

# NEIGHBORHOODS & COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST

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For Redistricting Purposes

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# Why?

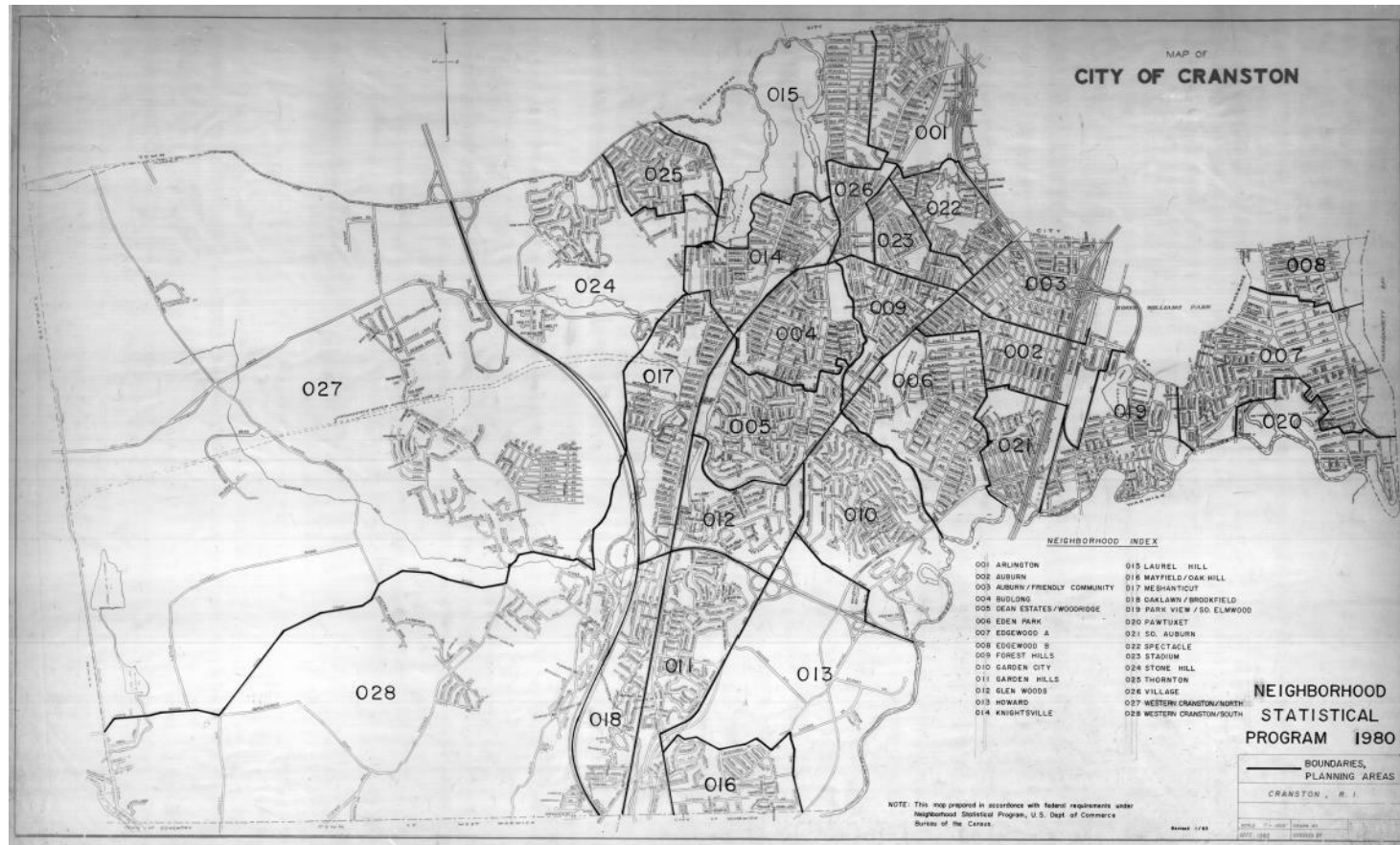
*New Resolution/Charter Language...*

RESOLVED, that, in addition to the above, the City shall be divided into six Wards in such a manner that each Ward shall: (1) consist of a compact and contiguous portion of the City; **(2) respect the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods or local communities of interest in a manner which minimizes their division to the extent possible;** and (3) be bounded by major roads or natural features to the extent possible.

