

Ward Boundary Review

**City Council Meeting
November 1, 2022**



Background

- **The Greeley Charter and Municipal Code describe manner for establishing and maintaining Council representation represented by wards:**
 - **Four wards**, numbered consecutively in clockwise fashion starting with the northeast ward (Ward I);
 - **Ward boundaries** shall not be changed more often than once every 4 years;
 - **The area** included in wards should comprise compact and contiguous territory and an equal number of inhabitants as much as possible



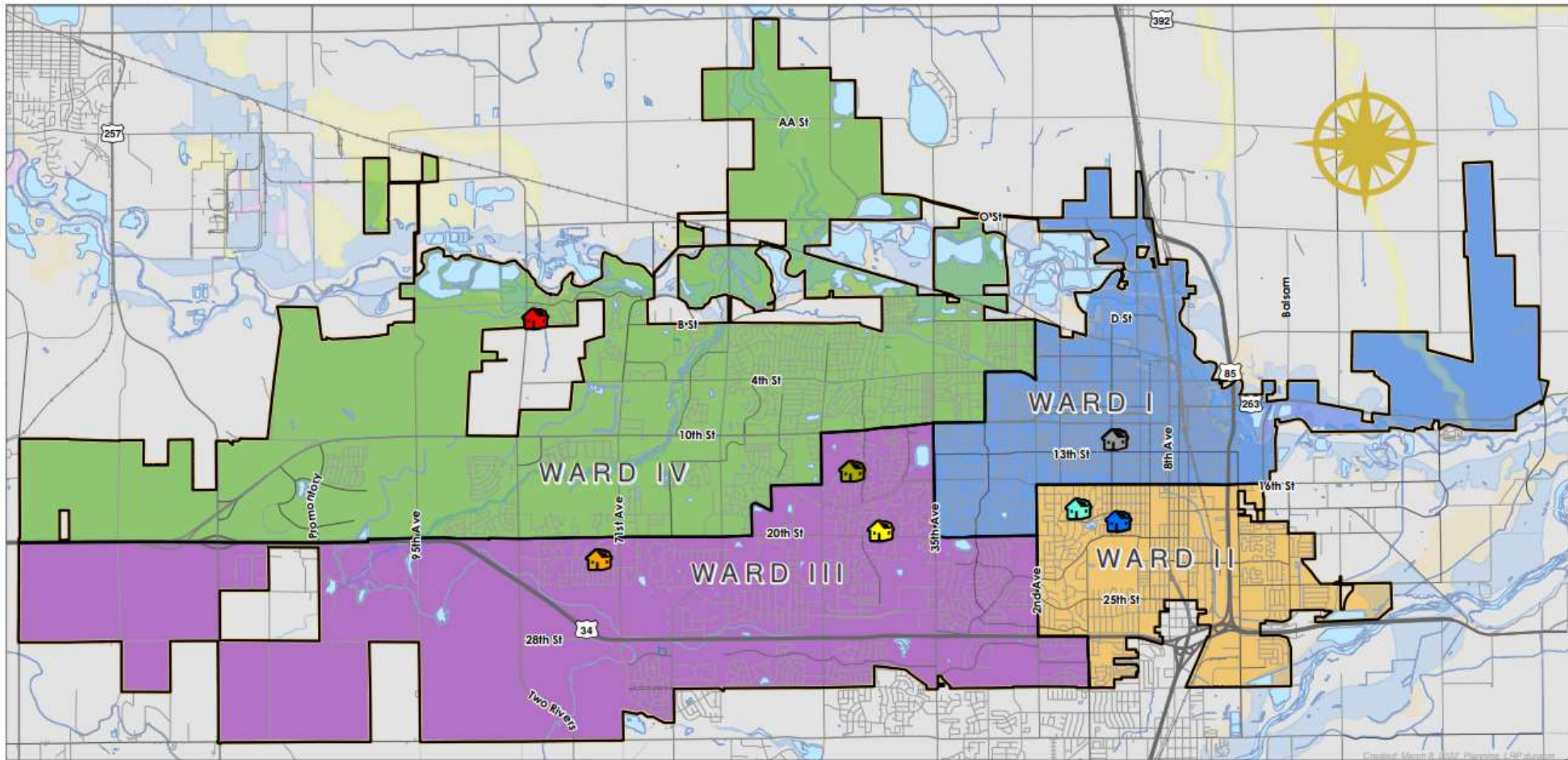
Practice

Council has regularly reviewed its ward populations and boundaries following each decennial census

