City of Dublin

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Memo

To: Members of Dublin City Council

From: Dana L. McDaniel, City Manager

Date: November 4, 2021

Initiated By: Homer C. Rogers Jr., Assistant City Manager/Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer

Brandon Brown, Director of Performance Analytics

Re: Ordinance 84-21 – Adjusting Ward Divisions and Boundaries

Summary

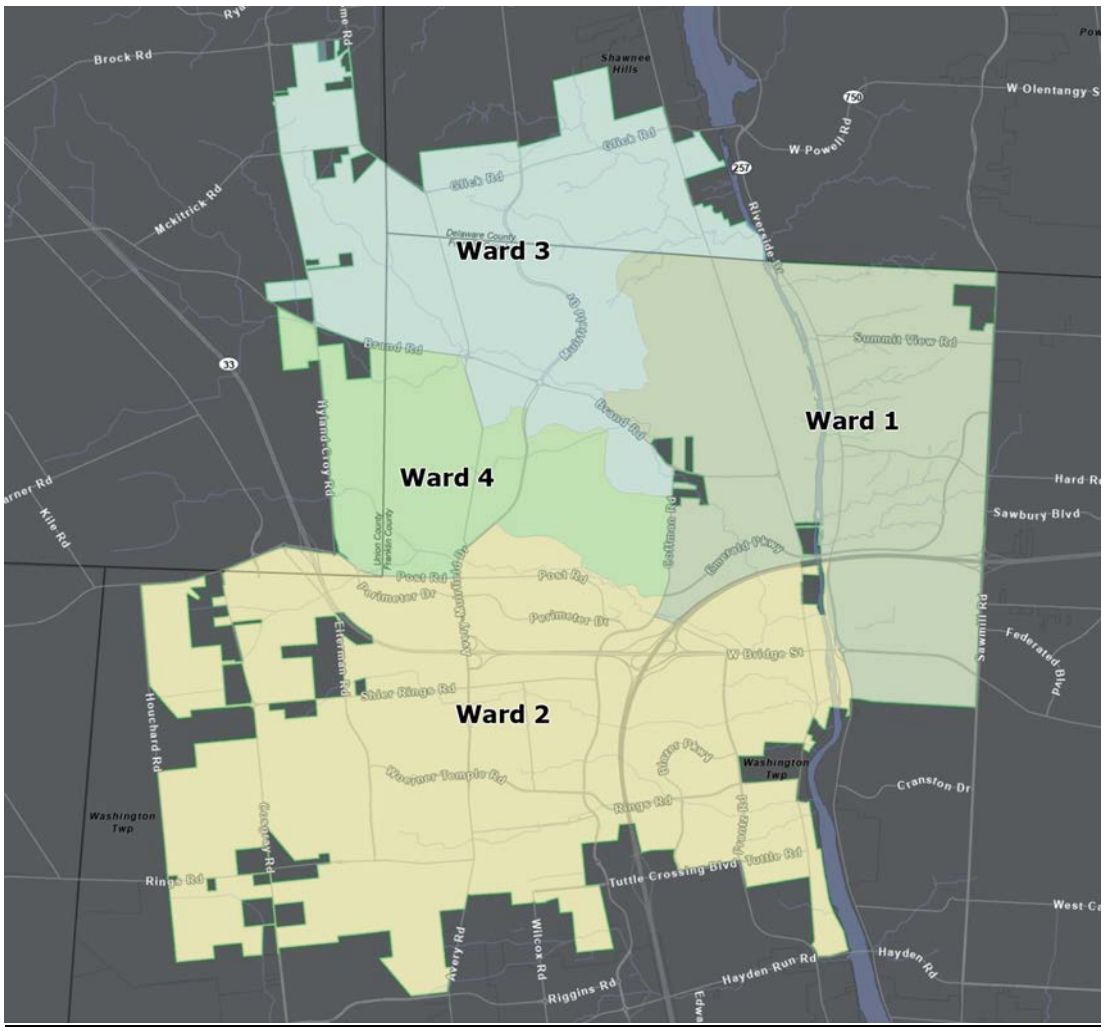
In accordance with Section 9.04 of the Revised Charter for the City of Dublin, Ohio, City Council is charged with reviewing the division of wards and associated boundaries no less than every 10 years. In order to meet this requirement, Council passed Ordinance 21-21 in May of this year maintaining the existing ward boundaries as the 2020 US Census Data release had been delayed due to the COVID Pandemic. Ward Boundaries had last been reviewed in May, 2011. The 2020 US Census Data has since been released and Staff has reviewed potential scenarios for the re-division of wards with the assistance of an analysis tool provided by Esri, the developer of Arc GIS. Options & potential scenarios were presented to City Council during the November 1, 2021 Council Workshop and direction was provided to staff on the scenario to be further developed and presented to Council for consideration for approval.

