



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 five polling locations.
2. We are proposing to add five new polling locations.
3. We are proposing to eliminate twelve 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. **MOT Charter High School** – 1275 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown 19709
2. **Appoquinimink Library** – 651 N. Broad St, Middletown 19709
3. **Spring Meadow Early Childhood Center** – 611 Campus Dr, Middletown 19709
4. **Townsend Fire Hall** – 107 Main St, Townsend 19734
5. **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. **Townsend Church** – 4519 Dupont Pkwy, Townsend 19734
5. **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 Elementary School** – 3401 Green St, Claymont 19703 – Ineffective use of resources.
4. **Claymont Boys & Girls Club** – 500 Darley Rd, Claymont 19703 – Ineffective use of resources.
5. **Cedar Lane Elementary School** – 1259 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown 19709 – Reduce polling place confusion and ineffective use of resources.
6. **Silver Lake Elementary School** – 200 E. Cochran St, Middletown 19709 – Reduce polling place confusion and ineffective use of resources.
7. **Old State Elementary School** – 580 Tony Marchio Dr, Middletown 19709 – Reduce polling place confusion, parking issues, and ineffective use of resources.
8. **Blackbird Community Center** – 120 Blackbird Forest Rd, Townsend 19734 – Accessibility issues.
9. **Waters Middle School** – 1235 Cedar Lane Rd, Middletown 19709 – Reduce polling place confusion and ineffective use of resources.
10. **Townsend Elementary School** – 126 Main St, Townsend 19734 – Reduce polling place confusion and ineffective use of resources.
11. **Immanuel United Methodist Church** – 209 Main St, Townsend 19734 – Reduce polling place confusion, accessibility issues, and ineffective use of resources.
12. **Unitarian Universalist Society – Mill Creek** – 579 Polly Drummond Hill Rd, Newark 19711 – Reduce polling place confusion and ineffective use of resources.

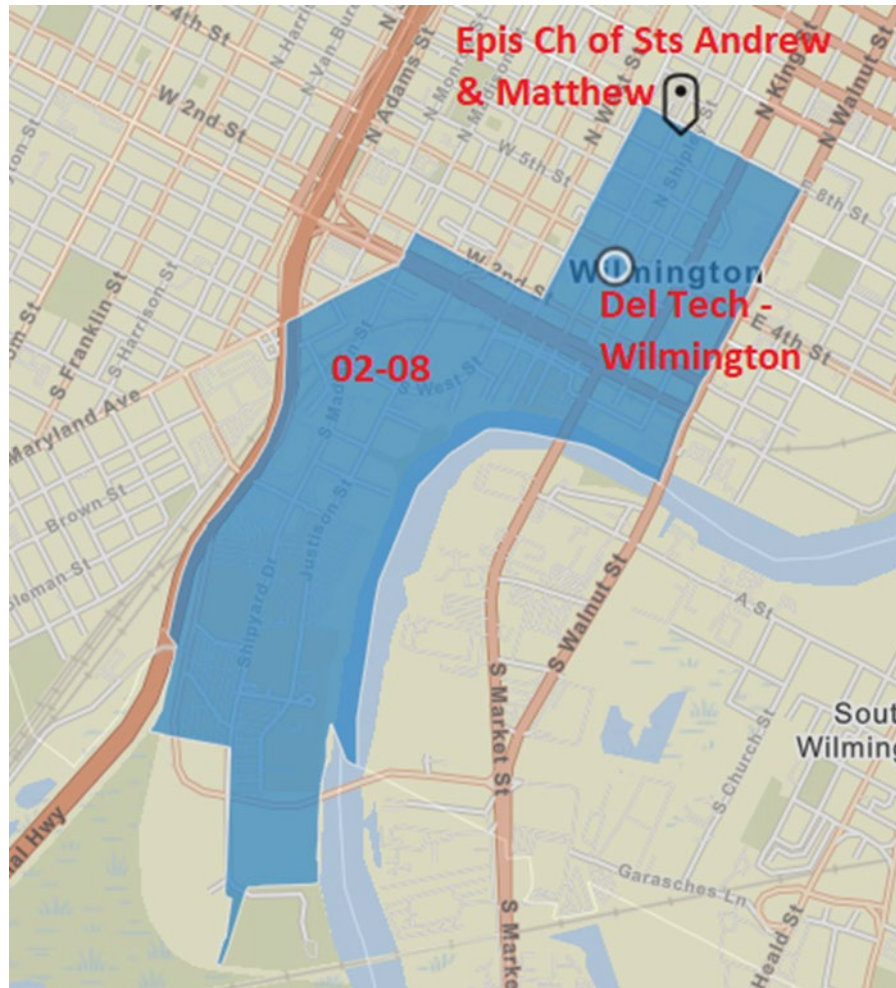
Section 2: Detailed Analysis of Polling Place Changes

