PROPOSED POLLING PLACE & PRECINCT CHANGES

TOWN HALL MEETING



DeKalb Voter Registration and Elections Seeks Community Input on Polling Place Consolidations

Wednesday, February 5 at 6:00 p.m. 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300, Decatur, GA 30032

Join us at one of three satellite locations to watch the meeting and share your input.

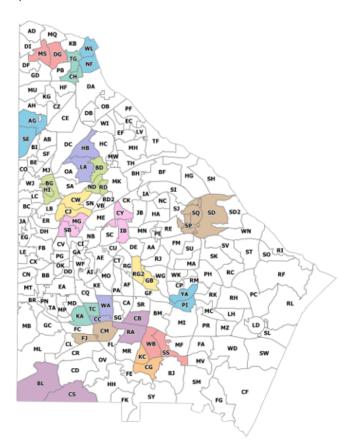
Satellite Locations:

- Northlake-Barbara Loar Library 3772 LaVista Road, Tucker, GA 30084
- Chamblee Library 4115 Clairmont Road, Chamblee, GA 30341
- Wesley Chapel-William C. Brown Library 2861 Wesley Chapel Road, Decatur, GA 30034

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DeKalb County Board of Registration & Elections

Proposed Precinct Boundary Changes & Polling Place Consolidations

February 5, 2025

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<u>Executive Director</u>

- In an ongoing effort aimed at improving efficiency and accessibility, DeKalb County Voter Registration and Elections evaluated polling locations that are underutilized, challenging to access, or lack essential amenities such as restrooms, ramps, water fountains, or proximity to public transportation.
- By relocating and consolidating certain sites, the goal is to provide voters with more suitable facilities that meet their needs and enhance their voting experience.



- These proposed changes reflect DeKalb VRE's commitment to delivering the gold standard in elections through thoughtful, transparent, and community-centered decision-making.
- Pending approval by the Board of Elections and Registration, DeKalb VRE plans to launch a robust communication campaign to inform voters
 - ✓ Direct notifications
 - ✓ Public notices
 - ✓ Election Day signage
 - ✓ Outreach via social media, press releases, and email





- The proposed changes to polling places in DeKalb County are guided by Georgia Code § 21-2-265, which outlines the procedures and requirements for selecting and modifying polling locations.
- These statutory guidelines ensure that changes to polling places are conducted transparently, with adequate public notice, and with consideration for accessibility.

| | Current | Proposal | Gwinnett | Cobb |
|-----------------|---------|----------|----------|---------|
| Polling Places | 167 | 148 | 152 | 146 |
| Active Voters | 503,000 | 503,000 | 583,711 | 523,370 |
| Area (sq mi) | 271 | 271 | 437 | 340 |
| People per Poll | 3,012 | 3,399 | 3,840 | 3,585 |
| Area per Poll | 1.62 | 1.83 | 2.87 | 2.33 |

This compares the current and proposed number of polling places in our county with Gwinnett and Cobb counties, considering factors such as active voters and land area.

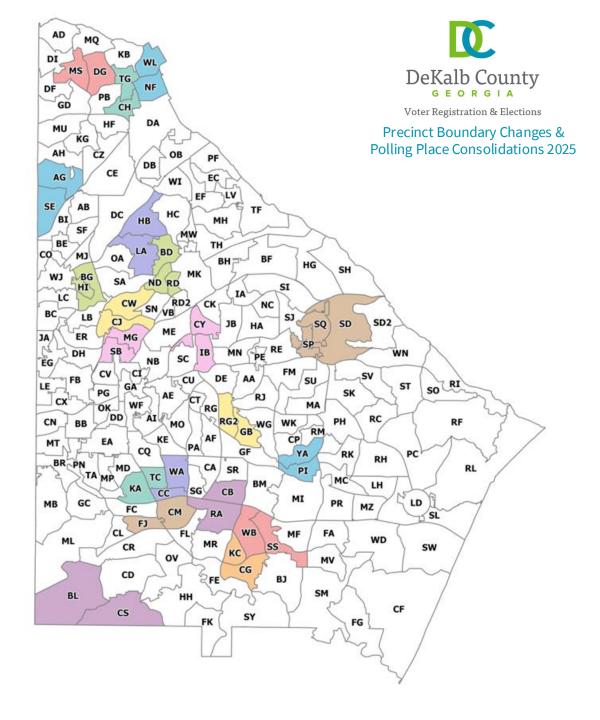
| Size | Current | Proposed |
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| 0-999 | 1 | 1 |
| 1000-1999 | 29 | 14 |
| 2000-2999 | 62 | 49 |
| 3000-3999 | 46 | 43 |
| 4000-4999 | 21 | 25 |
| 5000-5999 | 5 | 8 |
| 6000-6999 | 2 | 6 |
| 7000-7999 | 1 | 2 |
| 8000-8999 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 167 | 148 |

This table compares the distribution of polling places by the number of registered voters they serve, under both the current and proposed plans.