While the Revised Charter only provides two criteria for the division of the City into wards; that wards be substantially equal and lines be drawn in accordance with certain specified parameters, Council expressed desire for staff to review the ward boundaries in terms of the current splitting of individual neighborhoods by ward boundaries and previous "carve outs" that have been confusing to residents. With this in mind the following describes the proposed adjustments to all four ward boundaries. The elimination of splits and carve outs does limit the ability to bring a more complete balance between the wards, but it will serve to limit confusion in the future.

Current Status – Dublin current population is 49,328 per the 2020 US Census. Wards have become and are projected to continue becoming more imbalanced through the year 2026, as reflected in this chart. The map below illustrates the current ward boundaries.

Ward #	% of Population 2020	% of Population 2026
Ward 1	25.3%	25.1%
Ward 2	27.6%	28.1%
Ward 3	25.6%	25.6%
Ward 4	21.5%	21.2%

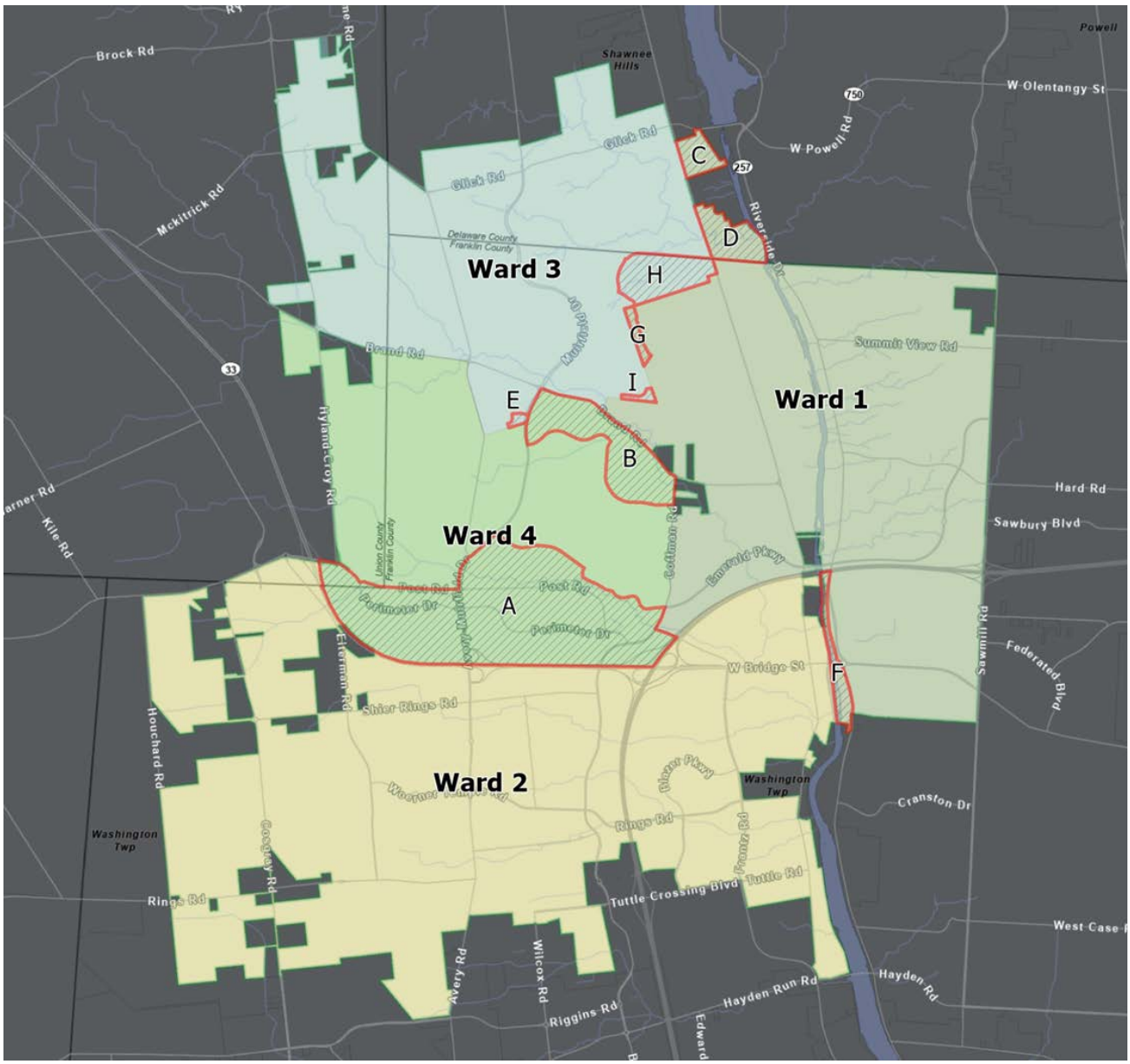
EXISTING WARDS as of July 1, 2021 (Ordinance 21-21)