The place of residence of any incumbent or political candidate shall not be considered in the creation of Wards. Wards shall not be drawn for the purpose of favoring or discriminating against an incumbent, political candidate, or political party;

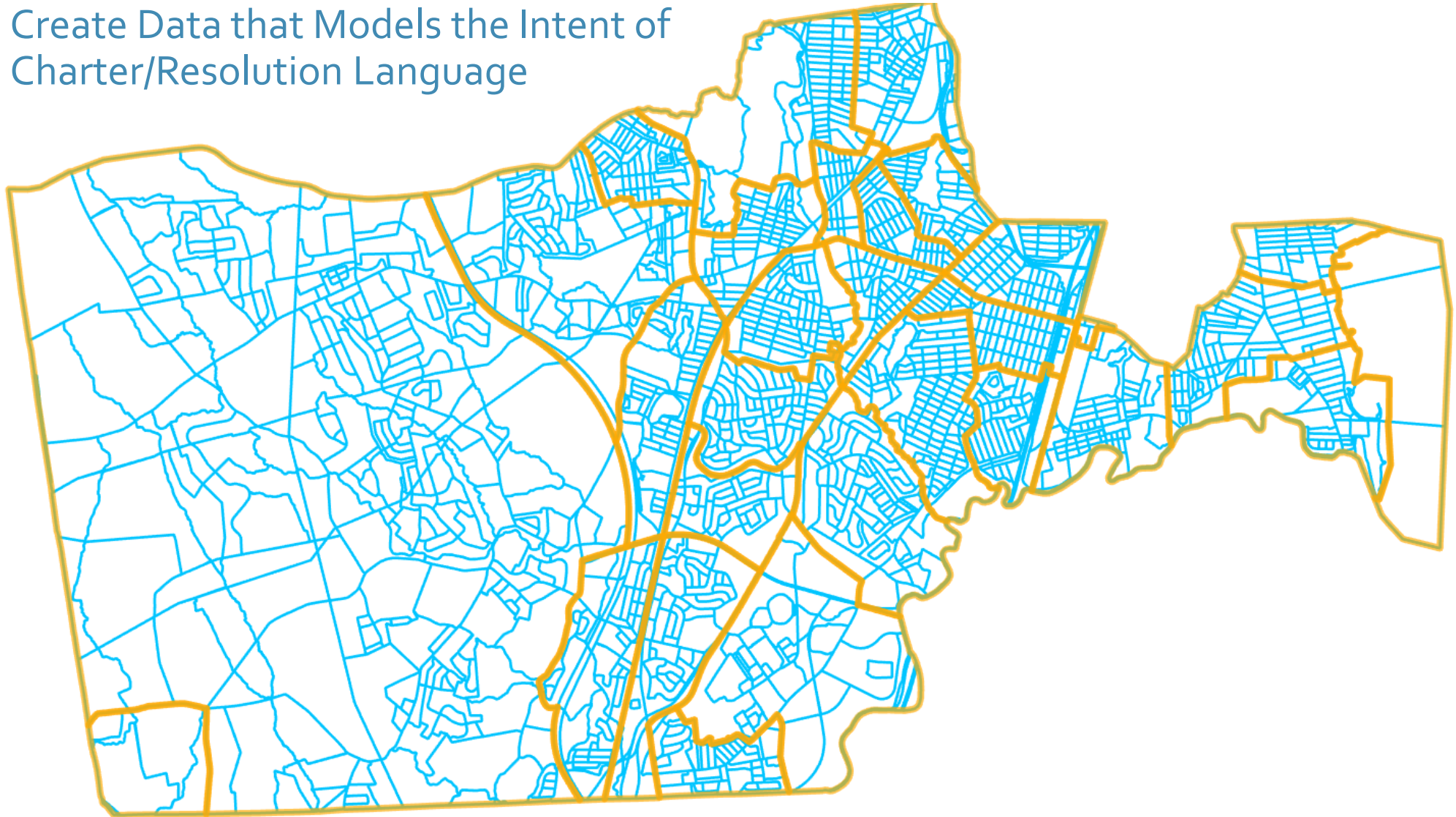
# We Need a Map!