When ward boundary populations appear to be trending toward greater than a 7% deviation in size between areas, Council has adjusted the boundaries to meet the Charter and Municipal Code objectives.



- **Boundaries are set by ordinance**
- **Based upon city growth and community composition, the City modified its ward representation from 3 to 4 wards in 1995**
- **Subsequent ward boundary modifications occurred in 2003 and 2012, following decennial census counts**



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Existing - Council Ward Boundaries

Ward	Size & Population				Ethnicity						Age Breakdown		
	Square Miles		Pop >18		Non-Hispanic >18			Hispanic >18			<18		
	Size	%C	Size	%C	Pop	%W	%C	Pop	%W	%C	Pop	%W	%C
I	8.1	16.3%	22,248	22.9%	12,382	55.7%	12.8%	9,866	44.3%	10%	7,211	32.4%	7.4%
II	4.5	9.1%	21,255	21.9%	12,632	59.4%	13.0%	8,623	40.6%	9%	7,008	33.0%	7.2%
III	17.0	34.1%	27,370	28.2%	20,036	73.2%	20.6%	7,334	26.8%	8%	8,739	31.9%	9.0%
IV	20.1	40.4%	26,160	27.0%	18,266	69.8%	18.8%	7,894	30.2%	8%	8,990	34%	9.3%
Total	49.8		97,033	6.3% *	63,316			33,717			31,948		

Observations

- Wards III & IV are now greater in population size than Wards I & II and are expected to continue to be high growth areas
- The largest disparity in ward populations are between the **smallest (Ward II)** with 21.9% of the city's 18yrs + population and the **largest (Ward III)** with 28.2% of the city's 18yrs + population representing a **6.3% difference** in population.



- Ward I: highest number and concentration of persons who identify as Hispanic
- Ward II: smallest in geographic size (4.5 sq. miles) but the densest in population (4,723 persons/sq. mile)
- Ward III: greatest number of total residents with 27,370 persons but is the second lowest in terms of density (1,610 persons/sq. mile)
- Ward IV: highest number of persons younger than 18 yrs.

Current Status

Using the 2020 Census information and the 2022 Annual Growth Report and Projections, staff developed maps that would address the ward boundary objectives noted in the Greeley Charter and Municipal Code.

