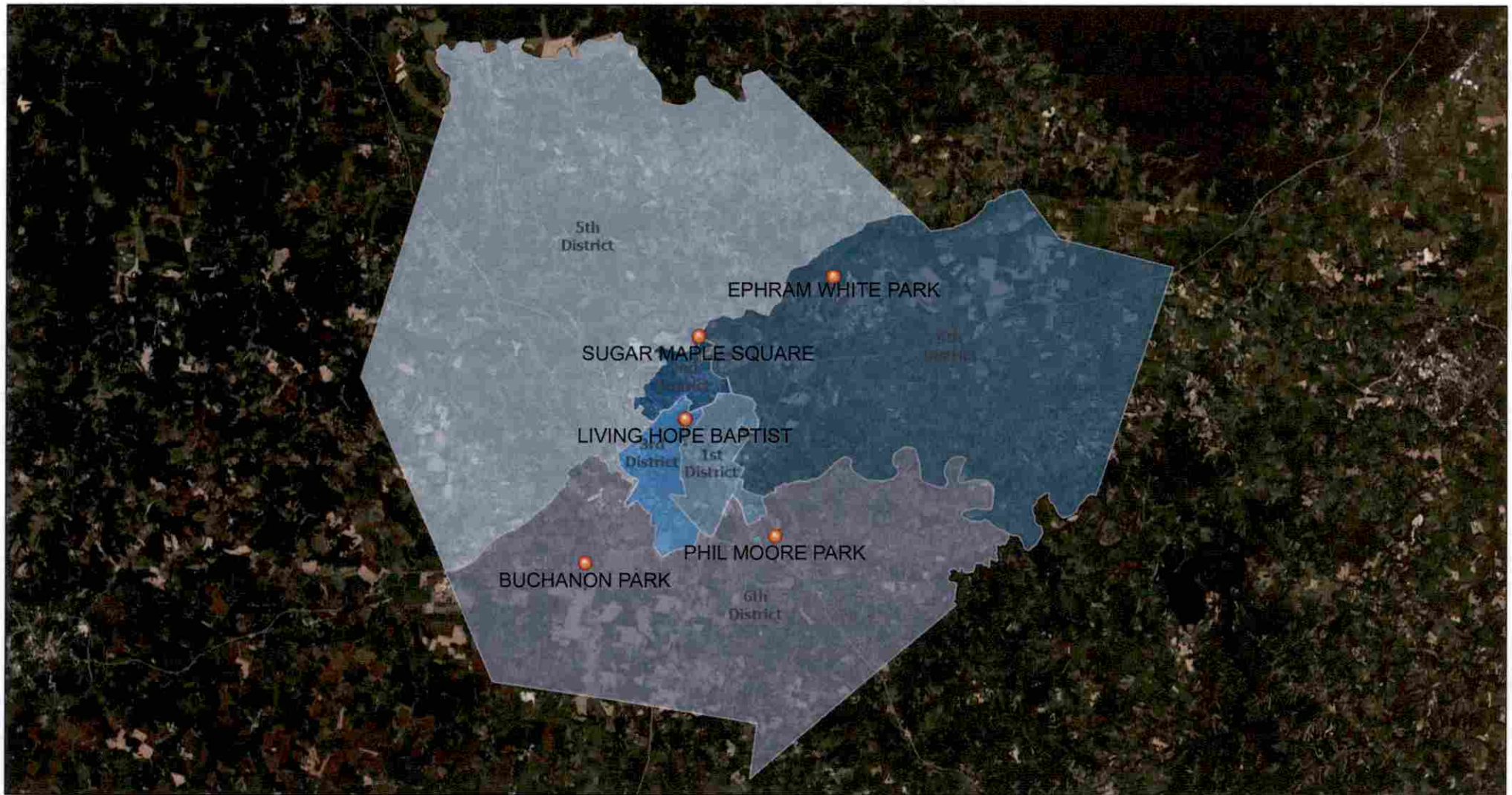
During early voting we will have large signs posted identifying each location as a County-wide Early Voting location. On Election Day we will have large signs posted at each location identifying the location as a County-wide Vote Center. We will also assist voters in finding the vote center most convenient to their precinct.

4) How will the voting location serve as a focal point to meet the needs of a diverse community?

The creation of county-wide vote centers for early voting allows our voters to pick from FIVE (5) locations for the three days of early voting. Our Living Hope location is conveniently located close to the center of town near our commercial district. Our Sugar Maple location is close to downtown & is on a BG Transit public transportation route, making it accessible for those within the city limits who need transportation to a polling location. Three locations are park locations on the outskirts of the city limits, making it more convenient for rural voters who travel into the city for work and errands.

