



MACOUPIN COUNTY

Guide to Precincts & Polling Places



A message to voters

As you may be aware, at the November County Board meeting, the county's voting precincts were rebalanced for a more equal number of voters by a unanimous, bipartisan vote. Instead of the 61 precincts used in the 2021 Election, the upcoming June 28th Primary Election will see 45 precincts. I know sometimes change is difficult to accept, but I wanted to share a few key points to remember about the precinct consolidation.

- ❖ Every township will still have at least one precinct and one polling place. Some townships that had more than one precinct will either only have one now or have a reduced number of precincts.
- ❖ At the last election, there were 42 polling places throughout the county. Beginning with the June 28th primary, there will be 35 polling places. However, only 1,687 registered voters will vote at a different polling place. This means 95% of voters will still go to the same polling place.
- ❖ Some voters will see their precinct number change, which means they will have to go to a different table at their polling place.
- ❖ State law requires that you vote in the township you live in. So while there may be a polling place closer to you, if it is in another township, you cannot vote there. For example, a voter who lives in Lake Ka-Ho but in Cahokia township is closer to the Mt. Olive polling place, but must vote in Cahokia township.
- ❖ Beginning in January all the way through the June primary, there will be multiple ways in which voters affected will receive notice of changes.
- ❖ In January, every registered voter was mailed a new voter registration card. The new card had your precinct and polling place listed on it, including any changes.
- ❖ At the time new voter registration cards were mailed, the MacoupinVotes website was updated to have the Voter Lookup tool let voters look up their new precinct, polling place, and any other redistricting changes such as state legislative districts or county board districts that affect them.
- ❖ In addition to the Voter's Guide before the June Primary which will list the precincts and polling places as it does every election, there

is this special Guide to Precinct and Polling Place Changes published before the election showing all changes.

- ❖ Voters who will be voting in a different polling place will receive a separate letter before the Primary reminding them of their new polling place.
- ❖ Every polling place and precinct will have enlarged precinct maps making it easier for those who might not know which precinct they are in to quickly find out on Election Day.
- ❖ The average number of registered voters per precinct will increase from 518 to 702. The new amount is still lower than the average in Illinois, 903 voters per precinct, or 1,183 voters per precinct nationwide.
- ❖ There were major discrepancies in how many voters were in each precinct. At the 2021 Election, Brighton 3 had 1,503 voters total in the precinct. Carlinville 4, however only has 166. It isn't fair to voters in Brighton 3 to potentially have 1,502 other voters that need to vote at the precinct while Carlinville 4 voters only have 165 other voters to deal with. The new map rebalances precincts within townships to remove those discrepancies. For example, Brighton township had an 878 difference between its largest precinct and smallest precinct. It now has a 114 voter difference. Bunker Hill township had a 481 voter difference while it will now have a 33 voter difference. These new balances make things fairer for voters and election judges.
- ❖ Past experience in Macoupin County has shown precinct changes do not dramatically change turnout in Macoupin. In the last twenty years, the County had consolidated precincts from 66 to 61. Four of the five times there was a consolidation, the township with a fewer number of precincts had a higher percentage turnout than the countywide turnout in the next election. In the one consolidation in which the township turnout was lower than the countywide turnout, there was a difference of 3%.

❖ While most of the townships seeing a change haven't had any changes in the last fifty years, the number of registered voters has decreased countywide. And the number of voters who aren't voting at their polling place has grown significantly. In the 2008 Presidential Election, about 1 out of 10 Macoupin voters voted before Election Day and not at their polling place. In the 2020 Presidential Election, 4 out of 10 Macoupin voters didn't vote at their polling place.

- ❖ With fewer voters utilizing voting at their polling place, the county could have saved just under \$50,000 a year the last two years if the precincts had been changed like this before the 2020 Primary Election. There will be significant taxpayer savings each election going forward.

I understand not everyone likes change, but this change will save taxpayer money, results in fairer voter experiences around the county, and ensure our elections run smoothly going forward. Most voters aren't even going to realize a change has happened when they vote in June. And for those who do, I will do everything I can with my staff to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible for voters across the county.



Pete Duncan

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Macoupin County Clerk



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Election Judges

★ **Make Democracy Work!** ★

★ **Become an Election Judge** ★

Election judges help guarantee the rights of voters are protected on election day. This page details the qualifications necessary to become an election judge and also some of the important duties and responsibilities.

What are judges of election?

Judges of election are responsible for the administration of election procedures in the polling place on election day. They are in the position of ensuring that the election process is administered fairly and in accordance with our laws.

What are the qualifications necessary to be an election judge?

- ❖ Be a citizen of the United States.
- ❖ Be of good repute and character.
- ❖ Be able to speak, read and write the English language.
- ❖ Be of good understanding and capable.
- ❖ Not be an elected committeeman.
- ❖ Need to be registered to vote in the county.
- ❖ Each Election Judge is required to declare their party preference so they can be assigned accordingly. (See how judges are selected in the following section.)

How are judges selected?

Election Judges are chosen by the County Clerk and by the Party Chairpersons. The party which cast the highest average number of votes at the most recent three gubernatorial elections in the precinct shall be represented by three judges, the party which casts the second highest number of votes at the most recent three gubernatorial elections in the precinct shall be represented by two judges.

How are election judges trained?

Before each election, several election judge training schools will be held. This course covers the duties and responsibilities of election judges and an examination which tests reading skills, ability to work with poll lists, ability to add and knowledge of election laws governing the operation of polling places is given every two years. Judges who have attended and completed the class will receive \$160 for their duties on election day. Judges who have not attended and completed the class will receive \$150 for their duties on election day.

What are some of the duties of the judges of election?

- ❖ Open and close the polls.
- ❖ Be responsible for election materials.
- ❖ Ensure that only qualified voters are permitted to vote and that each qualified voter is permitted to vote once and only once.
- ❖ Give instructions in the method of voting when requested by a voter.
- ❖ Give assistance to illiterate and physically disabled voters.
- ❖ Maintain order in the polling place throughout the day.
- ❖ Tally the votes after the polls are closed; and to certify the election results in that precinct.

How may I become an election judge?

Contact the County Clerk's office by phone or email and express your interest in serving as a Judge of Election. Election judges are vital to ensure efficient and honest elections to which voters are entitled in a democratic society.

**Call us at (217) 854-3214,
extension 918;
or email us at
elections@macoupincountyil.gov.**



Polling Places

Barr Barr Township Building, 330 W. Main Street, Hettick
Bird Charity Baptist Church, 21964 Charity Church Road, Carlinville
Brighton 1 & 2 Christian Life Center, 918 North Main Street, Brighton
Brighton 3 Brighton Municipal Building, 206 South Main Street, Brighton
Brushy Mound Brushy Mound Town Hall, 16270 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville
Bunker Hill 1, 2 & 3 Bunker Hill Municipal Building, 801 South Franklin, Bunker Hill
Cahokia 1 East Gillespie Village Hall, 605 Springfield Road, Gillespie
Cahokia 2 Benld Civic Center, 201 East Central Avenue, Benld
Carlinville 1 St. Paul's Church, 202 East Main Street, Carlinville
Carlinville 2 Federated Church, 122 East 2nd South Street, Carlinville
Carlinville 3 Emmanuel Activity Center, 125 West First South, Carlinville
Carlinville 4 Macoupin County Housing, 504 West Nicholas., Carlinville
Carlinville 5 Bothwell Auditorium, Blackburn College, 700 College, Carlinville
Chesterfield Medora Fire Station, 316 Washington Street, Medora
Dorchester Wilsonville Community Center, 317 Wilson Street, Wilsonville
Gillespie 1, 2 & 3 Gillespie Civic Center, 115 N. Macoupin Street, Gillespie
Girard 1 & 2 Girard City Hall, 111 W. Madison Street, Girard
Hilyard Hilyard Township Hall, 481 E. Shipman Road, Royal Lakes