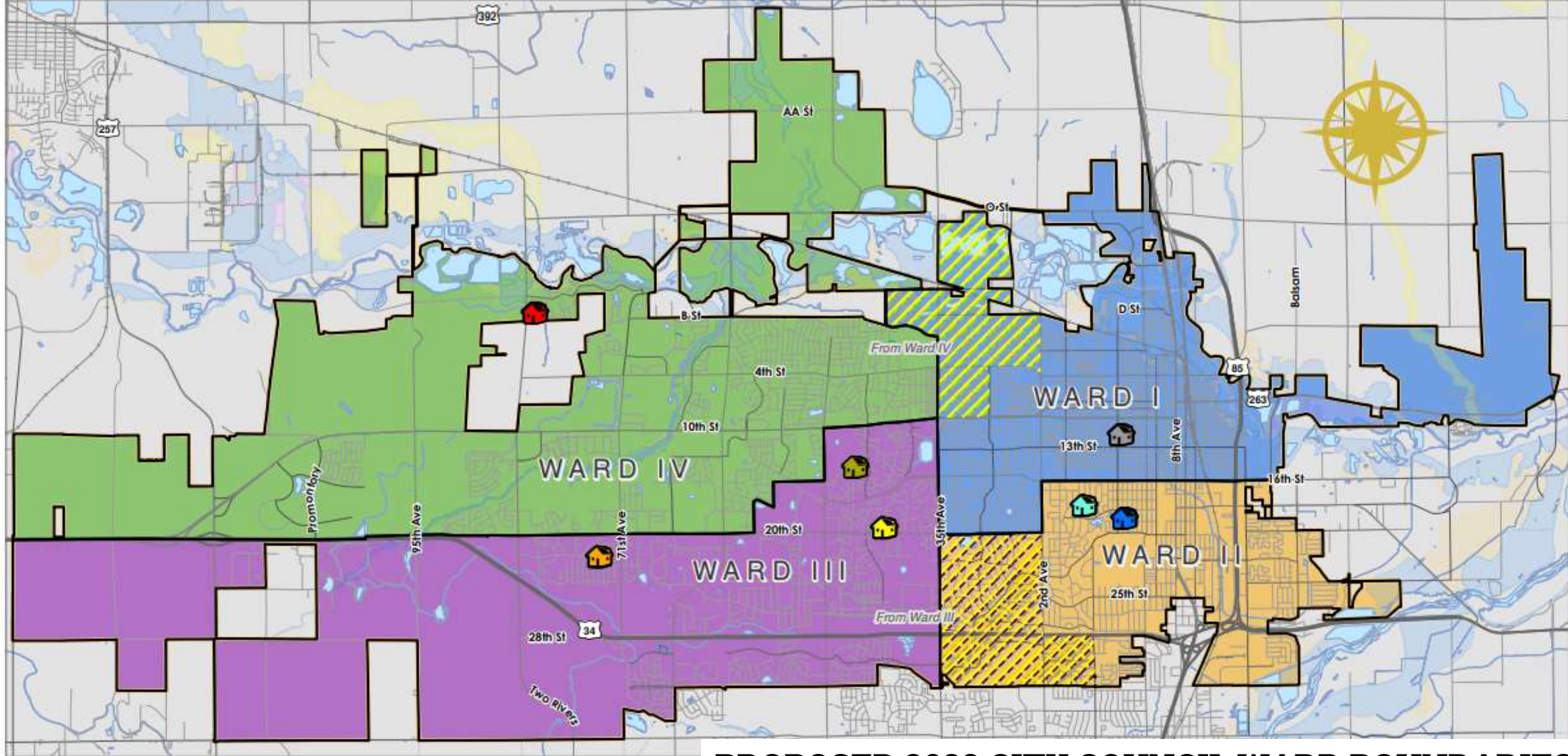


- Ward boundaries relatively **equal in size**
- Wards reasonably **compact and follow logical and easily recognized boundaries**;
- Adjusted boundaries reflect recent **population growth shifts**;
- Ward dimensions configured in a way that **anticipates population growth** in the next decade; and,
- Adjusted boundaries scaled such that the wards will grow closer in size over the next several years to **limit the need for another adjustment** before the next decennial census

Direction by Council

- Council reviewed options presented by staff at its March 22, 2022 work session and selected amended boundaries that would recalibrate the population to accommodate current population and expected growth over the next decade
- Projecting 10 years of population growth between the 4 wards results in Wards III and IV slightly exceeding the size of Wards I & II by 2032. The differential between the highest and lowest ward population at that time would be about 3%, still well within tolerance ranges





PROPOSED 2022 CITY COUNCIL WARD BOUNDARIES



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II	6.3	12.6%	26,692	27.5%	16,182	60.6%	16.7%	10,510	39.4%	11%	8,879	33.3%	9.2%
III	15.2	30.6%	21,933	22.6%	18,125	82.6%	18.7%	3,808	17.4%	4%	6,868	31.3%	7.1%
IV	18.6	37.3%	21,463	22.1%	16,329	76.1%	16.8%	5,134	23.9%	5%	6,751	31%	7.0%
	49.8		97,033	5.6% *	64,955			32,078			31,948		

- **Upon adoption, new wards would be established and in place well before the 2023 Municipal Election**

QUESTIONS ?