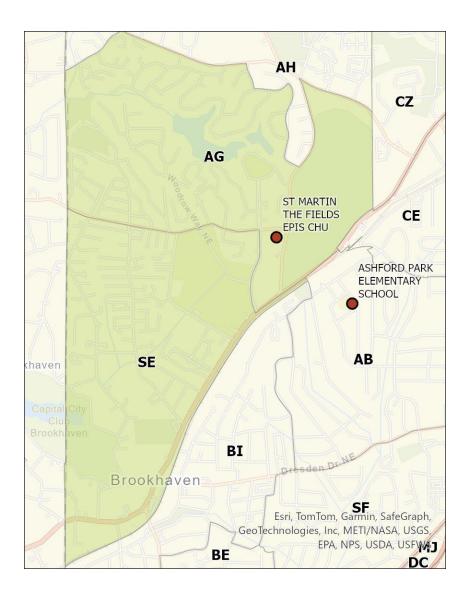
Notable Precinct Changes

- Silver Lake (7,430 voters)
- Stone Mountain Elem (6,666 voters)
- Briarlake Elem & Rehoboth (3,925 voters)
- Clarkston Community Center & Indian Creek (4,480 voters)
- Bouldercrest Road (5,734 voters)
- North Decatur (1,866 voters)





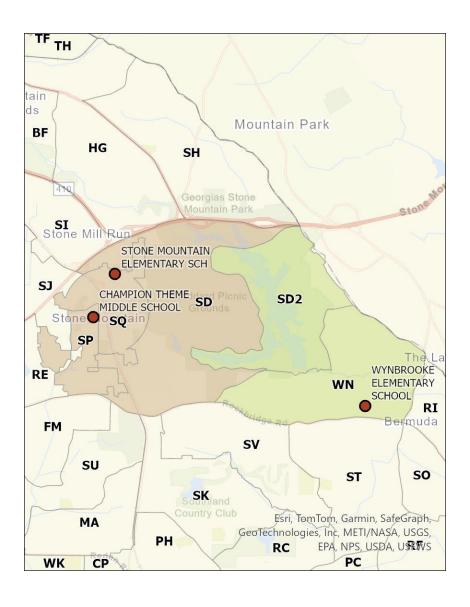
Silver Lake (SE)



Combine Silver Lake (SE) with the Ashford Dunwoody Road (AG) precinct. The combined polling location at St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church is closer than the existing polling place at Ashford Park Elementary School.

| Current Polling Place: Ashford Park Elementary School 2968 Cravenridge Drive, NE | Change in Distance: -0.2 mi | Impacted Voters: 4,532 Voters After Move: 7,430 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: St. Martin in the Fields 3110 Ashford Dunwoody Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Ashford Dunwoody Road (AG) | |

Stone Mountain Elem (SD)



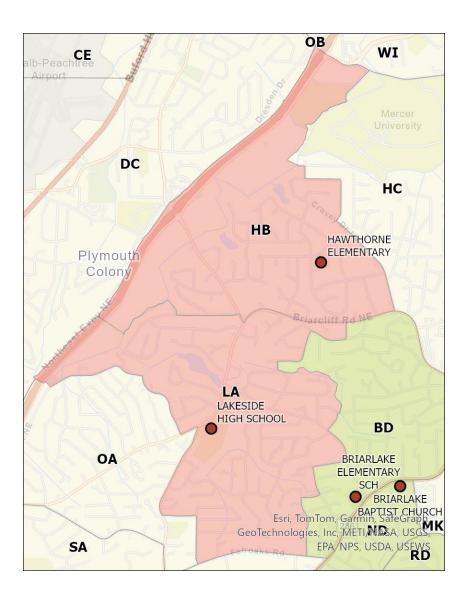
Divide the Stone Mountain Elem (SD) precinct into two parts. The west half will vote alongside the Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain Champion precincts at Champion Theme Middle School.