Honey Point Honey Point Town Hall, 21082 Woodland Road, Carlinville
Mount Olive 1 & 2 Immanuel Education Building, 111 E. Main, Mount Olive
Mount Olive 3 Sawyerville Village Hall, 300 Mine Road, Sawyerville
Mount Olive 4 White City Village Hall, 884 S. Main Street, Mount Olive
Nilwood Nilwood Town Hall, 27 Morean Road, Nilwood
North Otter Hanauer Hall-Sunset Lake, 130 East Lake Drive, Girard
North Palmyra Modesto Community Building, 102 East Grand Street, Modesto
Polk Macoupin Station, 10169 Macoupin Station Road, Plainview
Scottville Scottville Town Hall, 102 Walnut Street, Scottville
Shaws Point Atwater Town Hall, 22839 Main Street, Atwater
Shipman 1 Shipman Town Hall, 101 East First Street, Shipman
South Otter South Otter Township Hall, 15252 Township Road, Girard
South Palmyra Palmyra Municipal Building, 114 East State Street, Palmyra
Staunton 1 & 2 Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Road, Staunton
Staunton 3 & 4 Crystal Ballroom, 20631 Staunton Road, Staunton
Virden 1 & 2 Virden Township Hall, 232 North Masterson, Virden
Western Mound Hagaman Town Hall, 3640 Hagaman Road, Hagaman

Precinct reapportionment can occur every 10 years in conjunction with the U.S. Census. Precinct boundaries are determined by population and may be adjusted when the Census shows population disparity among precincts. The precincts listed in this publication are based upon 2020 Census data and will remain in effect until the next census. We recommend retaining this publication to refer to whenever you have questions about the precinct in which you live and vote.



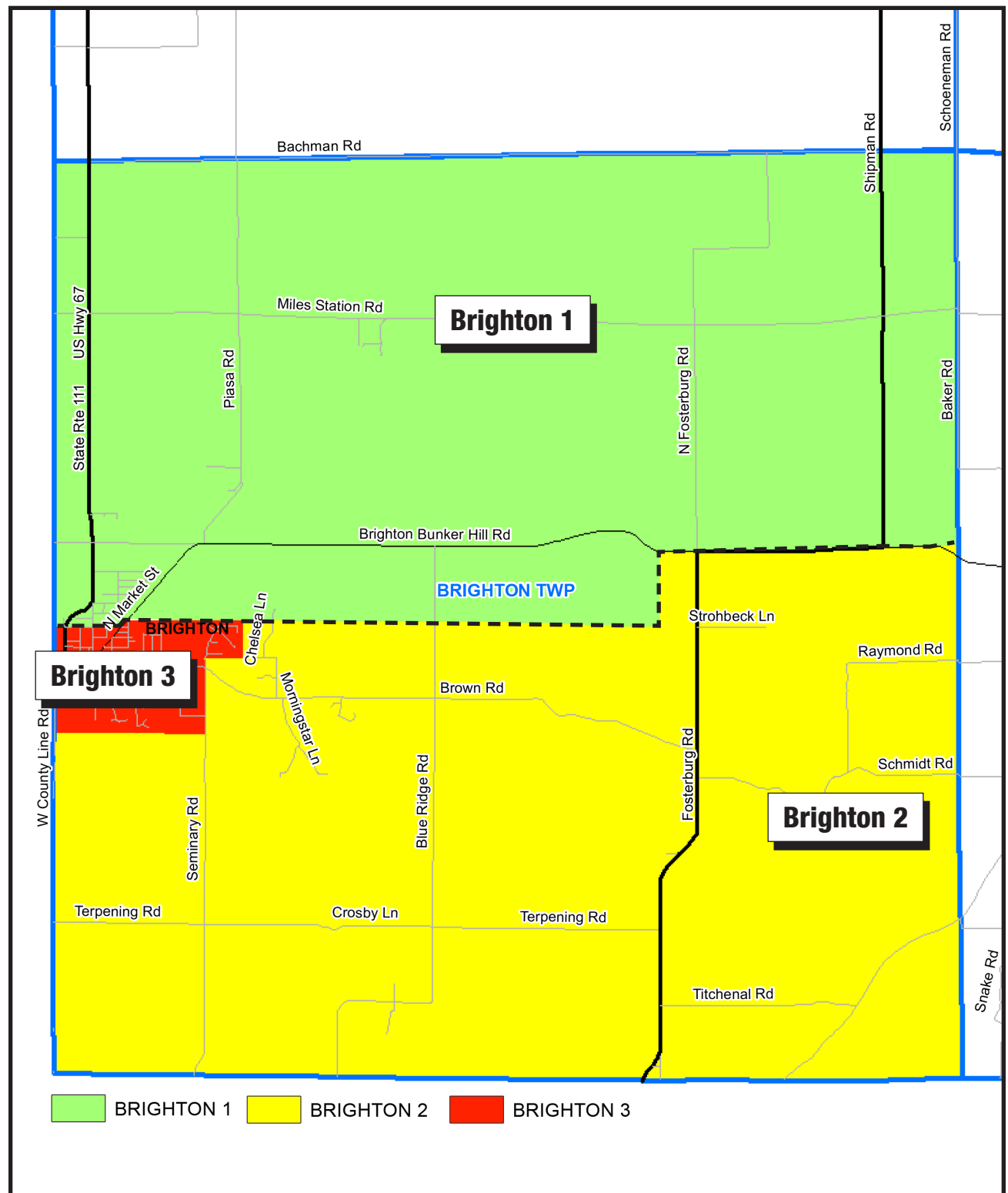
BRIGHTON TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES



BRIGHTON 1 & 2
Christian Life Center,
918 North Main Street, Brighton



BRIGHTON 3
Brighton Municipal Building,
206 South Main Street, Brighton

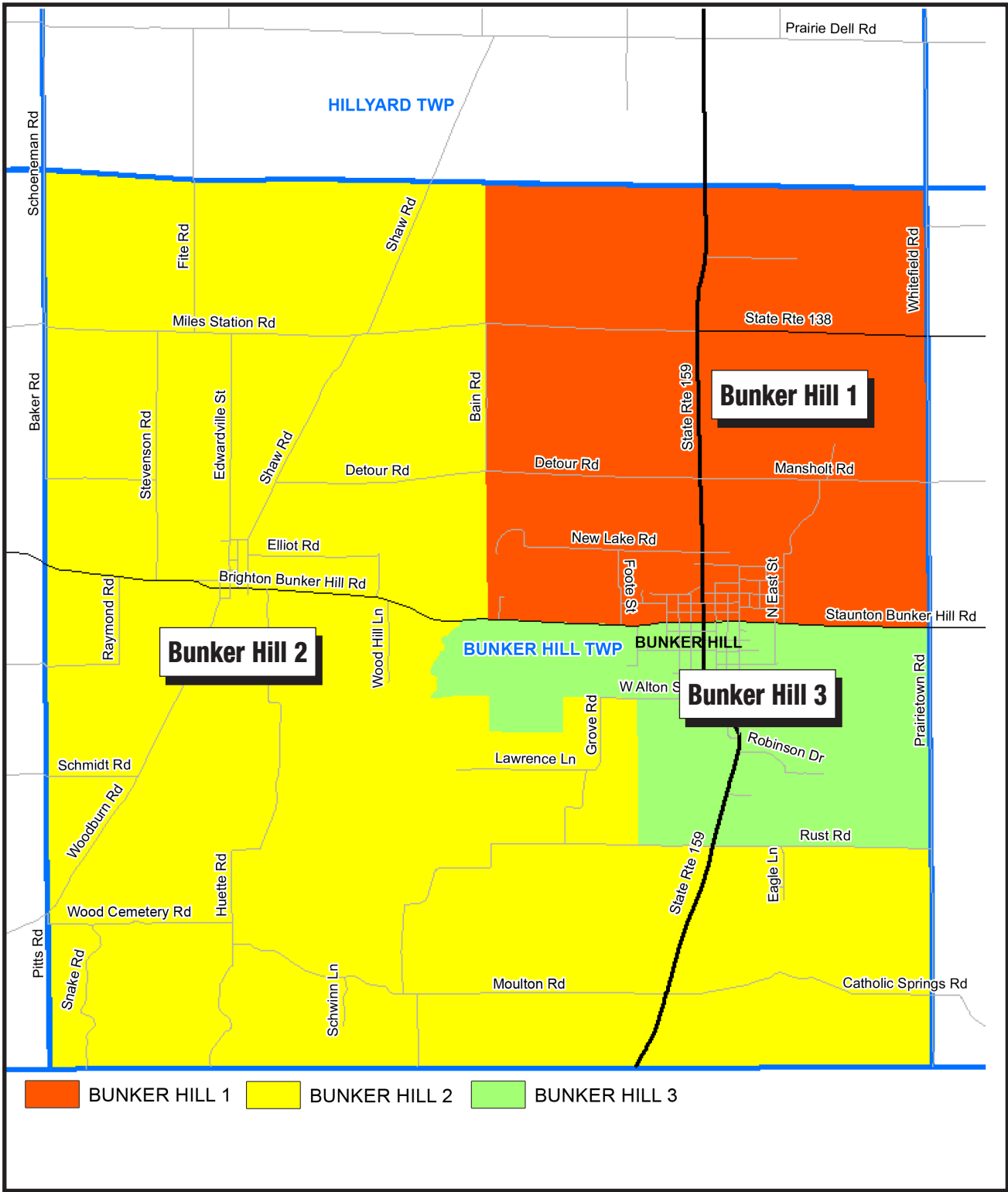




BUNKER HILL TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES



BUNKER HILL 1, 2 & 3
Bunker Hill Municipal Building,
801 South Franklin, Bunker Hill





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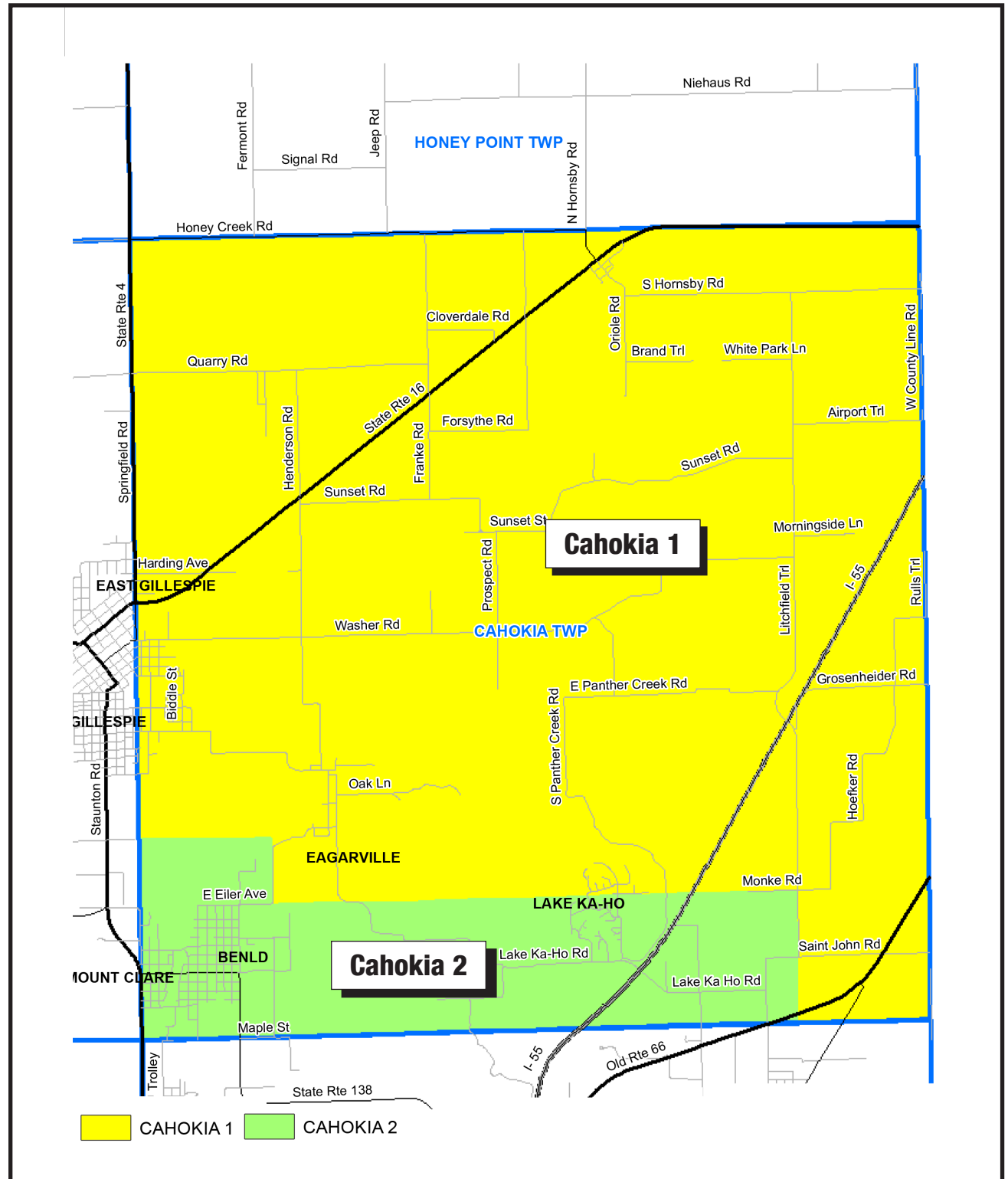
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East Gillespie Village Hall,
605 Springfield Road, Gillespie