For Election Day, we will have ELEVEN (11) County-wide vote centers. We chose our vote centers with travel time in mind. The attached map shows the location of each of the vote centers. Each location was strategically chosen for its substantial square footage, ample parking, and adequate ADA accessibility for voters with disabilities. We also chose several locations on the outskirts of town to add convenience for our rural voters. County-wide vote centers will enhance voting in our county by giving voters multiple location options for casting their ballot.

2023 EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS



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County Magistrate Districts

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
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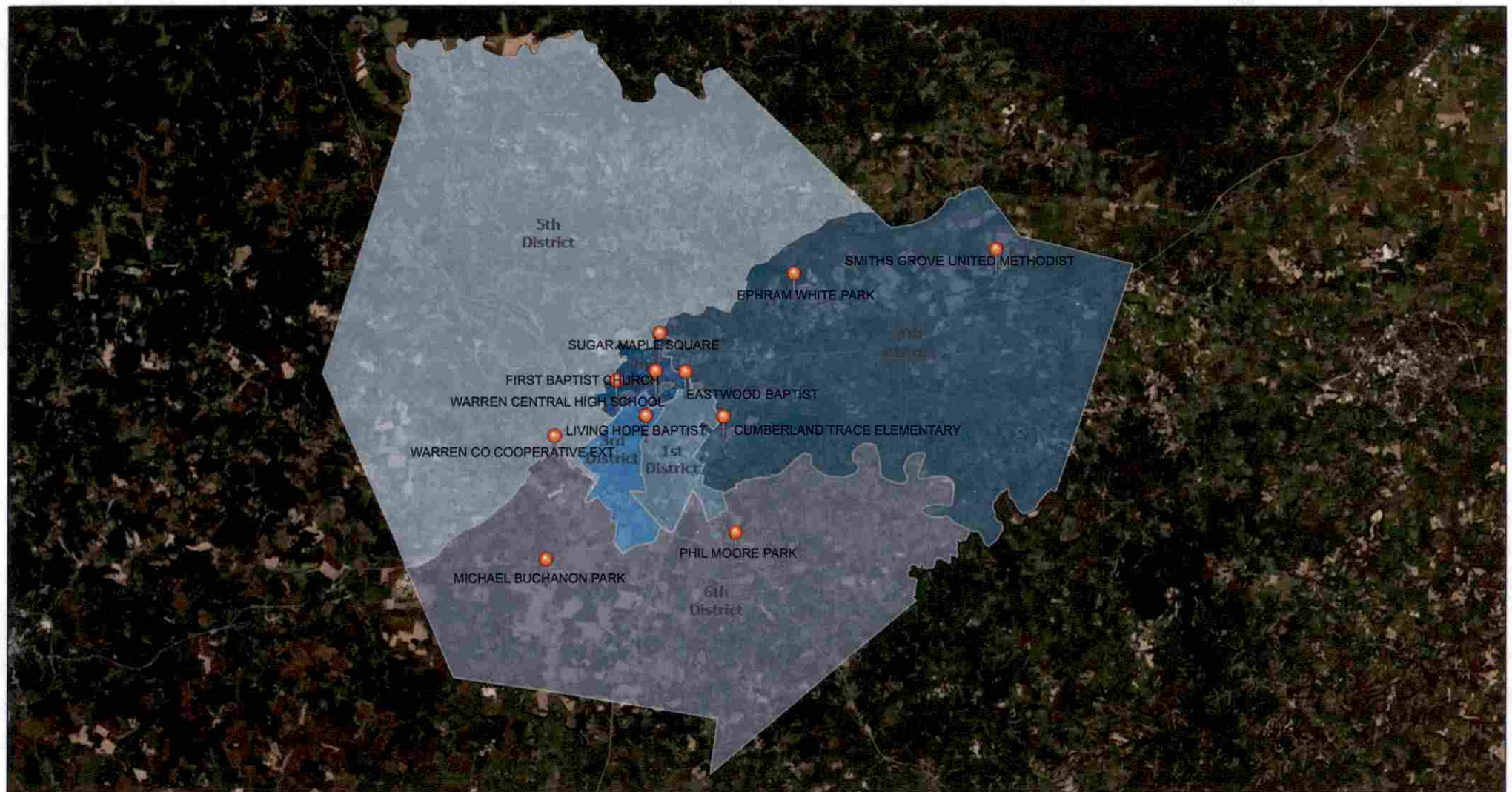
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Source: Esri, Maxar, Earthstar Geographics, and the GIS User Community