Proposed Adjustments – These proposed area adjustment are illustrated on the map below.

Area	From	To	% Pop	Reason
A	Ward 2	Ward 4	3.04%	Reduces Imbalance
B (-)Hawk's Nest Subdivision	Ward 3	Ward 4	2.94%	Reduces carve out – shift to Brand Rd
C	Ward 3	Ward 1	0.00%	Administrative Boundary Adjustment
D	Ward 3	Ward 1	0.18%	Reduces Imbalance - Administrative
E	Ward 4	Ward 3	0.04%	Unifies Hawk's Nest Subdivision
F	Ward 2	Ward 1	0.02%	Administrative Boundary Adjustment
G	Ward 2	Ward 1	0.05%	Unifies River Forest Subdivision
H	Ward 1	Ward 3	0.75%	Unifies Muirfield Subdivision
I	Ward 1	Ward 3	0.10%	Unifies Bristol Commons Subdivision

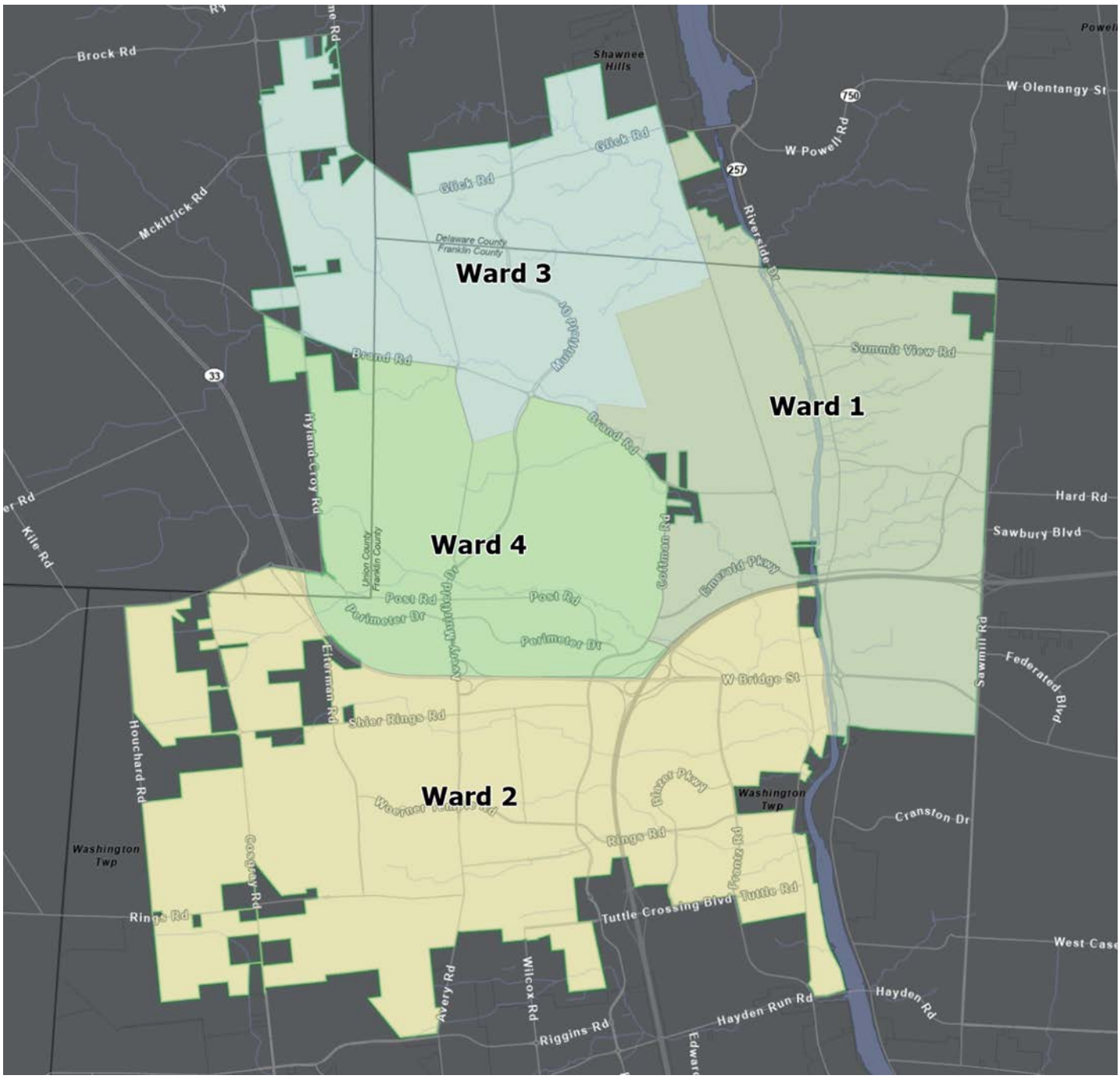
Area Map of Proposed Adjustments



Future Status - The changes detailed above will result in a more substantial, but not total, balance between the wards while eliminating four instances of subdivisions being split by ward boundaries. The future map (below) has boundaries along more prominent thoroughfares and geography.

New Ward #	% of Population 2020	% of Population 2026
New Ward 1	24.7%	24.5%
New Ward 2	24.6%	25.1%
New Ward 3	22.7%	22.8%
New Ward 4	28.0%	27.6%

Ward Map of Proposed Adjustments after Aadjustment are approved



Recommendation

Staff recommends City Council approve Ordinance 84-21 adjusting ward boundaries at the Dec 6 City Council meeting.

Dayton Legal Blank, Inc. Form No. 30043

Ordinance No. 84-21 *Passed* _____, 20____

AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 9.04 OF THE REVISED CHARTER

WHEREAS, the Revised Charter requires that no later than July 1, 2001, and no less frequently than every ten years thereafter, Council shall divide or re-divide the City into four wards of substantially equal population for the purpose of electing four ward Council members at the next regular municipal election; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 federal census data has now been provided to the City of Dublin; and

WHEREAS, City Council has convened to discuss proposed ward adjustments, based upon population changes to the existing wards, as substantiated by the 2020 U.S. Census data.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Dublin, _____ of its elected members concurring, that:

Section 1. The corporate limits of the City of Dublin be and the same hereby is divided into the wards as bounded and described as in Exhibit "A", which does represent change to all four current ward boundaries, with the respective estimated population indicated, pursuant to Article 9.04 of the Revised Charter.