CAHOKIA 2

Benld Civic Center,
201 East Central Avenue, Benld





CARLINVILLE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES



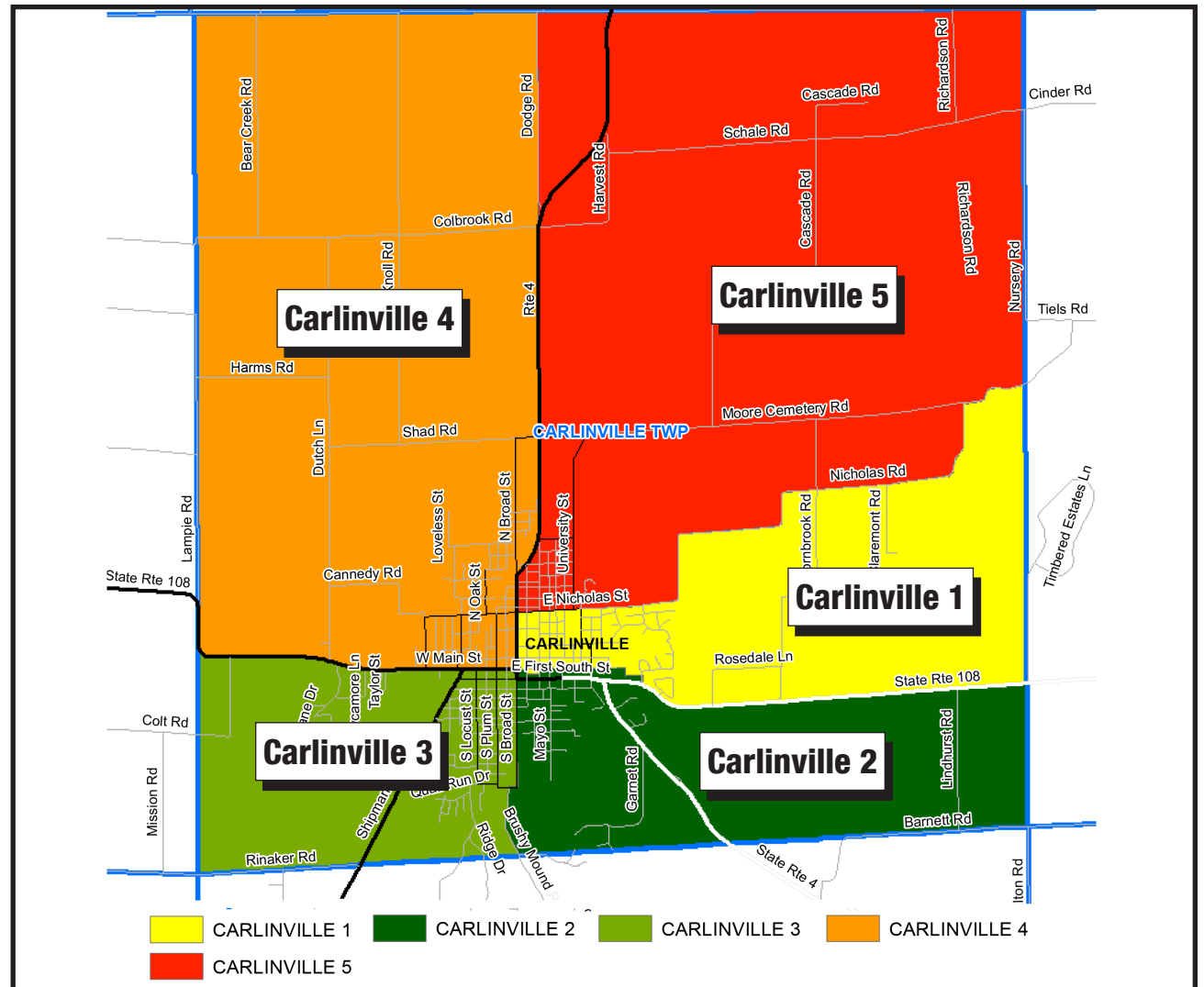
CARLINVILLE 1
St. Paul's Church,
202 East Main Street, Carlinville



