

## **Manistee County Apportionment Commission Minutes**

The Manistee County Apportionment Commission met on Friday, October 1, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. in the County Board of Commissioner's Room. The meeting was also available by Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jason Haag, County Prosecuting Attorney.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call was taken by the Clerk and all members reported present:

Jason Haag, Prosecuting Attorney; Rachel Nelson, County Treasurer; John Helge Chairperson Democratic Party; Jeff Lawrence, Chairperson Republican Party; and Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk.

Others Present: Lindsey Marquardt, Chief Deputy County Clerk.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 MANISTEE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION MINUTES**

Moved by Nelson, seconded by Lawrence to approve the September 2, 2021 Manistee County Apportionment Commission Minutes. **Ayes: All. Motion Carried.**

### **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF MAPS, POPULATION/VARIANCE AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS**

Jill Nowak, County Clerk, noted that at the September 2, 2021 Commission meeting, since the population of the County only changed by 299 persons or .99%, there would not be a lot of change in the current Districts. Therefore, it was determined to keep the number of Commissioner Districts at seven (7). The old District maps would be used with the update of the 2020 census numbers. However, after the official numbers were released, and the further information concerning the variance, the Plan was not within the 11.9% variance, so some adjustments needed to be done. Ms. Nowak, presented the new maps for the plan. Each District map with and without changes, variance and legal descriptions, were reviewed. The proposed Plan is at 11.896% variance. Discussion took place regarding other options that may be available in the Districts. Ms. Nowak explained we tried not to create any more splits in Commissioner Districts or school districts as that makes for more ballot styles in the precincts and more programming costs. The target population per District is 3,429.857 (3,430). The prison population has been removed from District 5 in accordance with statute. In brief, the changes to the Districts are as follows:

-- Districts 1, 2, 3 and 5 had no boundary changes to the districts.

- District 4 - changed a bit to take a part of the north boundary of District 4 and add it to District 6.
- District 6 changed to move a small area north of the Manistee river channel to District 7 and added a small area at the south end of District 6.
- District 7 added that small area north of the Manistee river channel that was moved from District 6.

The legal descriptions that were distributed, include the proposed changes. Heather Vasquez, Equalization Director assisted with the legal descriptions. Discussion continued that the population increases were in the northeast area of the County. Hopefully, in the future, the City and southeast area of the County will gain population. The Clerk and Chief Deputy’s knowledge and insight about splits make sense as there were really no big changes around the County. Commission members have not heard any complaints about the current Districts or the population amount. The Commission thanked Ms. Nowak and Lindsey Marquardt for their work and insight on the plan.

**DISCUSSION CONCERNING THE 60 DAY TIME FRAME**

At the September meeting, the Commission agreed to use August 12, 2021 as the date the Official apportionment census data was released. Since the September meeting, the State has released their Official data on September 16<sup>th</sup> (earlier than the Bureaus’ anticipated Official release date of September 30, 2021), therefore, the Bureau is saying the date for the official release is September 16, 2021. With either date, the Commission cannot approve or submit a plan before 30 days of that date, but must be submitted within 60 days of the date. The grid below indicates the options of dates and deadlines.

<u>Official Release Date</u>	<u>Submit not before 30 days</u>	<u>Submit not after 60 days</u>
August 12	Sept. 11	Oct. 11
Sept. 16	Oct. 16	Nov. 15

Some Counties are using the August date, and some Counties are using the September date as the official date, some counties are submitting twice, once under each date to be sure they are in compliance and a few counties are asking for extensions to the Court of Appeals. It is noted that the confusion on the date is unfair and confusing to the Commissions. If the proposed plan is approved, it was a consensus to submit is now after the 30<sup>th</sup> day of August 12, 2021 and if it is accepted by the Bureau then we’re all okay.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL OF THE PLAN**

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Helge to approve Resolution #2021-1 of the Manistee County Apportionment Commission Adopting the 2021 Apportionment Plan entitled JN 2021 Plan 2.

AYES: 5 Haag, Helge, Lawrence, Nelson, Nowak  
NAYS: 0 None

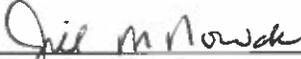
Motion Carried

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**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, November 8, 2021 at 1 p.m. If we do not hear from the Bureau that the Plan has been accepted, this meeting will take place and a Motion and Resolution under the September 16, 2021 timeline will be proposed. If we hear from the Bureau that the plan is accepted under the August 12, 2021 timeline, Ms. Nowak will let the Commission know that a meeting is not necessary.

Adjourned at the Call of the Chair at 1:37 p.m.

  
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Jill M. Nowak, Secretary of the Apportionment Commission

**RESOLUTION #2021-1**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MANISTEE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT  
COMMISSION ADOPTING THE 2021 APPORTIONMENT PLAN**

At a meeting of the Manistee County Apportionment Commission held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021.

PRESENT: Jason Haag, John Helge, Jeff Lawrence, Rachel Nelson, and Jill M. Nowak

ABSENT: None

The following Resolution was offered by Lawrence and seconded by Helge.

