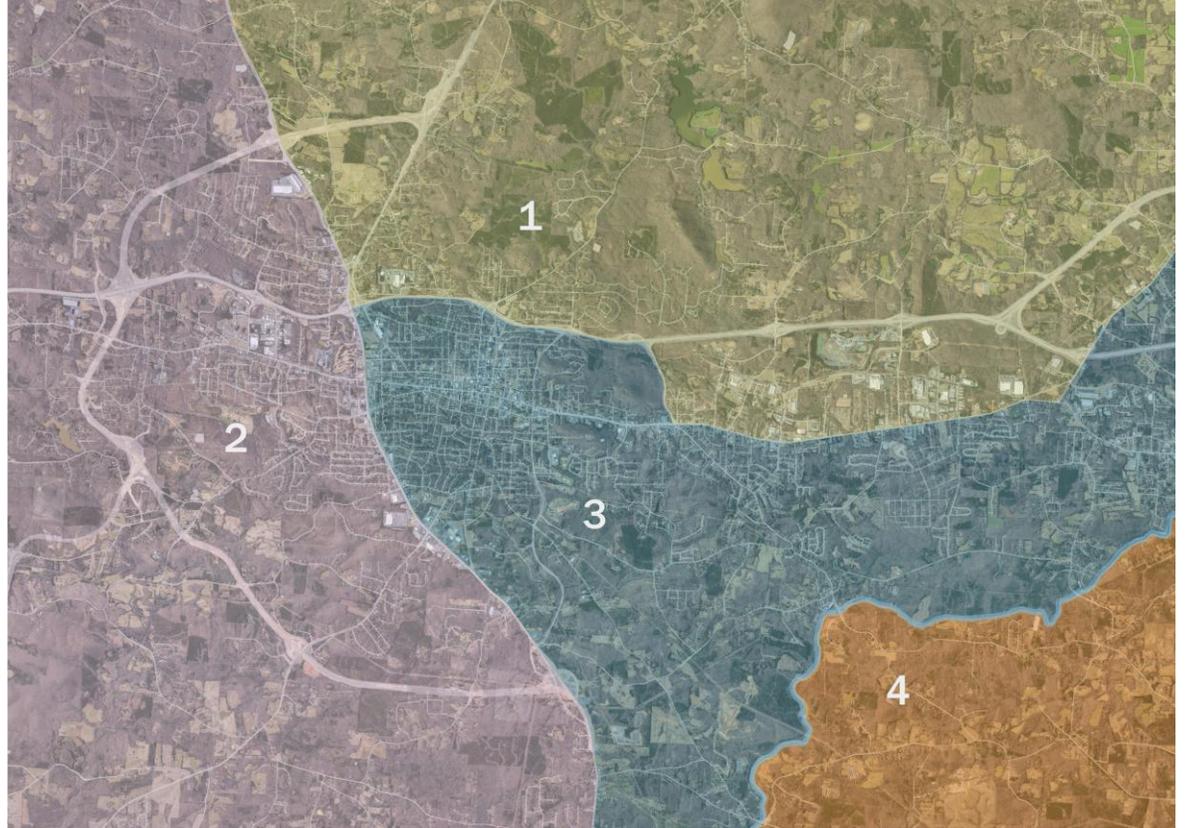


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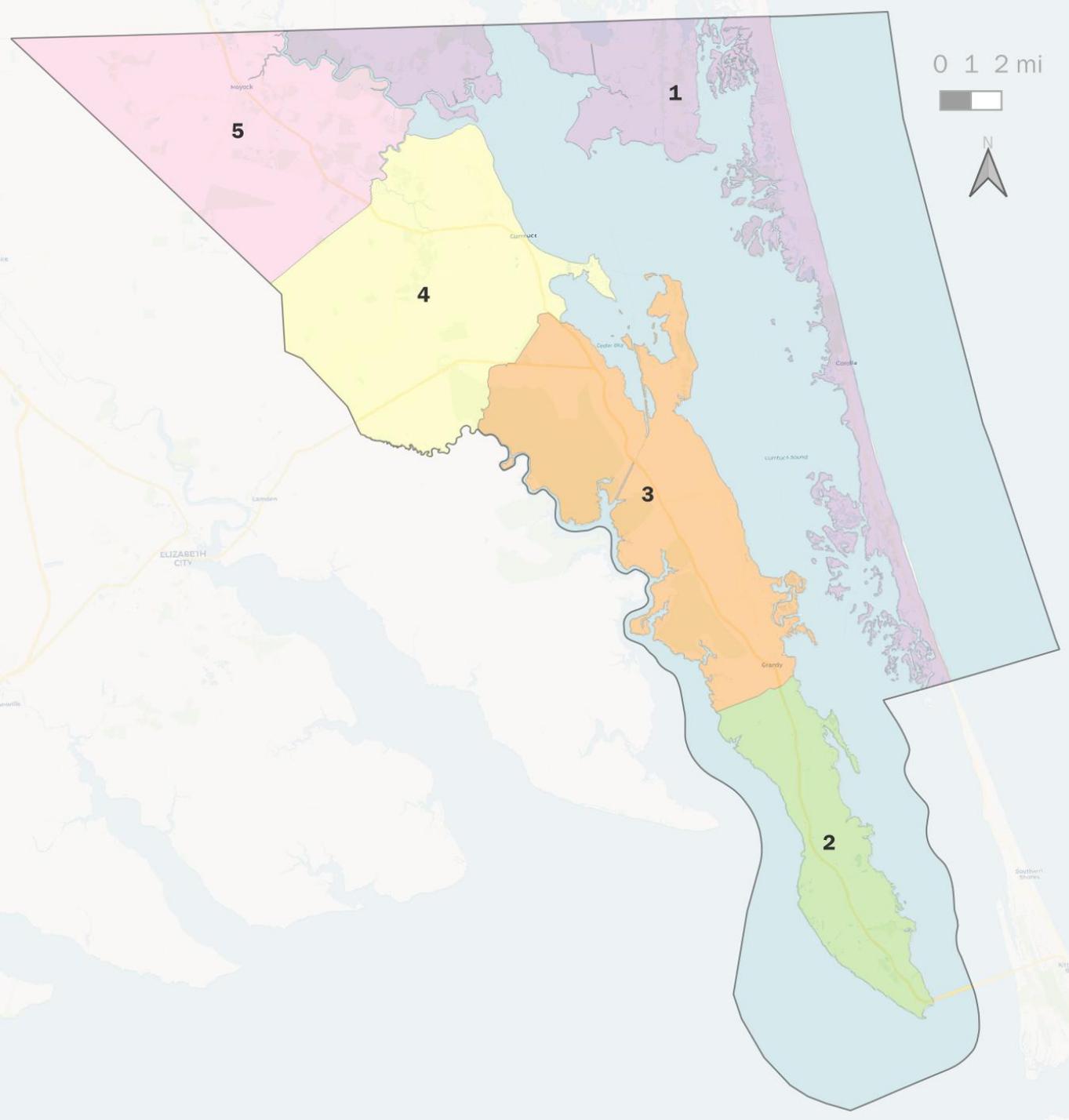
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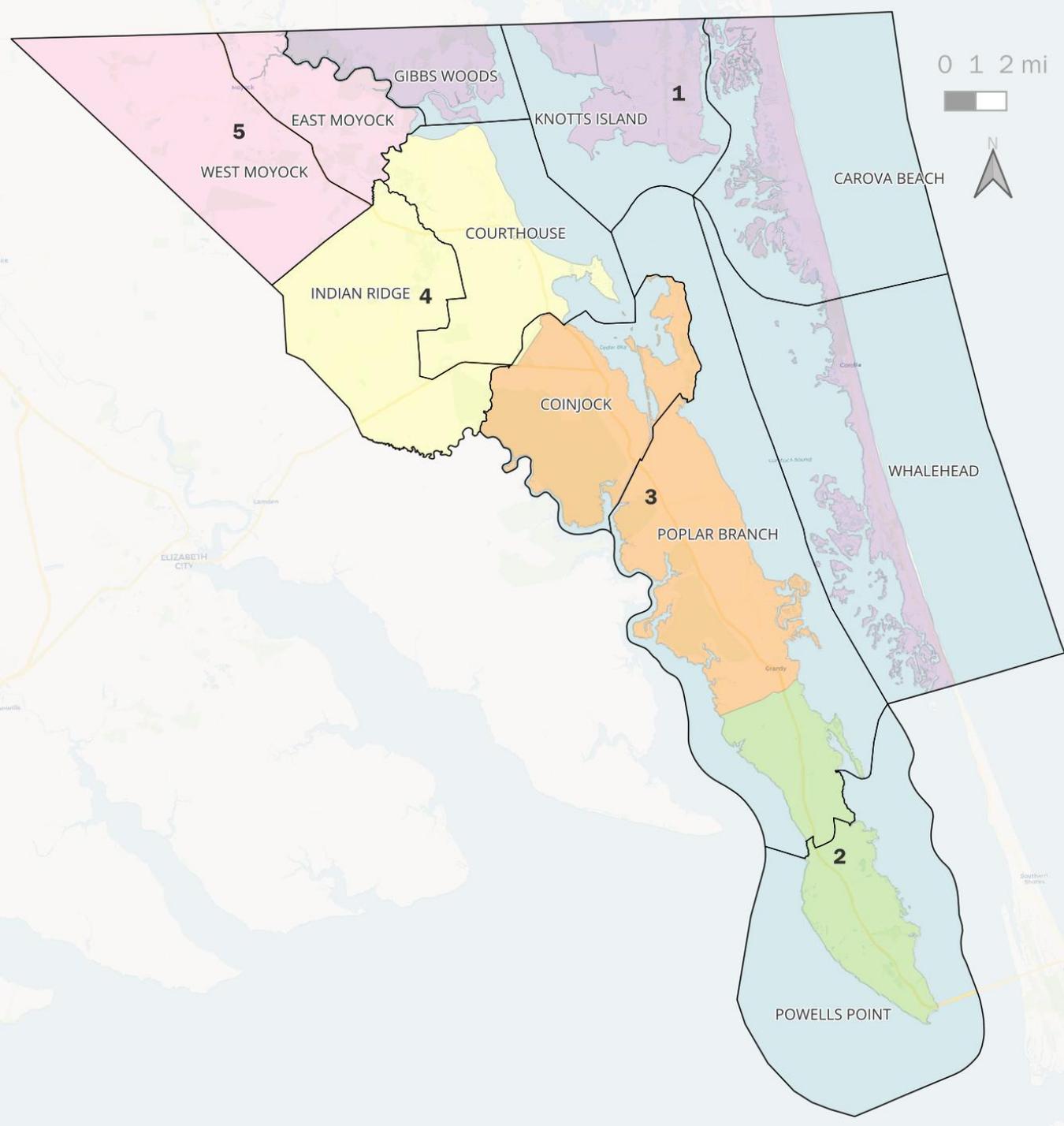