Proposed 2nd 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.

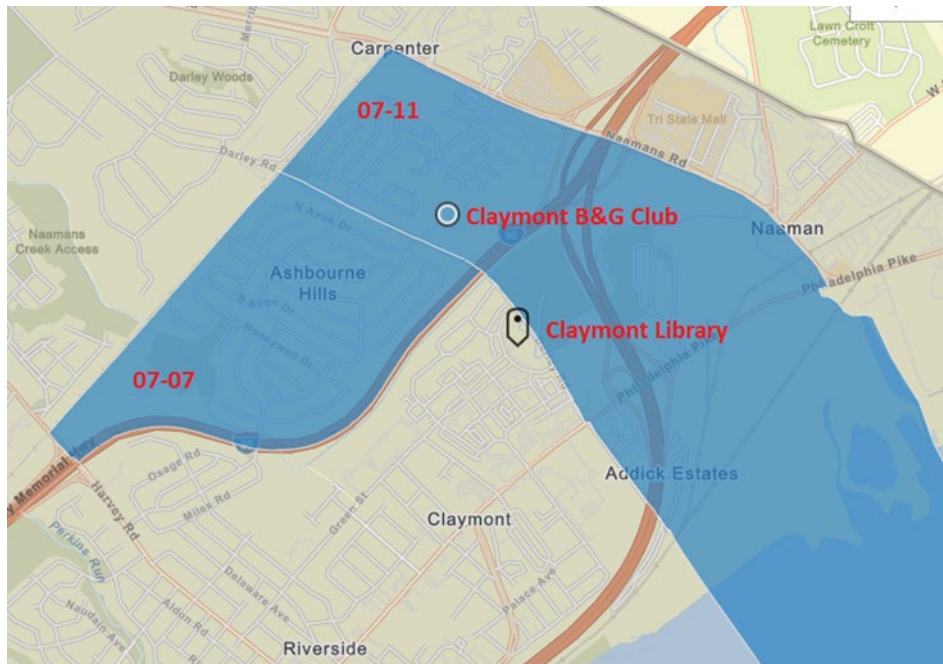


Proposed 7th Representative District Changes

- **07-04** – Currently located at Claymont Elementary School. There are 1,446 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district 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. The library is 0.9 miles from the school.