2023 VOTING LOCATIONS



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3rd	5th
1st	4th
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RE: Voting Locations for 5th District

When Warren County transitioned to a county-wide vote center model in 2022 our goal was to find locations that could handle a large volume of voters, with little to no wait time, during our busier election cycles. Prior to the pandemic Warren County had 49 voting locations. Voters had to vote at their precinct-specific location. Some locations were busier than others, resulting in uneven wait times around the county. It was a difficult task to find a voting location convenient to all voters of the precinct. Furthermore, some of these locations were cramped, had mechanical issues, and the increased traffic flow in these areas made it a difficult (sometimes dangerous) task entering and exiting the location. It was also difficult getting in touch with those who managed these sites to ensure they would be open for machine delivery and on election morning. These challenges are still a factor when attempting to find voting locations. The 5th district is a rural area that holds 40% of the county's acreage. It is mostly farm land with very few options for vote centers. The locations that used to be available for voters in Hadley, Richardsville, and Riverside were not convenient options for all voters of those precincts. There were still voters in the far reaches of the precinct who were driving upwards of 10 miles to reach the only voting location available to them, on the only day available to them.

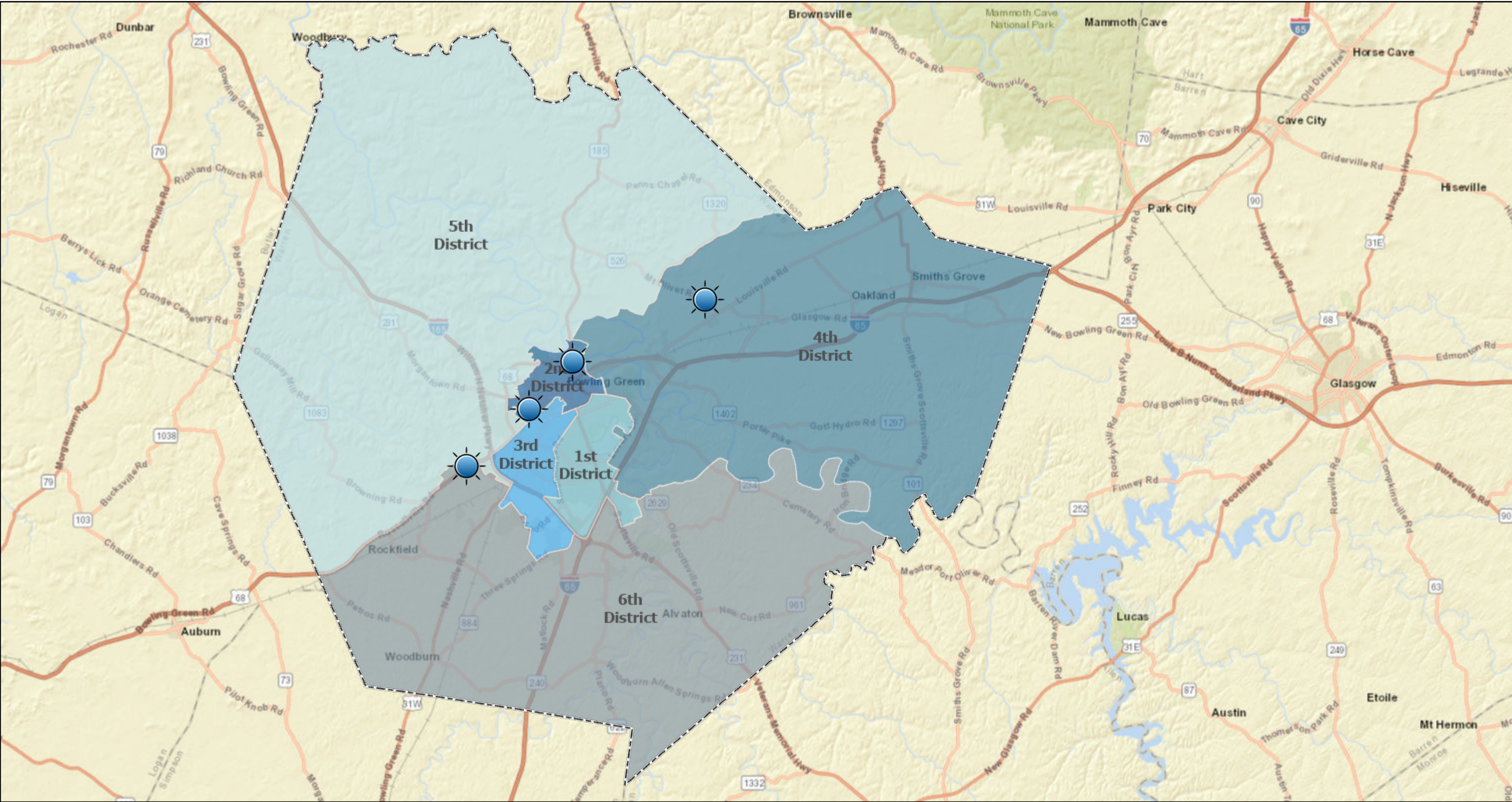
While the locations we are proposing that are closest to the 5th district do not sit within that boundary, they are right on the border and close enough to provide convenience to the majority of those voters. These locations are along main highways and are in locations that can handle the increased traffic of a vote center. The communities of Hadley and Richardsville are not self-sufficient communities. Most people in these areas have to travel within the county for work, school, and essential needs. Early voting makes it even more convenient for these voters who can now choose whether they vote early or on election day.

