



# Proposed Polling Location Updates – Phase 2 Department of Elections – New Castle County

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## Section 1: New Castle County's Proposed Polling Location Updates

1. We are proposing to make changes to six polling locations.
2. We are proposing to add four new polling locations.
3. We are proposing to eliminate six polling locations.

### Rationale for Polling Location Changes

After visiting all polling locations that have been in use since before 2020, there were some locations that became redundant and the need to use those locations is no longer necessary. Consolidating voting locations allows the Department to better use Election Officer and equipment resources without negatively affecting efficiency.

## Proposed Polling Place Location Changes

1. **Cedar Lane Elementary School** – 1259 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown 19709
2. **MOT Charter High School** – 1275 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown 19709
3. **Appoquinimink Library** – 651 N. Broad St, Middletown 19709
4. **Townsend Elementary School** – 126 Main St, Townsend 19734
5. **Townsend Fire Hall** – 107 Main St, Townsend 19734
6. **Ebenezer United Methodist Church** – 525 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark 19711

## Proposed New Polling Locations

1. **Five Points Fire Company** – 209 S. Maryland Ave, Wilmington 19804
2. **Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew & Matthew** – 719 N. Shipley St, Wilmington 19801
3. **Claymont Library** – 400 Lenape Way, Claymont 19703
4. **Crystal Run Elementary School** – 1470 Aviator Way, Middletown 19709

## Proposed Polling Locations to be Eliminated.

1. **Richardson Park United Methodist Church** – 11 N. Maryland Ave, Wilmington 19804 – Accessibility and parking issues.
2. **Del Tech - Wilmington** – 300 N. Orange St, Wilmington 19801 – Unavailable for 2024 because of construction.
3. **Claymont Boys & Girls Club** – 500 Darley Rd, Claymont 19703 – Ineffective use of resources.
4. **Silver Lake Elementary School** – 200 E. Cochran St, Middletown 19709 – Reduce polling place confusion and ineffective use of resources.
5. **Waters Middle School** – 1235 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown 19709 – Reduce polling place confusion and ineffective use of resources.
6. **Unitarian Universalist Society – Mill Creek** – 579 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark 19711 – Reduce polling place confusion and ineffective use of resources.

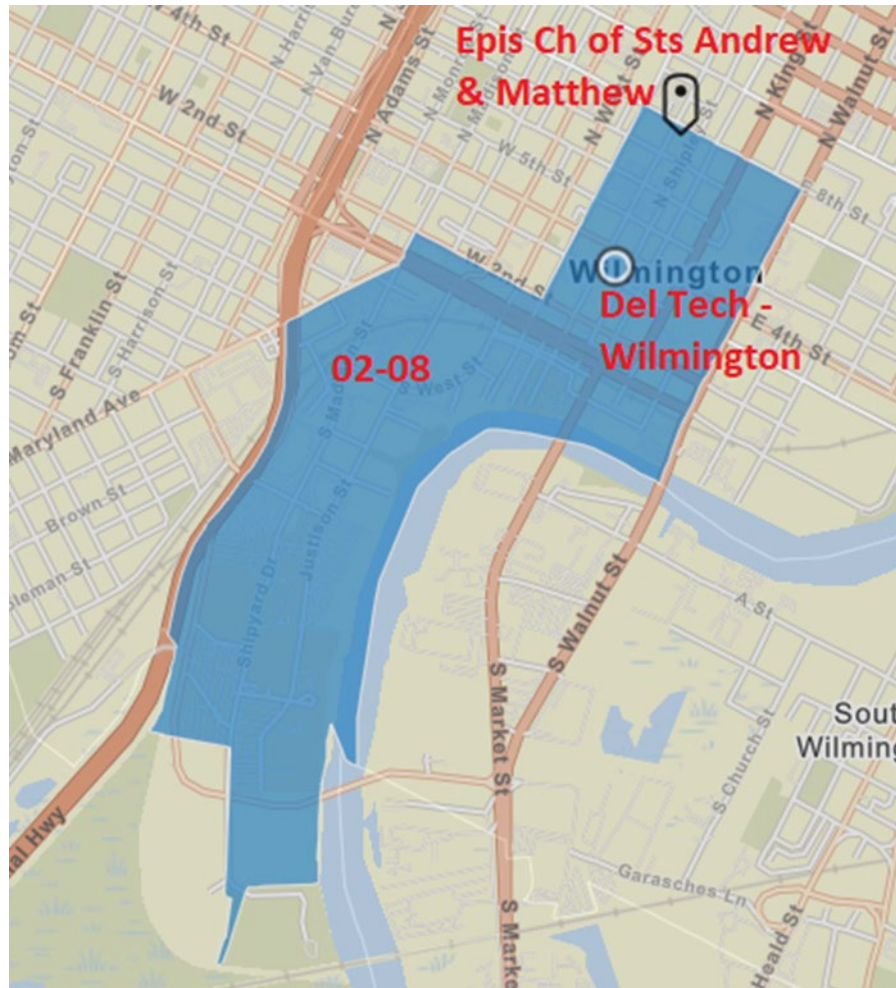
## Section 2: Detailed Analysis of Polling Place Changes

### Proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> Representative District Changes

- **02-05 & 13-05** - Currently located at Richardson Park Methodist Church. We are proposing moving these districts to Five Points Fire Company to address accessibility concerns and parking issues. There are 2,963 registered voters in these districts. Richardson Park Methodist Church was listed in the 2022 CLASI report for ADA compliance issues, and the move to Five Points Fire Company would eliminate those issues. Five Points Fire Company is 0.2 miles from Richardson Park Methodist Church.

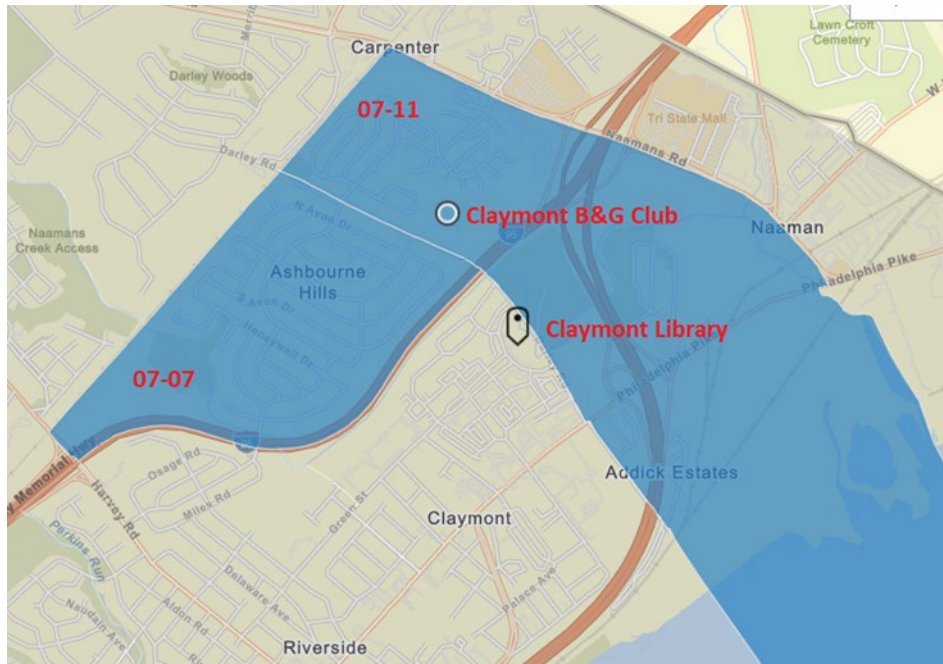


- **02-08** - Currently located at Del Tech & Comm College – Wilmington. We are proposing moving this district to The Episcopal Church of Saints Andrew & Matthew because Del Tech is currently undergoing construction and is not available for the 2024 election cycle. There are 1,233 registered voters in this district. The new location is 0.7 miles from Del Tech. This would be a temporary move only for 2024.