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Census Bureau did duly conduct a census in the year 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the population totals determined by the census for Manistee County were received by the Manistee County Apportionment Commission after publication on August 12, 2021; and

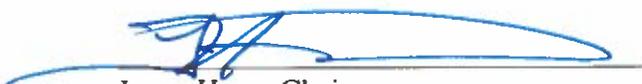
**WHEREAS**, the Apportionment Commission did meet on October 1, 2021 and reviewed a plan for apportioning the County Commission Districts at seven (7);

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Manistee County Apportionment Commission does hereby adopt the attached 2021 Apportionment Plan, entitled JN 2021 Plan 2, with seven (7) districts and instructs the Secretary of the Apportionment Commission to file this Plan with the County Clerk and the Plan shall be forthwith forwarded to the Secretary of State for filing.

Vote:

AYES: 5 Haag, Helge, Lawrence, Nelson, Nowak

NAYS: 0 None

  
Jason Haag, Chairman

Manistee County Apportionment Commission

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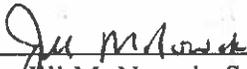
COUNTY OF MANISTEE

I, Jill M. Nowak, Secretary of the County Apportionment Commission and County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Manistee County Apportionment Commission at a meeting held on the 1st, day of October, 2021.

I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Manistee this 1st, day of October, 2021.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION  
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

  
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Jill M. Nowak, Secretary of the  
County Apportionment Commission  
and Manistee County Clerk

# Manistee County Reapportionment Plan 2021

## Section 1 – District Descriptions

### **District 1**

Arcadia Township

Bear Lake Township

Onekama Township (part) / VTD(s): Onekama Twp 1 (part)

Pleasanton Township

#### **Legal description for District 1**

All of Arcadia, Bear Lake and Pleasanton Townships, and that portion of Onekama Township East of M22 and North of Eight Mile Rd., except the Village of Onekama.

### **District 2**

Cleon Township

Maple Grove Township

Marilla Township

Springdale Township

#### **Legal description for District 2**

All of Springdale, Cleon, Maple Grove and Marilla Townships.

### **District 3**

Brown Township

Dickson Township

Norman Township

#### **Legal description for District 3**

All of Norman, Dickson and Brown Townships.

### **District 4**

Filer Charter Township (part) / VTD(s): Filer Twp 1 (part)

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Manistee Township (part) / VTD(s): Manistee Twp 1 (part)

Stronach Township

## **Legal description for District 4**

All of Stronach Township, the Village of Eastlake and all of Filer Township lying South of Merkey Road, excluding the area East of Ramona Drive, to West of US 31 and North of Red Apple Road, and the South boundary line of the City of Manistee from Vine Street to Manistee Lake.

## **District 5**

City of Manistee (part) / VTD(s): Manistee 2 (part)

Manistee Township (part) / VTD(s): Manistee Twp 1 (part)

Onkama Township (part) / VTD(s): Onkama Twp 1 (part)

## **Legal description for District 5**

Part of Onkama Township, being the Village of Onkama, all of Onkama Township lying South of Eight Mile Road and that portion of Onkama Township lying West of M22 and North of Portage Lake and all of Manistee Township except the Village of Eastlake.

## **District 6**

Filer Charter Township (part) / VTD(s): Filer Twp 1 (part)

City of Manistee (part) / VTD(s): Manistee 1, Manistee 2 (part)

## **Legal description for District 6**

That portion of the City of Manistee lying West of Maple Street, and all the City of Manistee North of the Manistee River, excluding East of Washington Street, South of Lincoln Street and West of US 31, all of Filer Township lying North of Merkey Road and part of Filer Township East of Ramona Drive, West of US 31, North of Red Apple Road.

## **District 7**

City of Manistee (part) / VTD(s): Manistee 2 (part)

## **Legal description for District 7**

That portion of the City of Manistee lying East of Maple Street and that portion north of the Manistee River, East of Washington Street, South of Lincoln Street and West of US 31.