We have an 'all or none' approach to county-wide vote centers. We see it as confusing to the voter to plan some locations that are county-wide and leave others precinct-specific. In addition, early vote centers have to be county-wide. Therefore, we have to equip every vote center in our county with all ballot faces and be prepared for anyone to vote anywhere. The voters love this convenience, but we are currently at a point that to grow our locations we will need to transition from preprinted ballots at all locations to a print-on-demand system. This will cut down on the guess work and eliminate waste when estimating who will vote

where. We are currently working with fiscal court to secure additional print-on-demands that would allow for more locations, but this is not currently an option for May 2023.

We are constantly reevaluating our plan to make sure we are doing what is best for the majority of voters of Warren County. We realize there is not one voting model that will be the most convenient solution for everyone in the county. However, we believe the plan we are presenting for 2023 is much better than the precinct-specific plan our county used prior to the pandemic.

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County Boundary

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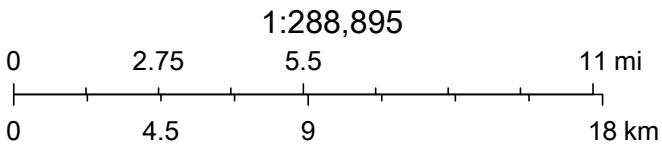
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Re: Easily accessible area for the Shake Rag District

The Shake Rag District has never had a voting location exclusive to their area. Pre-pandemic this district was split into two precincts, the B101-BG Towers precinct and the B109-Fairview precinct. (During redistricting the area of B109-Fairview in question became a part of the B116-Bypass precinct.) Under the 49 location plan voters were forced to go to one specific location to cast their vote. This means voters of this area, depending on address, had to vote at either BG Towers, 1149 College St., or Eastwood Baptist Church, 500 Eastwood St.

The voting area at BG Towers was a cramped lobby space. There was very limited floor space due to heavy, preplaced furniture and finding space for our voting machines, poll booths, and clerk station was difficult. We were able to make it work only because at maximum, in our busiest election, we had 600 people vote in this area during a 12-hour period. Furthermore, the location of BG Towers was not chosen with only the residents of the Towers in mind. It was a benefit for them that their homeplace was a voting center, but that was not our initial goal. Our goal was to find a location in the B101 precinct that was accessible to anyone that lived in the B101 precinct. This just happened to be BG Towers.

Fast forward to 2022. Voting laws changed. We were no longer required to provide precinct-specific voting locations with locations positioned within the borders of that precinct. We saw this as a win-win for voters. Instead of forcing voters to use one specific location we were now allowed to provide our voters with options. While this convenience is great for voters, and we see it as a great service to our community, it creates a whole new set of challenges for election planning. We must now anticipate where voters will vote, and make sure we have locations large enough to handle the traffic flow this potential turnout could create. A large percentage of our previous voting locations no longer fit the needs of the new model we seek to create.

Where BG Towers worked for 600 voters, what would happen if 4,000 voters now decided a downtown location was easiest for them? It wouldn't work. So, in 2022, we found Sugar Maple Square. This location is 1.6 miles from BG Towers. It's a county-owned, former retail space. It had the square footage we needed should thousands of voters choose to use this location to vote. The Sugar Maple location worked great in 2022, but we always have our sights on making our plan better. With 2024 in mind, we saw the need for additional options for our downtown voters.