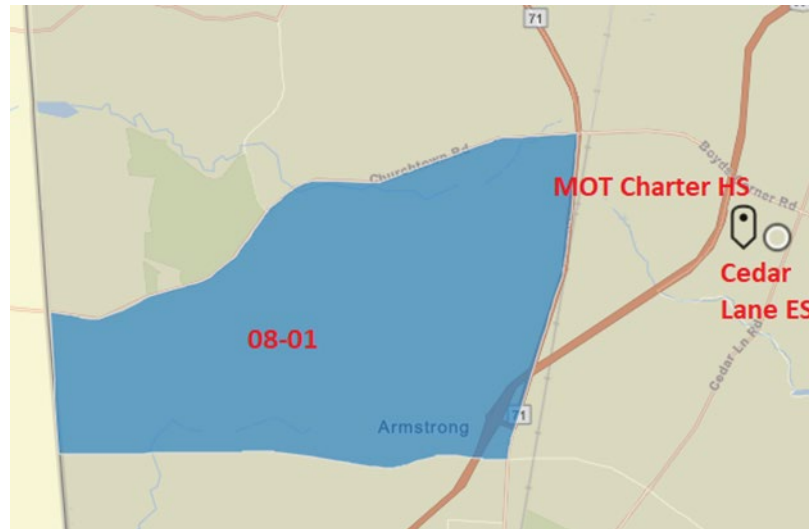
## Proposed 7<sup>th</sup> Representative District Changes

- **07-07 & 07-11 (UPDATE)** – Currently located at Claymont Boys & Girls Club. There are 3,490 registered voters in these districts. We are proposing moving these districts to Claymont Library. There is population growth adjacent to the library that would serve voters more effectively. The library has ample parking to accommodate the additional voters and is fully ADA compliant. Claymont Boys & Girls Club is housed in an older building that poses some ADA accessibility issues. The library is 0.6 miles from the B&G Club.



## Proposed 8<sup>th</sup> Representative District Changes

- **08-01** - Currently located at Cedar Lane Elementary School. There are 1,463 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district to MOT Charter High School. Cedar Lane ES is on the same campus as Waters Middle School which causes confusion for voters on which location they use to cast their vote. MOT Charter High School is the voting location for 08-07 which has 996 registered voters. MOT is 0.6 miles from Cedar Lane ES.



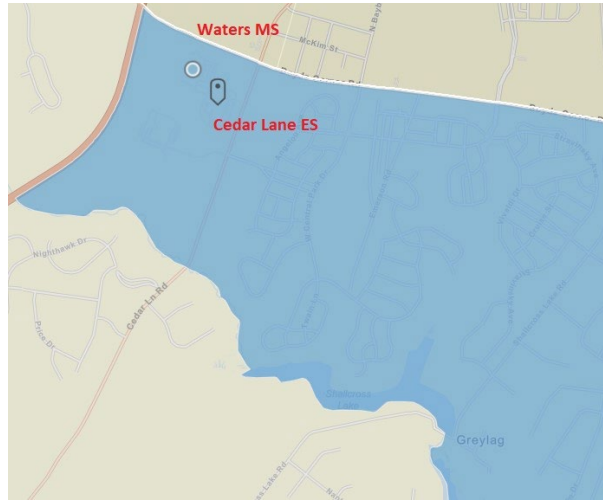


- **08-06** – Currently located at Silver Lake Elementary School. There are 2,153 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district to Appoquinimink Library. The library is the voting location for 08-03 which has 1,682 registered voters. Silver Lake ES is geographically adjacent to the library (short walkway). The library has ample parking, is a new facility, and is fully ADA compliant. Consolidating these districts would be a more effective use of resources. The total number of voters at Appoquinimink Library would be 3,835.



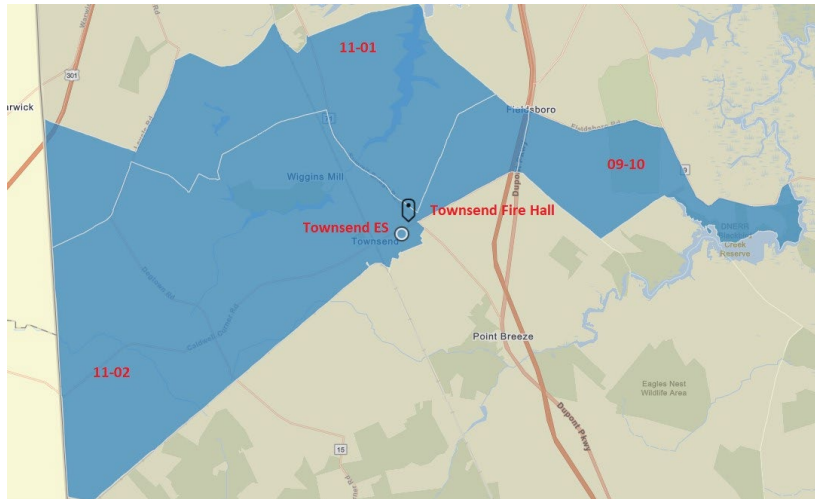
## Proposed 9<sup>th</sup> Representative District Changes