- Neighborhood Statistical Program Jan 1983
  - Subsequent Unofficial Changes in 2009 for GIS Development
  - Basis for GIS Neighborhood Dataset



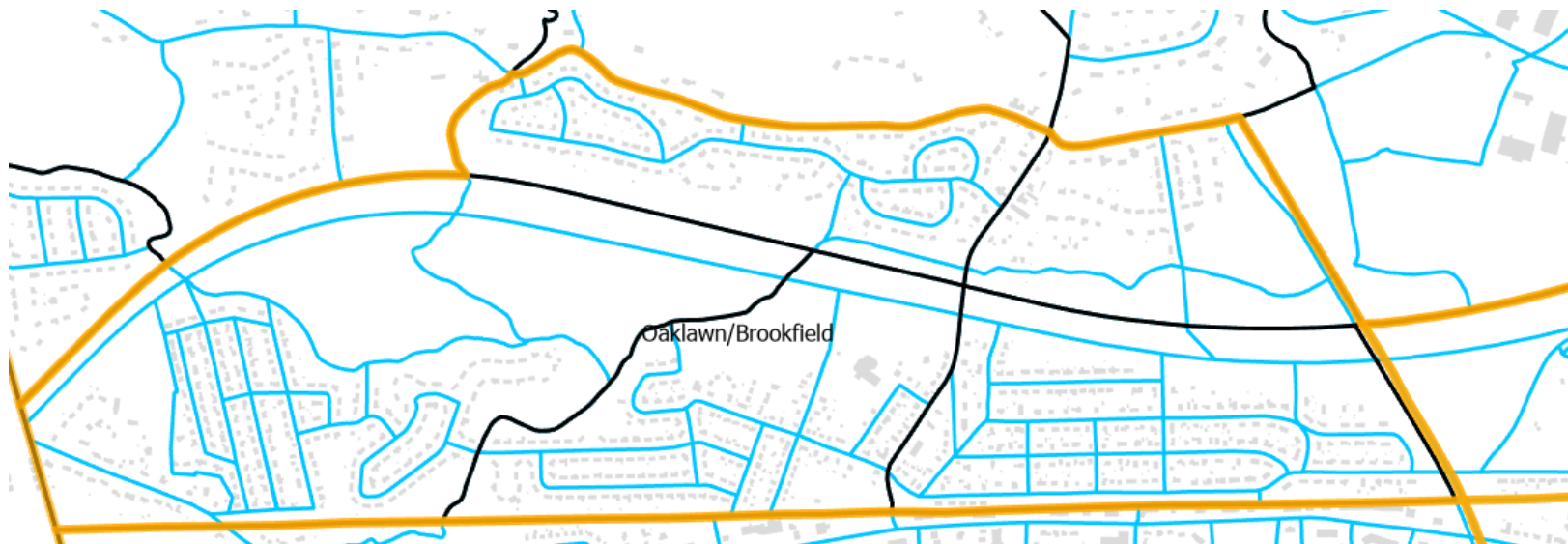
# Starting Point

- Create Data that Models the Intent of Charter/Resolution Language



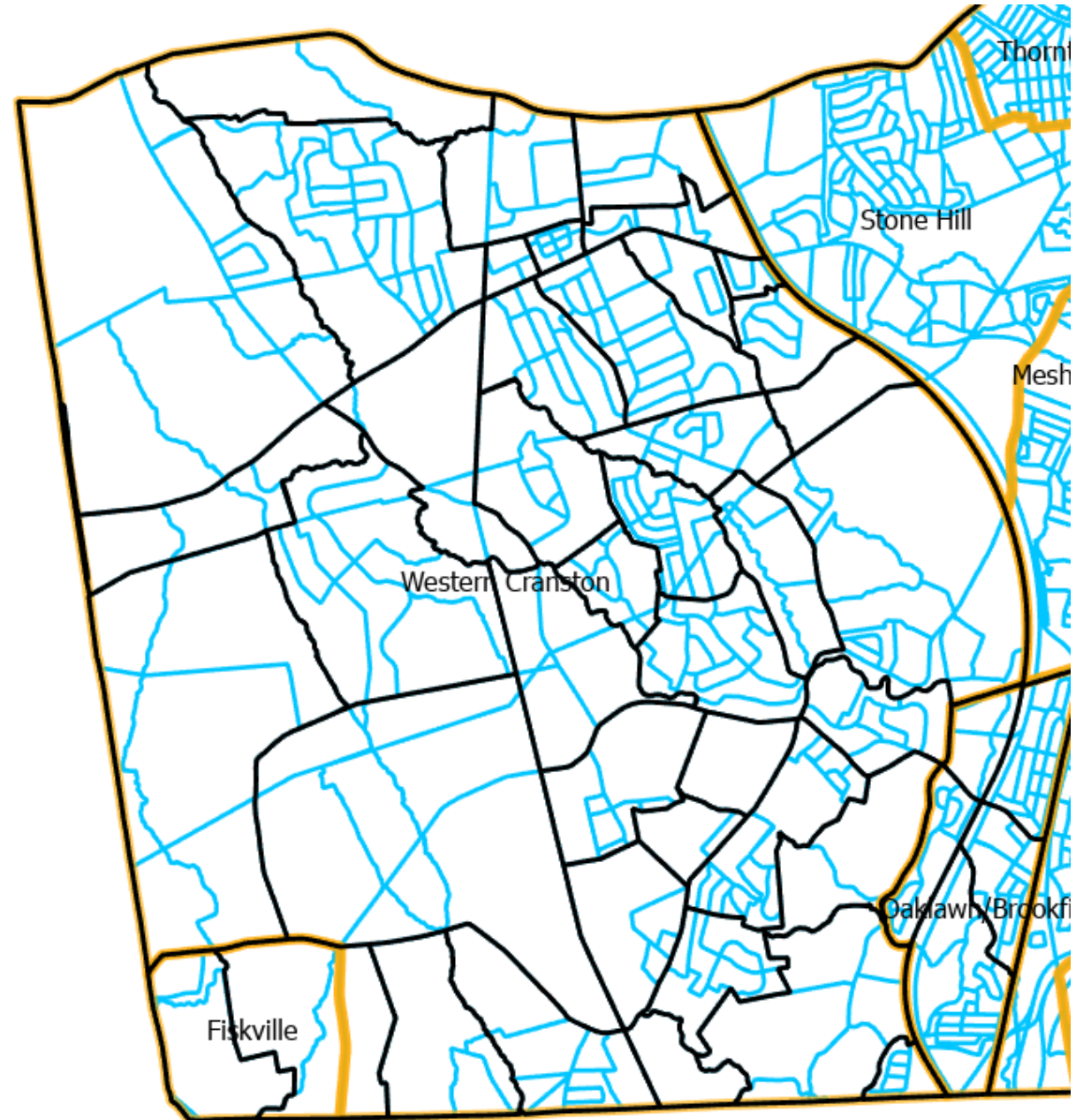
# Smaller Neighborhoods (Sub-Neighborhoods?)

- But Those Neighborhoods May Need to Be Broken Up
  - Very Large
  - Unknown State Districts
  - Unlikely They Will Remain As-Is
- We Want to Be Able to Set Priority if Larger Neighborhood is Broken Up
  - Be Authoritative Source



# Western Cranston

- Could Easily Have 40+ Sub-Neighborhoods



# Goal

- Agreement on Neighborhood/Sub-Neighborhood Boundaries *for Redistricting Purposes*
  - Authoritative Source (Redistricting Purposes)
  - Primary Preference: Neighborhood Boundaries
  - Secondary Preference: Sub-Neighborhood Boundaries
- GIS Map of Neighborhoods and Sub-Neighborhoods
  - Based on 2020 Census Blocks
  - Sub-Neighborhoods Nested within Neighborhoods
  - Option for Identification of Problematic Areas (Third-Tier)
- Request State Redistricting Committee Recognize City's Neighborhood Map
  - Prior to Start of Redistricting, July/August

# Process and Timing

- Council and School Committee Members Invited to Suggest Boundaries (In-Process)
- Compile Suggestions, Staff Recommendations and Data Clean Up
- Publish PDF and GIS Web Map for Public Access/Review
- Solicit Public Input
- Redistricting Commission Adopt Neighborhood and Sub-Neighborhood Boundaries
- Forward to State for Consideration



# Community of Interest

- Process – To Be Discussed
- Develop Associated Data
  - Methods Similar to Neighborhoods
- Forward to State for Consideration

# Questions/Comments?