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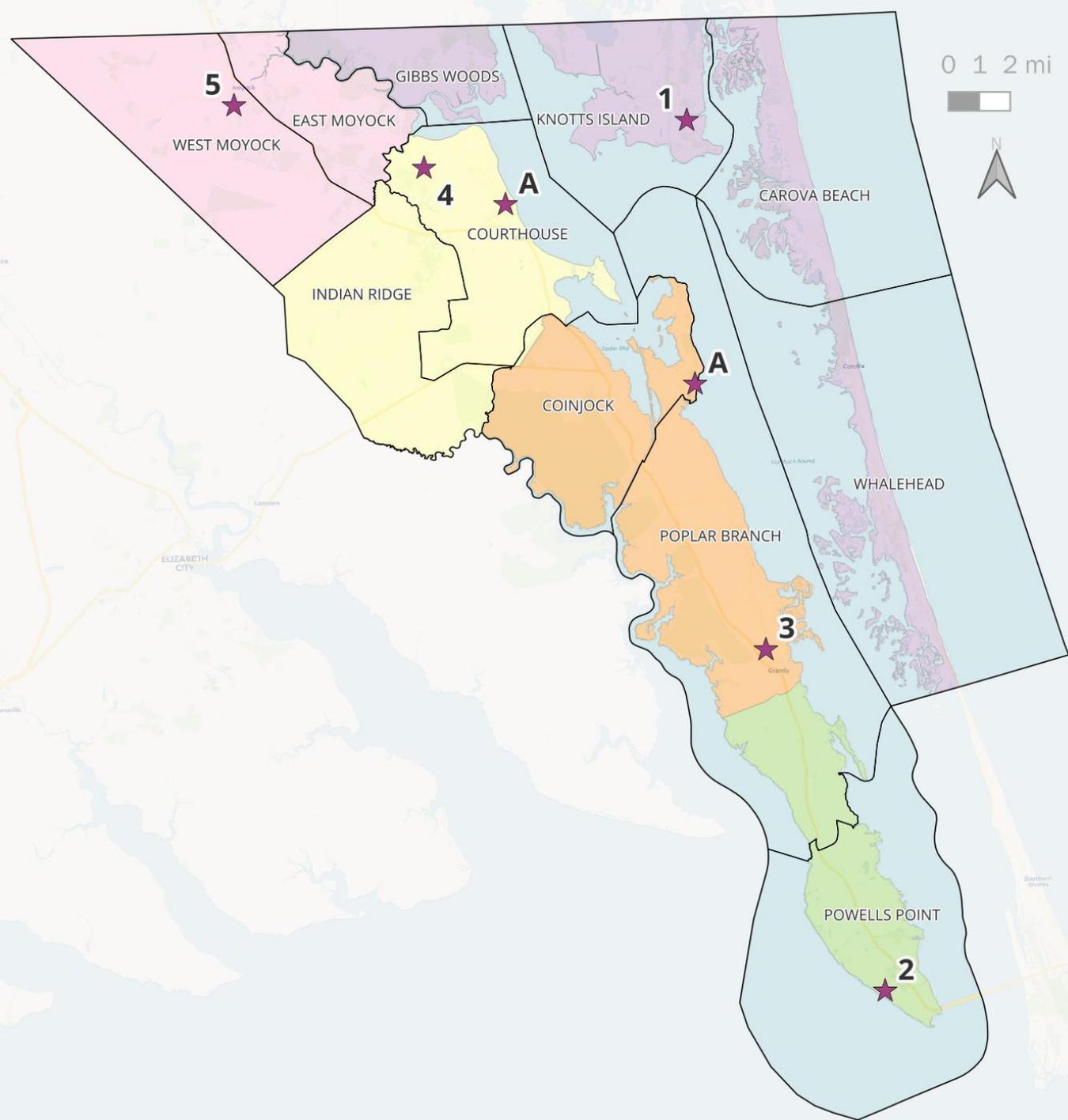
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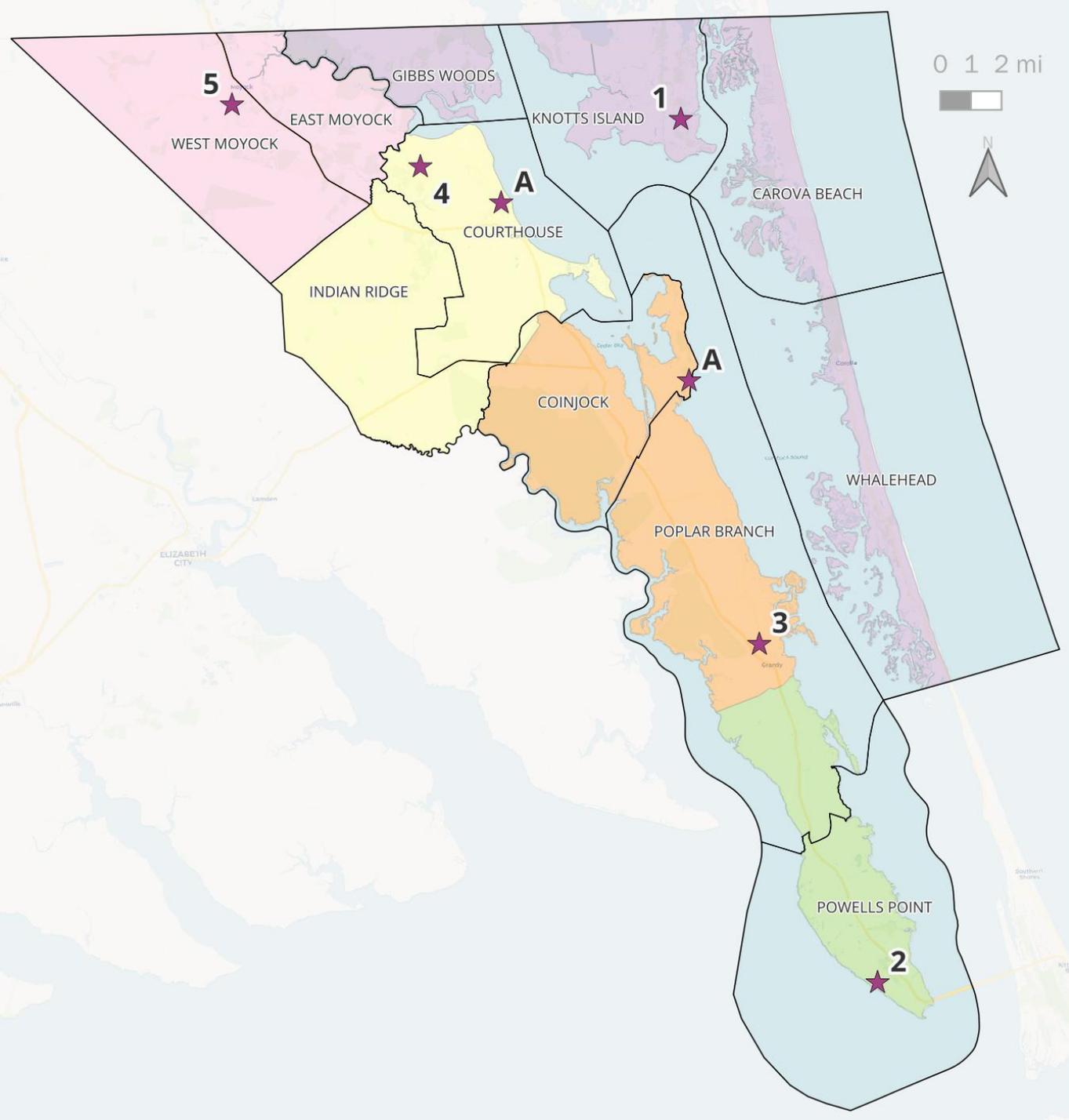


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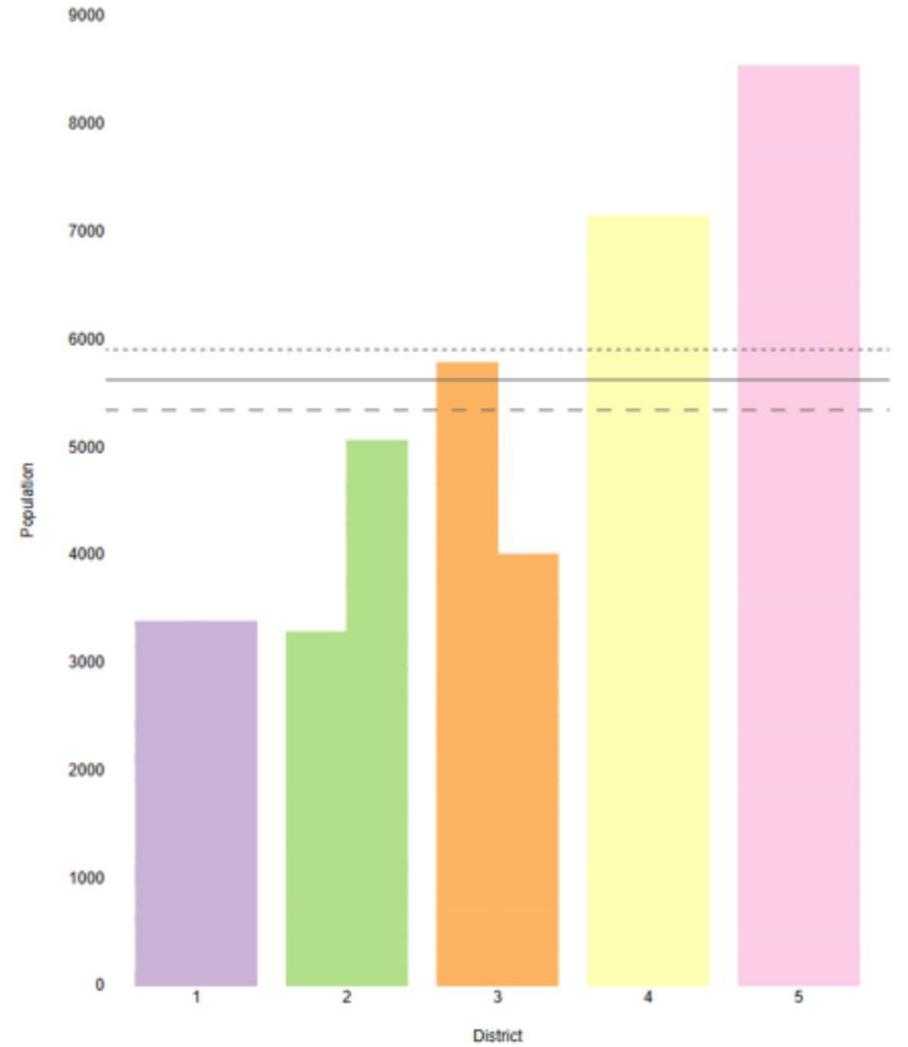


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Brunswick County Fastest Growing County in North Carolina

Brunswick County was the fastest growing county in North Carolina, with a remarkable 24% increase in population between April 1, 2020, and July 1, 2024.

Author: Michael Cline, North Carolina State Demographer

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According to the State Demographer's latest population estimates, the county has added 33,000 people since 2020. The county more than doubled in size from 84,000 in 2004 to 169,000 in 2024. This growth is part of a broader trend among coastal counties, including nearby Pender County, which saw a 16% increase, and New Hanover County, which grew by 9%. **Currituck County** in the Outer Banks also **experienced significant growth, with a 16% increase since 2020.**

County Population and Population Change, 2020 - 2024

% Population Change

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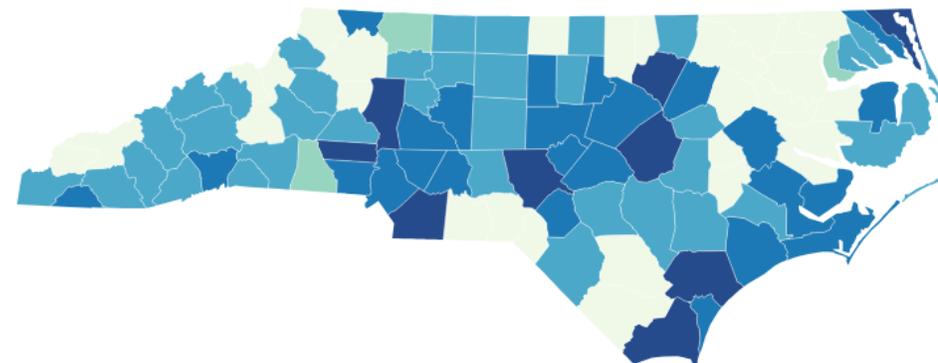
County	April 1, 2020	July 1, 2023	July 1, 2024	Numeric Change, 2023-24	Numeric Change, 2020-24	% Change, 2023-24	% Change, 2020-24
Brunswick	136,689	161,299	169,448	8,149	32,759	5.1%	24%
Franklin	68,622	77,340	80,536	3,196	11,914	4.1%	17.4%
Currituck	28,102	31,705	32,545	840	4,443	2.6%	15.8%
Johnston	216,001	239,529	247,249	7,720	31,248	3.2%	14.5%
Pender	60,211	67,001	68,737	1,736	8,526	2.6%	14.2%
Union	238,237	260,134	266,672	6,538	28,435	2.5%	11.9%
Iredell	186,688	201,427	207,823	6,396	21,135	3.2%	11.3%