- **09-12** - Currently located at Waters Middle School. There are 2,571 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district to Cedar Lane Elementary School. Moving this district to Cedar Lane ES would be more convenient for voters. Although both schools are on the same campus, Cedar Lane ES is the first school voters would see when they enter the campus thus making sign markings easier to distinguish.



## Proposed 11<sup>th</sup> Representative District Changes

- **11-01 & 11-02** - Currently located at Townsend Elementary School. There are 4,690 registered voters in these districts. We are proposing redistributing voter concentration. 09-10, which is currently at Townsend Fire Hall, has 1,952 registered voters. We are proposing that 11-02, with 3,150 registered voters, remain at Townsend ES, and 09-10 and 11-01, with a total of 3,492 voters, would vote at Townsend Fire Hall. The two polling locations are 0.2 miles apart.

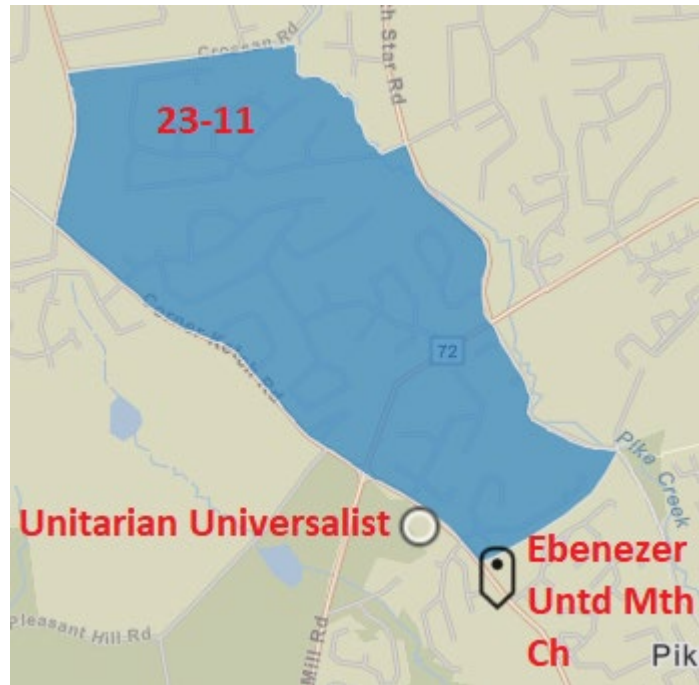


### Proposed 13<sup>th</sup> Representative District Changes

- **13-05** - Refer to 02-05

### Proposed 23<sup>rd</sup> Representative District Changes

- **23-11** - Currently located at Unitarian Universalist Society – Mill Creek. There are 1,871 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district to Ebenezer United Methodist Church. Ebenezer UMC is the polling location for 21-12 & 23-12. There are 1,653 registered voters in these districts. Unitarian is 0.4 miles from Ebenezer. Because the locations are so close in proximity, there is often confusion from voters on which location they use to cast their vote. Ebenezer UMC has ample parking to accommodate the additional voters. Consolidating these locations would be a more effective use of resources. The total number of registered voters at Ebenezer UMC would be 3,524.



## Proposed 27<sup>th</sup> Representative District Changes

- **27-13, 27-14 & 27-15** - Currently located at Waters Middle School. There are 4,225 registered voters in these districts. We are proposing moving these districts to Crystal Run Elementary School. This school opened in 8/2023 in an area where there was no previous polling location. The use of Crystal Run ES will serve the growing population in that area more effectively.