CARLINVILLE 2
Federated Church,
122 East 2nd South Street, Carlinville



CARLINVILLE 3
Emmanuel Activity Center,
125 West First South, Carlinville



CARLINVILLE 4
Macoupin County Housing,
504 West Nicholas., Carlinville



CARLINVILLE 5
Bothwell Auditorium, Blackburn College,
700 College, Carlinville

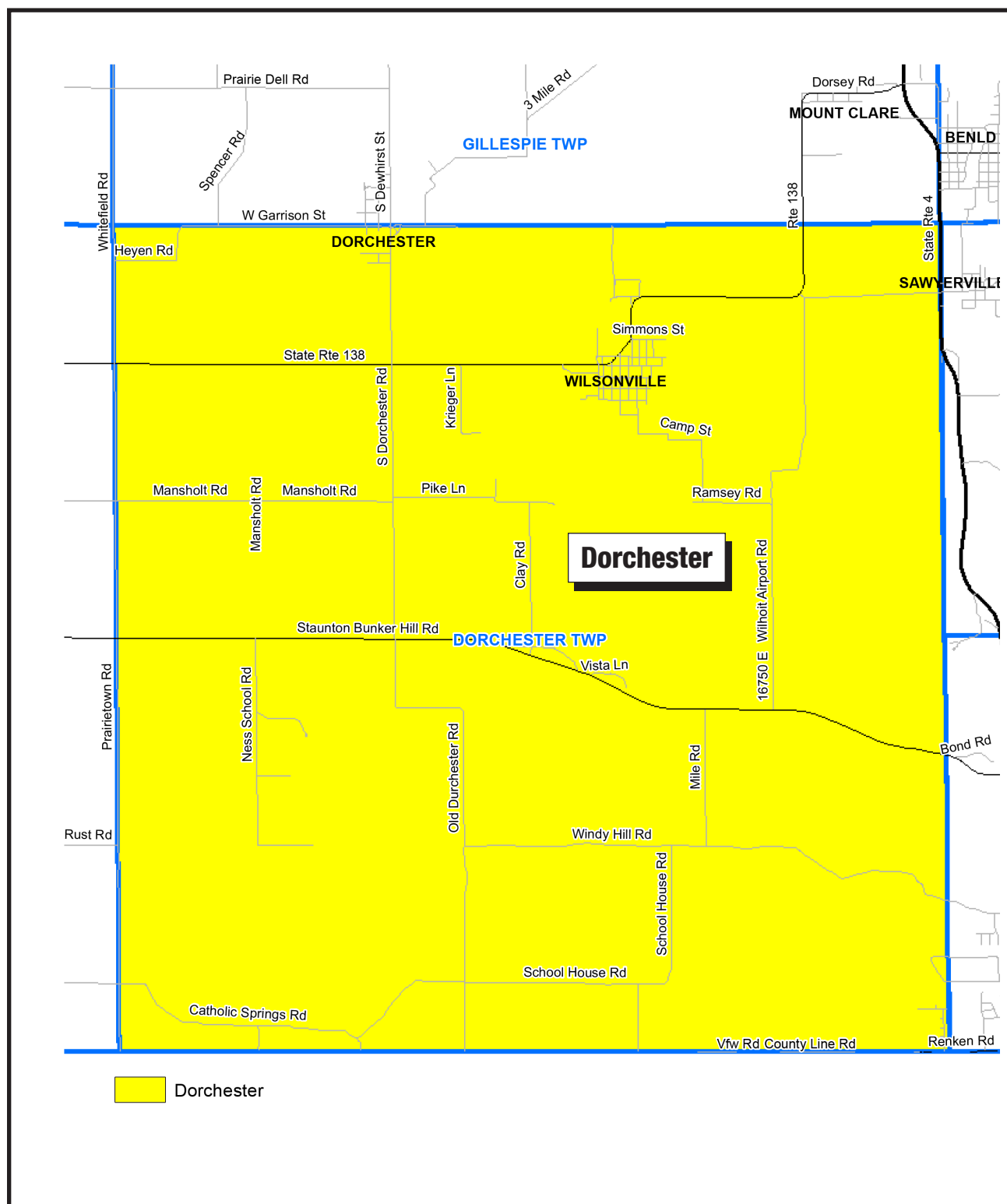


DORCHESTER TOWNSHIP PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE



DORCHESTER

Wilsonville Community Center,
317 Wilson Street, Wilsonville

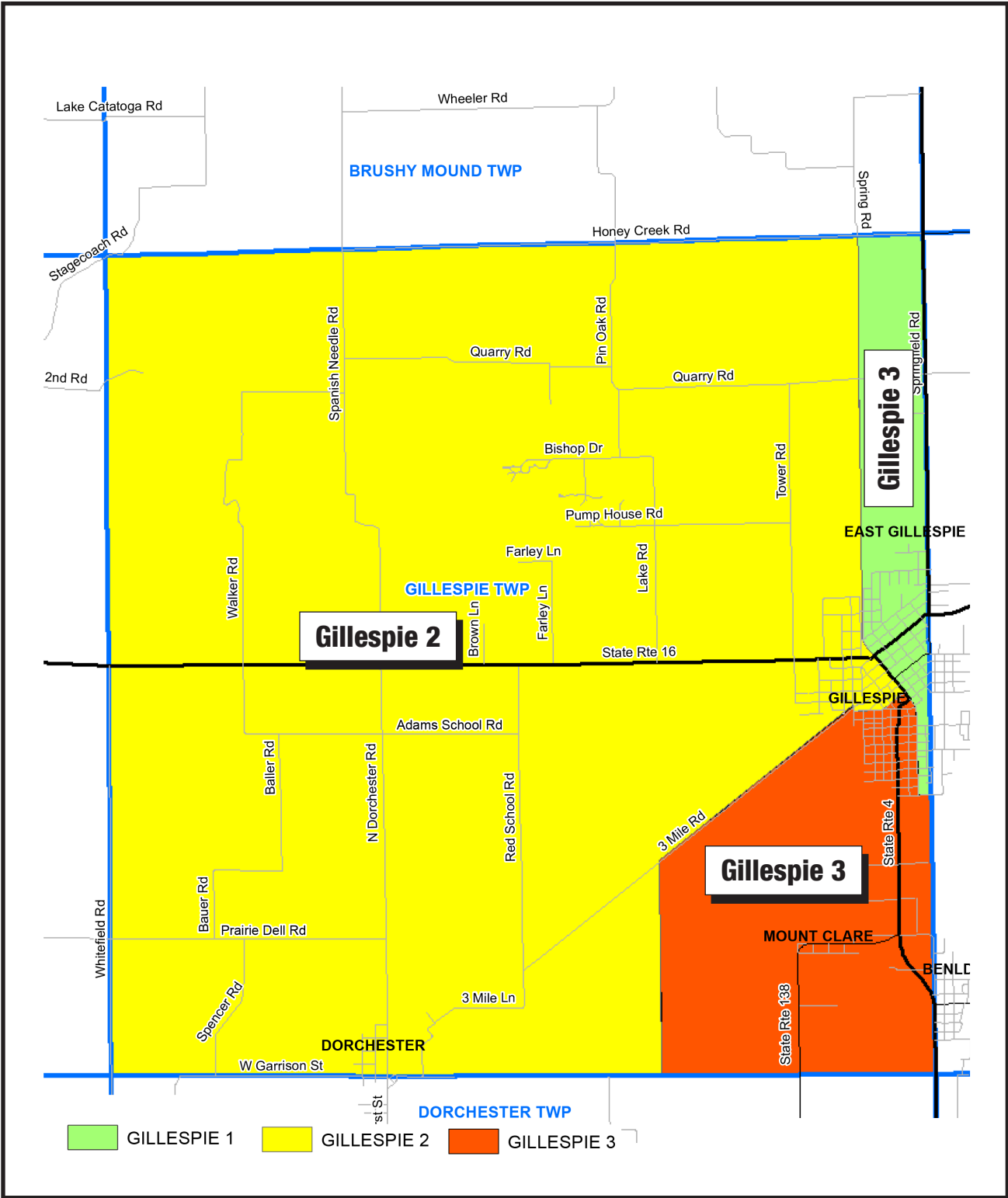




GILLESPIE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES



GILLESPIE 1, 2 & 3
Gillespie Civic Center,
115 N. Macoupin Street, Gillespie