The east half will vote alongside the Wynbrooke Elem precinct at Wynbrooke Elementary School.

| Current Polling Place: Stone Mountain Elementary School 6720 James B. Rivers Drive | Change in Distance: 0.2 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,869 Voters After Move: 6,199 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Champion Theme Middle School 5265 Mimosa Drive | Other Precincts at Pro Stone Mountain (S Mountain Champi | SQ), Stone |

| Current Polling Place: Stone Mountain Elementary School 6720 James B. Rivers Drive | Change in Distance: -0.7 mi | Impacted Voters: 467 Voters After Move: 3,681 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Wynbrooke Elementary School 440 Wicksbury Way | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Wynbrooke Elem (WN) | |

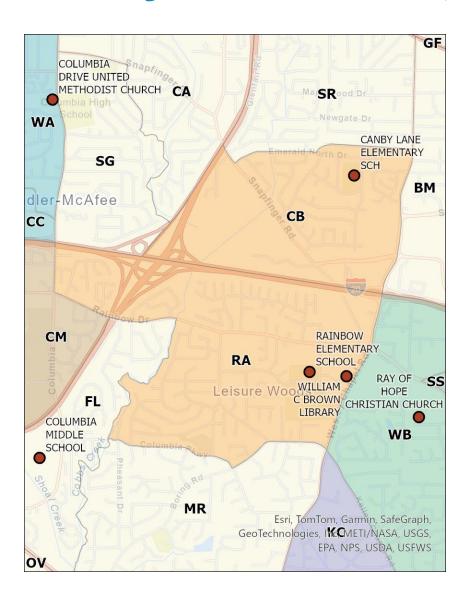
Hawthorne Elem (HB)



Combine Hawthorne Elem (HB) with Lakeside High (LA).

| Current Polling Place: Hawthorne Elementary School 2535 Caladium Drive | Change in Distance: 0.7 mi | Impacted Voters: 3,311 Voters After Move: 6,274 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Lakeside High School 3801 Briarcliff Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Lakeside High (LA) | |

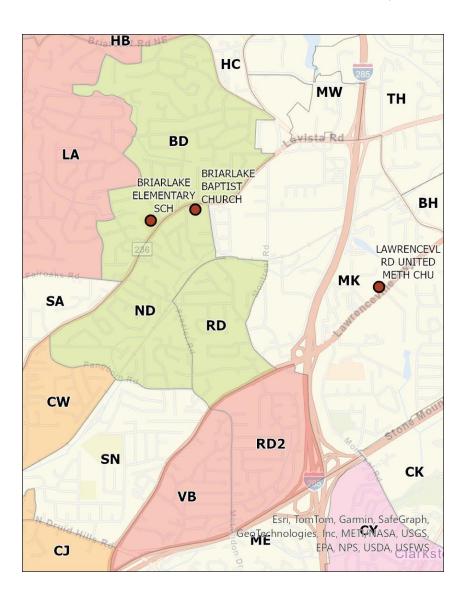
Canby Lane Elem (CB)



Move Canby Lane Elem (CB) and Rainbow Elem (RA) to William C. Brown Library (Wesley Chapel Library).

| Current Polling Place: Canby Lane Elementary 4150 Green Hawk Trail | Change in Distance: 0.8 mi | Impacted Voters: 1787 Voters After Move: 5,140 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: William C. Brown Library 2861 Wesley Chapel Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Rainbow Elem (RA) | |

Briarlake Elem (BD), Rehoboth (RD)

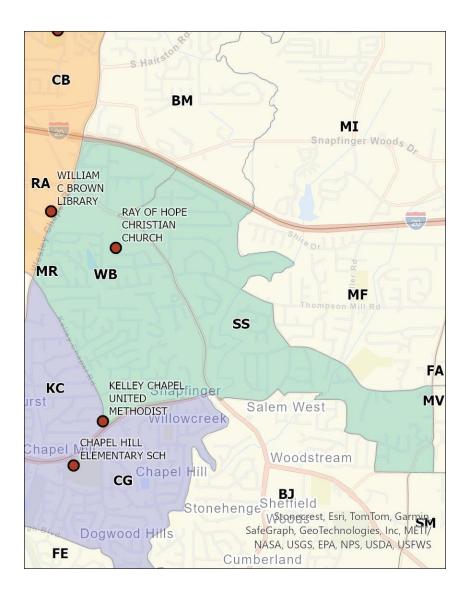


Combine Briarlake Elem (BD) and the north half of Rehoboth (RD) with Northlake (ND). Combine the south half of Rehoboth (RD2) with Valley Brook (VB) and Shamrock (SN).

| Current Polling Place: Briarlake Elementary School | Change in Distance: -0.2 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,656 Voters After Move: 3,925 |
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| Current Polling Place: Lawrenceville Road UMC | Change in Distance: -0.5 mi | Impacted Voters: 854 Voters After Move: 3,925 |
| Proposed Polling Place: Briarlake Baptist Church 3715 LaVista Road | Precincts at Proposed Polling Place: Briarlake Elem (BD), Northlake (ND), Rehoboth (RD) | |

| Current Polling Place: Lawrenceville Road UMC 3142 Lawrenceville Highway | Change in Distance: -0.2 mi | Impacted Voters: 882 Voters After Move: 3,394 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: The River Church at Valley Brook 1198 N Valley Brook Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Valley Brook (VB), Shamrock (SN | |

