

Reprecincting



Committee

Establishment of Wards and Precincts

Each city and town, unless otherwise exempt, is required to establish ward and precinct lines every ten years, following the federal census if:

- The Wards of a city do not contain approximately equal numbers of residents so that each ward's population is within 5 percent of the average;
- A Ward not divided into precincts contains no more than 4,000 residents
- A town contains more than 6,200 residents; or
- A precinct contains more than 4,000 residents

Even if a city or town does not need to re-draw their precinct lines because their existing plan remains in conformity with the law, they must still file all the necessary information based on the latest federal census figures and have the plan reapproved by the LERDC.

STANDARDS

The law REQUIRES that voting precincts established by a city or town must meet the following requirements:

- Each new precinct must be “composed of compact and contiguous territory” without protruding fingers or long tails.
- Precincts must be bounded by the center-line of streets or other well-defined boundaries such as streams or other bodies of water, railroad tracks, power lines or other clearly visible geographic figures. These features must be recognized as block boundaries by the United States Bureau of the Census and appear on their official block boundary maps. Rear lot lines or other imaginary lines are not acceptable. The use of census boundaries provides redistricting authorities with not only a defined number of inhabitants in a fixed area, but with demographic information obtained from the federal census, which is essential to any redistricting plan.

STANDARDS

- No precinct may contain more than 4,000 residents.
- Every precinct's population MUST be within five percent (5%) of the average precinct population for that ward or town. Ward populations must be within five percent (5%) of the average ward population for a city.
- Redrawn precinct and ward boundaries must not result in the dilution of minority group members' votes.

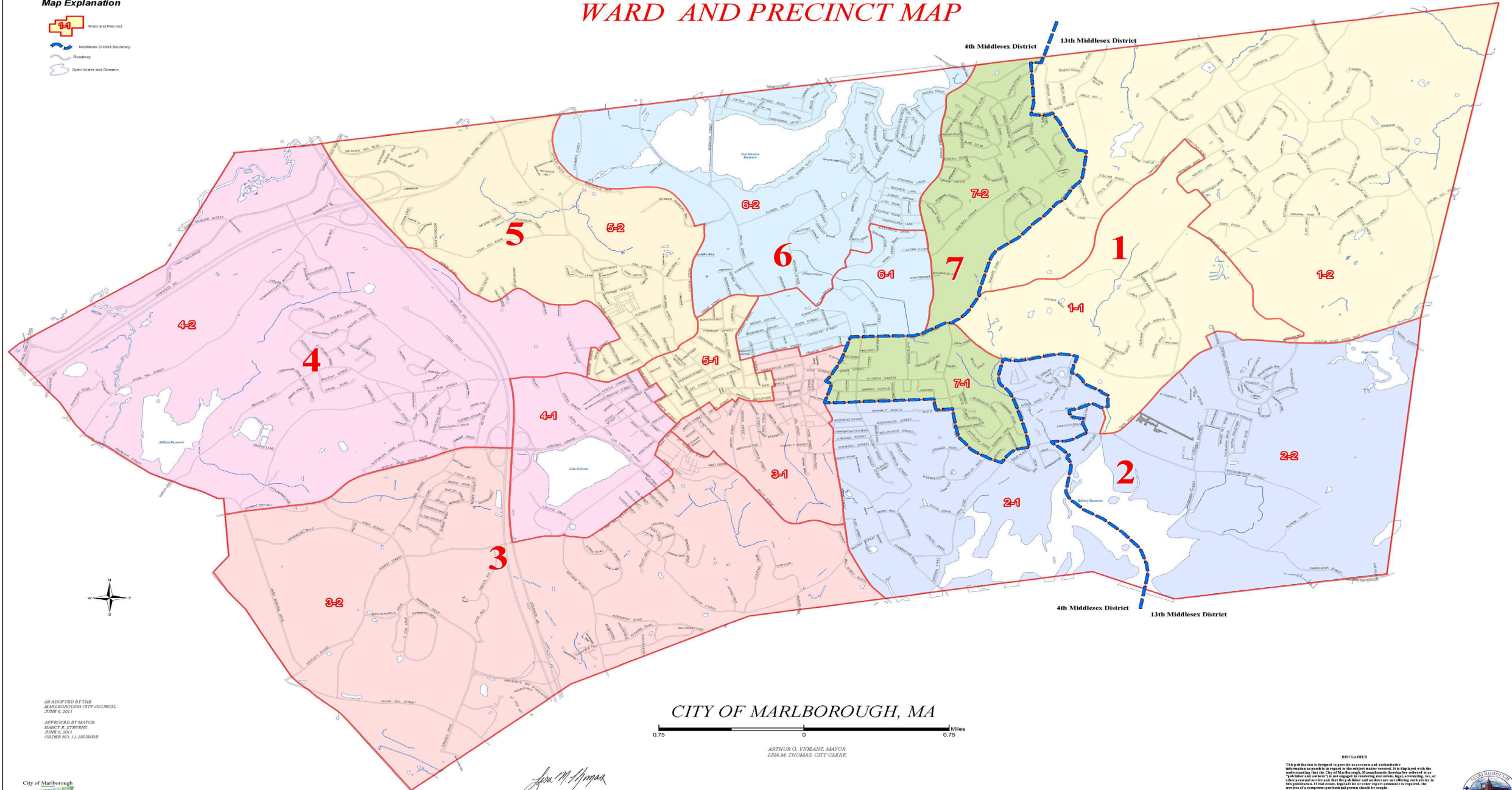
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Do we have to have a Public Hearing on the proposed map?
- A. NO. State law does not require a public hearing on the new precinct boundaries.
- Q. Do we have to have a public meeting on the proposed map?
- A. YES. The local approving body must vote at a public meeting, posted in accordance with the open meeting law, to adopt the map and approve the required paperwork, including the legal description and block report.
- Q. How will we be notified if the map is approved or rejected by the LEDRC?
- A. The LEDRC will send a formal letter of approval or rejection.
- Q. What happens if our map is rejected by the LEDRC?
- A. If the LEDRC rejects the map, you will be notified in writing of the reasons why and will be provided an opportunity to revise the map and resubmit. If the LEDRC rejects the map again or no revisions are received, the LEDRC will appoint a master to draw your precinct lines.
- Q. When do the changes in precincts go into effect?
- A. These changes go into effect on December 31, 2021.