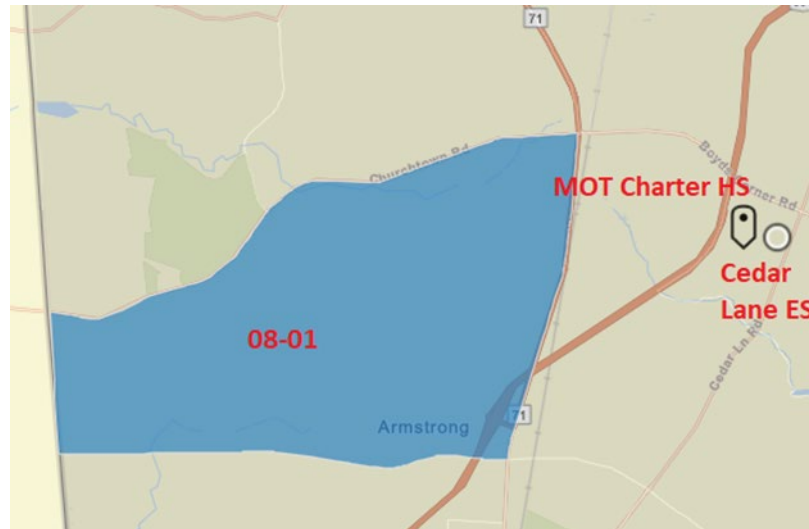


- **07-07 & 07-11** – Currently located at Claymont Boys & Girls Club. There are 3,490 registered voters in these districts. We are proposing moving these districts to Claymont Library. There is population growth adjacent to the library that would serve voters more effectively. The library has ample parking to accommodate the additional voters and is fully ADA compliant. Moving and consolidating the two voting locations (Claymont ES & Claymont B&G Club) to the library would be a more effective use of resources. The library is 0.6 miles from the B&G Club. The total number of voters at Claymont Library would be 4,936.



Proposed 8th 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.

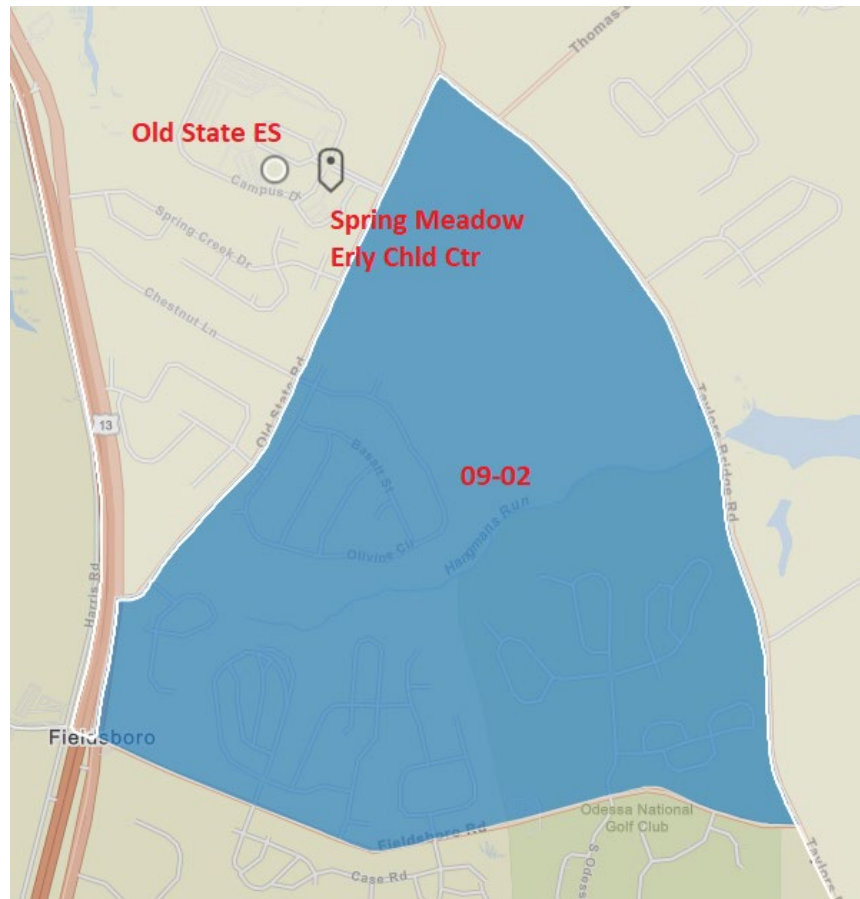


- **08-06** – Currently located at Silver Lake Elementary School. There are 2,153 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district to Appoquinimink Library. The library is the voting location for 08-03 which has 1,682 registered voters. Silver Lake ES is geographically adjacent 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.