Section 2. The Boards of Elections of Franklin, Delaware and Union counties, upon receipt of a certified copy of this Ordinance, are hereby authorized and directed to accept the wards enumerated herein for all purposes of election, as authorized by the Revised Charter of the City of Dublin, Ohio.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective 30 days after the date of passage.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2021.

_____
Mayor - Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

_____
Clerk of Council

EXHIBIT A

WARD BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS
November 4, 2021

All ward boundary lines shall be contiguous with the centerline of public roads, rights-of-way, streams, and rivers, unless otherwise noted by specific description, and elsewhere shall follow existing county, township or corporate boundaries.

WARD 1

All population located in the incorporated area of the City of Dublin, Counties of Franklin and Delaware, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being all of that property situated south of Interstate 270 which lies east of the Scioto River; all of that property situated north of Interstate 270 which lies east of the Scioto River; and all of that property situated on the west side of the Scioto River bounded as follows: North of Interstate 270 from the Scioto River west to Post Road, then west with Post Road to Emerald Parkway, then north with Emerald Parkway to Coffman Road, then north with Coffman Road to Brand Road, the northwest with Brand Road to the easterly property line of 5584 Brand Road, then north with the easterly line of 5584 Brand Road to the southwest corner of the Brandon subdivision, then north to the northern border of the Brandon subdivision, then east to the western border of the Tree Tops of Brandon subdivision, then northwest with the western borders of Tree Tops of Brandon, Woods of Dublin and River Forest subdivisions, then east with the northern border of River Forest subdivision to Dublin road, then north with Dublin Road to the northern City of Dublin corporate limits, then following the corporate line east and south to the intersection of the Scioto River and the Delaware County line.
(Population 12,333)

WARD 2

All population located in the incorporated area of the City of Dublin, Counties of Franklin and Union, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being all of that property situated southeast of Interstate 270 which lies west of the Scioto River; all of that property situated west of Interstate 270 which lies south SR 161/US 33.
(Population 12,248)