Map Explanation

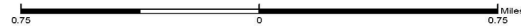


WARD AND PRECINCT MAP



AS ADOPTED BY THE MARLBOROUGH CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 6, 2011
APPROVED BY MAYOR
NANCY B. STEVENS
JUNE 6, 2011
ORDER NO. 11-10020008

CITY OF MARLBOROUGH, MA



ARTHUR G. VIGBANT, MAYOR
LISA M. THOMAS, CITY CLERK

Attest

Lisa M. Thomas, City Clerk

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MAP 1

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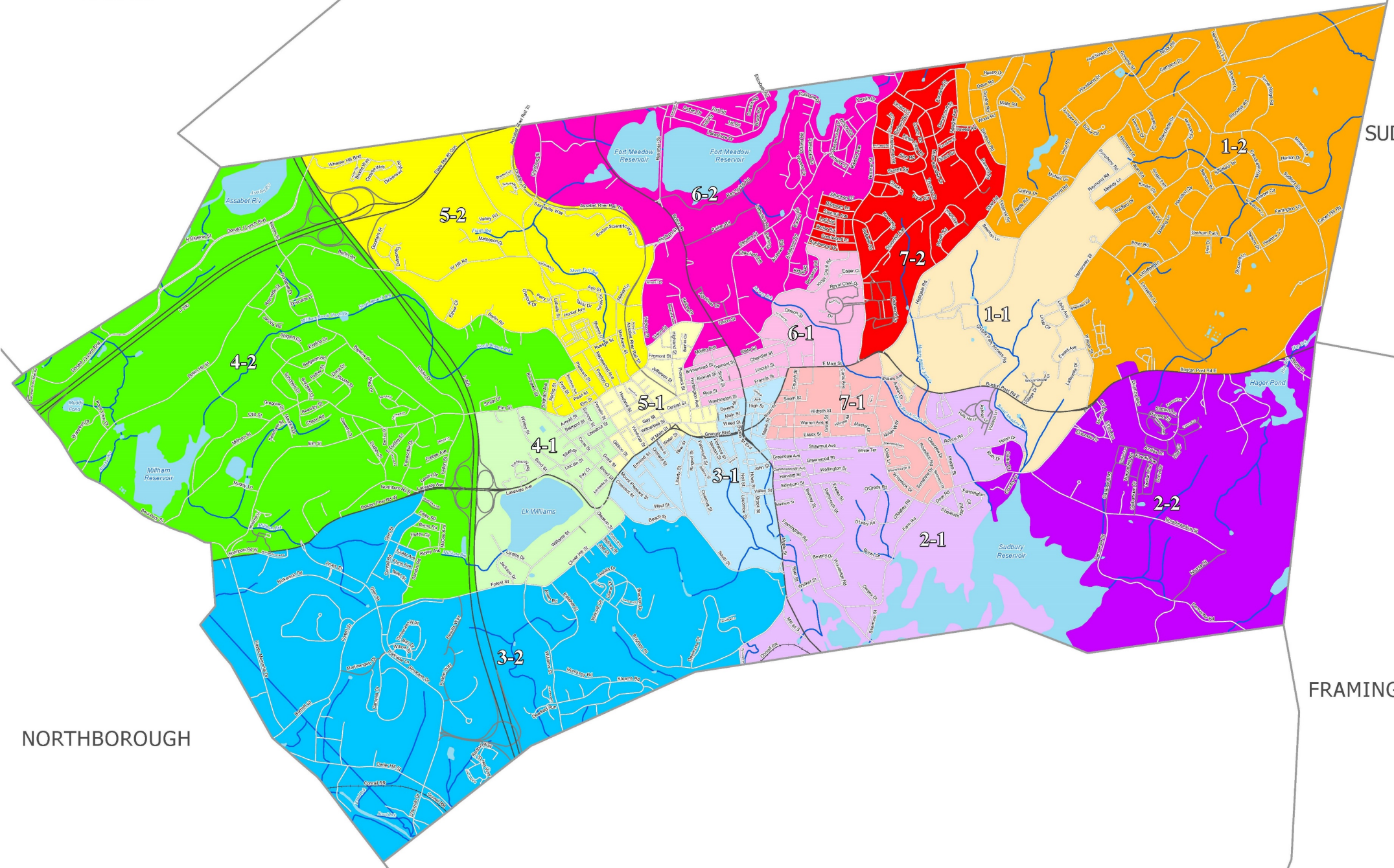
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2020 Population - - 41,793

Minimum 5%		Target Population		Maximum 5%
2,836		2,985		3,134

Precinct Boundaries Marlborough

Ward / Precinct		2020 Population	Variance
1-1		2,862	-4.12
1-2		2,906	-2.65
2-1		3,014	0.97
2-2		2,854	-4.39
3-1		3,046	2.04
3-2		3,025	1.34
4-1		3,035	1.68
4-2		3,006	0.70
5-1		2,976	-0.30
5-2		3,112	4.25
6-1		3,031	1.54
6-2		2,958	-0.90
7-1		2,958	-0.90
7-2		3,010	0.84