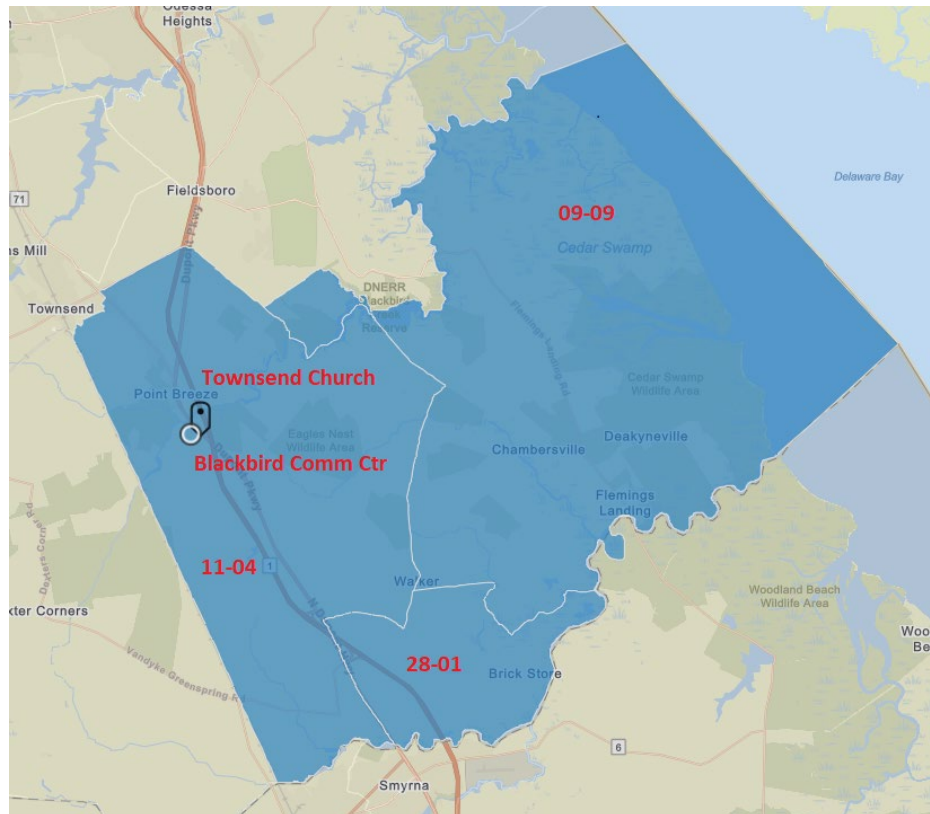


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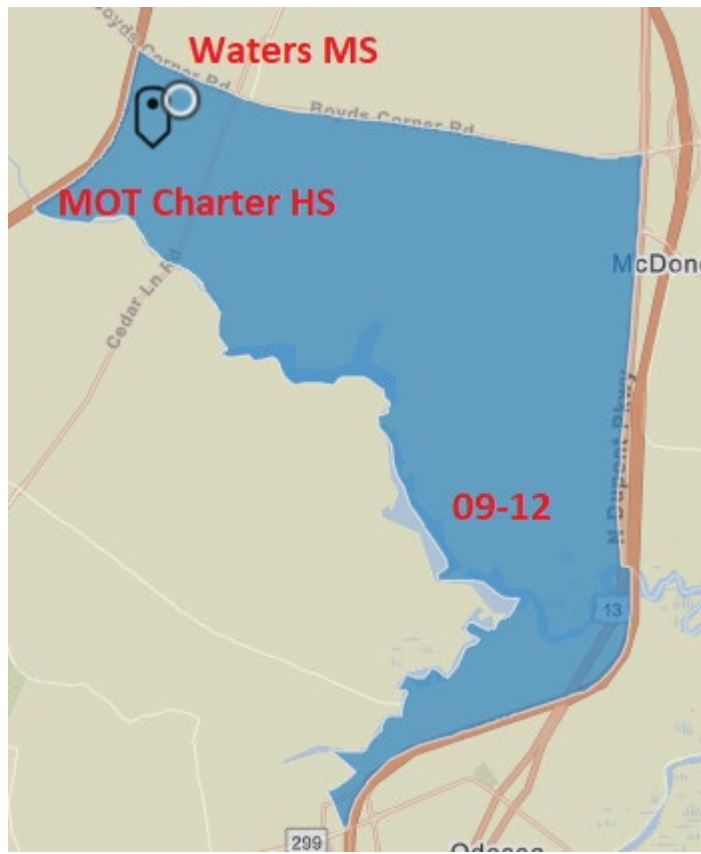
- **09-02** - Currently located at Old State Elementary School. There are 2,014 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district to Spring Meadow Early Childhood Center. Old State and Spring Meadow are on the same campus, and this causes confusion for voters on which location to use to cast their vote. Also, there is very limited parking for Old State, while there is an accessible parking lot at Spring Meadow. Spring Meadow is the voting location for 09-03 which has 2,552 registered voters. Consolidating these districts would be a more effective use of resources. The total number of registered voters at Spring Meadow would be 4,566.



