



# 2021 County Redistricting

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# Redistricting



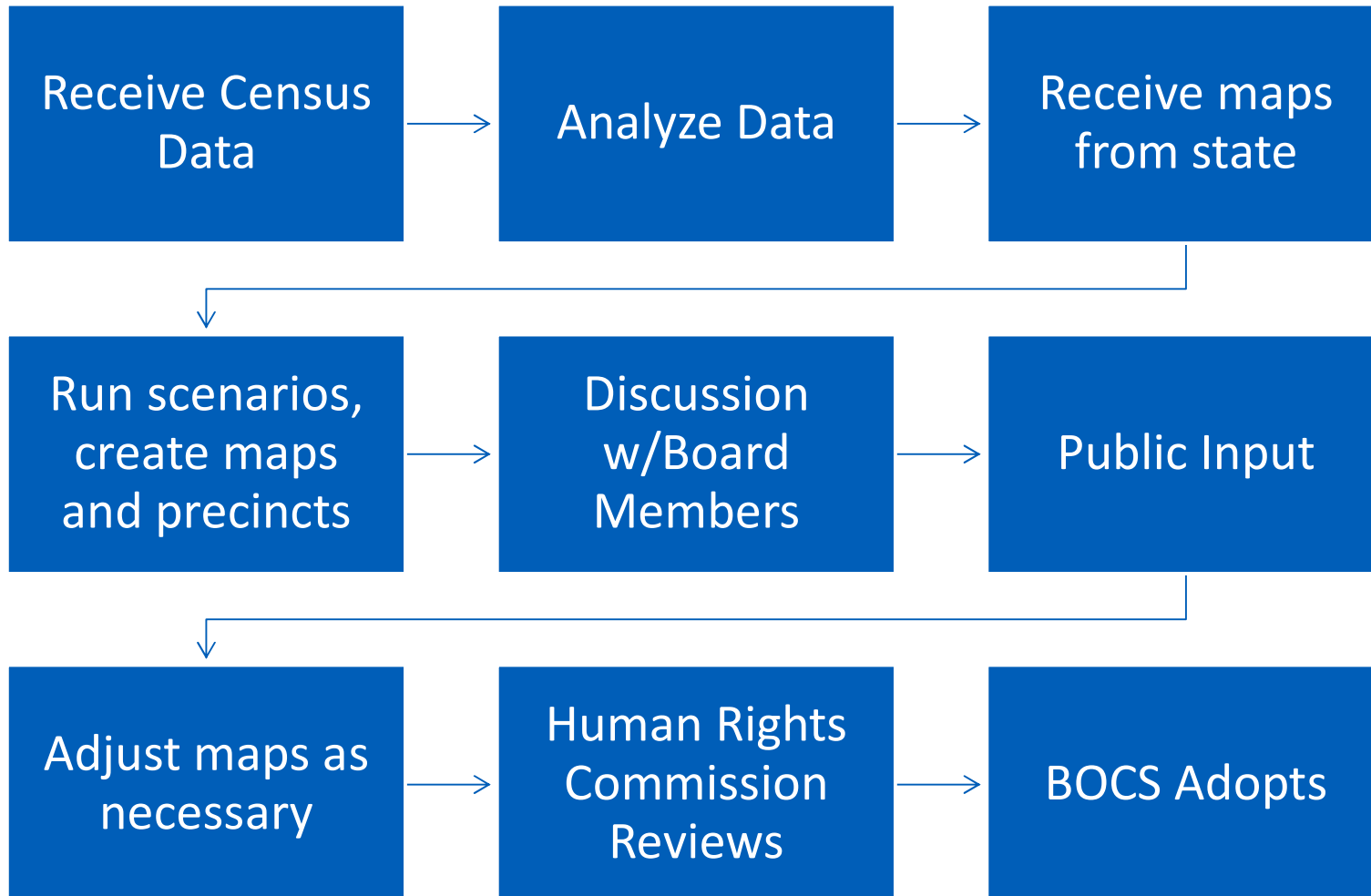
- Redraws lines for local election districts and precincts, and establishes polling places
- Occurs every 10 years following the U.S. Census in the year ending in one
  - ❖ Code of Virginia
- VA Redistricting Commission is responsible for redistricting the state:
  - ❖ Congressional Districts (1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>)
  - ❖ Senate Districts (13<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 36<sup>th</sup>, 39<sup>th</sup>)
  - ❖ House Districts (2<sup>nd</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup>, 52<sup>nd</sup>, 87<sup>th</sup>)
- BOCS is responsible for redistricting the county:
  - ❖ Election Districts and Precincts
    - ❖ Precincts must have more than 100 and less than 5k registered votes
    - ❖ Precincts must be wholly contained within a single election district (congressional, state Senate, House of Delegates and local)
    - ❖ Must be one polling place per precinct