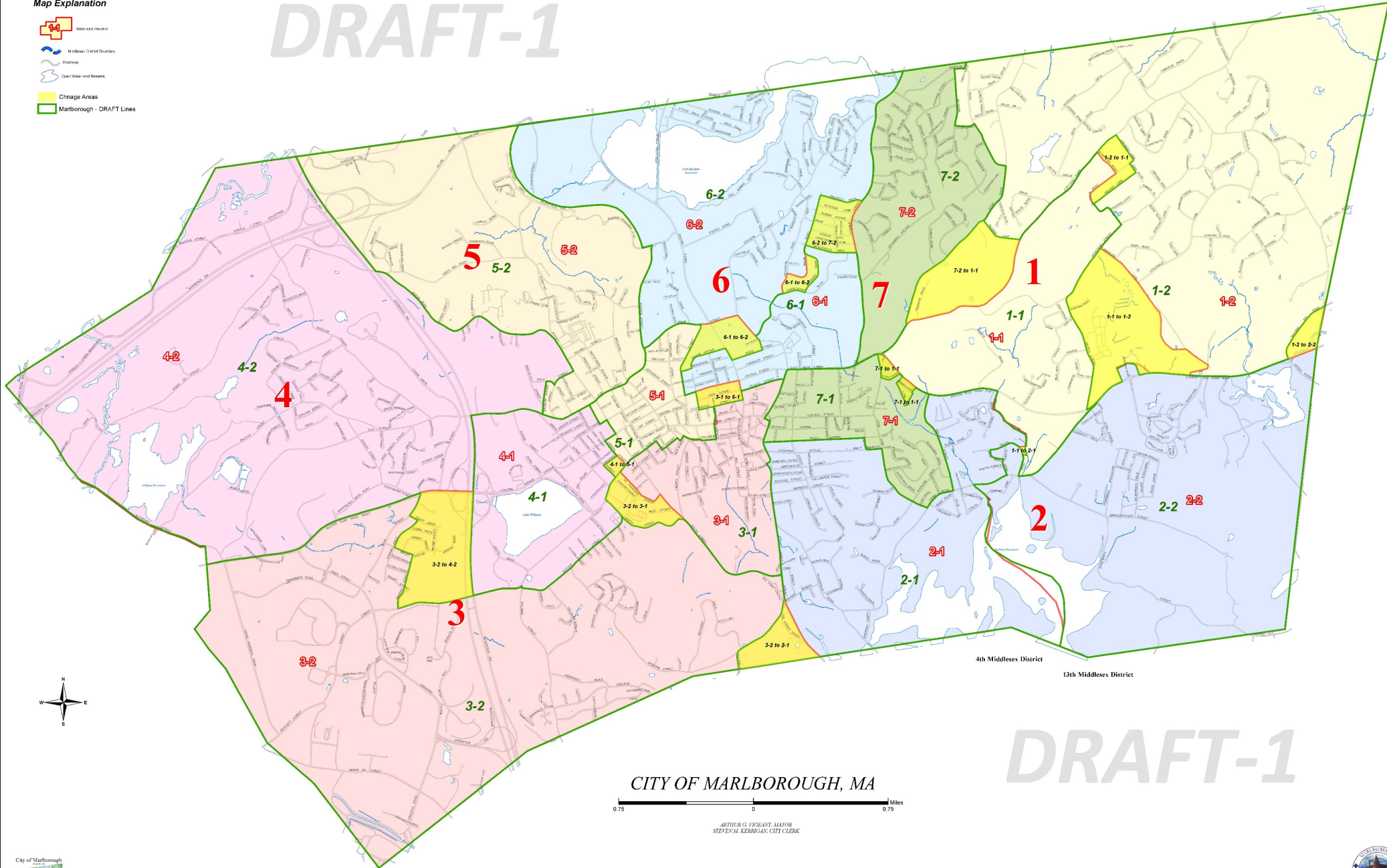
Population is based on the official U.S. 2020 Census block-level data.

Boundaries effective December 31, 2021

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Map Explanation

- Alter and Incent
- Middlesex District Boundary
- Highway
- Open Water and Swamps
- Change Areas
- Marlborough - DRAFT Lines



