

Themes from Redistricting Feedback

September 29, 2021

City of Madison staff reviewed all feedback provided through September 27, 2021. This feedback was generally provided via email, an online comment map, and at Madison libraries. This summary attempts to highlight common themes in the feedback.

- Area around Lake Wingra
 - Keep Bay Creek Neighborhood and ‘Tree Streets’ intact in one district (50+ comments)
 - Keep Westmorland neighborhood together (5 comments)
 - Add the residents on Carver St and other streets in the Town of Madison in the Arboretum to D13
 - Residents along the southern part of Lake Wingra should join the residents all around the lake, those in Dudgeon-Monroe, Vilas, Greenbush, Monona Bay and Bay Creek, and in so doing form a Lake Wingra Watershed district (2 comments)
 - Dudgeon Monroe Neighborhood to include Hillington Green and the homes on the north side of the SW path
 - Keep Monroe Street corridor, Arboretum, Lake Wingra, and Zoo together
- Tenney Lapham
 - Keep Tenney Lapham neighborhood intact in one district (15+ comments)
 - Well defined geographically by East Washington, Lake Mendota, and the Yahara River and represented as such in (the preferred) Concept 6
 - The area fits better with downtown than the near east side
 - Everything east of Blair St, south of E Washington Ave and west of Milwaukee St (at minimum) should be part of D6, but nothing north of E Wash
 - Cutting the Isthmus north/south trajectory creates more contiguous districts. Group e.g. Tenney-Marquette and SASY-Emerson East-Eken Park-Worthington Park. Redevelopment of the Capital East District and the East Washington corridor has made the neighborhoods more contiguous. Using major transportation corridors as a default boundary between districts further cements the artificial divide that these corridors can create.
- Regent Street and surrounding Neighborhoods
 - Keep Residents and Regent NA intact one district
 - Keep Sunset Village NA intact one district
 - Regent NA ties to West High School, University campus, The VA, and UW hospitals (downtown/campus issues and concerns) (2 comments)
 - Regent neighborhood do not share the same issues as Spring Harbor and Hill Farms neighborhoods
 - Regent neighborhood identifies with people in D5 not D11
- UW-Madison Campus / Students
 - Preserve D8's representation of much of campus, especially the UW-Madison residential life communities (13+ comments)
 - Undergraduate student resident halls must be within D8/ one district
 - Include the Spring St and College Court area in D8/one district
 - One student alder for Campus
 - There are 44,000 UW students in Madison (1 in 6 Madisonians), yet there is consistently only one student alder (1 in 20 alders).
 - The map should be redrawn to include up to 4 majority-student districts.
 - The students should be split across districts to be represented by 2 to 3 alders
 - Eagle Heights would feel more represented in D8
- South Madison

- Concept 6 makes more sense for South Park Street’s Transit Oriented Development: Bus Rapid Transit and Imagine Madison plans combined will produce major new growth on the commercial property between S. Park and Beld Streets. The compactness of the district would allow residents to better be represented on common problems.
- Include Bram’s Addition in D13 as it once was
- Southwest Madison
 - The parcel for Ashbury Woods Condominiums should be moved to the district immediately south or west
 - Keep Orchard Ridge, Greentree, and Meadowood neighborhoods together (3 comments)
 - Huegel Elementary school should be placed back in D20
 - Keep Dunn's Marsh Neighborhood intact
 - Concept 6 more accurately shows neighborhood schools and church communities (D20)
- East side
 - Keep Sherman NA intact and include Brentwood and Eken Park NA
 - Carpenter-Ridgeway should stay in D15
 - Village at Autumn Lake and the Ridgewood neighborhoods have historically been connected to and part of the Greater East Towne area
 - Berkeley Oaks (west side of airport) area has been historically connected to neighborhoods in that area
 - Ridgewood, Autumn Lake, and Greater Sandburg neighborhoods and the East Towne area should be kept in one district.
- District 17
 - Oak Park Terrace community should not be moved into the D17 – it will be isolated
 - Concept 6 seems to make more sense for D3; it keeps businesses (like Walmart and the courtyard hotel) together in D17
 - 5a groups communities with similar concerns on traffic, development, and economic opportunities
- Midvale Heights / Odana
 - Keep Hill Farms multi-family area in one district
 - Keep Odana Hills neighborhood in one district
 - All of University Hill Farms neighborhood and Oscar Rennebohm Park should be left in D11
 - The Beltline should be the southern boundary of D10. Odana Hills should remain in the same district as the Midvale Heights Neighborhood.
 - The high-density housing on Segoe (Venture, Weston, Overlook) should be in the same alder district as the new housing at Madison Yards
- West side
 - Keep Crestwood, Spring Harbor, Glen Oaks neighborhoods together
 - Keep Walnut Grove in one district
 - Walnut Grove has more connection to area east of Gammon Rd than west of Westfield Rd (HOA)
 - Keep Tamarack Trails, Walnut Grove, and other neighborhoods together- boundaries of Old Sauk, Gammon, Mineral Point and the Beltline (5 comments)
 - Keep Tamarack Trails Community Services Association in one district
- State Street/Isthmus
 - Don’t Split State St between alders
 - Keep D2 (West of Brearly) with isthmus district (2 comments)
 - The First Settlement neighborhood should remain in D6
 - more representation of and a better link to downtown neighborhoods
 - Have First Settlement, Marquette, SASY neighborhoods in one district – this area has common interests (4 comments)