- **09-09, 11-04 & 28-01** – Currently located at Blackbird Community Center. There are 2,745 registered voters in these districts. We are proposing moving these districts to Townsend Church. Blackbird Comm Ctr was listed in the 2022 CLASI report for ADA compliance issues. The new location is fully ADA compliant and has ample parking. Townsend Church is 0.3 miles from Blackbird Comm Ctr. The use of this new location would not go into effect until 9/2024.

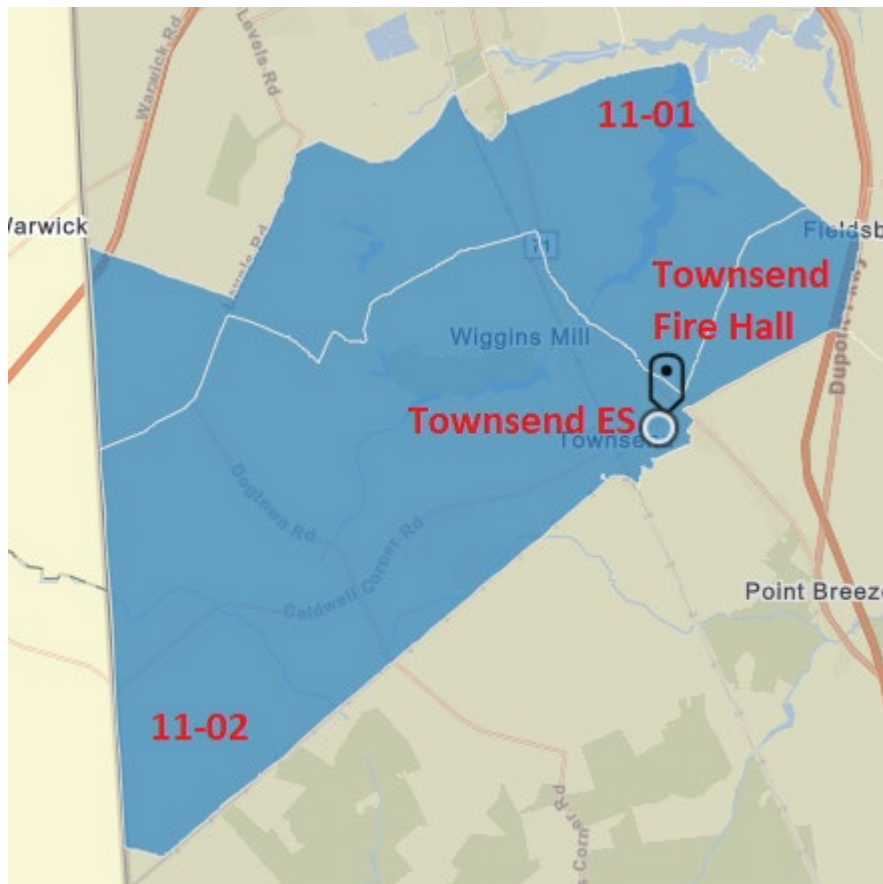


- **09-12** - Currently located at Waters Middle School. There are 2,571 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district to MOT Charter High School. MOT Charter HS is the polling location for 08-07. There are 1,463 registered voters in this district. Moving this district to MOT Charter would be a more effective use of resources and would remove the confusion voters experience on the Cedar Lane ES/Waters MS campus about where to cast their vote. With the proposed changes, MOT Charter would be the voting location for 08-01, 08-07 & 09-12 with a total voter registration of 5,030. MOT Charter is 0.6 miles from Waters MS.