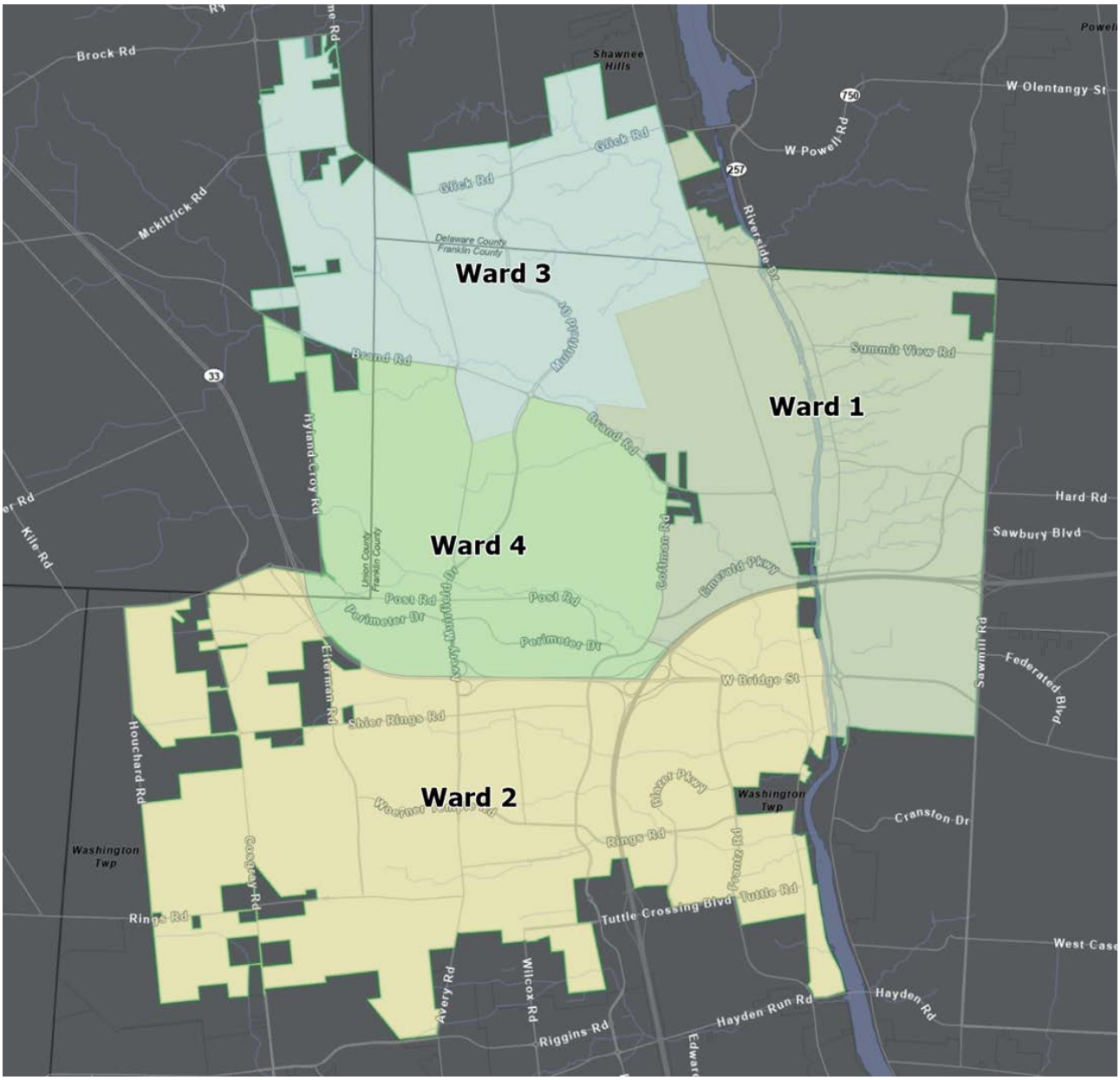
WARD 3

All population located in the incorporated area of the City of Dublin, Counties of Franklin, Union and Delaware, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being all of that property situated in Delaware County; all of that property situated north of Mitchell-Dewitt Road which lies west of Hyland-Croy Road; all of that property situated north of Brand Road which lies West of Muirfield Drive; and all of that property situated south of Brand Road and west of Muirfield Drive bounded as follows: from Brand Road south along Avery Road to the extension of the south property line of 7400 Avery Road, then east with the south property line of 7400 Avery Road and continuing east with the south line of Hawk's Nest subdivision, then northeast with

Muirfield Drive; all of that property situated north of Brand Road and east of Muirfield Drive and west of Dublin Road bounded as follows: beginning at the easterly property line of 5584 Brand Road north with the easterly line of 5584 Brand Road to the southwest corner of the Brandon subdivision, then north to the northern border of the Brandon subdivision, then east to the western border of the Tree Tops of Brandon subdivision, then northwest with the western borders of Tree Tops of Brandon, Woods of Dublin and River Forest subdivisions, then east with the northern border of River Forest subdivision to Dublin road, then north with Dublin Road to the northern City of Dublin corporate limits. (Population 11,339)

WARD 4

All population located in the incorporated area of the City of Dublin, Counties of Franklin and Union, Township of Washington, State of Ohio, further described as being that property generally situated north of SR 161/US 33 which lies west of Coffman Road, south of Brand Road, and west of Interstate 270 bounded as follows: West along Post Road from Interstate 270, then north with Emerald Parkway and Coffman Road to Brand Road, then northwest with Brand Road to Muirfield Drive, then south with Muirfield Drive to the southern border of Hawk's Nest subdivision, then southwest along the southern border of Hawk's Nest subdivision, then southwest along the south property line of 7400 Avery Road, then north with Avery Road to Brand Road, then west with Brand Road and Mitchell-Dewitt Road to the City of Dublin corporate limits. (Population 13,954)

ADUSTED WARD MAP PROVIDED ON NEXT PAGE

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