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MAP 2

Modifications proposed by the City Clerk

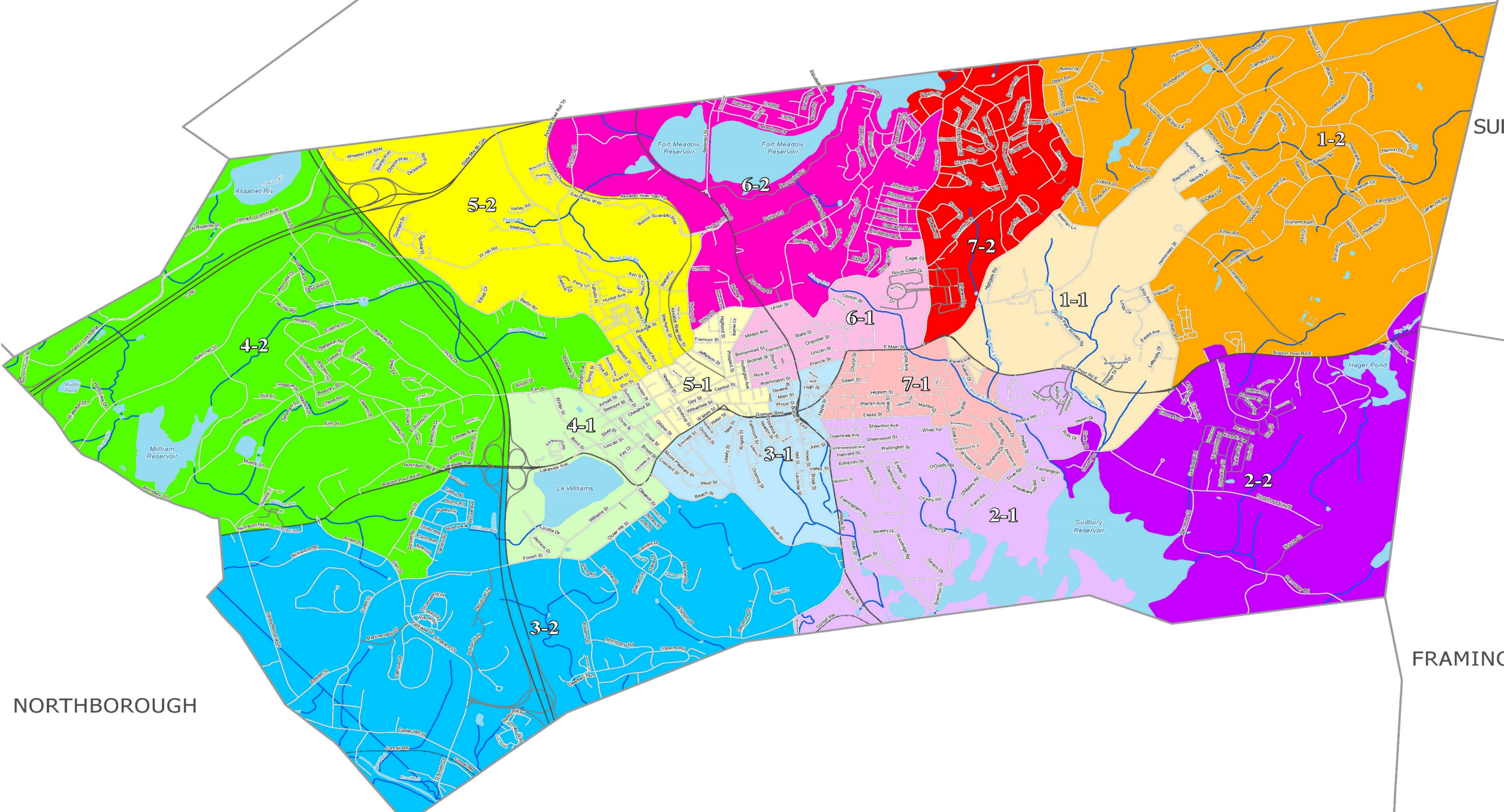
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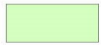





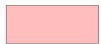

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

Ward / Precinct		2020 Population	Variance
1-1		2,862	-4.12
1-2		2,841	-4.82
2-1		3,014	0.97
2-2		2,854	-4.39
3-1		3,046	2.04
3-2		2,902	-2.78
4-1		3,035	1.68
4-2		3,129	4.82
5-1		3,090	3.52
5-2		3,112	4.25
6-1		3,103	3.95
6-2		3,001	0.54
7-1		2,958	-0.90
7-2		2,846	-4.66