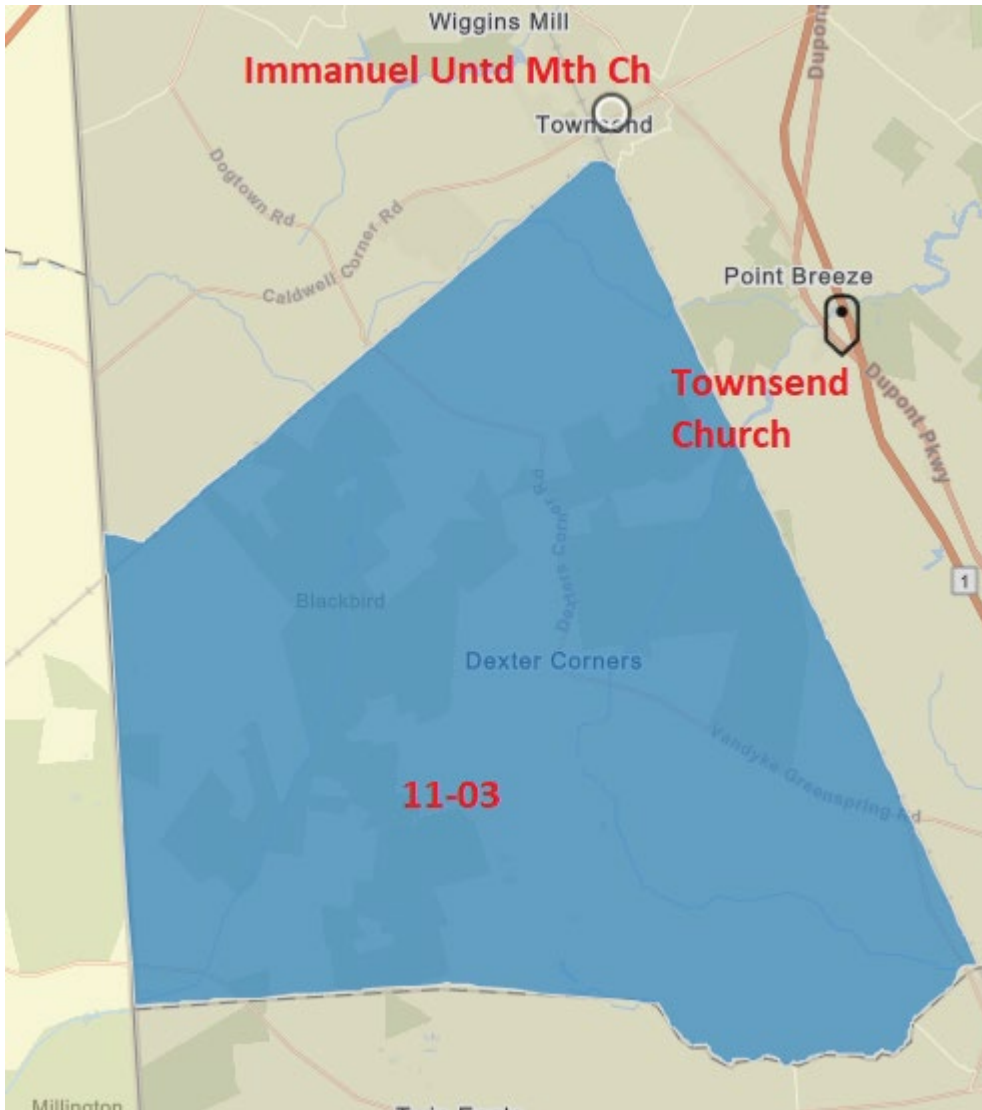


Proposed 11th Representative District Changes

- **11-01 & 11-02** - Currently located at Townsend Elementary School. There are 4,690 registered voters in these districts. We are proposing moving these districts to Townsend Fire Hall. The fire hall is the polling location for 09-10. There are 1,952 registered voters in this district. Townsend ES has limited parking and a smaller voting room location than the fire hall. The fire hall has a larger voting room location and ample parking that can easily accommodate the additional voters. The fire hall is 0.2 miles from the school. Because the locations are so close in proximity, there is often confusion from voters on which location they use to cast their vote. Consolidating these locations would be a more effective use of resources. The total registered voters at Townsend Fire Hall would be 6,642.



- **11-03** – Currently located at Immanuel United Methodist Church. There are 1,951 registered voters in this district. We are proposing moving this district to Townsend Church. Immanuel Church was listed in the 2022 CLASI report for ADA compliance issues. The new location has ample parking and is fully ADA compliant. Townsend Church would be the polling location for 09-09, 11-03, 11-04 & 28-01 with a total voter registration of 4,696. The use of this new location would not go into effect until 9/2024.