Population Percent Change, 2020 - 2024

Change from April 1, 2020 - July 1, 2024

Percent Change

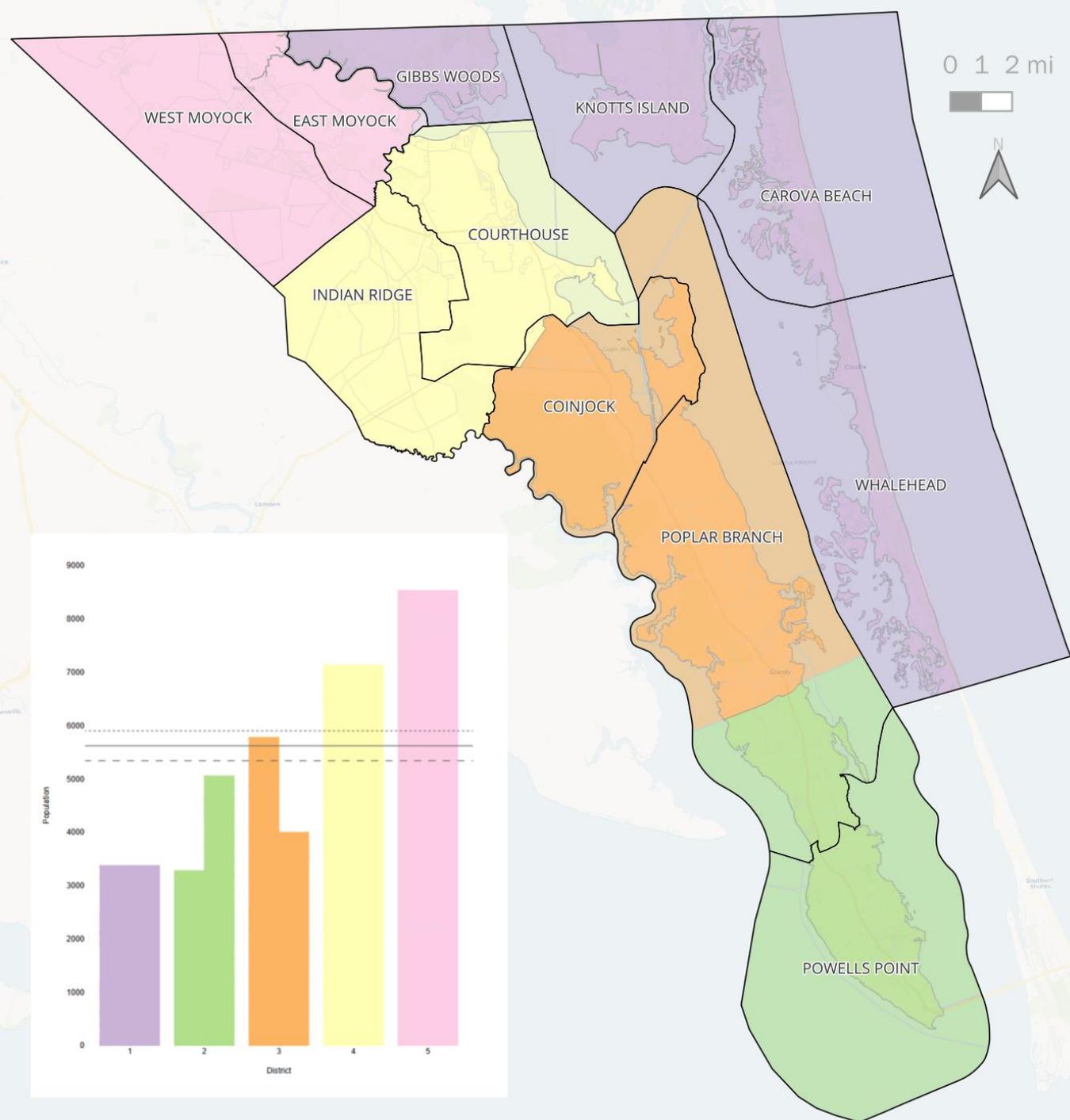
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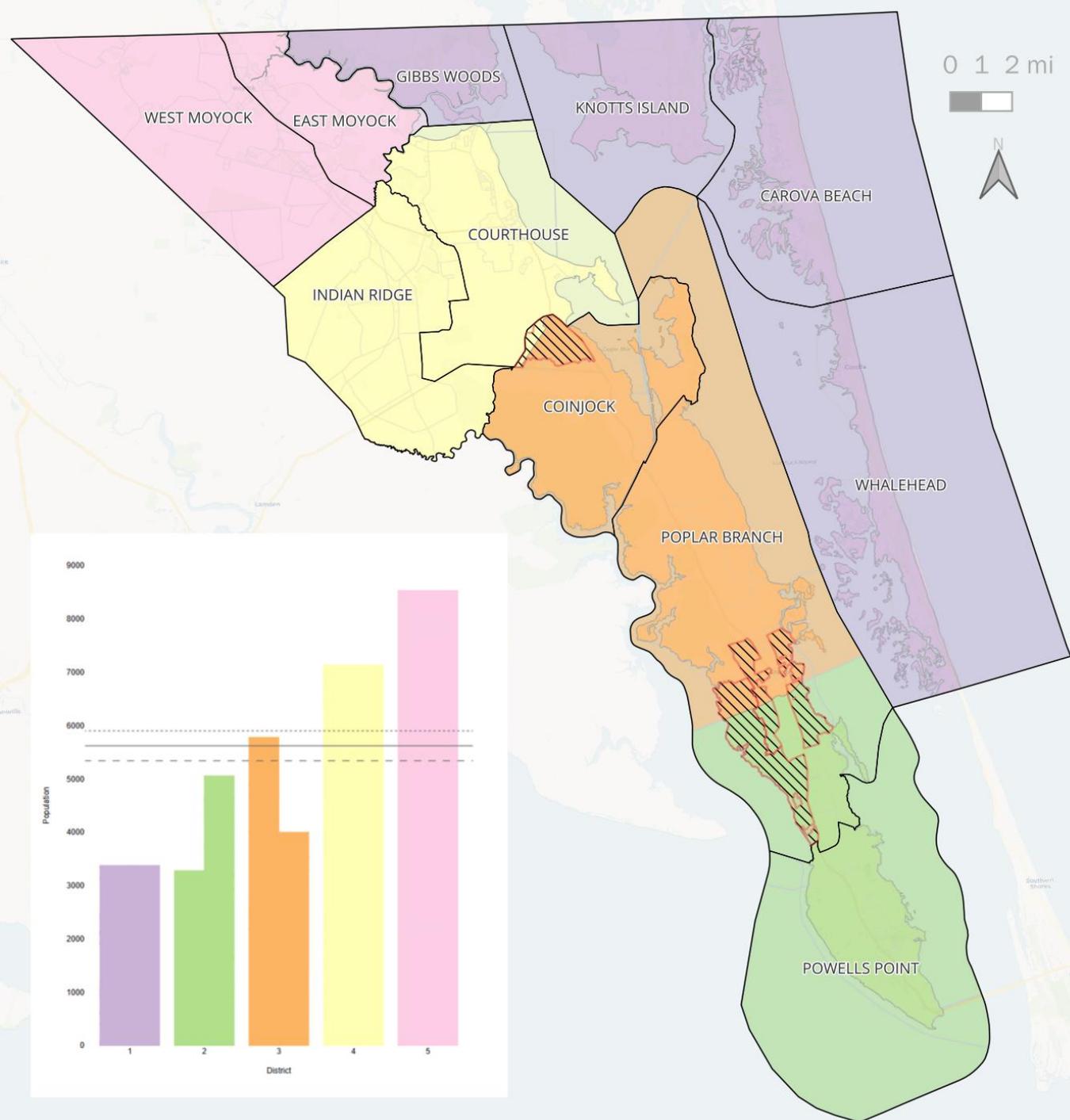
Map prepared by NC OSBM.

Source: NC OSBM, Population Estimates, Vintage 2024 • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

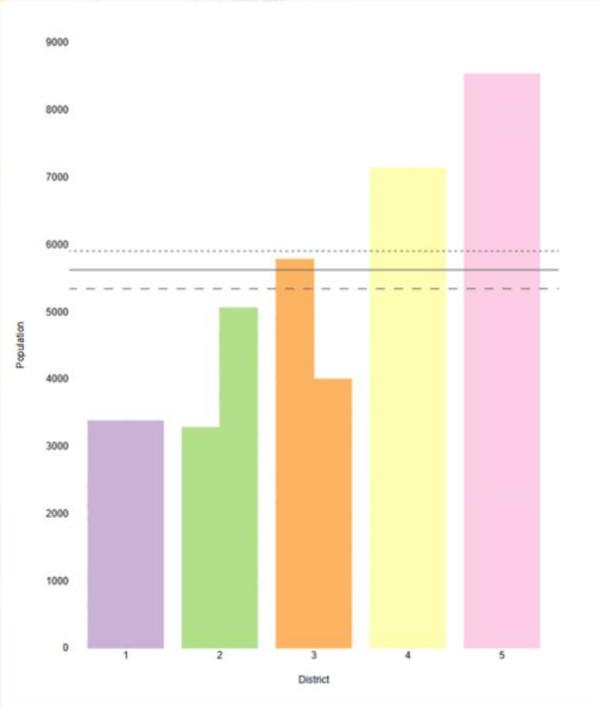
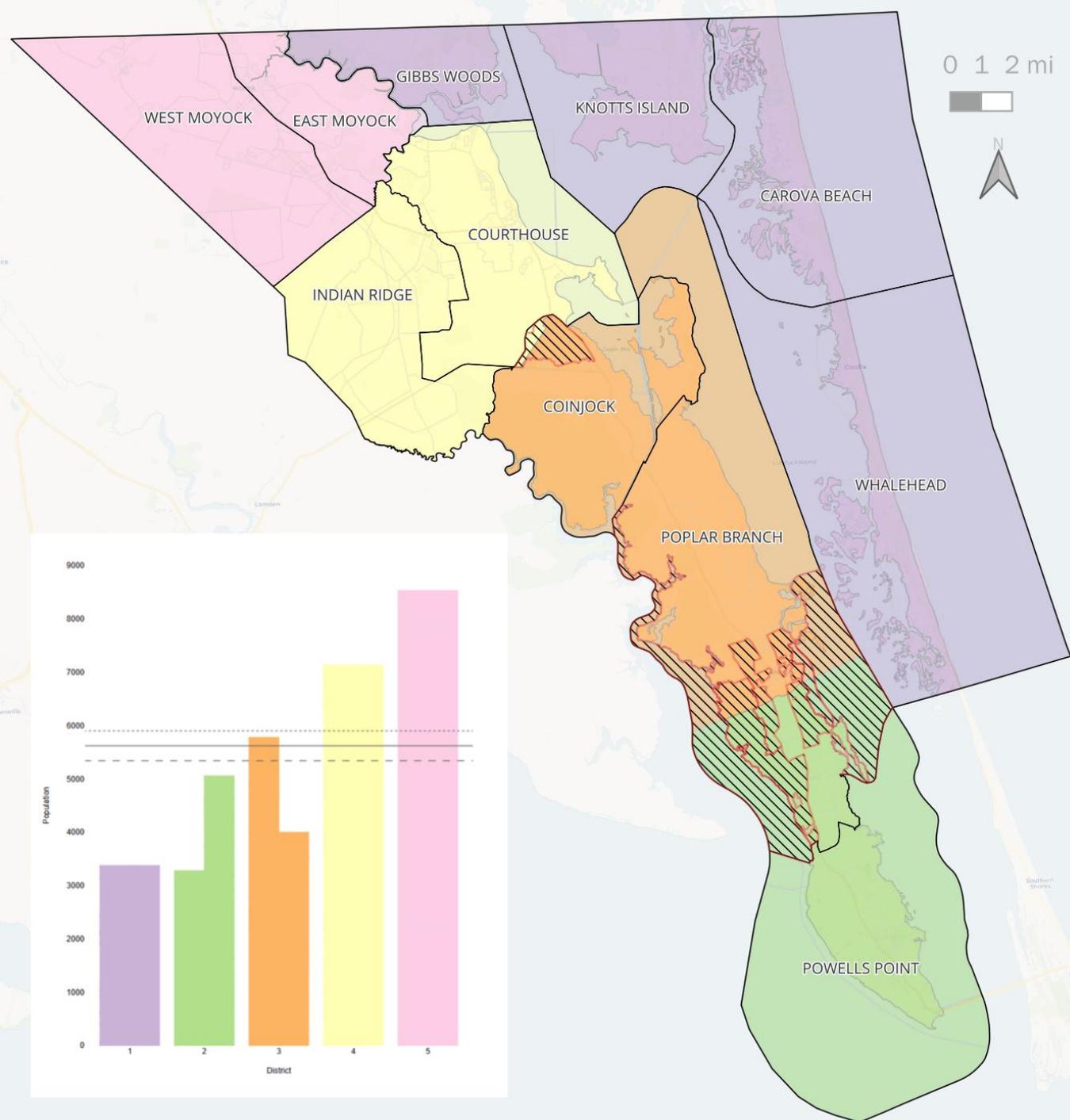
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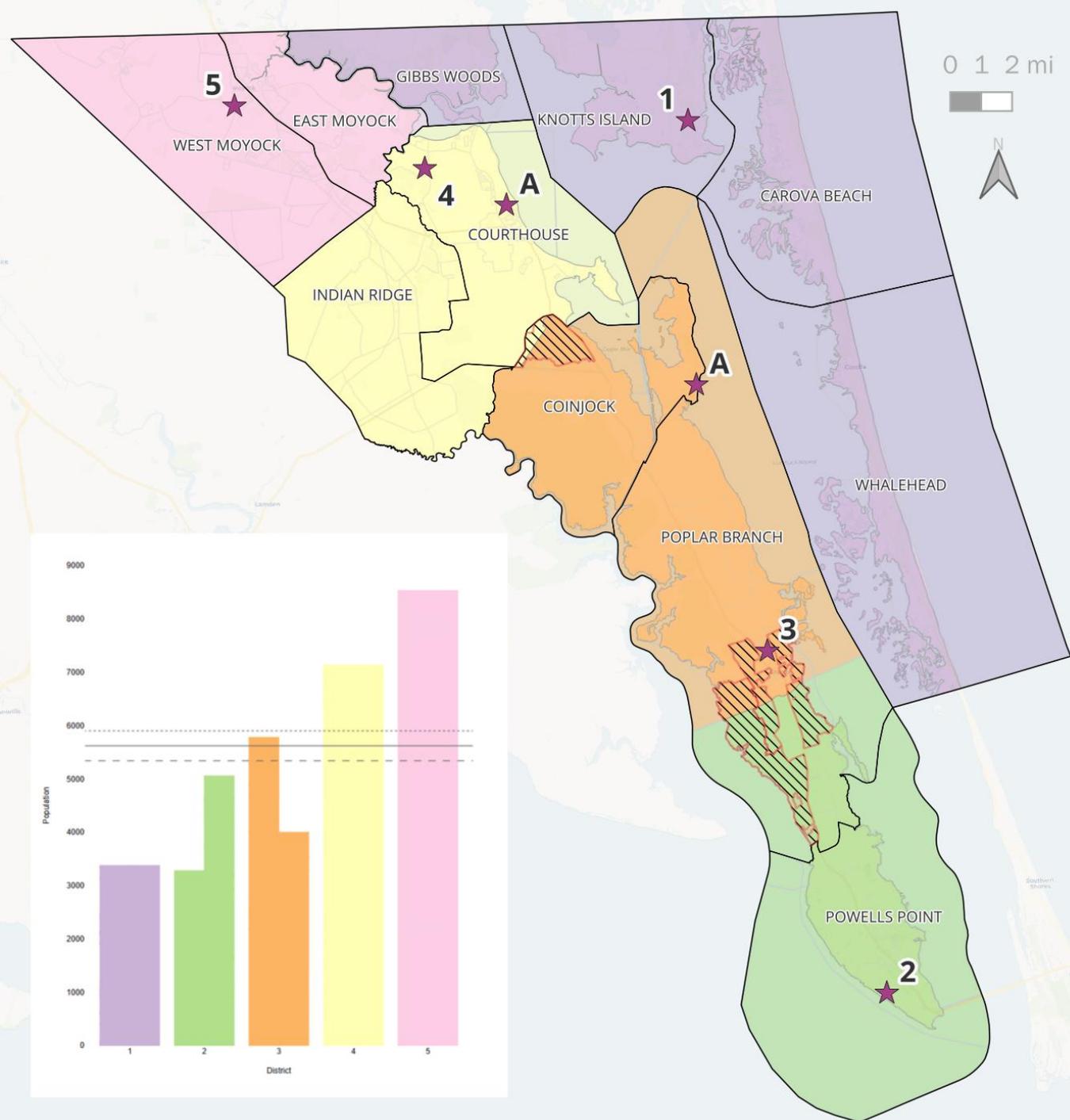
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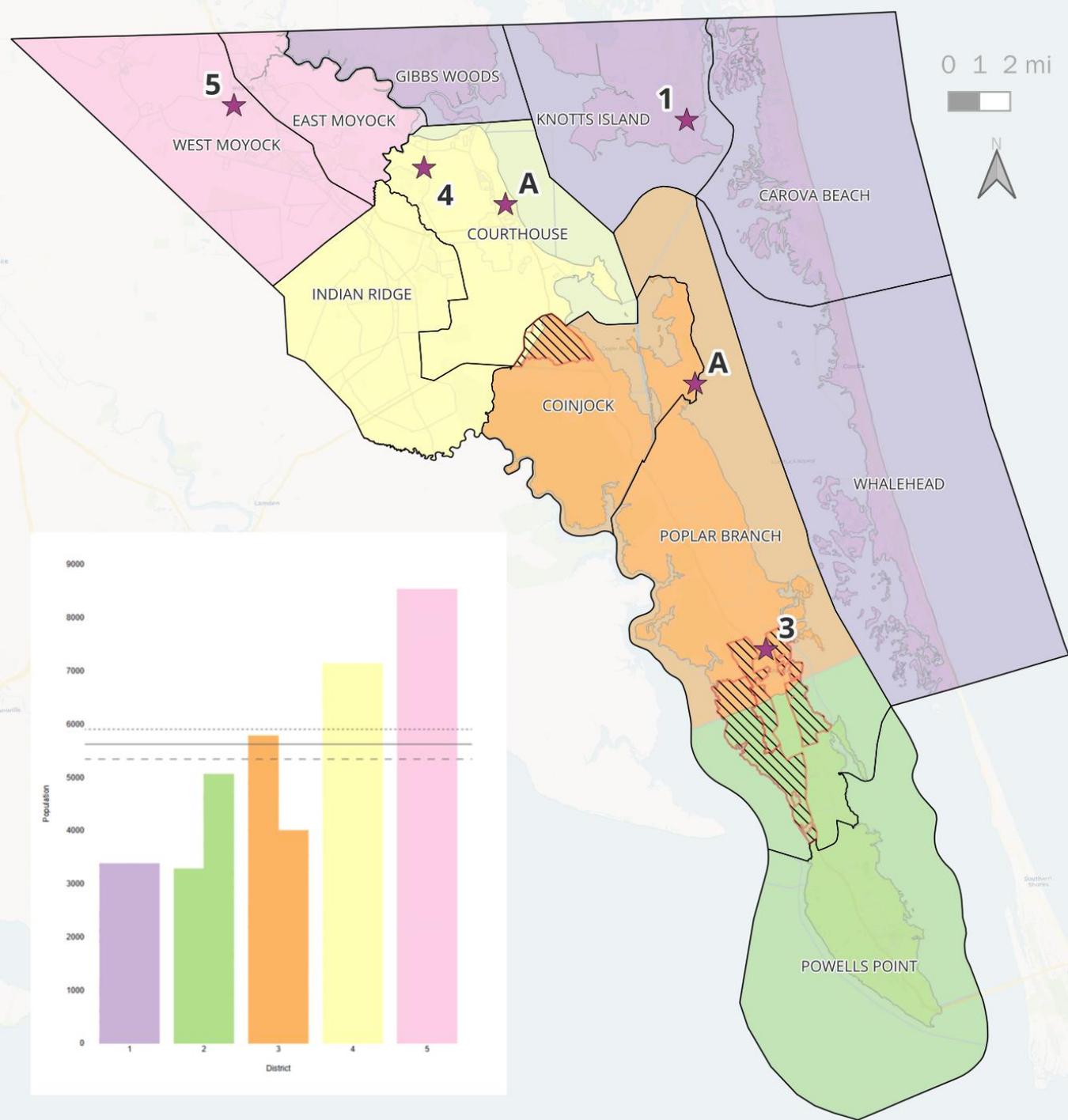
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One-person, one-vote