## **Section 2 – Data and Demographics**

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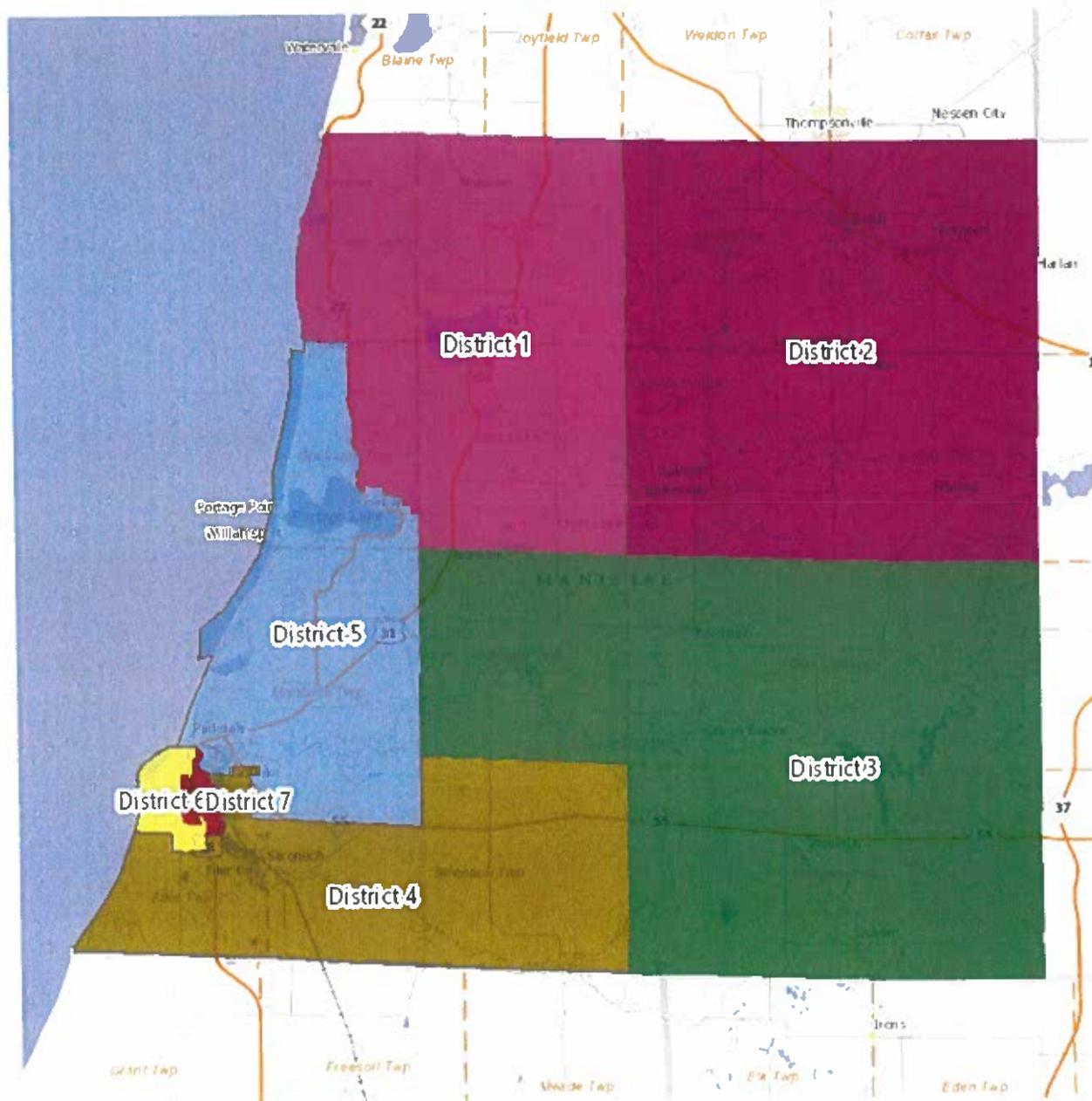
## Population

District Name	Total Population	Target Population	Variance	Variance %	Compactness Polsby Popper	Compactness Schwartzberg
District 1	3,659	3,430	229	6.681	0.710	0.842
District 2	3,652	3,430	222	6.477	0.761	0.872
District 3	3,251	3,430	-179	-5.215	0.573	0.757
District 4	3,263	3,430	-167	-4.865	0.338	0.582
District 5	3,621	3,430	191	5.573	0.489	0.699
District 6	3,272	3,430	-158	-4.602	0.344	0.586
District 7	3,291	3,430	-139	-4.048	0.378	0.615

