

Haverford Township Redistricting - Update

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Haverford's Nine Wards

	Total	Deviation From Average Population	Deviation %
WARD 01	5,700	97	1.7%
WARD 02	5,621	18	0.3%
WARD 03	5,239	-364	-6.5%
WARD 04	6,198	595	10.6%
WARD 05	5,404	-199	-3.6%
WARD 06	5,495	-108	-1.9%
WARD 07	5,473	-130	-2.3%
WARD 08	5,701	98	1.7%
WARD 09	5,600	-3	-0.1%
TOTAL	50,431		
AVERAGE	5,603		

As a general rule of thumb, no ward should deviate by more than 10 percent from the average population.

Ward 4 deviates from the average population by 10.6%. This requires further consideration.

Ward 3 has the largest deviation below average and is an obvious candidate for reapportionment.

Three Proposed Options

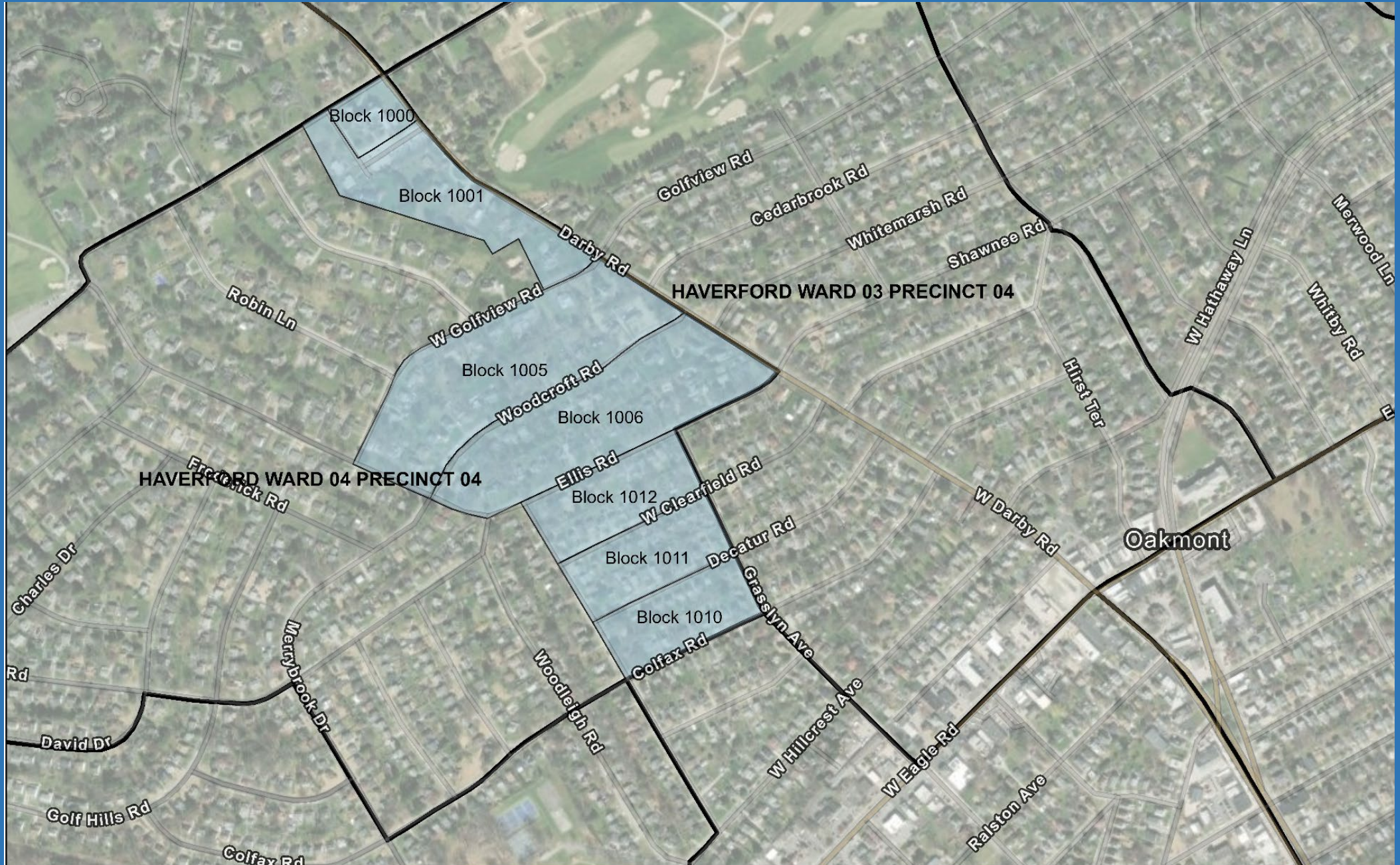
Option 1: Relocate 425 people from Ward 4 to Ward 3. by adjusting the deviation of Ward 4 to match the average deviation of all wards (approximately 3.1%).

Option 2: Relocate 336 people from Ward 4 to Ward 3 by targeting Equate the population of Ward 3 to the calculated average population of 5,603.

Option 3: Relocate 239 people From Ward 4 to Ward 3, directly impacting the fewest number of residents.

Based on the CH Planning Report (available on our website), all three approaches would result in contiguous wards after the redrawing of boundaries. None of the three approaches would violate the voting rights act, nor would any have a substantial impact on election outcomes.

Option 1: Relocate 425 People From Ward 4 to Ward 3



Three Proposed Options

	Current Total	Deviation	Option 1	Deviation	Option 2	Deviation	Option 3	Deviation
WARD 01	5,700	1.7%	5,700	1.7%	5,700	1.7%	5,700	1.7%
WARD 02	5,621	0.3%	5,621	0.3%	5,621	0.3%	5,621	0.3%
WARD 03	5,239	-6.5%	5,664	1.1%	5,575	-0.5%	5,478	-2.2%
WARD 04	6,198	10.6%	5,773	3.0%	5,862	4.6%	5,959	6.3%
WARD 05	5,404	-3.6%	5,404	-3.6%	5,404	-3.6%	5,404	-3.6%
WARD 06	5,495	-1.9%	5,495	-1.9%	5,495	-1.9%	5,495	-1.9%
WARD 07	5,473	-2.3%	5,473	-2.3%	5,473	-2.3%	5,473	-2.3%
WARD 08	5,701	1.7%	5,701	1.7%	5,701	1.7%	5,701	1.7%
WARD 09	5,600	-0.1%	5,600	-0.1%	5,600	-0.1%	5,600	-0.1%
TOTAL	50,431		50,431		50,431		50,431	
AVERAGE	5,603		5,603		5,603		5,603	

Public Input

We received 151 responses to our survey:

- 48 had no preference
- 78 preferred option 1
- 11 preferred option 2
- 12 preferred option 3

We received approximately 15 comments ranging from indifference to requests for better maps (which we accommodated). There were some good suggestions and requests, as well... And one or two unrelated remarks.

Next Steps

Coordinate with the County Board/Bureau of Elections since they will need to amend their election/voter maps.

Work with the Township Engineer to prepare new legal descriptions for Wards 4 and 3.

Work with the Township Solicitor to amend Chapter 37, Wards & Precincts.

The Board of Commissioners will need to consider any changes through the Ordinance amendment process (i.e. public hearing and 2 readings).