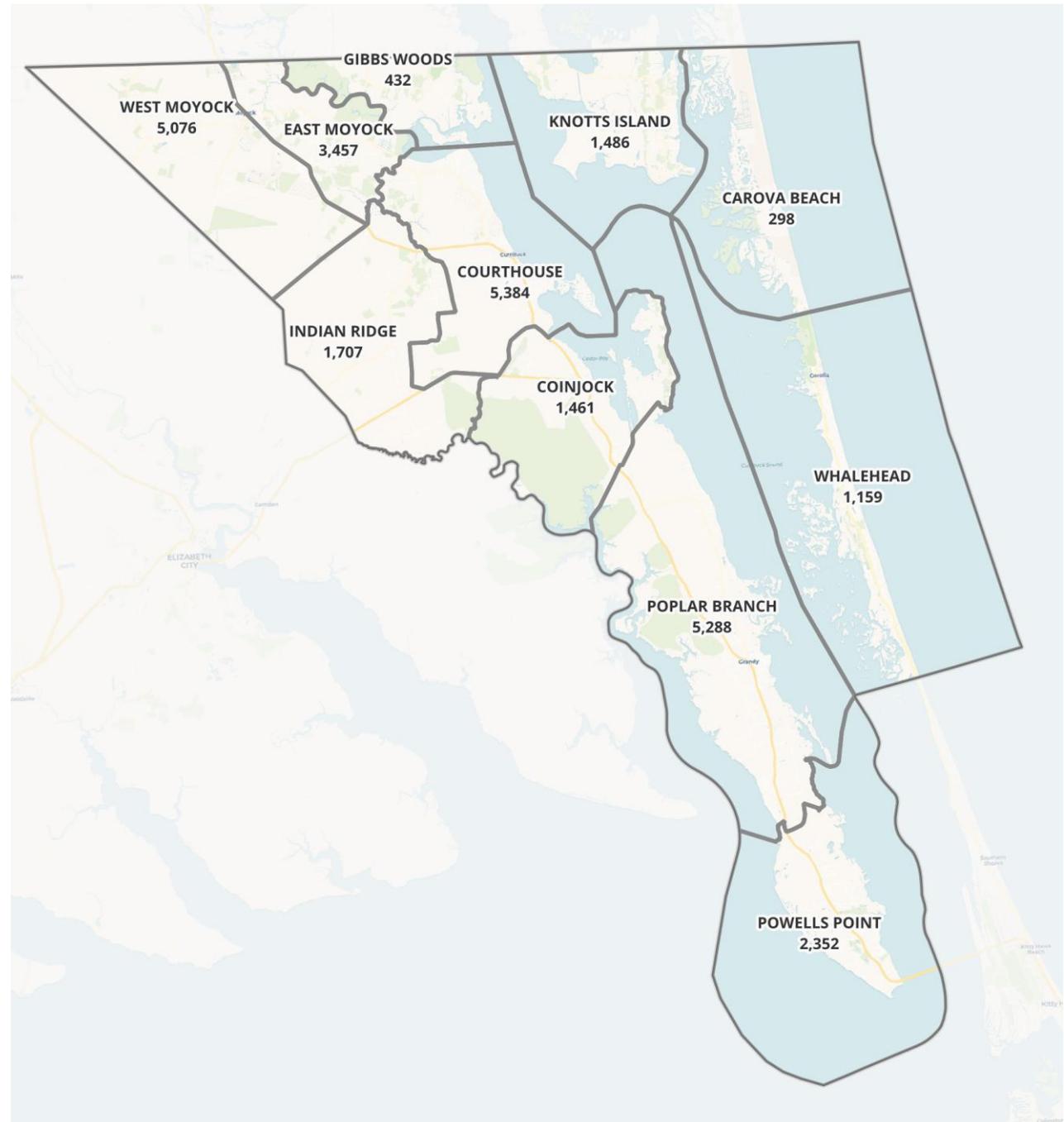
$28,100 \div 5 = 5,620$ (ideal)

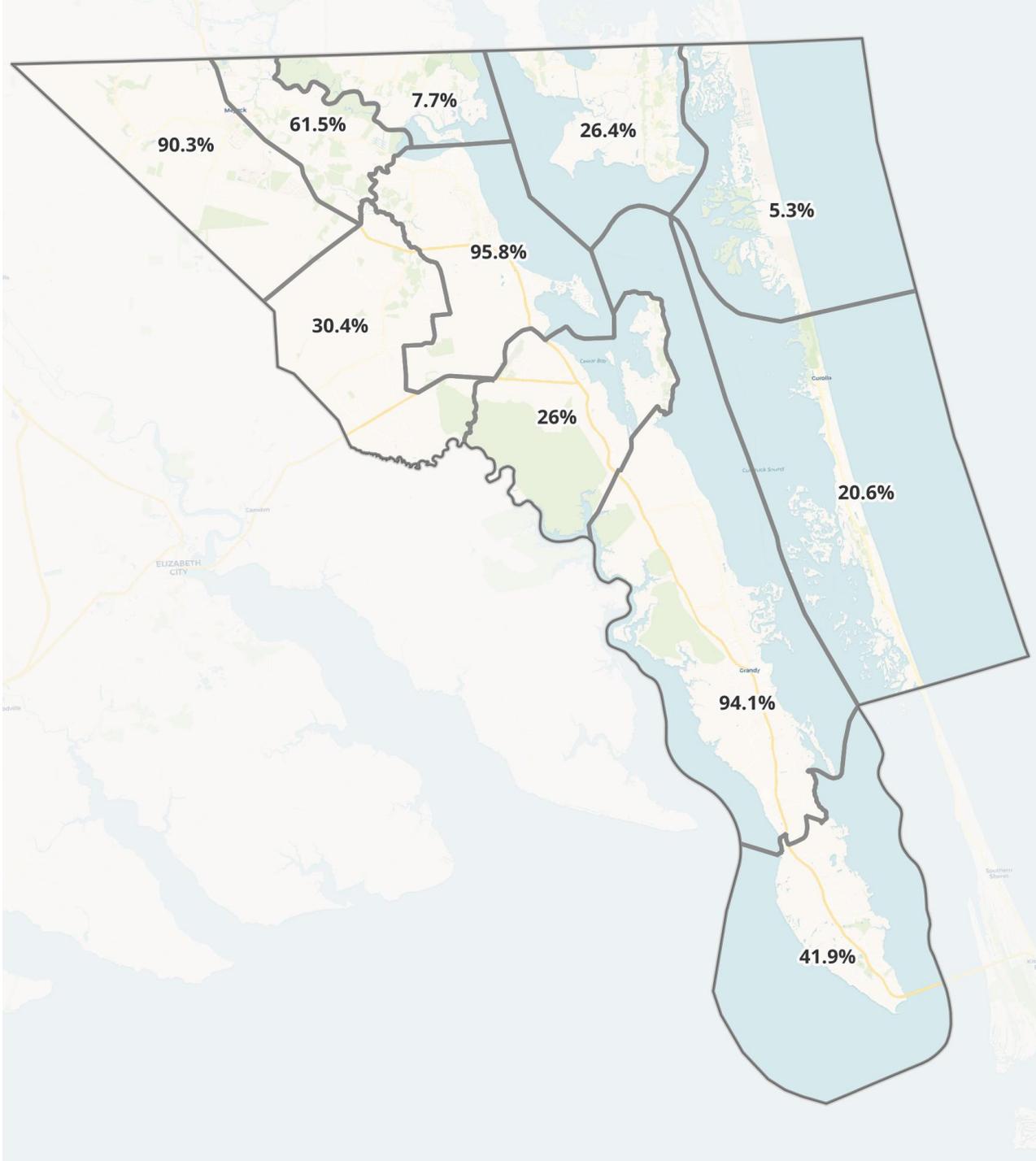
5% of 5,620 = 281

+5% = 5,901 (upper bound)