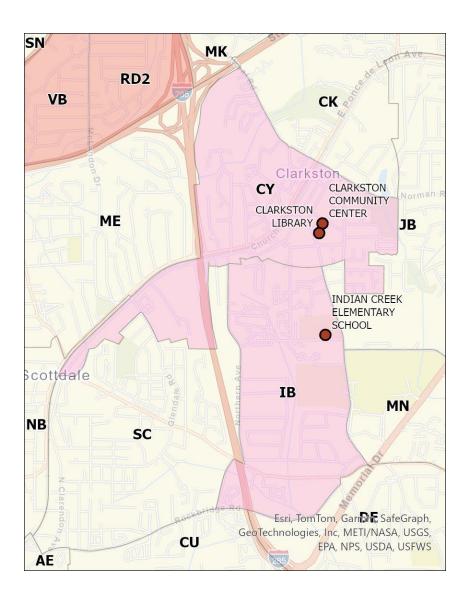
Wesley Chapel Library (WB)



Combine Wesley Chapel Library (WB) into the existing polling place for Snapfinger Road S (SS), Ray of Hope Christian Church. Ray of Hope is closer than the existing polling place.

| Current Polling Place: William C. Brown Library 2861 Wesley Chapel Road | Change in Distance: -0.8 mi | Impacted Voters 2,711 Voters After Move: 4,518 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Ray of Hope Christian Church 2778 Snapfinger Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place: Snapfinger Road S (SS) | |

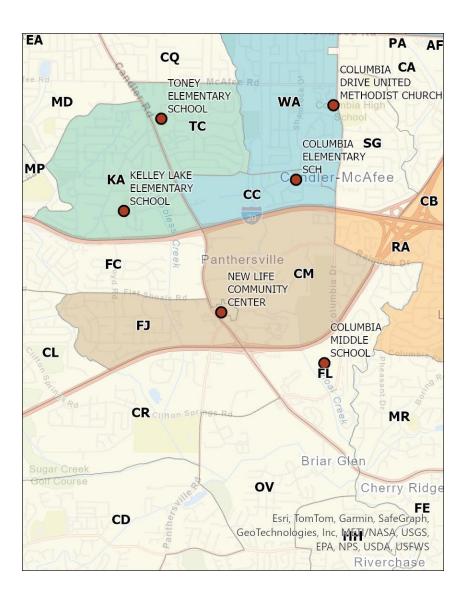
Indian Creek (IB)



Move both Indian Creek (IB) and Clarkston Community Center (CY) to Clarkston Library, where we have Advance Voting. Clarkston Community Center and Clarkston Library share a parking lot.

| Current Polling Place: Indian Creek Elementary School 724 N Indian Creek Drive | Change in Distance: 0.6 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,301 Voters After Move: 4,480 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Clarkston Library 951 N Indian Creek Drive | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Clarkston Community Center (C | |

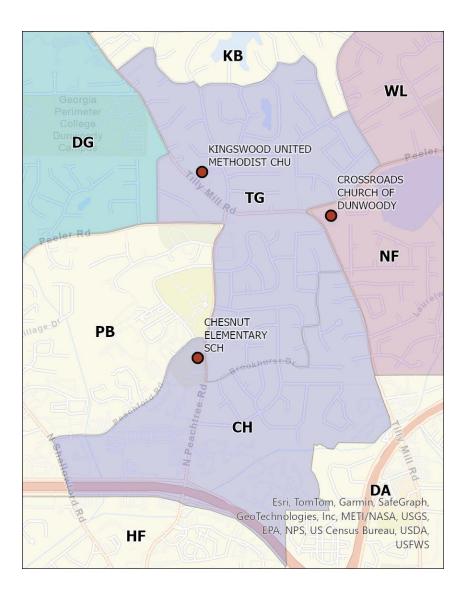
Columbia Middle (CM)



Combine Columbia Middle (CM) into a closer location at New Life Community Center, the current Flat Shoals (FJ) polling place.

| Current Polling Place: Columbia Middle School 3001 Columbia Drive | Change in Distance: -0.2 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,921 Voters After Move: 3,874 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: New Life Community Center 3592 Flat Shoals Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Flat Shoals (FJ) | |

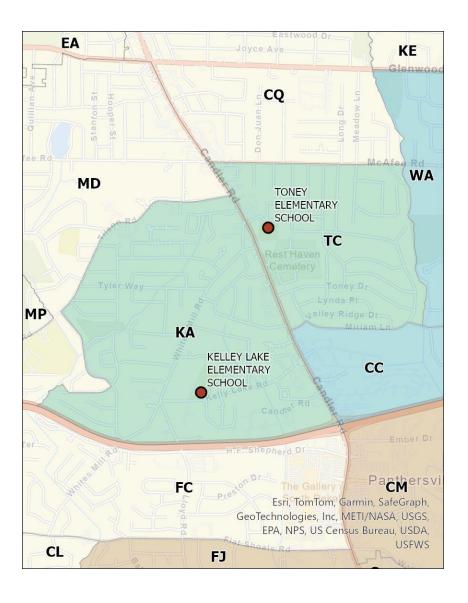
Chesnut Elem (CH)