# Redistricting Criteria



- Election district populations shall be **“as nearly equal as practicable”**
- Election **district populations shall not exceed five percent less or five percent more than the ideal district population.**
- Election districts shall **not be drawn so as to lead to a retrogression in the position of racial minorities** with respect to their effective exercise of the electoral franchise, as mandated by the Voting Rights Act.
- Election districts shall be **compact and contiguous**, with due regard to natural features and accessibility of voting places.
- Election district boundaries shall **follow clearly observable boundaries.**
- Election districts shall **avoid splitting precincts**, to the maximum extent possible.\*
- Election district boundaries shall **be politically fair.**
- Election district boundaries shall **preserve communities of interest**, to the maximum extent possible.
- Election district **boundaries shall recognize incumbency**, to the maximum extent permissible under law and consistent with the other criteria.

# Redistricting Process



# Timeline Milestones



March 31,  
2021

- County receives Census data

April 23,  
2021

- Established deadline for state to complete maps

June 15,  
2021

- If congressional or state districts have not been adopted, then the county can use the districts as they exist on June 15

December  
2021

- BOCS must adopt redistricting measures by ordinance

## What will occur during process:

- GIS examines and tests software options; software to be chosen
- Board adopts redistricting criteria
- Staff analyzes data, runs scenarios, creates maps and precincts
- Opportunities for public input (to include a public hearing)
- Changes made to maps and precincts, as necessary
- Human Rights Commission reviews final plan for approval before BOCS adoption

# Redistricting 2011



	Population 2010 - Prior to Redistricting	% Deviation from Mean Prior to Redistricting	Population 2011 - After Redistricting	Redistricting Changes	% Deviation from Mean After Redistricting
Brentsville	79,541	38.5	60,162	-19,379	4.8
Coles	51,770	-9.9	59,207	7,437	3.1
Gainesville	73,142	27.4	59,991	-13,151	4.5
Neabsco	49,097	-14.5	54,920	5,823	-4.4
Occoquan	40,241	-29.9	56,209	15,968	-2.1
Potomac	53,936	-6.1	55,562	1,626	-3.3
Woodbridge	54,275	-5.5	55,951	1,676	-2.6
<b>Total Population:</b>	<b>402,002</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>402,002</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Mean:</b>	<b>57,429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Deviation:</b>	<b>12,844.5</b>	<b>68.43</b>	<b>2,092.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9.13</b>

# Redistricting 2020 Estimates of Current Population & Deviations



	Population Est. November 2020 <i>(Best estimates at this time)</i>	% Deviation from Mean	2010-2020 Population Change (from 2011 Redistricting)
Brentsville	71,476	6.1	11,314
Coles	70,968	5.4	11,761
Gainesville	72,831	8.1	12,840
Neabsco	55,920	-17.0	1,000
Occoquan	65,776	-2.3	9,567
Potomac	66,914	-0.7	11,352
Woodbridge	67,595	0.4	11,644
<b>Total Population:</b>	<b>471,479</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>69,477</b>
<b>Mean:</b>	<b>67,354</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Deviation:</b>	<b>5,258.0</b>	<b>25.11</b>	<b>-</b>

# Next Steps



- Possible project lead:
  - BOCS
  - County Staff
  - Independent Contractor
- BOCS adopts redistricting criteria
- Wait for data!
- Keep BOCS and public informed throughout process



Questions?