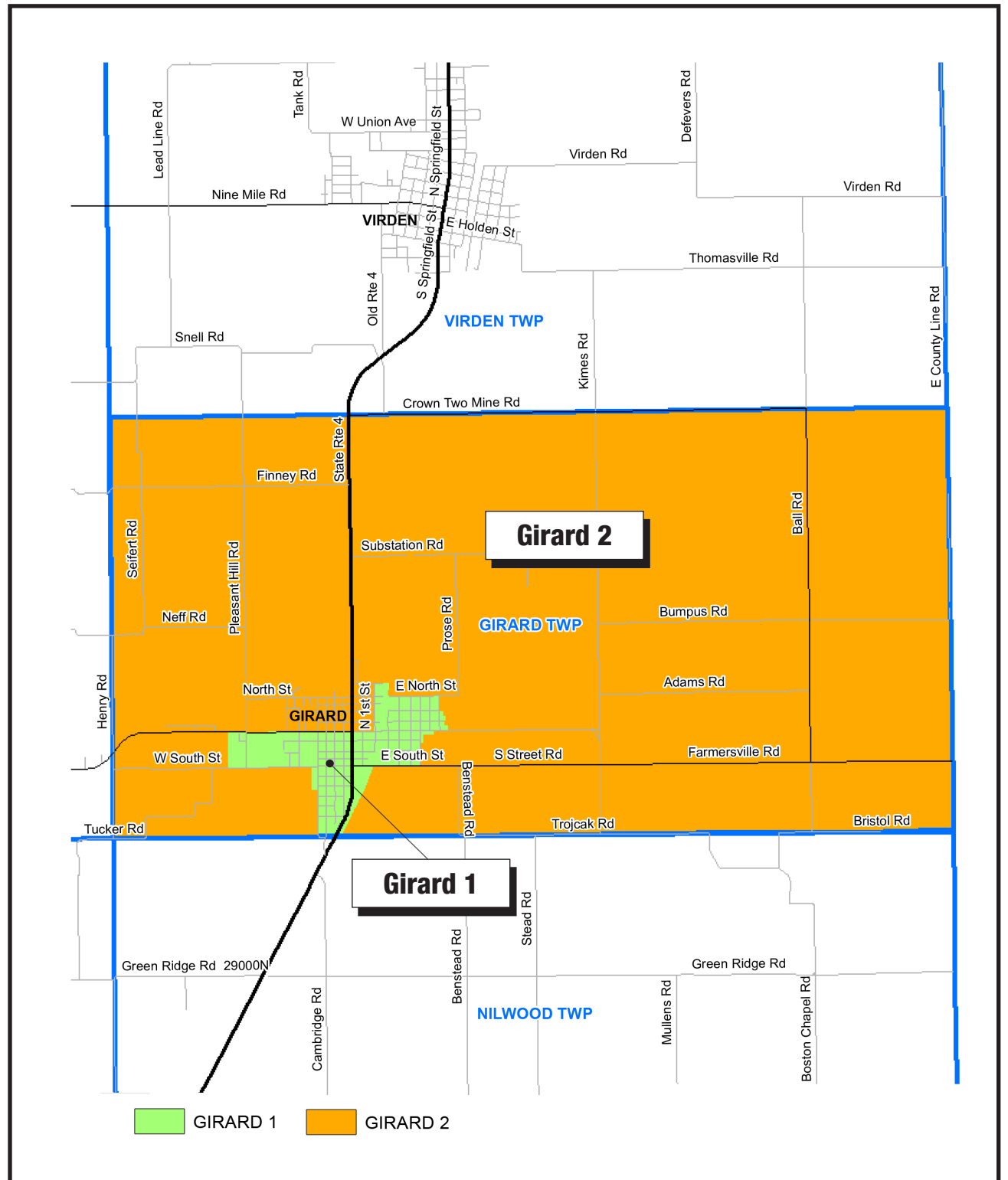




GIRARD TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES



GIRARD 1 & 2
Girard City Hall,
111 W. Madison Street, Girard





MOUNT OLIVE TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES



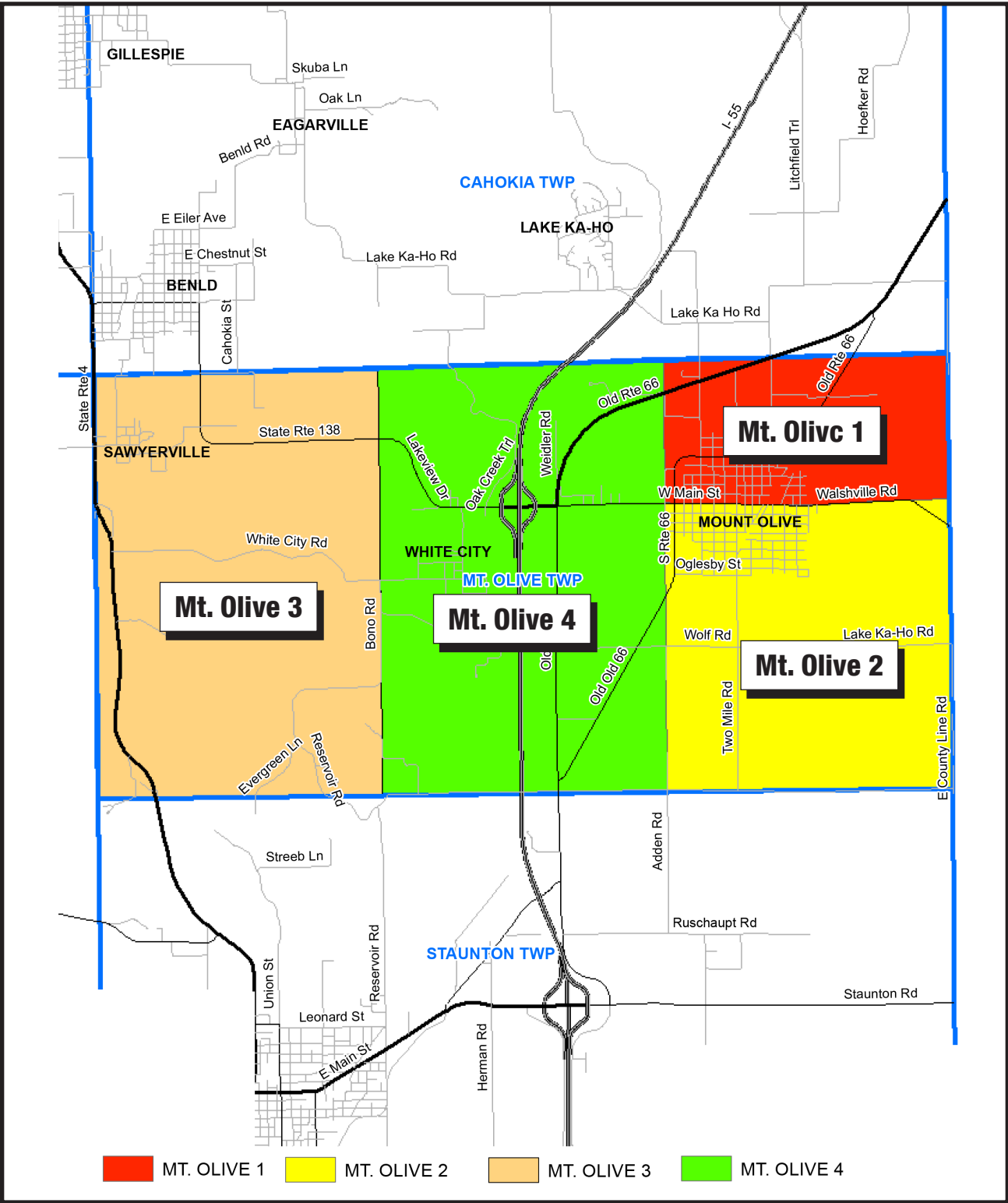
MOUNT OLIVE 1 & 2
Immanuel Education Building,
111 E. Main, Mount Olive



MOUNT OLIVE 3
Sawyerville Village Hall,
300 Mine Road, Sawyerville



MOUNT OLIVE 4
White City Village Hall,
884 S. Main Street, Mount Olive

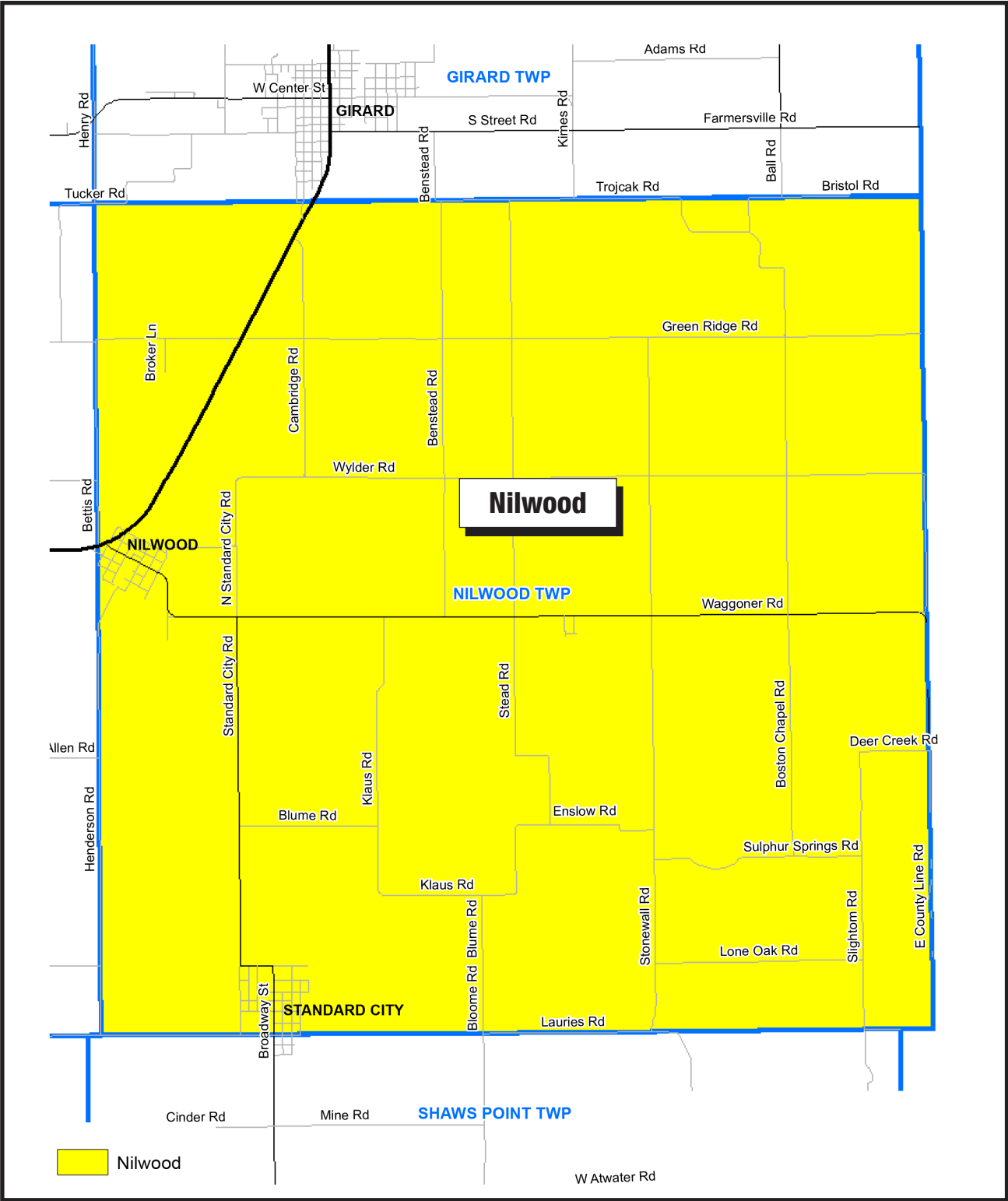




NILWOOD TOWNSHIP PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE



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Nilwood Town Hall,
27 Morean Road, Nilwood