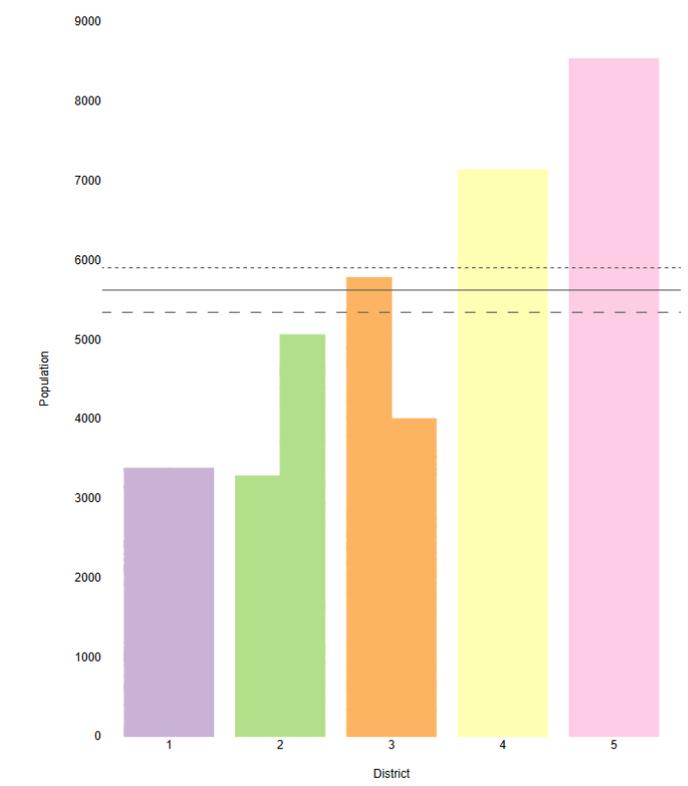
-5% = 5,339 (lower bound)

The map at right shows the 2020 census population count for each of the current Currituck County precincts.





The map at left shows, for a 5-district board composition, what percentage of an ideal district population each precinct's population represents.





Identified Principles

1. Retain current configuration to the extent possible
2. Avoid pairing incumbents
3. Populations of northwest districts should be lower because of exceptional growth in Moyock area
4. Keep precincts whole to the extent possible
5. Follow natural boundaries and physical features, such as roads or waterways, to the extent possible

The map at right shows the Census Bureau's published counts—by block—for new housing units since 2020 as of July 2025. *Note: this represents new homes, not residents.*

By precinct:

East Moyock = 523

West Moyock = 320

Poplar Branch = 254

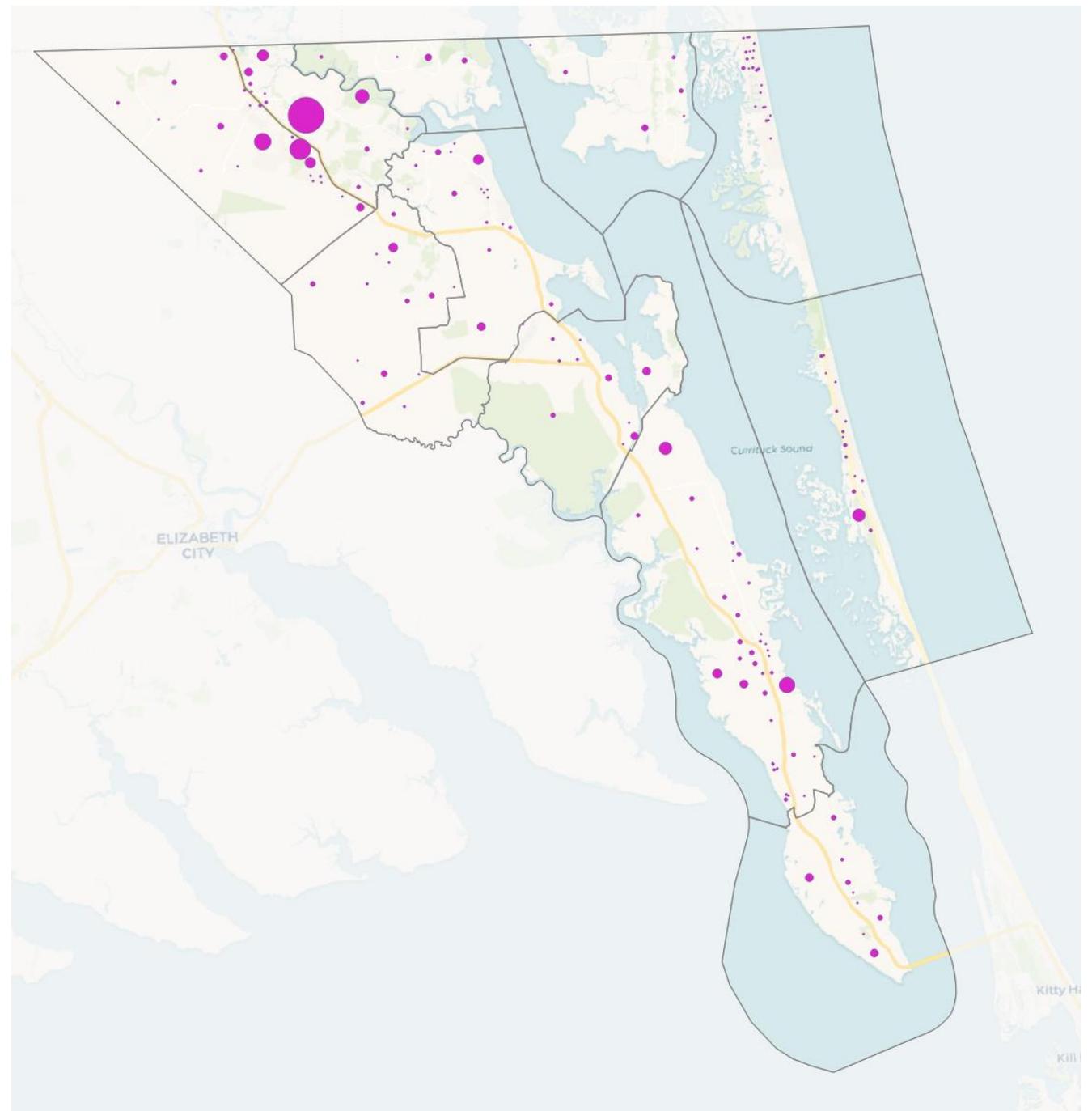
Courthouse = 89

Indian Ridge = 75

Whalehead = 75

Powells Point = 66

Other precincts less than 50



Consider Shopping for a Vehicle ...







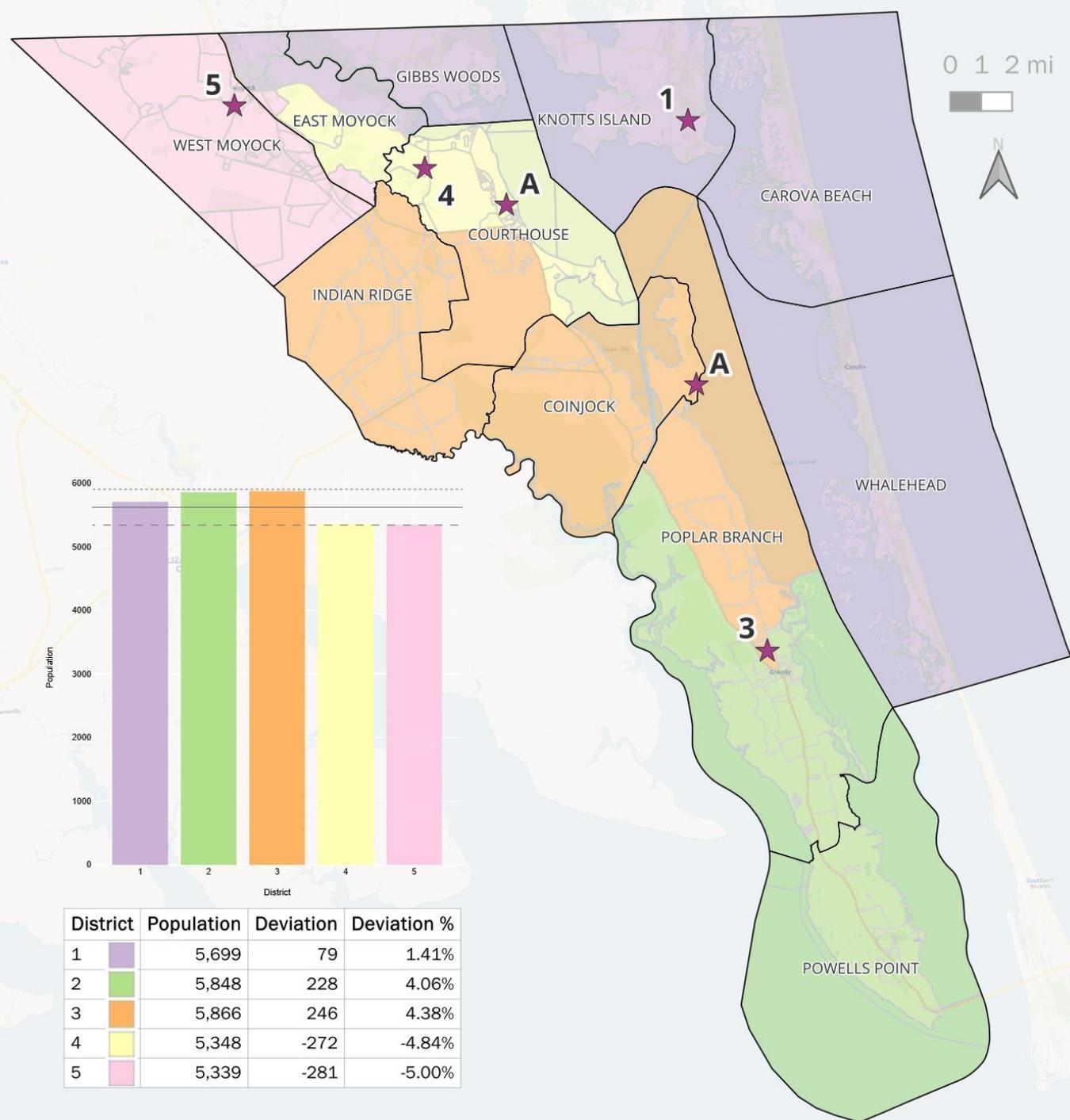
Principles in *All* Draft Plans

All of the draft plans achieve the following:

1. No pairing of incumbents
2. Keeping the populations of northwest districts lower because of exceptional growth in Moyock area
3. Clean, non-ragged district boundaries when traversing precincts