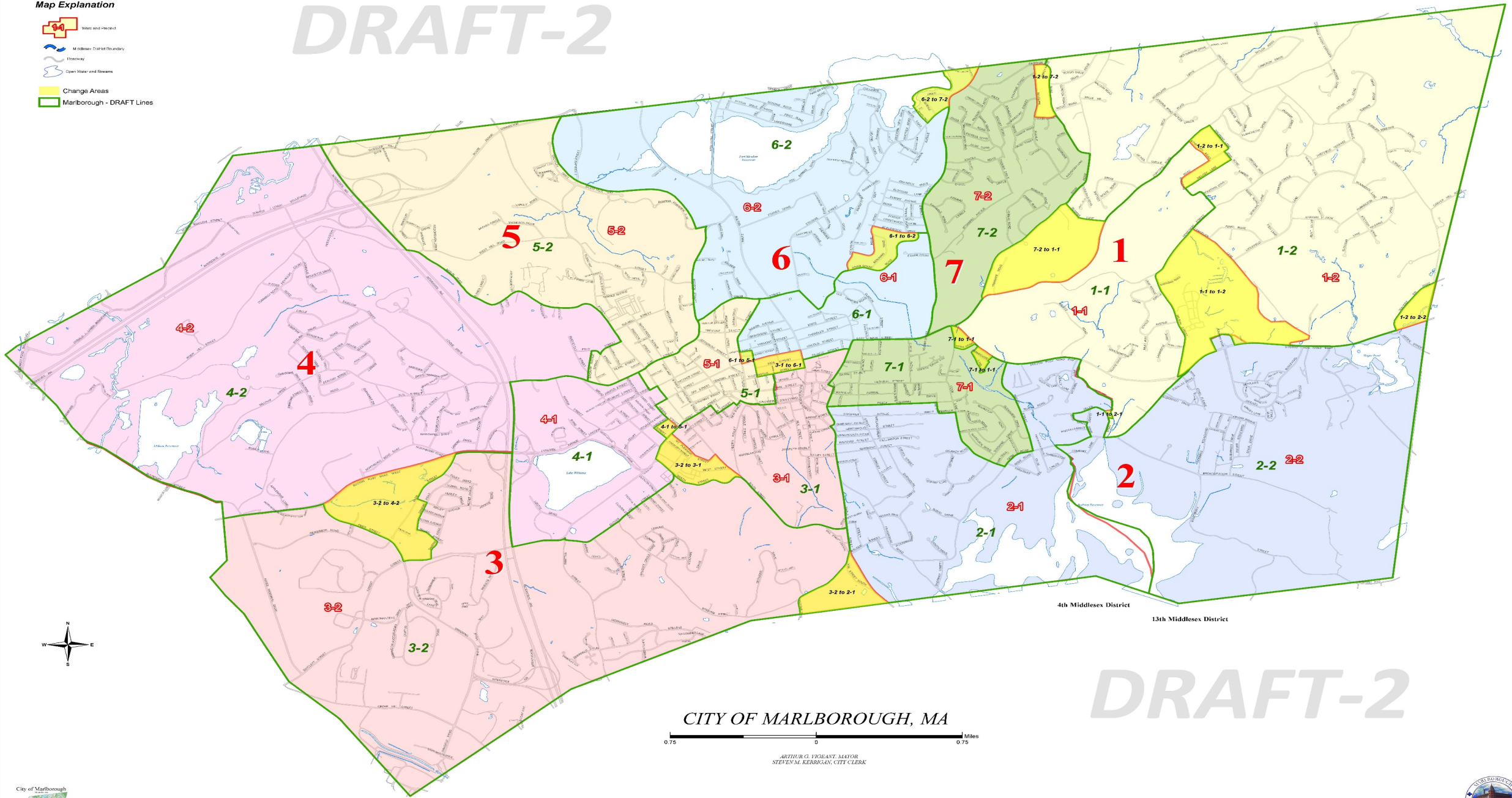
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Boundaries effective December 31, 2021

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Map Explanation

-  Water and Wetland
-  Middlesex District Boundary
-  Roadway
-  Open Water and Streams
-  Change Areas
-  Marlborough - DRAFT Lines