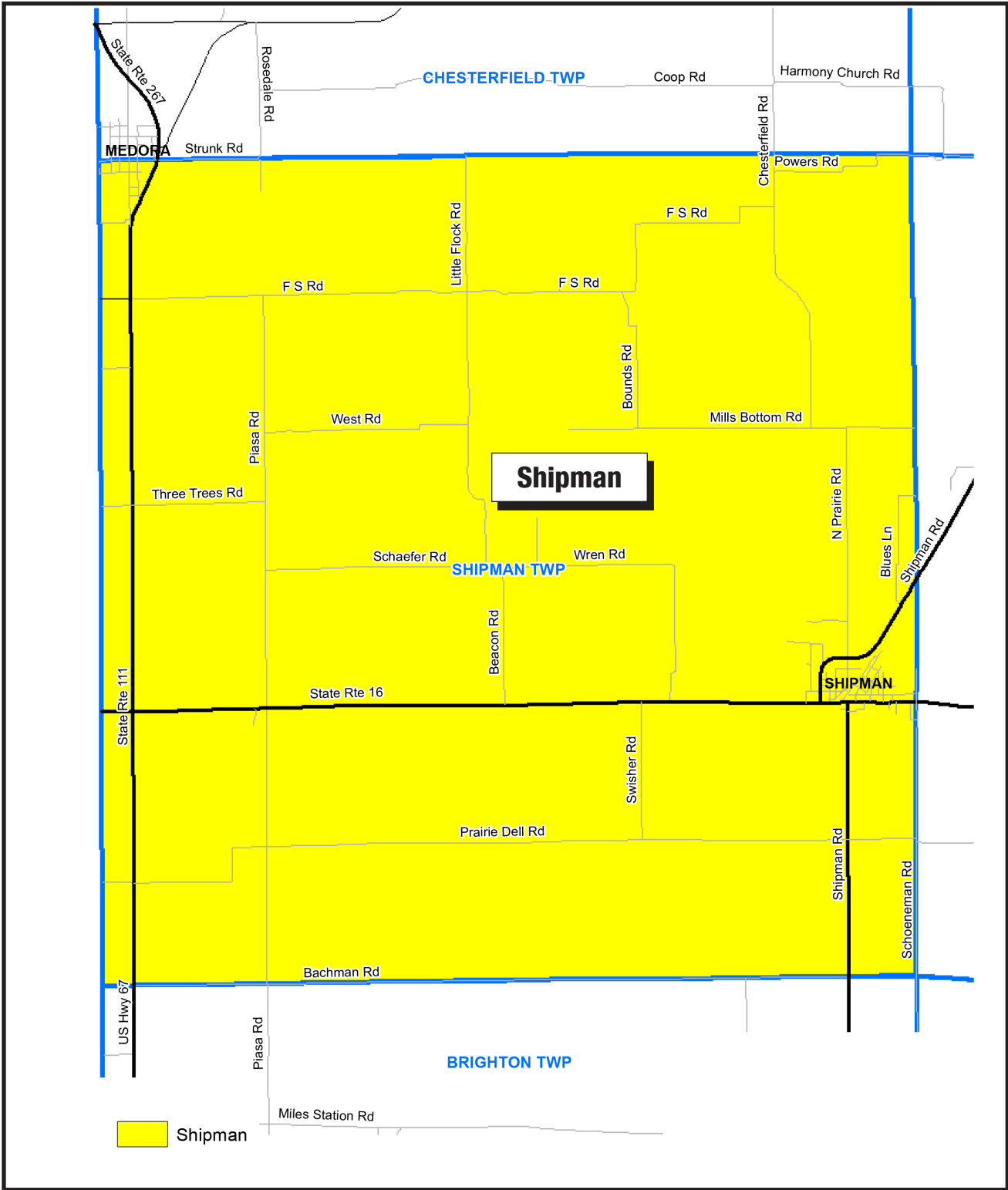




SHIPMAN TOWNSHIP PRECINCT AND POLLING PLACE



SHIPMAN
Shipman Town Hall,
101 East First Street, Shipman





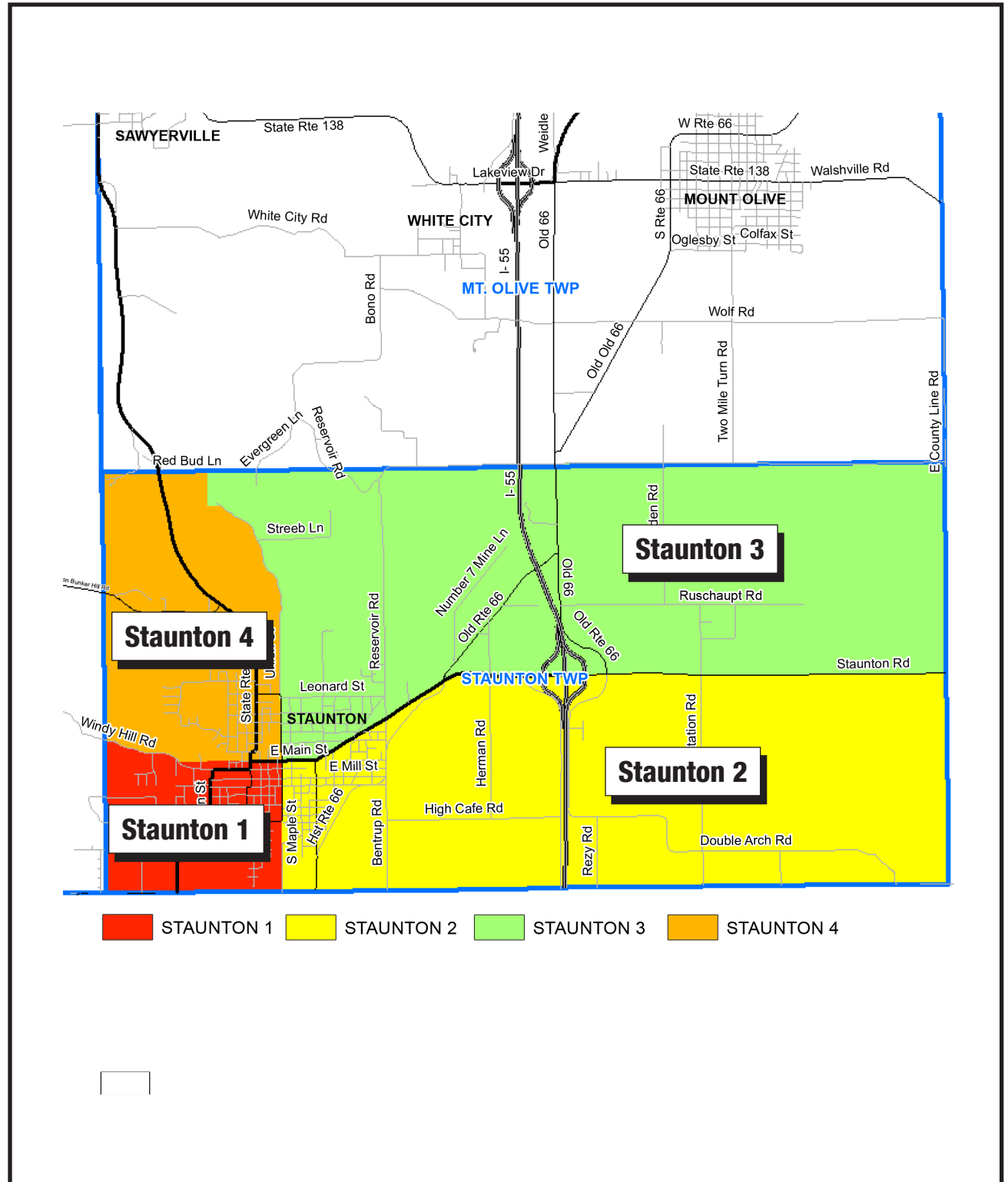
STAUNTON TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES



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Crystal Ballroom,
20631 Staunton Road, Staunton



STAUNTON 3 & 4
Crystal Ballroom,
20631 Staunton Road, Staunton

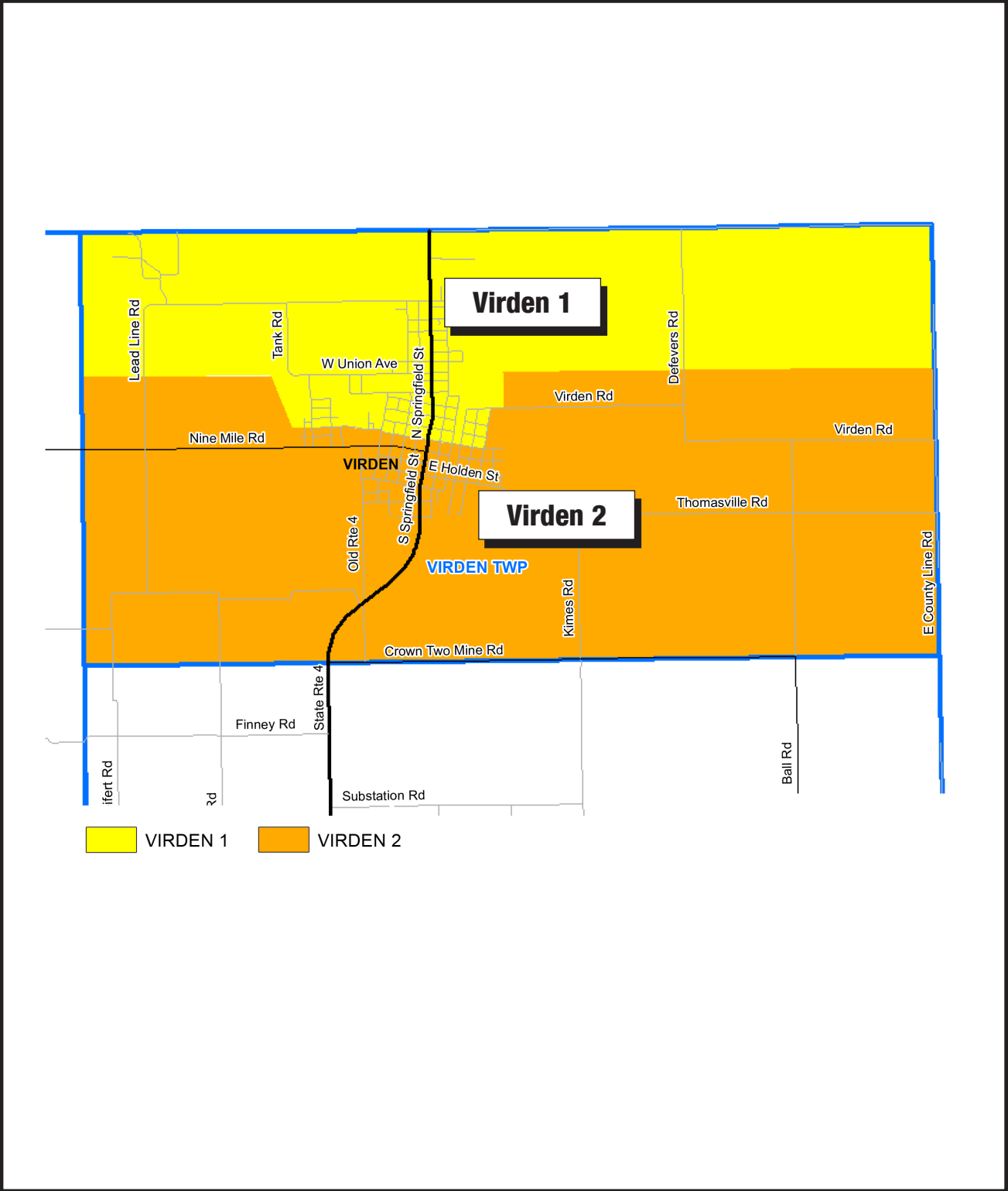




VIRDEN TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES



VIRDEN 1 & 2
Virден Township Hall,
232 North Masterson, Virден





Other Precincts & Polling Places



BARR

Barr Township Building,
330 W. Main Street, Hettick



CHESTERFIELD

Medora Fire Station,
316 Washington Street, Medora



NORTH OTTER

Hanauer Hall-Sunset Lake,
130 East Lake Drive, Girard



BIRD

Charity Baptist Church,
21964 Charity Church Road, Carlinville



HILYARD

Hilyard Township Hall,
481 E. Shipman Road, Royal Lakes



NORTH PALMYRA

Modesto Community Building,
102 East Grand Street, Modesto



BRUSHY MOUND

Brushy Mound Town Hall,
16270 Brushy Mound Road, Carlinville



HONEY POINT

Honey Point Town Hall,
21082 Woodland Road, Carlinville



POLK

Macoupin Station,
10169 Macoupin Station Road, Plainview



SHAW'S POINT

Atwater Town Hall,
22839 Main Street, Atwater



SOUTH PALMYRA

Palmyra Municipal Building,
114 East State Street, Palmyra



SCOTTVILLE

Scottville Town Hall,
102 Walnut Street, Scottville



SOUTH OTTER

South Otter Township Hall,
15252 Township Road, Girard



WESTERN MOUND

Hagaman Town Hall,
3640 Hagaman Road, Hagaman

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Polls Open: 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Early Voting through Monday, June 27



Important Dates

May 19 – First Day to Early Vote

May 19 – First Day Ballots Will Be Mailed

May 31 – Voter Registration Deadline

June 1 – Grace Period Voting Begins

June 23 – Last day to apply for ballot by mail

June 27 – Last business day to vote early

June 28 – Last business day to grace period vote

June 28 – ELECTION DAY



Don't forget with MacoupinVotes.gov, you can:

- ❖ Check Your Voter Registration
- ❖ See Your Sample Ballot
- ❖ Find Your Polling Place
- ❖ See Your Elected Officials and Their Contact Info
- ❖ Track Your Absentee Ballot
- ❖ Get Up To Minute Election Results



QUESTIONS?

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