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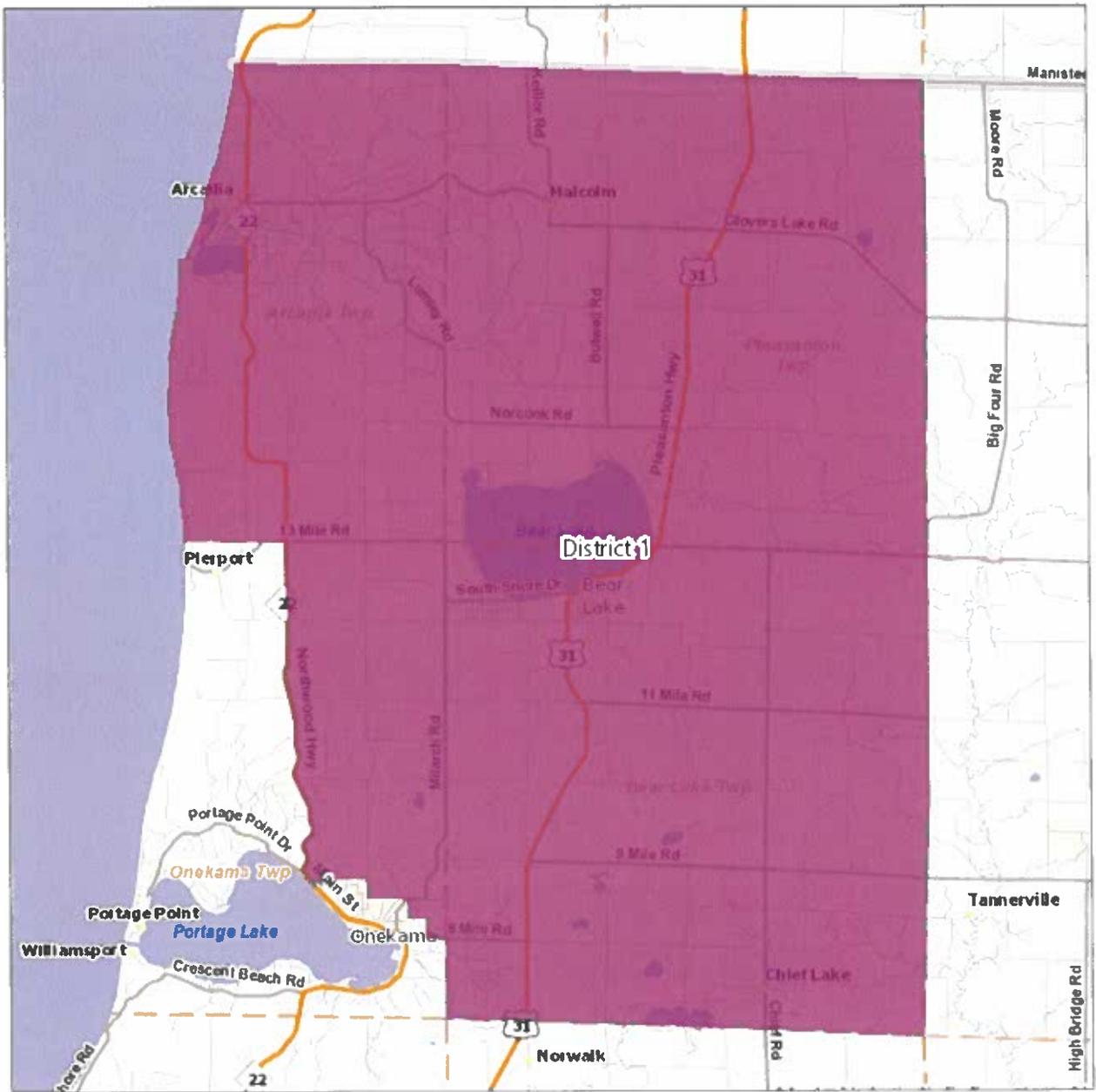
## Section 3 – Maps

### Manistee County District Map



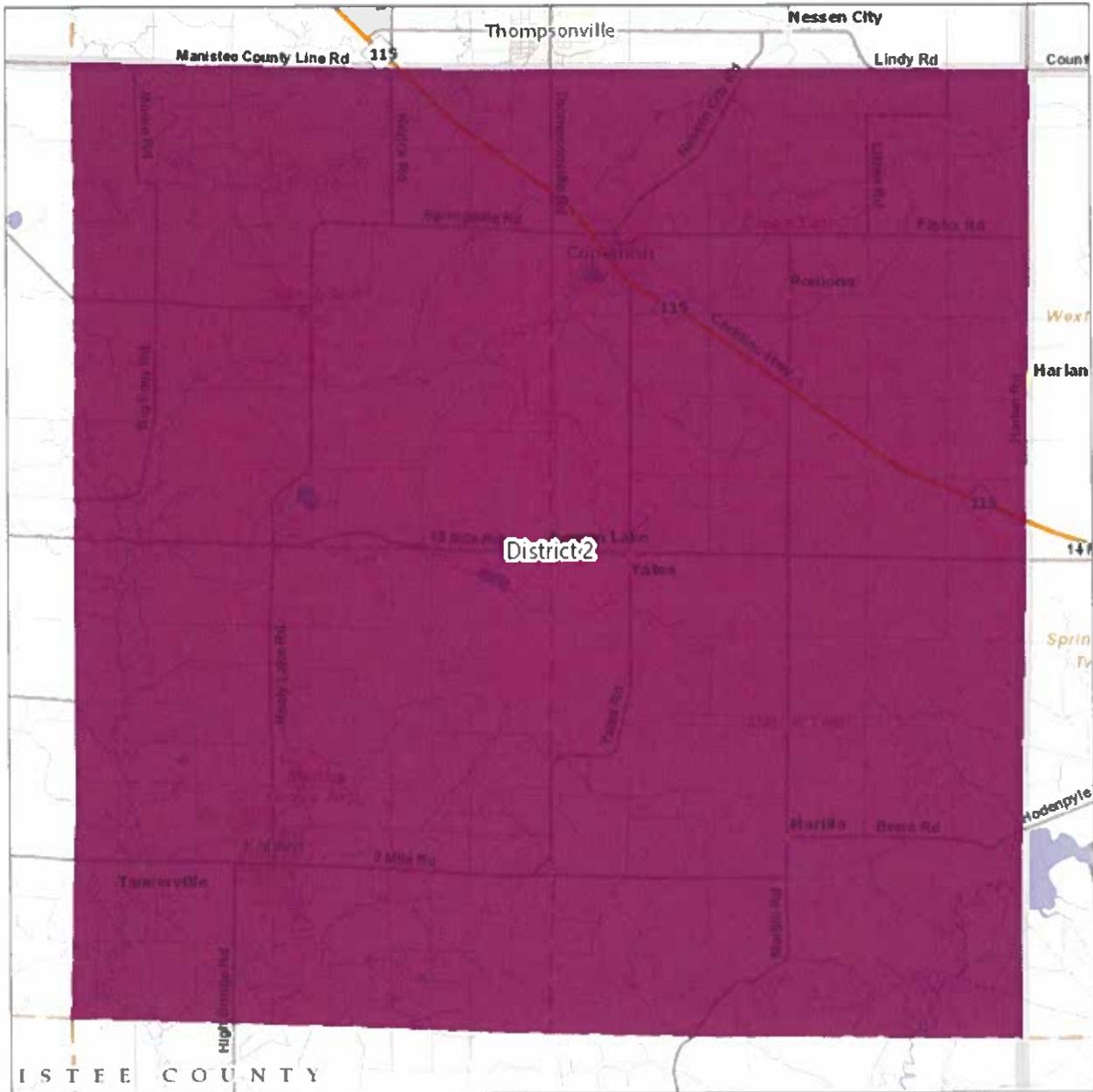
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District 1 - population 3,659