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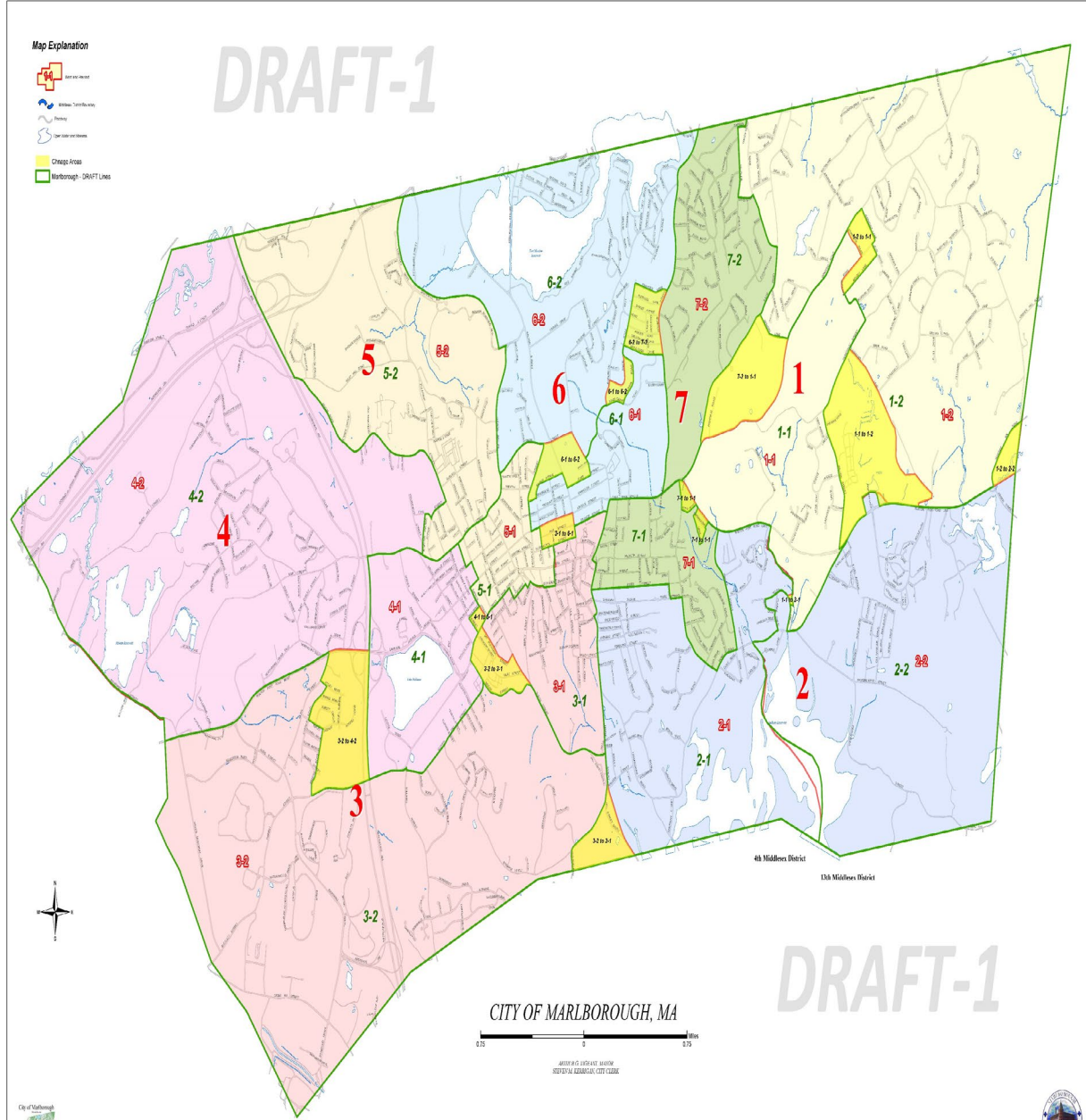
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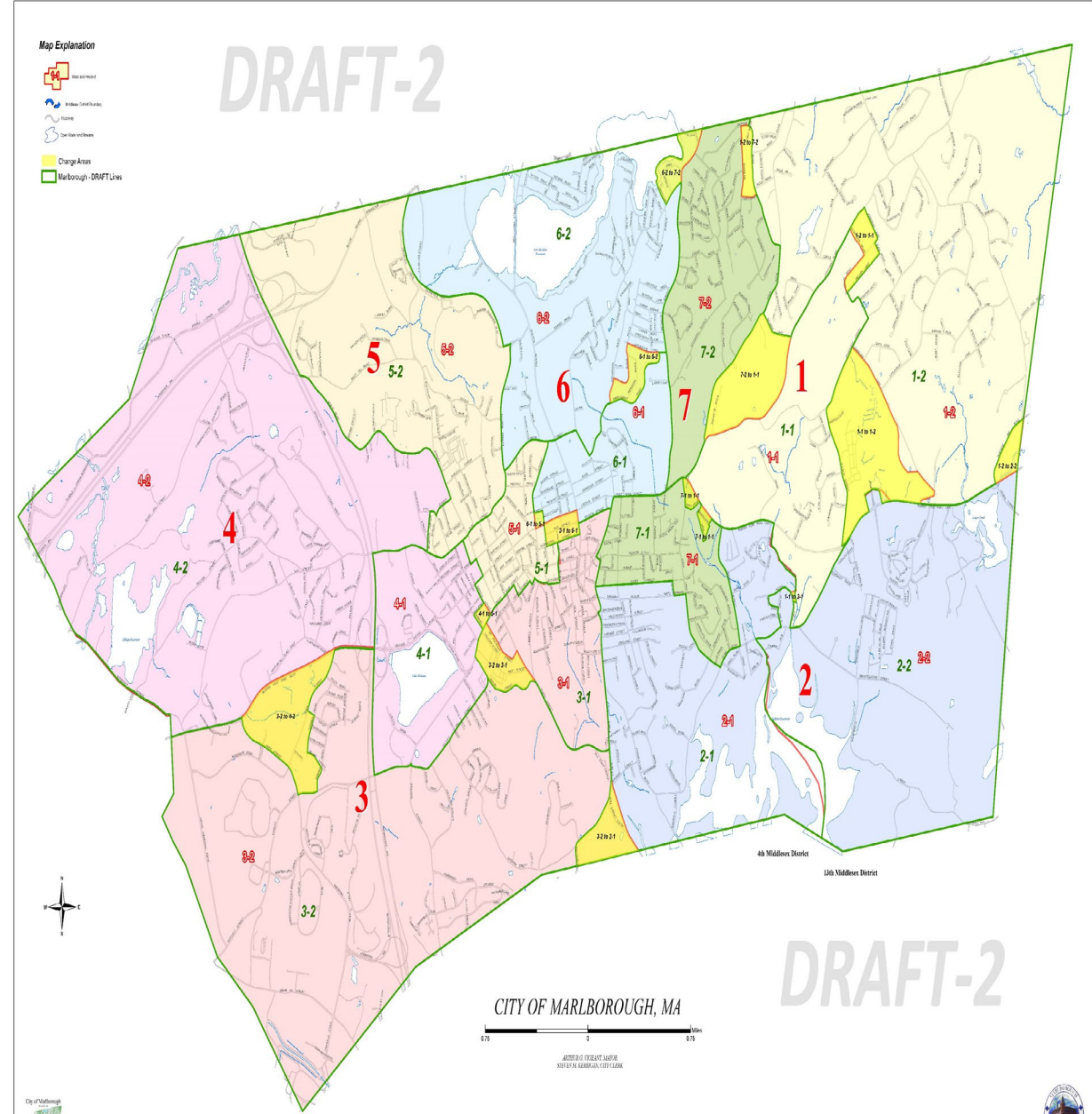
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- Water
 - Wetlands
 - Open Space
 - Other Water Features
 - Change Area
 - Ward/Neighborhood - DRAFT Lines



MAP 2

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QUESTIONS

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