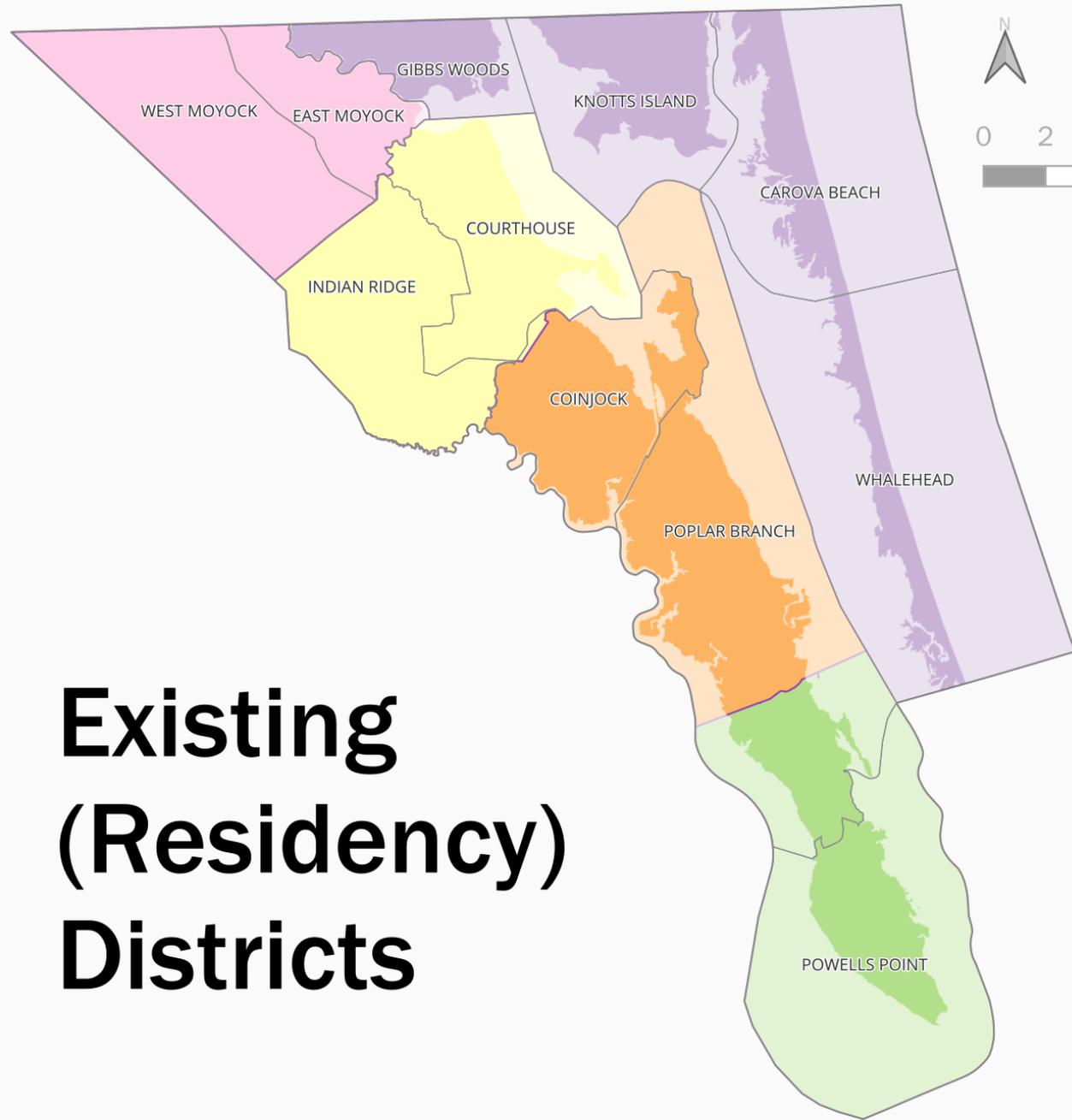
Option A

- Seven precincts with no change or very little change
- Three precincts split (Poplar Branch, Courthouse, and East Moyock multiple times)
- District 1 does extend into East Moyock
- District 2 includes west side of Poplar Branch precinct (major division along Caratoke Highway)
- Courthouse precinct division also along Caratoke Highway

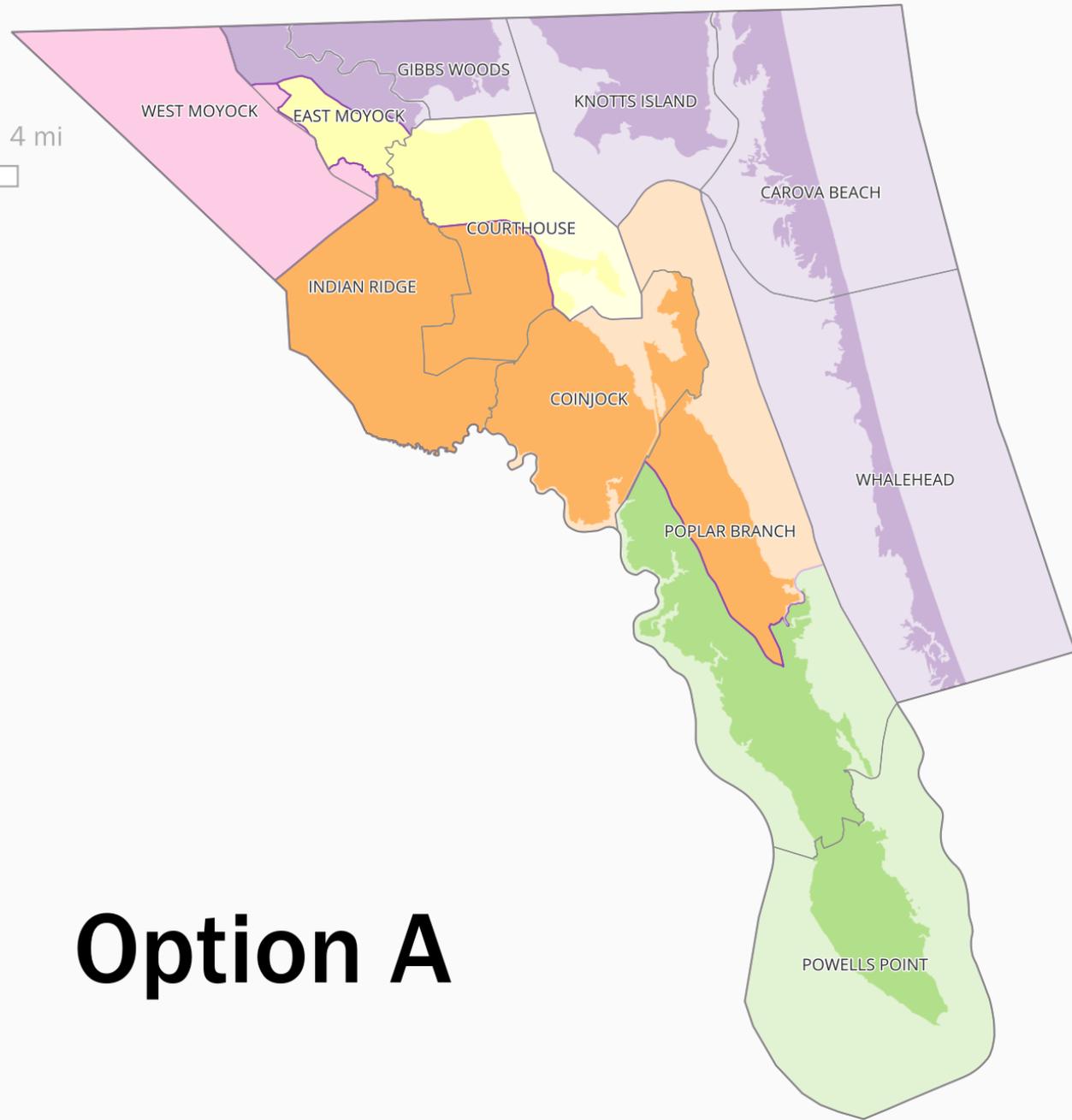


District	Population	Deviation	Deviation %
1	5,699	79	1.41%
2	5,848	228	4.06%
3	5,866	246	4.38%
4	5,348	-272	-4.84%
5	5,339	-281	-5.00%

Existing (Residency) Districts

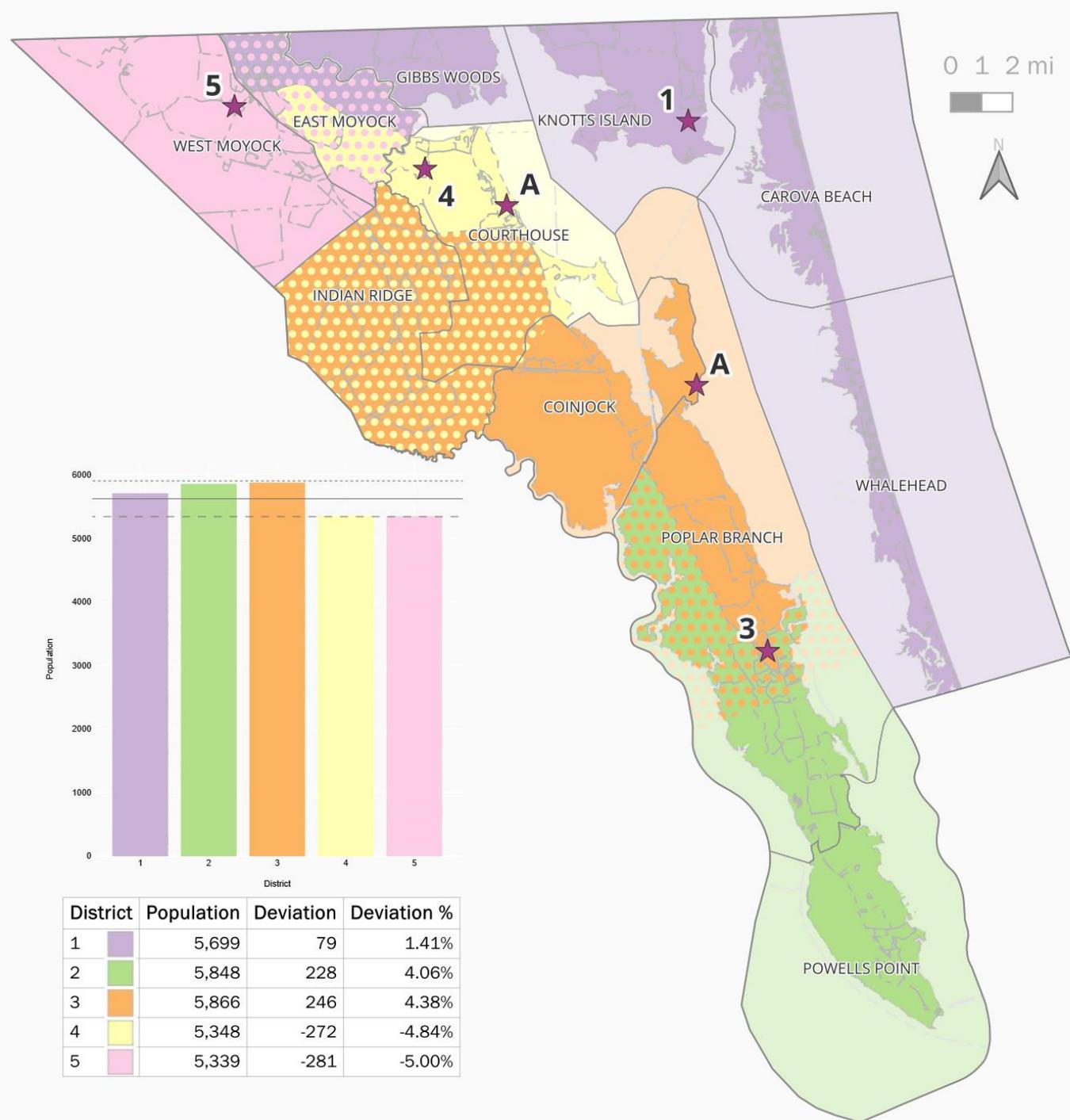


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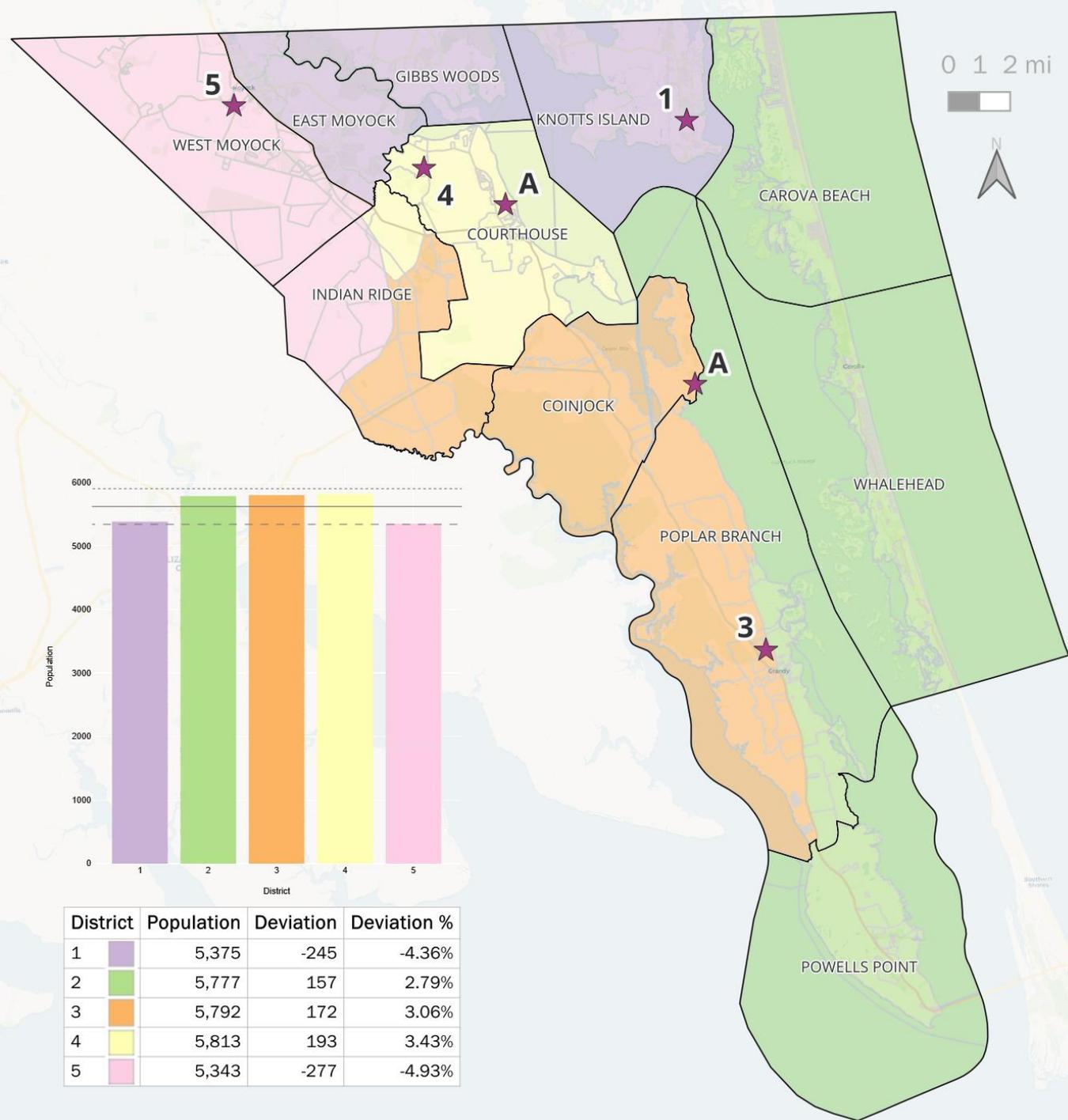
Option A Changes