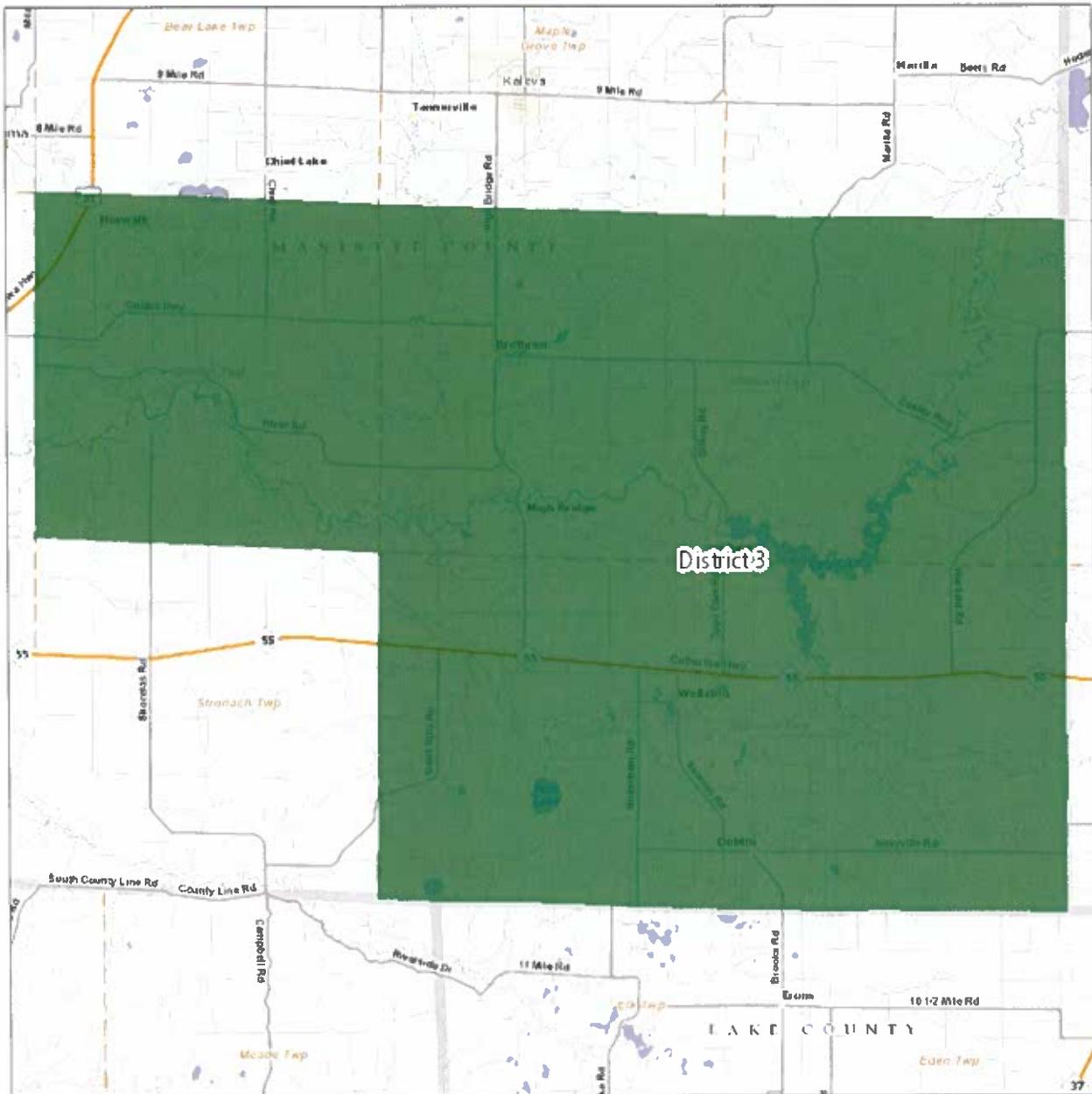
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District 2 - population 3,652