Combine Chesnut Elem (CH) with Tilly Mill Road (TG).

| Current Polling Place: Chesnut Elementary School 4576 North Peachtree Road | Change in Distance: 0.5 mi | Impacted Voters: 2,054 Voters After Move: 3,602 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Kingswood United Methodist Church 4896 N Peachtree Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place: Tilly Mill Road (TG) | |

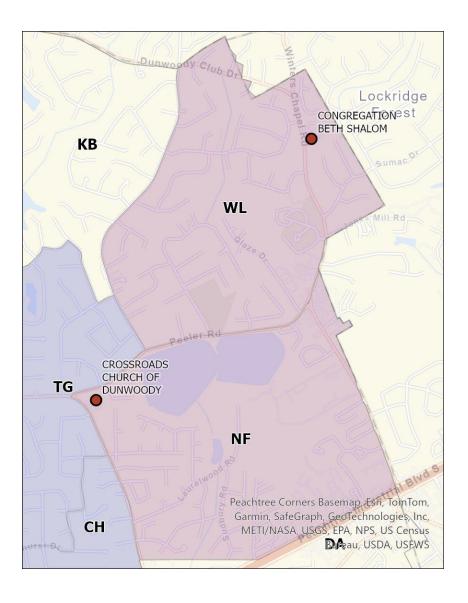
Toney Elem (TC)



Combine Toney Elem (TC) with Kelley Lake Elem (KA).

| Current Polling Place: Toney Elementary School 2701 Oakland Terrace | Change in Distance: 0.7 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,484 Voters After Move: 4,100 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Kelley Lake Elementary School 2590 Kelly Lake Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Kelley Lake Elem (KA) | |

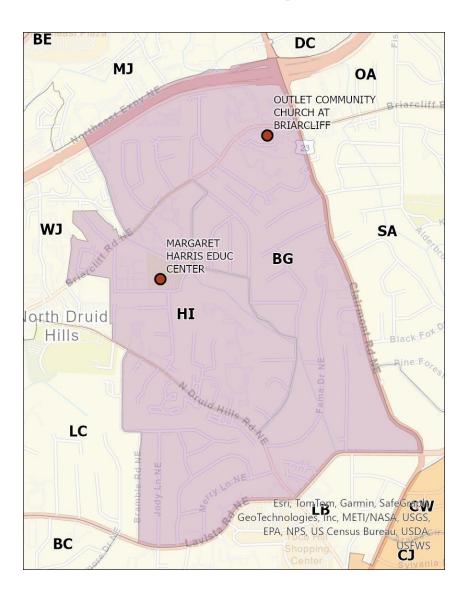
Winters Chapel (WL)



Combine Winters Chapel (WL) with North Peachtree (NF).

| Current Polling Place: Congregation Beth Shalom 5303 Winters Chapel Road | Change in Distance: 0.3 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,366 Voters After Move: 3,047 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Crossroads Church Of Dunwoody 4805 Tilly Mill Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place North Peachtree (NF) | |

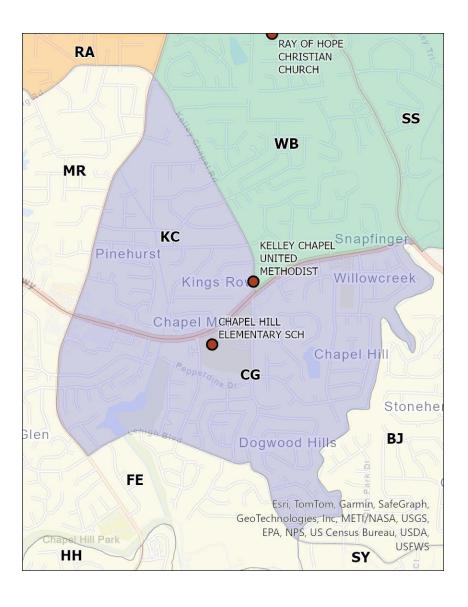
Harris-Margaret Harris Ed (HI)



Combine Harris-Margaret Harris (HI) with Briarcliff (BG).

| Current Polling Place: Margaret Harris Educ Center 1634 Knob Hill Drive, NE | Change in Distance: 0.6 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,340 Voters After Move: 4,201 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Outlet Community Church At Briarcliff 3039 Briarcliff Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Briarcliff (BG) | |