For 2023, we plan to go back into Eastwood Baptist Church, the former voting location for part of the Shake Rag District, B109-Fairview precinct (now B116-Bypass). In addition, we are adding First Baptist Church Gymnasium, another downtown location that is .6 miles from the former voting location of BG Towers. So now, voters in the downtown vicinity that pre-pandemic could only go to BG Towers or Eastwood Baptist, now have three voting locations close by to vote. Of course, they aren't limited to these three locations. They can still choose to use any of the 11 voting centers we are offering.

An Adaptable Election Plan

Should we find any of these locations develop wait times in 2023 we will go back to the drawing board and reevaluate. However, when current locations can handle the turnout with no wait time how is it fiscally responsible to keep adding locations just to add locations?

We agree that it is imperative to add voting locations strategically, going where the most people can fully utilize them. The locations we are recommending be added do just that. They are convenient for the downtown population (i.e. Shake Rag District), but are still useful for residential areas in the center of town as well (i.e. Briarwood, Eastwood, Potter Gray). Our Living Hope location was the busiest during the November 2022 election. The two new locations we are presenting are geographically convenient for a large segment of the precincts who frequented Living Hope.

Re: Location on WKU Campus

Warren County has never had a location providing specialized access to WKU students, faculty, and staff. Our goal is access for all, NOT specialized access. Prior to 2020 McNeill Elementary was utilized for our C104 McNeill and C110 Big Red Precinct ONLY. Employees or students at WKU had to live in one of these two precincts in order to vote at McNeill. Not all dormitories and residential housing for students were located inside one of these two precincts. At max, in our busiest presidential year, McNeill saw a turnout of 1,300 voters. It worked at the time because only these two precincts could vote there. It is not feasible to turn this space into a county-wide vote center. The flow of traffic around University Dr. is already quite challenging during school hours. It does not make sense to add a location in the congested area of McNeill when .7 miles up the road we now utilize Warren Central High School

Gymnasium. It is a very large space with ample parking that could support thousands of voters. There are convenient red lights in and out of the voting area making it much safer for voters entering and exiting the facility.

Re: Area to accommodate Millers, Springhill, and Whispering Hills

The former location of Henry Moss Middle School, available to Millers, Springhill, and Whispering Hills, is 1.7 miles from Warren Central High and 1.6 miles from Warren County Cooperative. Our goal is to move away from the use of schools as staff from the clerk's and parks department are utilized to set up our vote centers. It is hard for us to get into schools in a timely manner and use them in a vote center model. We are limited to entering the facility after students dismiss Monday prior to election and having all our equipment removed on election night. We do not have the manpower to continue to grow our vote centers in schools. Warren Central is still a very convenient option for members of the Millers, Springhill, and Whispering Hills precinct. Of a further benefit to voters is the Warren County Cooperative Extension. We are able to reserve this space for several days which gives us plenty of time to set up our vote center. It is not only convenient to the Springhill and Whispering Hills area, but it is easily accessible by our rural voters coming into town from the Browning, Hadley, and Rockfield areas. This makes it convenient for a large area of our county.

Re: Vote Centers in County Parks

County parks are utilized for their size, accessibility, security, traffic flow, and availability. Our county parks are able to shut down for an extended period of time making these facilities a very secure, desirable option for vote centers. Citizens are very familiar with our park systems, making their locations simple to find. They are surrounded by very populated precincts on the outskirts of town making it convenient for rural voters as well.

A Return to a 49 Location Plan

We cannot continue to grow county-wide vote centers without the use of print-on-demand systems. While we are working to secure funding for this, it is not an option to be utilized in the 2023 election cycle. To expand voting locations beyond the 11 vote centers means a return to a 49-location precinct-specific plan.

We believe this would be a step in the wrong direction, because it would again limit the vast majority of voters. Some would argue that it would suppress the vote. We have had such positive feedback from the majority of constituents. Some have even said that county-wide vote centers have been their best voting experience in the 50 years they have been voting. That speaks volumes. People love not being confined to one vote location option. They love the ability to vote at the location that best fits their schedule. It encourages voters and promotes voter turnout.

The truth of the matter is that voting locations are never 100% convenient for everyone. While we can't put a location in everyone's backyard, we can place locations in a way that make them accessible to all and prevent lines at any one location. Our 49-location plan did not do this. The former KRS that guided precinct location placement resulted in some locations with no wait time and others with 45-minute wait times. How was that fair? With our new plan we seek to spread out the turnout so that no one has a wait time regardless of what precinct they live in. Our goal is equality and fairness in voting.