Redistricting Jacksonville

An Approach

Current data on hand

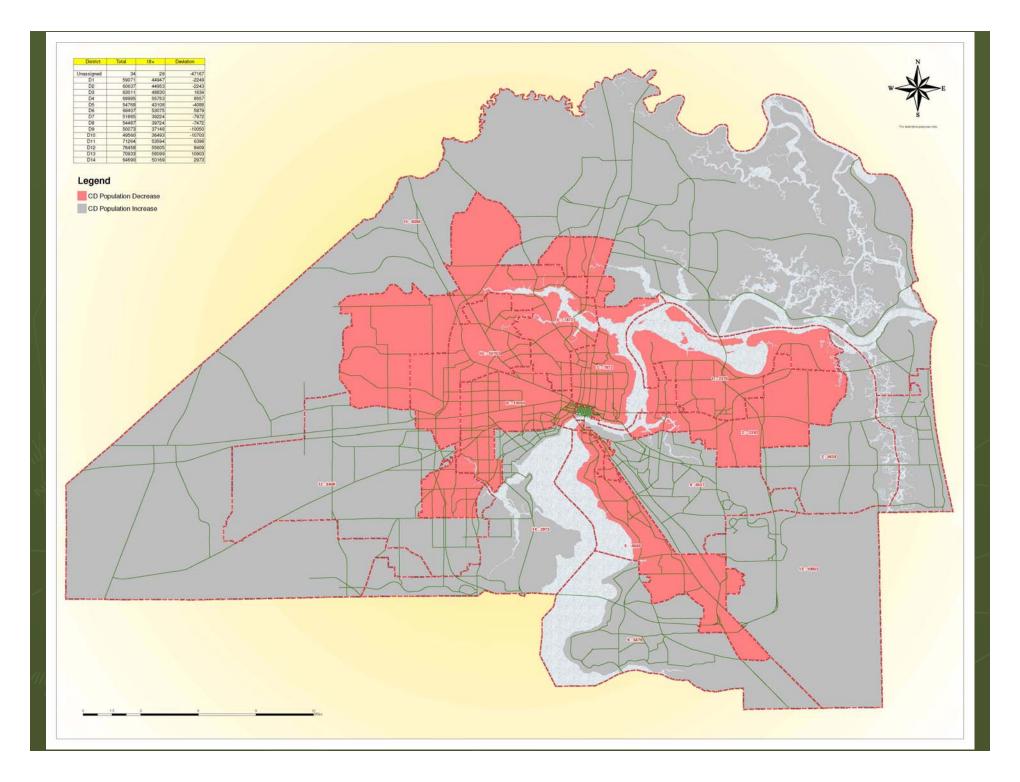
- Census P.L. Data by Census Block
 - Total population by race
 - Voting age population by race
 - Number of housing units
- ▶ Voter Data by Precinct
 - Registered voters by party
 - Votes cast last two elections

A first look at the data ...

- Total population is 864,263 an 11% increase since 2000 census.
 - Ideal population per Council District is 61,733.
 - Ideal population per At-Large District is 172,853.

Preliminary analysis

- North and west of the river lose a district.
- South and east of the river gain a district.
- The beaches can have their own district.
- Some districts must get bigger and some must get smaller.



Assumptions

- Districts based on total population.
- Balance the needs of communities of common interest with the desire for compact districts.
- Ten percent variance between low and high districts.
- Minimize crossing the river.
- Preservation of existing districts

Assumptions

- Political realities
 - Don't place two or more incumbents in one district
 - School Board Members are important too

The process

- Planning Department met with individual council members
- The Planning Department proposed a plan based on meetings
- Noticed meeting were scheduled to work out concerns between council members
- The redistricting committee referred a plan to Rules by August 15th

Rules to hold public hearings at:

- North Campus FSCJ Aug 24th @ 6pm
- ► Kent Campus FSCJ Aug 25th @ 6pm
- ▶ Wilson Center for the Arts Aug 29th @ 6pm
- Deerwood Center Sep 1st @ 6pm

Council must adopt a plan by November 18th

When do they apply

- Applies to general elections nine months after effective date
- > Applies to School Board 2012
- > Applies to City Council 2015