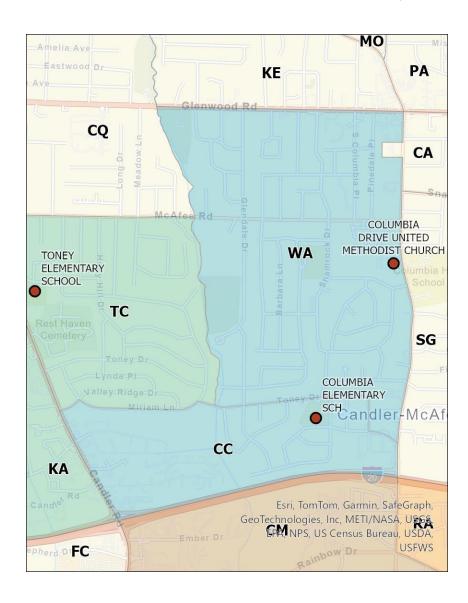
Chapel Hill Elem (CG)



Combine Chapel Hill Elem (CG) with Kelley Chapel Road (KC).

| Current Polling Place: Chapel Hill Elementary School 3536 Radcliff Boulevard | Change in Distance: 0.2 mi | Impacted Voters: 3,000 Voters After Move: 4,171 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Kelley Chapel United Methodist 3411 Kelley Chapel Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Kelley Chapel Road (KC) | |

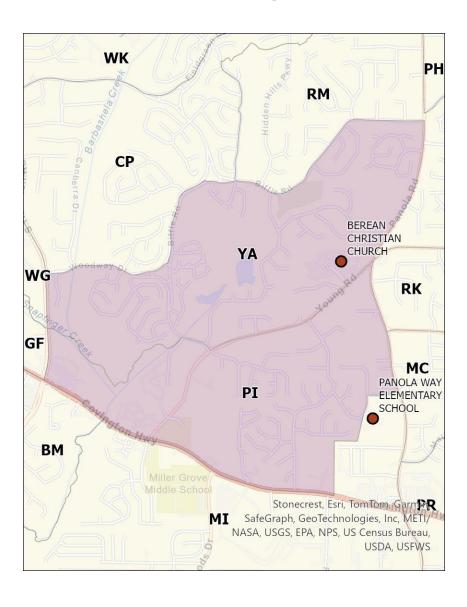
Columbia Elem (CC)



Combine Columbia Elem (CC) with Wadsworth (WA).

| Current Polling Place: Columbia Elementary School 3230 Columbia Woods Drive | Change in Distance: 0.7 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,116 Voters After Move: 3,794 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Columbia Drive United Methodist Church 2067 Columbia Drive | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Wadsworth (WA) | |

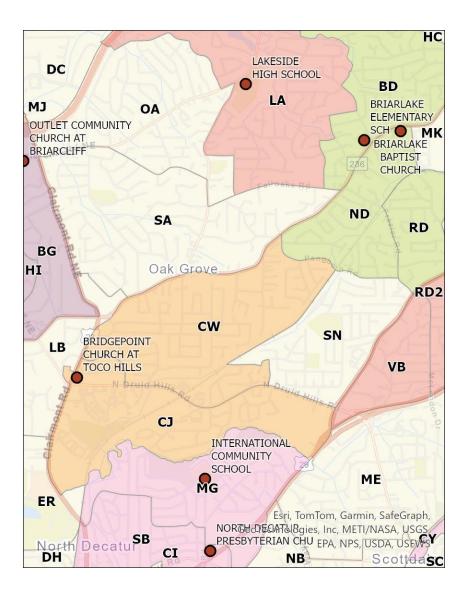
Panola Way Elem (PI)



Combine Panola Way Elem (PI) with Young Road (YA).

| Current Polling Place: Panola Way Elementary School 2170 Panola Way Court | Change in Distance: 0.4 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,853 Voters After Move: 3,561 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Berean Christian Church 2201 Young Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Young Road (YA) | |

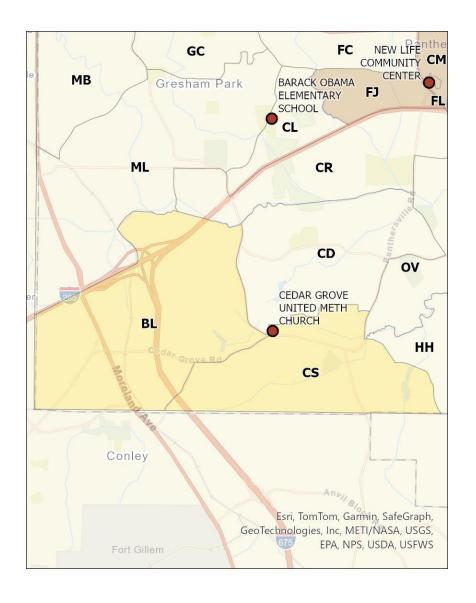
Coralwood (CW)