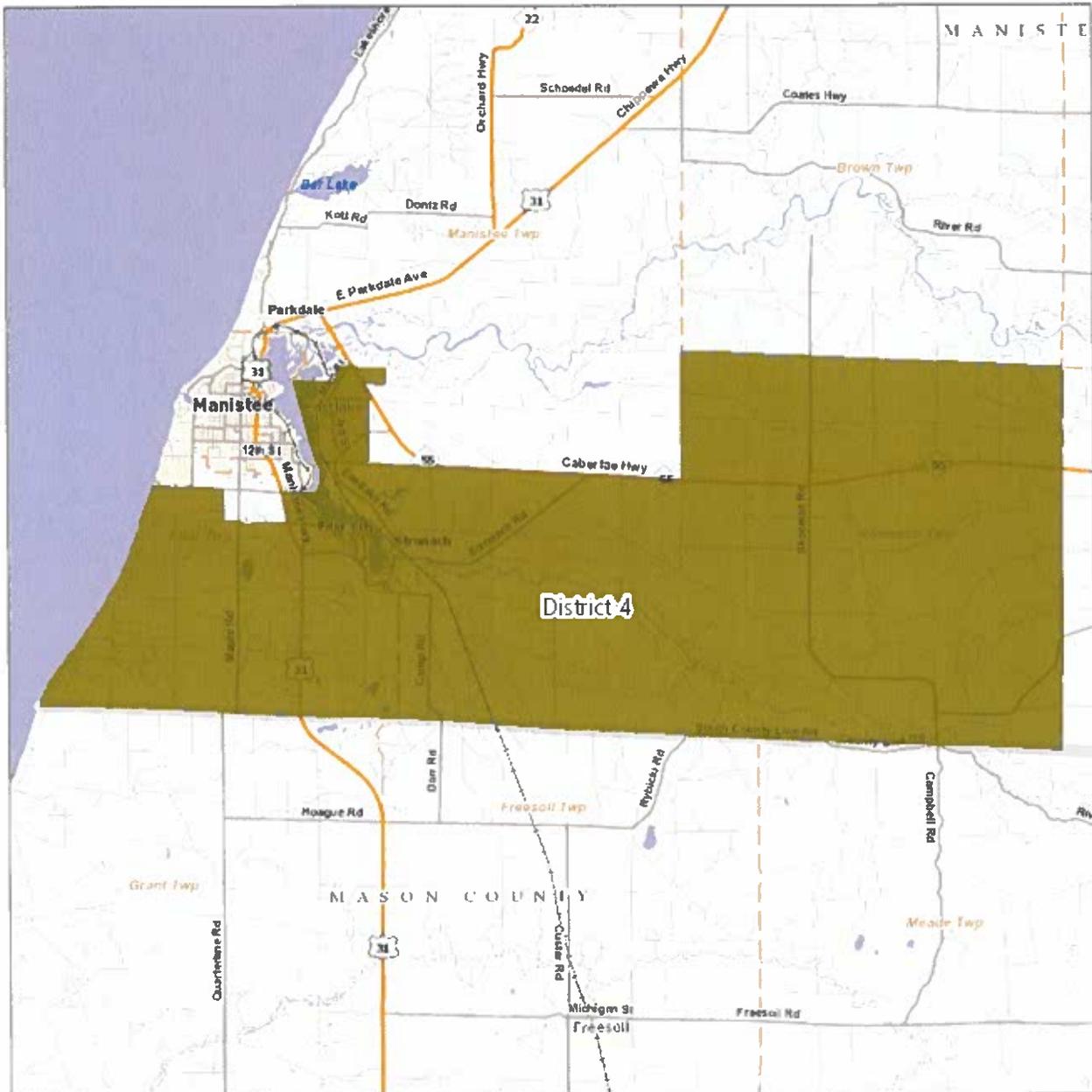
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District 3 - population 3,251