- Solid background colors represent the proposed district
- Dots represent the existing district
- If no dots are visible, no changes are proposed
- This plan arguably requires the smallest (areal) changes to Districts 1 and 2 (for District 5, it's essentially a tie with Option C)

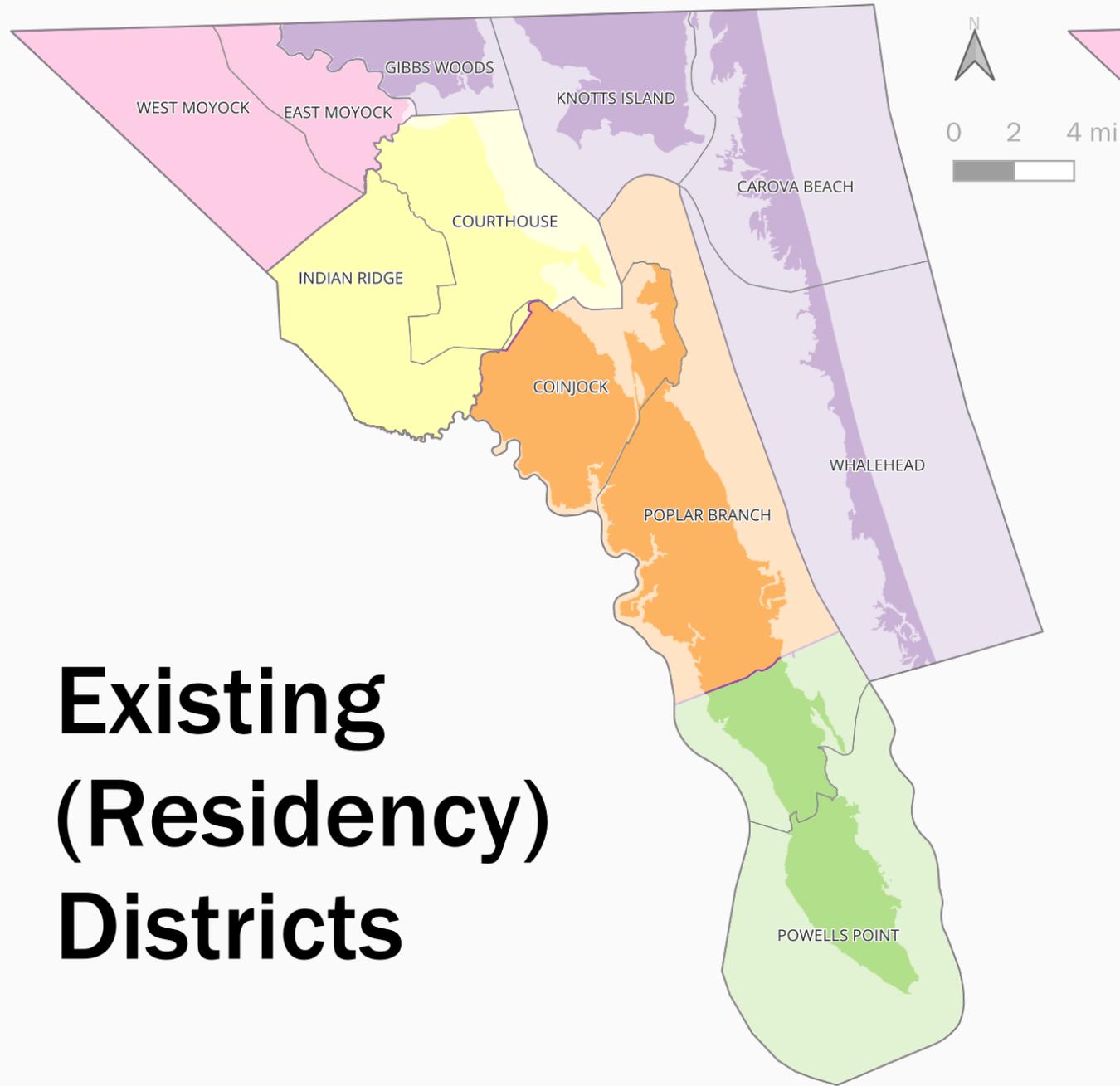


Option B

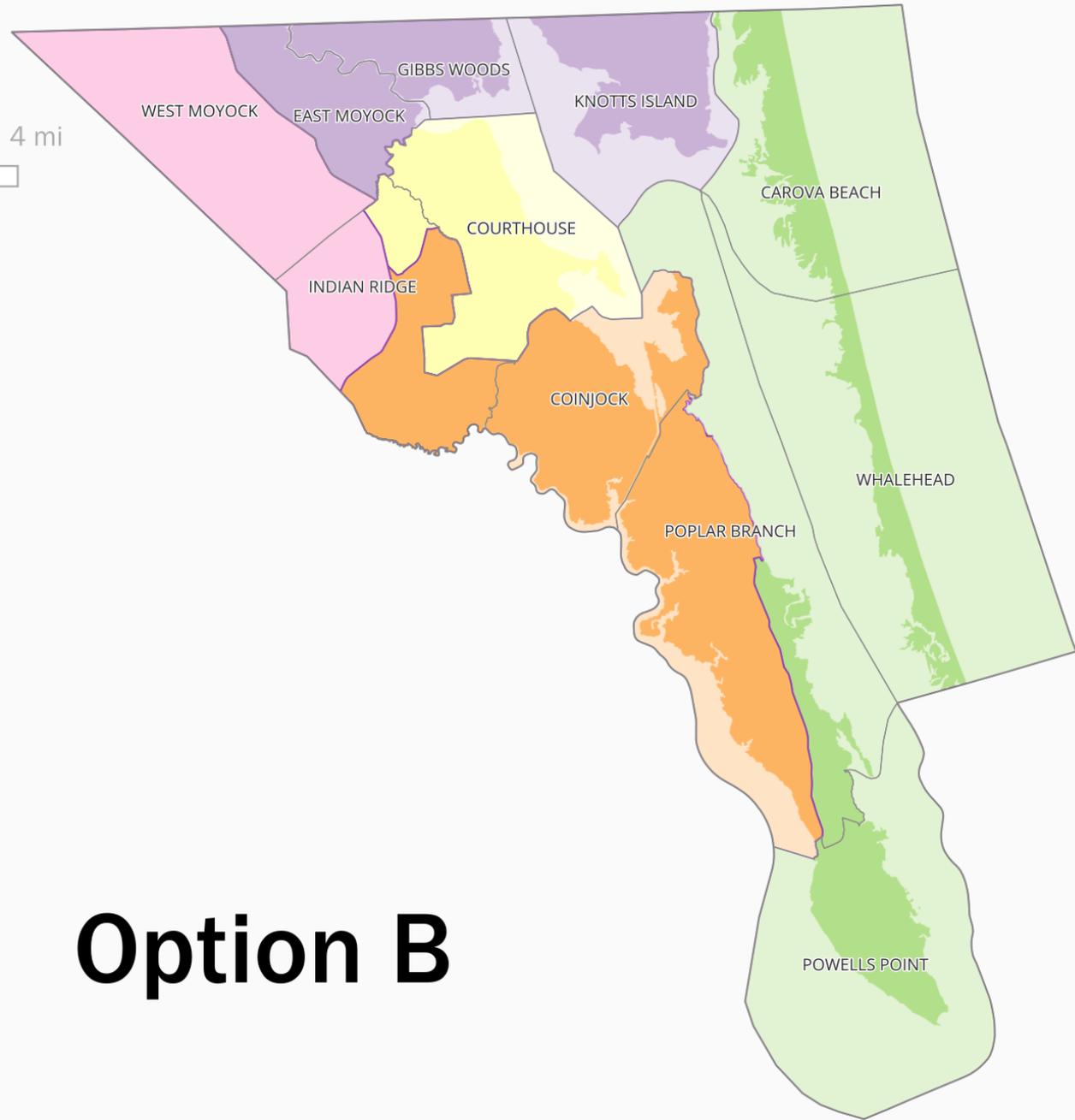
- Six precincts with no change or very little change
- Only two precincts split (Poplar Branch once and Indian Ridge twice)
- District 1 does include East Moyock, not the Off-Road Area or Corolla
- District 2 takes into account (road) travel contiguity and historic district/township pairings
- Precinct splits on the whole follow prominent roads or railroads