Combine Coralwood into a closer location at Bridgepoint Church, the current polling place for Clairmont Road (CJ).

| Current Polling Place: Briarlake Elementary School 3590 Lavista Road | Change in Distance: -0.8 mi | Impacted Voters: 3,160 Voters After Move: 6,138 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Bridgepoint Church At Toco Hills 1995 Clairmont Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Clairmont Road (CJ) | |

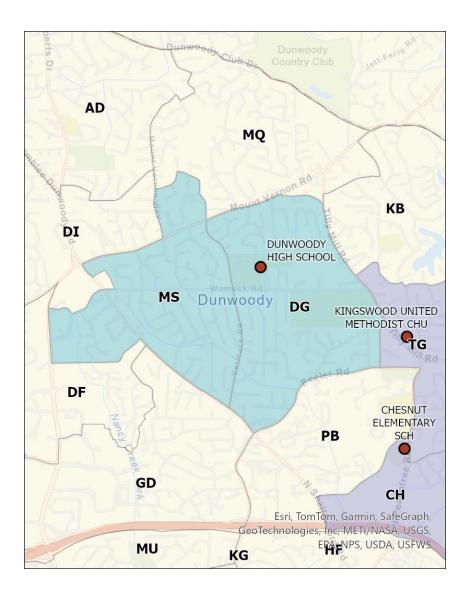
Bouldercrest Road (BL)



Combine Bouldercrest Road (BL) into a closer location at Cedar Grove United Methodist Church, the current polling place for the Cedar Grove South (CS) precinct.

| Current Polling Place: Barack Obama Elementary School 3132 Clifton Church Road, SE | Change in Distance: -1.6 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,954 Voters After Move: 5,734 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Cedar Grove United Meth Church 3430 Bouldercrest Road | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place Cedar Grove South (CS) | |

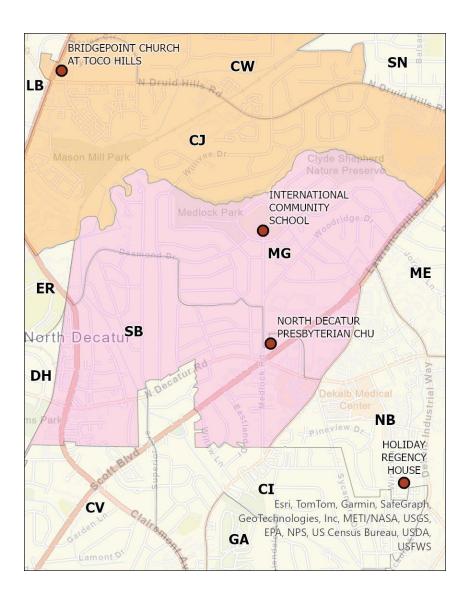
Dunwoody 2 (DG)



Combine Dunwoody 2 (DG) into a closer location at Dunwoody High School, the current polling place for the Mount Vernon West (MS) precinct.

| Current Polling Place: Kingswood United Methodist Church 4896 N Peachtree Road | Change in Distance: -0.3 mi | Impacted Voters: 2,055 Voters After Move: 4,424 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Dunwoody High School 5035 Vermack Road | Other Precincts at I Place: Mount Vernon \ | |

Medlock (MG)

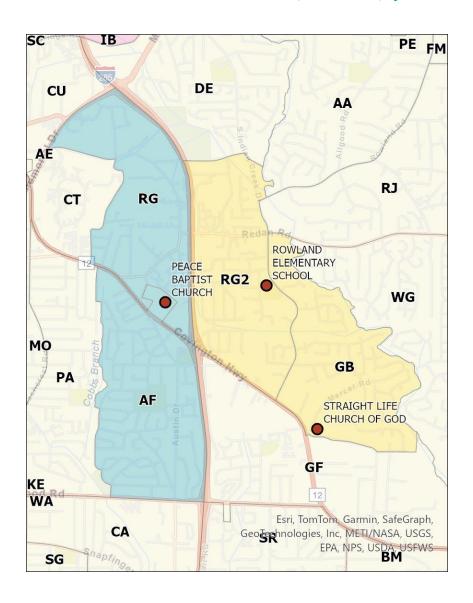


Combine Medlock (MG) with Scott (SB). North Decatur (NB) will no longer be combined with Scott (SB) and will vote in a closer location at Holiday Regency House.

| Current Polling Place: International Community School 2418 Wood Trail Lane | Change in Distance: 0.3 mi | Impacted Voters: 2,469 Voters After Move: 5,007 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: North Decatur Presbyterian 611 Medlock Road | Other Precincts at Pro Scott (SB) | posed Polling Place: |

| Current Polling Place: North Decatur Presbyterian 611 Medlock Road | Change in Distance: -0.2 | Impacted Voters: 1,866 Voters After Move: 1,866 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Holiday Regency House 341 Winn Way | Other Precincts at Pro None | posed Polling Place: |

Glenhaven (GB), Rowland Elem (RG)



Divide the Rowland Elem (RG) precinct into two parts. The west half will vote alongside the Austin Drive precinct at Peace Baptist Church.