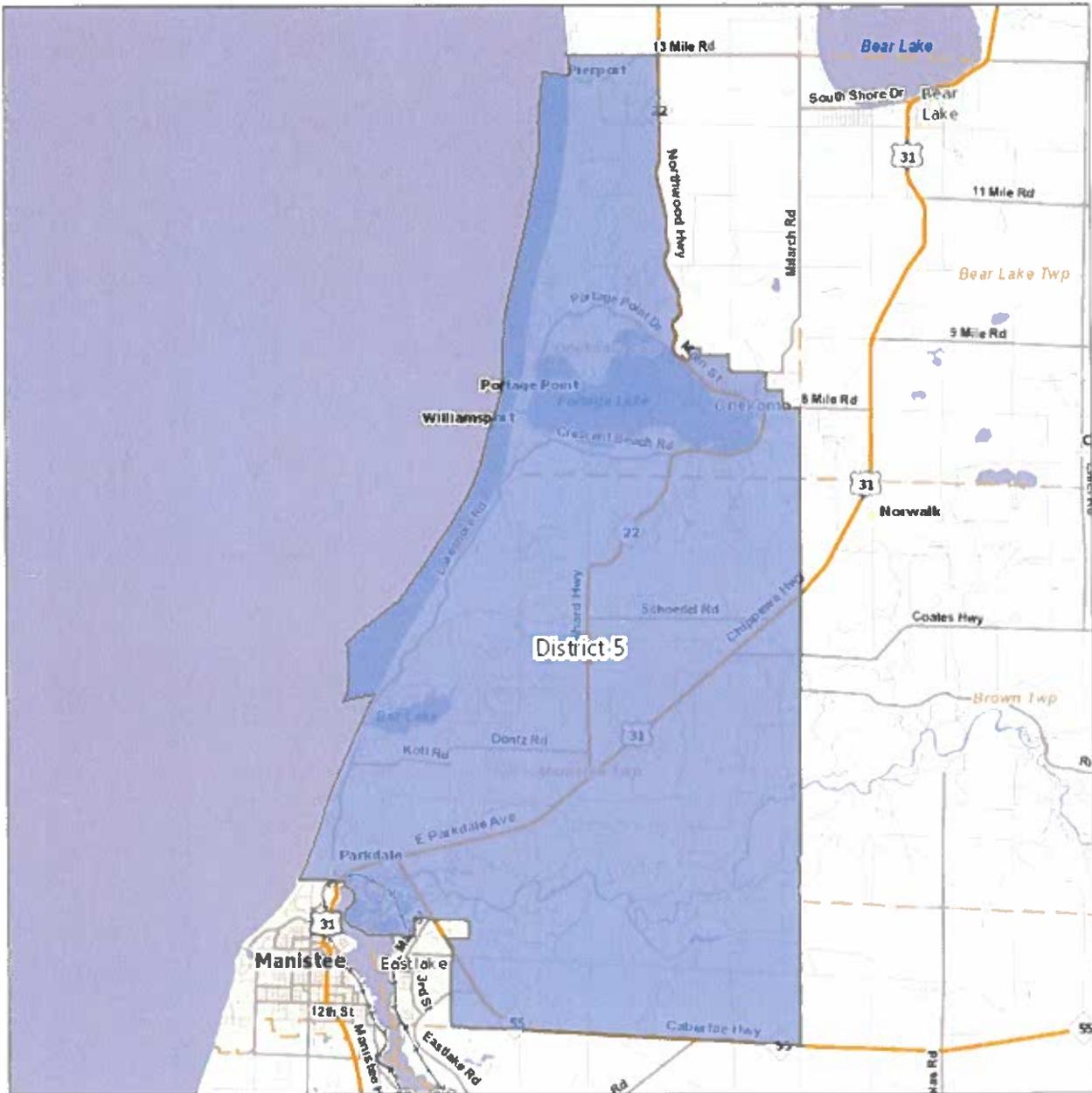
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District 4 - population 3,263



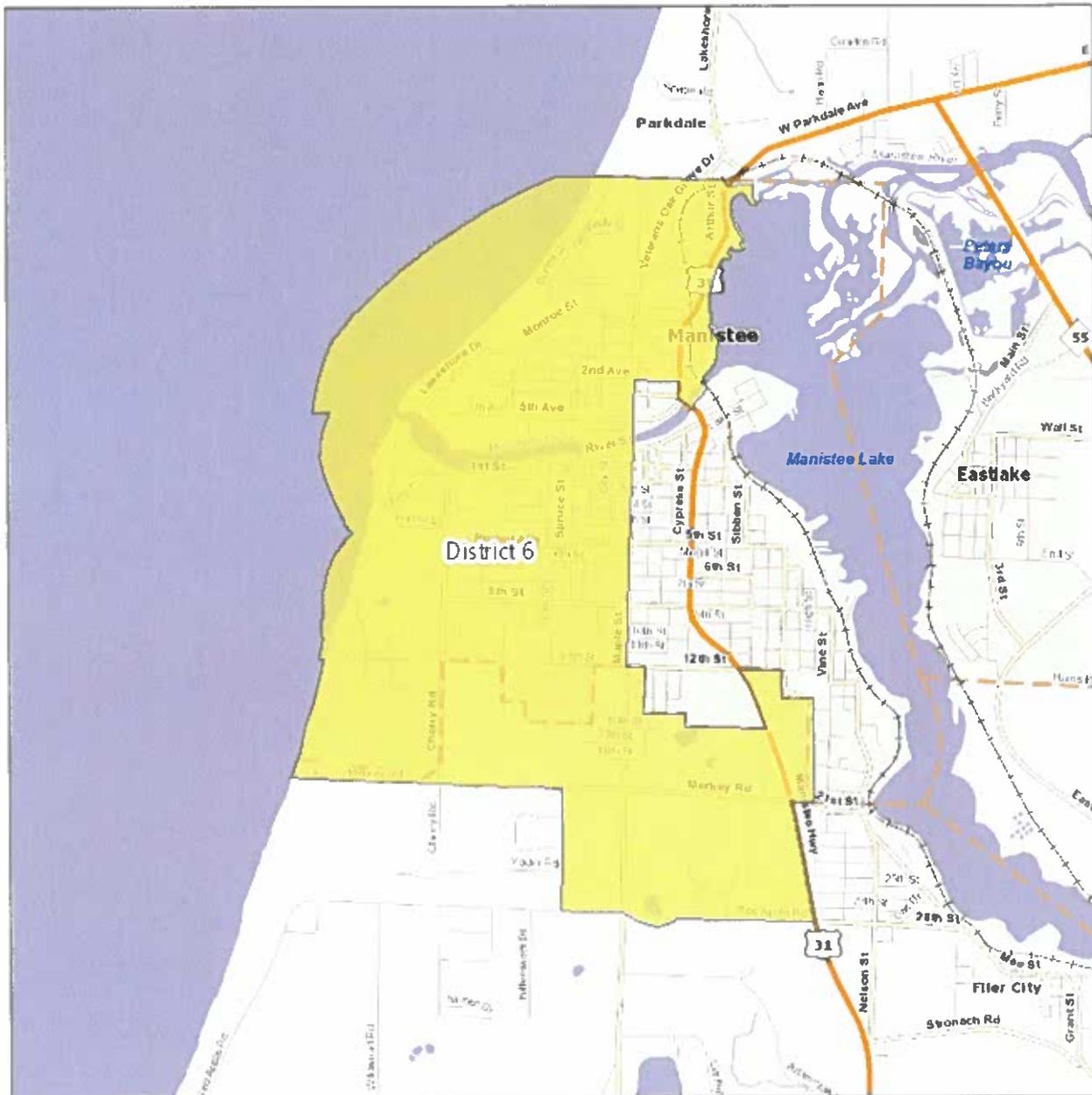
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District 5 - population 3,621