Existing (Residency) Districts

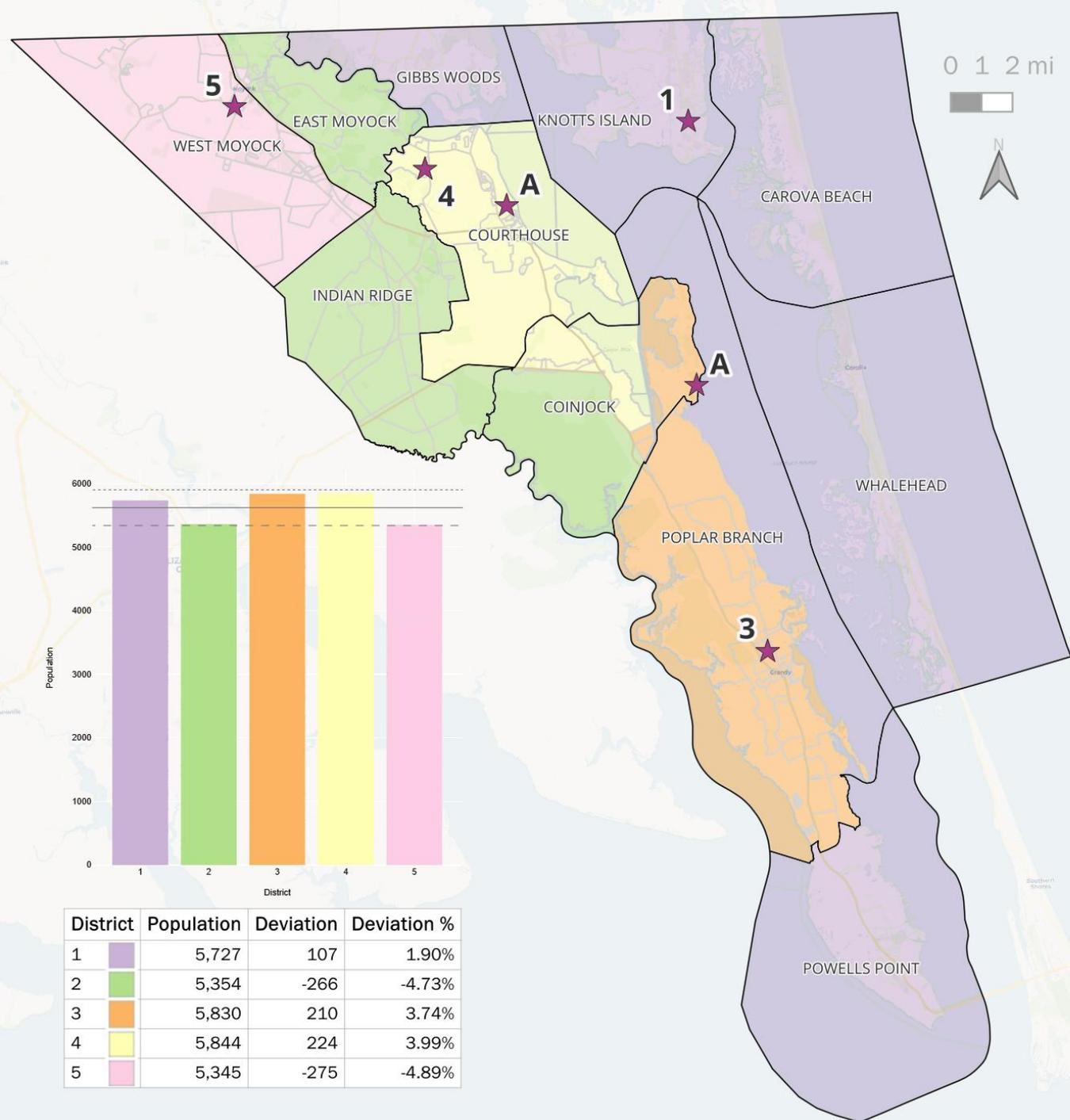


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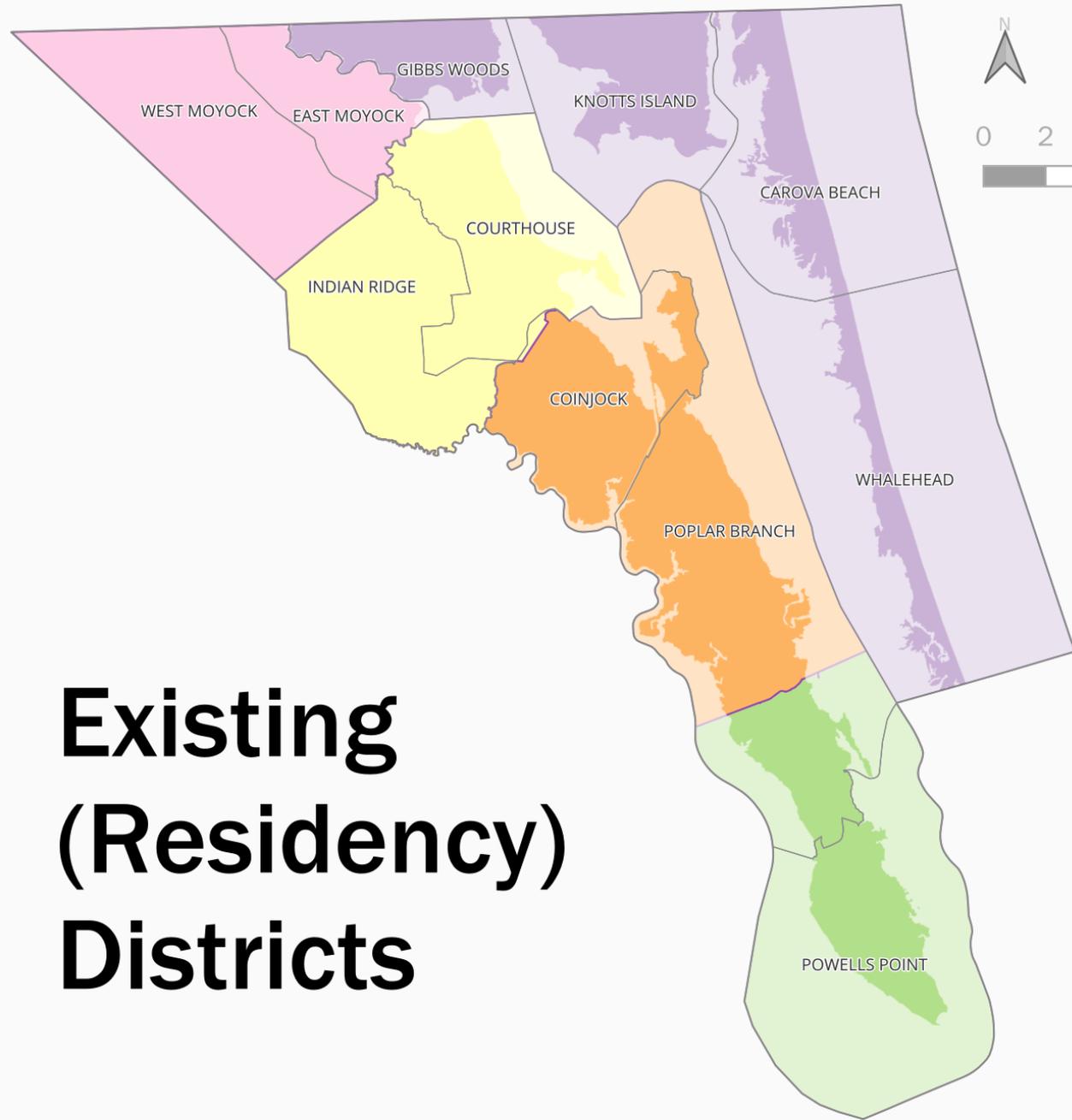


Option C

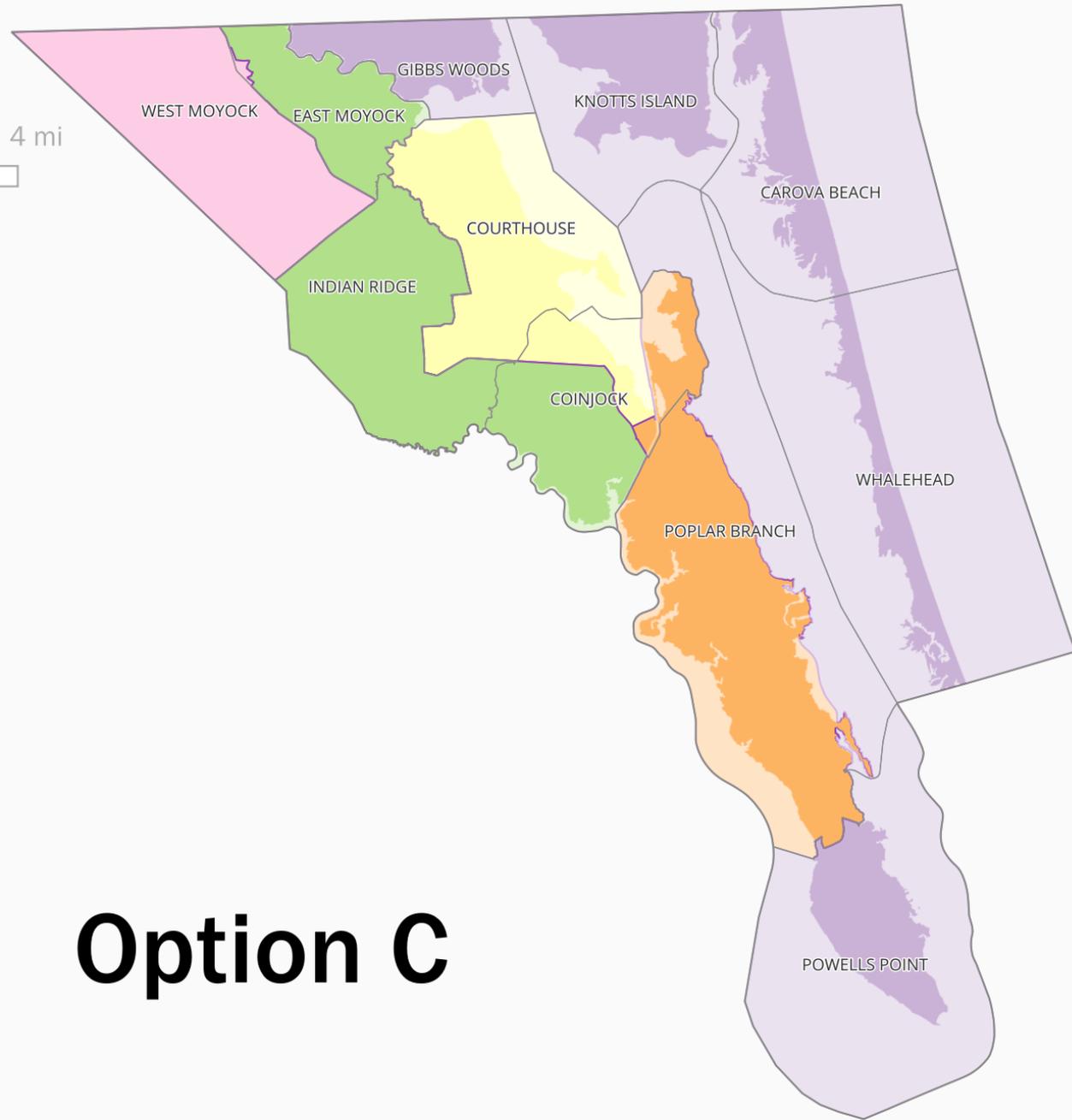
- Six precincts with no change or very little change
- Three precincts split (East Moyock, Coinjock twice, and Poplar Branch)
 - But Poplar Branch split involves **no population**
- District 1 extends south, not west
- District 2 changes location (could have been where District 3 is—and vice versa—if not for staggered term → double incumbency situation in 2026)
- District 1 could absorb some people from District 3, which has had more growth, but that would be less clean



Existing (Residency) Districts

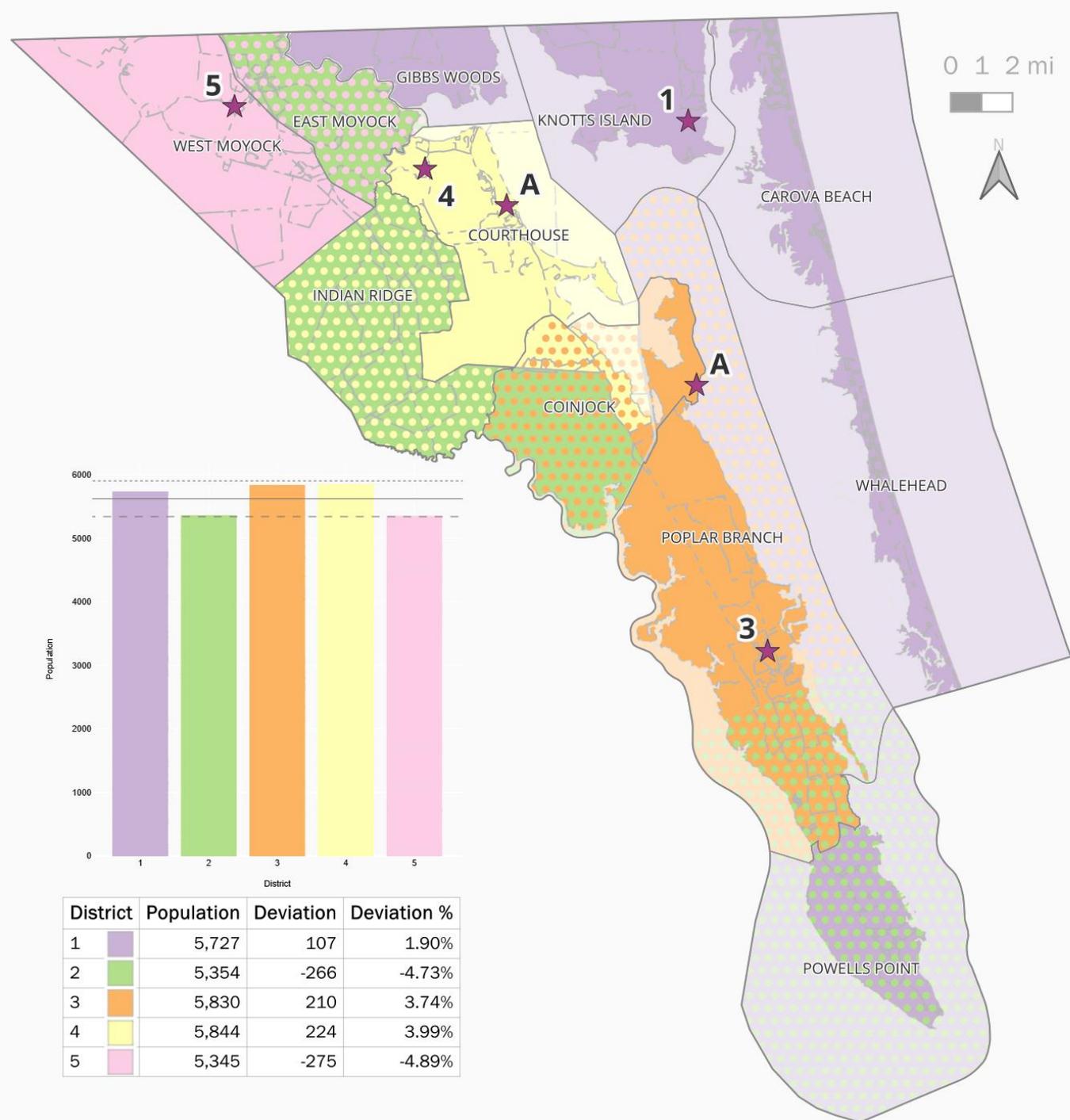


Option C



Option C Changes

- Solid background colors represent the proposed district
- Dots represent the existing district
- If no dots are visible, no changes are proposed
- This plan arguably ties for the least change to District 5
- Indian Ridge and East Moyock residents largely have to be reassigned in Options A and B as well.



District	Population	Deviation	Deviation %
1	5,727	107	1.90%
2	5,354	-266	-4.73%
3	5,830	210	3.74%
4	5,844	224	3.99%
5	5,345	-275	-4.89%

New interactive map—at different address:

<https://tinyurl.com/currituckmaps>



Questions/Discussion