The east half will vote alongside the Glenhaven precinct at Rowland Elementary School.

| Current Polling Place: Straight Life Church of God 4228 Glenhaven Drive | Change in Distance: 0.1 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,750 Voters After Move: 3,443 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Rowland Elementary School 1317 S Indian Creek Drive | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place: Rowland Elem (RG2) | |

| Current Polling Place: Rowland Elementary School 1317 S Indian Creek Drive | Change in Distance: -0.1 mi | Impacted Voters: 1,611 Voters After Move: 3,782 |
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| Proposed Polling Place: Peace Baptist Church 4000 Covington Highway | Other Precincts at Proposed Polling Place: Austin Drive (AF) | |



What are the next steps in the decision-making process?

Following the public input period, DeKalb VRE will present recommendations to the Board of Registration and Elections for review and approval. If the board adopts any changes, DeKalb VRE will implement a comprehensive voter notification plan to ensure a smooth transition.



How will public feedback be used in this process?

Community input is a critical part of this review. Feedback gathered from the public meeting and online survey will help refine the recommendations before they are presented to the Board of Registration and Elections for consideration.



When could these proposed changes possibly go into effect?



What if I still have a question or comment about the outlined changes?

Voters with questions or general comments can email voterreg@dekalbcountyga.gov. The online survey can be accessed at www.DeKalbVotes.com from Feb. 5 until Feb. 12.





Polling Location Feedback Survey

We want to hear from you!

There are multiple ways to share your thoughts. It's as easy a 1-2-3:

- 1. Take our quick survey
- Leave a comment on our comment cards. Our team is positioned here and at our satellite locations with comment cards, or
- 3. Email us at voterreg@dekalbcountyga.gov.



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pollinglocationsurvey

THANK YOU

On behalf of DeKalb Voter Registration and Elections and DeKalb County Government, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration this evening.

Special thanks to DeKalb Libraries, DeKalb Communications, DCTV, and the entire team at DeKalb Voter Registrations and Elections for making this possible. Another special thank you to the members of our board who have been a guiding force in supporting our work, day in and day out.

For more information, please be sure to visit up online at www.DeKalbVoters.com, by calling our office at 404- 298-4020 or stop by our office located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Suite 300 in Decatur.



Frequently Asked Questions: Proposed Changes to Polling Locations

Why is DeKalb Voter Registration and Elections (VRE) considering changes to polling locations?

DeKalb VRE is reviewing polling locations to make voting more efficient and ensure resources are used effectively. The proposed changes seek to improve accessibility by addressing underused sites and locations that may create challenges for voters or election staff.

How were the polling places selected for possible relocation or consolidation?

As part of a routine review, DeKalb VRE evaluated polling locations based on factors such as voter turnout, site availability, and general accessibility. The goal is to ensure polling places are well-positioned to serve voters effectively.

How would these proposed changes impact voters?

If the changes are approved, affected voters would be reassigned to a nearby polling place. Any adjustments would be made with the intent of minimizing disruptions and maintaining convenient access to voting locations.

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When would the proposed changes take effect?

These proposed changes are not final. If approved by the Board of Registration and Elections, they would go into effect in an upcoming election cycle. DeKalb VRE will share a clear timeline once decisions are finalized.

How can the public provide input on these proposed changes?

Voters are encouraged to share their feedback at the Feb. 5 community meeting, which will be held in person and streamed online. Comments can also be submitted through an online survey available at www.DeKalbVotes.com from Feb. 5 until Feb. 12.

How will voters be notified if their polling place changes?

If the proposed changes are approved, DeKalb VRE will notify affected voters directly through mail, and public announcements. Additional outreach efforts will include social media updates, local news coverage, and posted signage at former polling sites on Election Day.



Will the presentation outlining the proposed changes be available after the Feb. 5 meeting? Yes, the presentation and an online survey will be available at www.DeKalbVotes.com for voters to review and provide feedback until Feb. 12.

Do voters need to re-register if their polling place changes?

No, voters do not need to re-register. If any changes are approved, affected voters will be assigned a new polling location automatically and will receive advance notification.

How can voters verify their assigned polling place?

Voters can check their polling location at www.DeKalbVotes.com, by contacting DeKalb VRE at (404) 298-4020, or visit the Georgia Secretary of State's My Voter Page at https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/olvr-home.

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