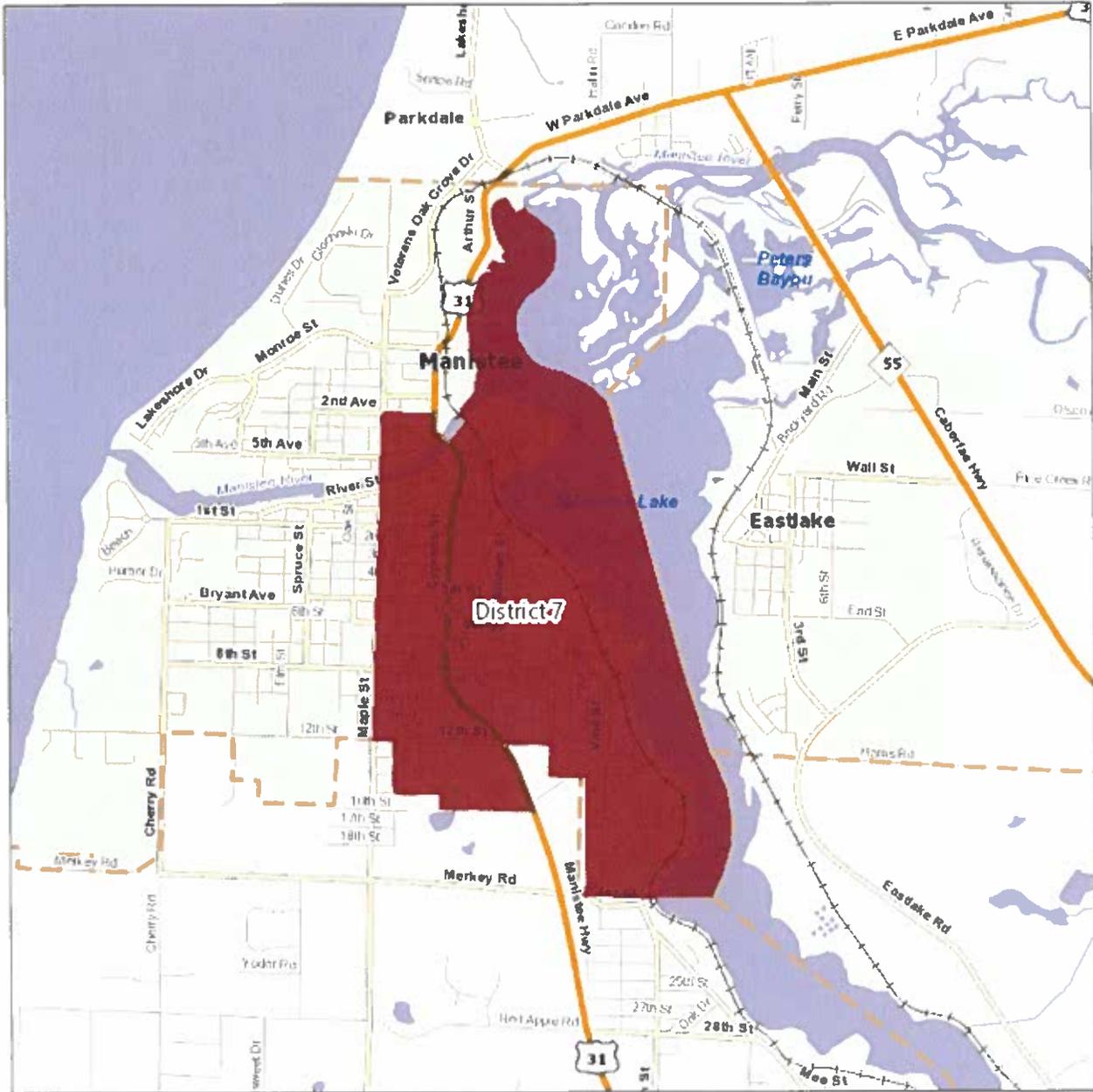
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District 6 - population 3,272



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District 7 - population 3,291



Total population all districts: 24,009