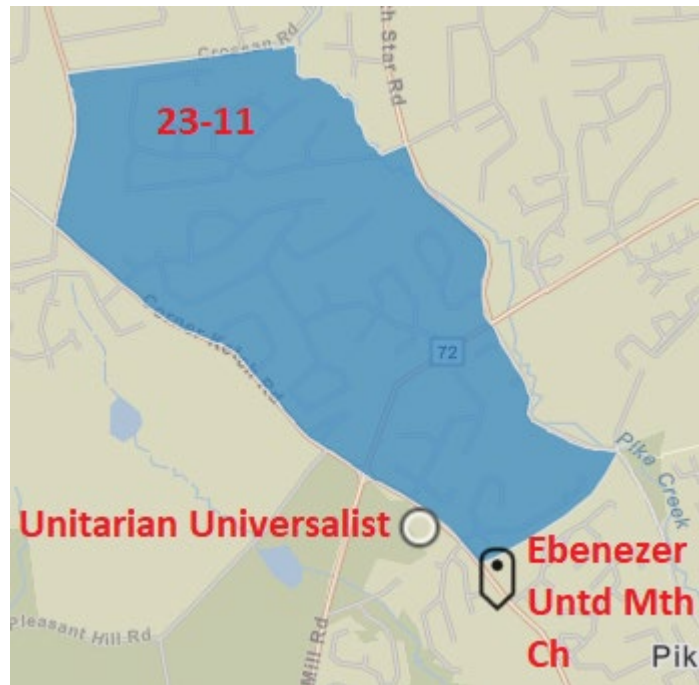
- **11-04** – Refer to 09-09

Proposed 13th Representative District Changes

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

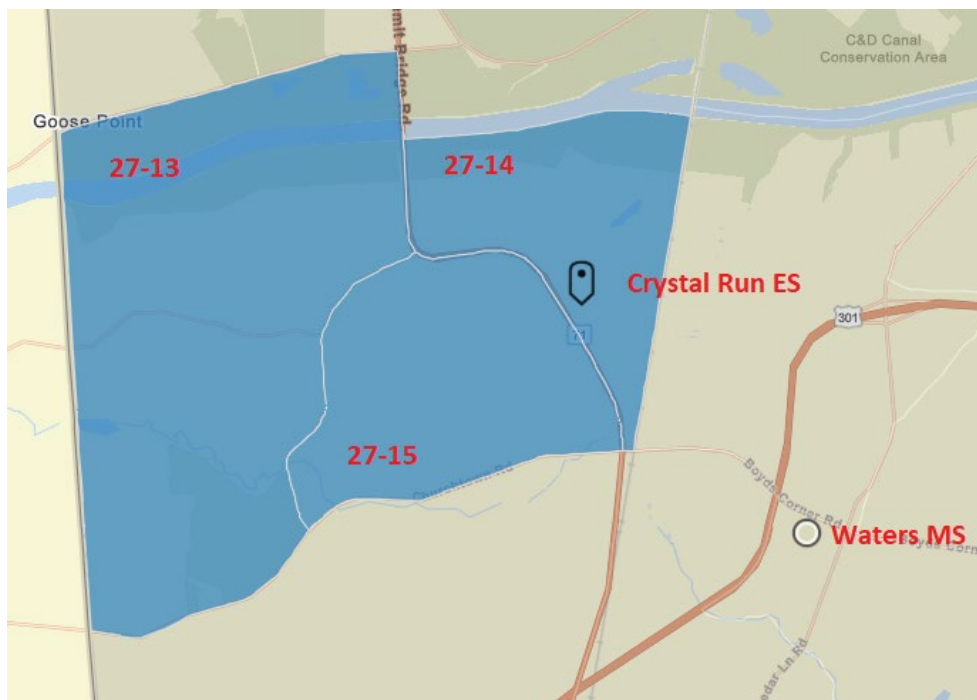
Proposed 23rd Representative District Changes

- **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 27th 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.



Proposed 28th Representative District Changes

- **28-01** - Refer to 09-09