

# **ELECTION BOUNDARIES: PRECINCTS, DISTRICTS, CENSUS, COUNTIES**

**PRESENTED TO**

**Executive Subcommittee  
Legislative Oversight Committee  
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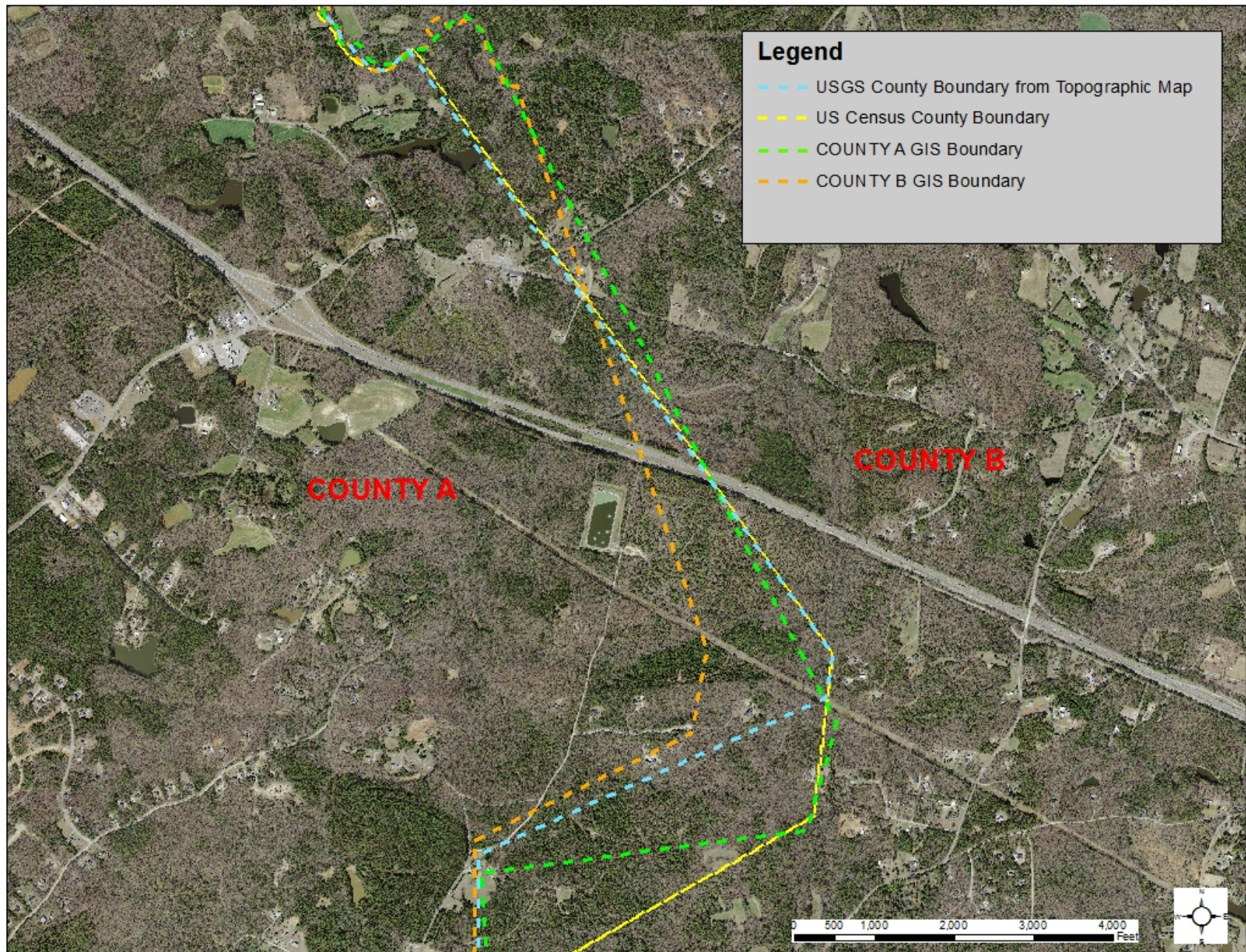
## **Precincts & Census**

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## **County Boundaries**

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# Key Issues

1. State law defines county boundaries
  - No complete GIS mapping that accurately displays the statutory description of county boundaries
  - Multiple and misleading representation
2. State law defines precincts
  - Precincts develop from census data
3. Goal: Ensure accurate compliance and coordination of boundaries with state law



# Duties and Responsibilities

- Maintain official precinct maps as established in statutes
- Coordinate with counties, municipalities, school districts, and transportation network carriers
- Coordinate with Census Bureau for census geography
- Re-establish county boundary according to statutory description

# Office of Precinct Demographics - §1-11-360

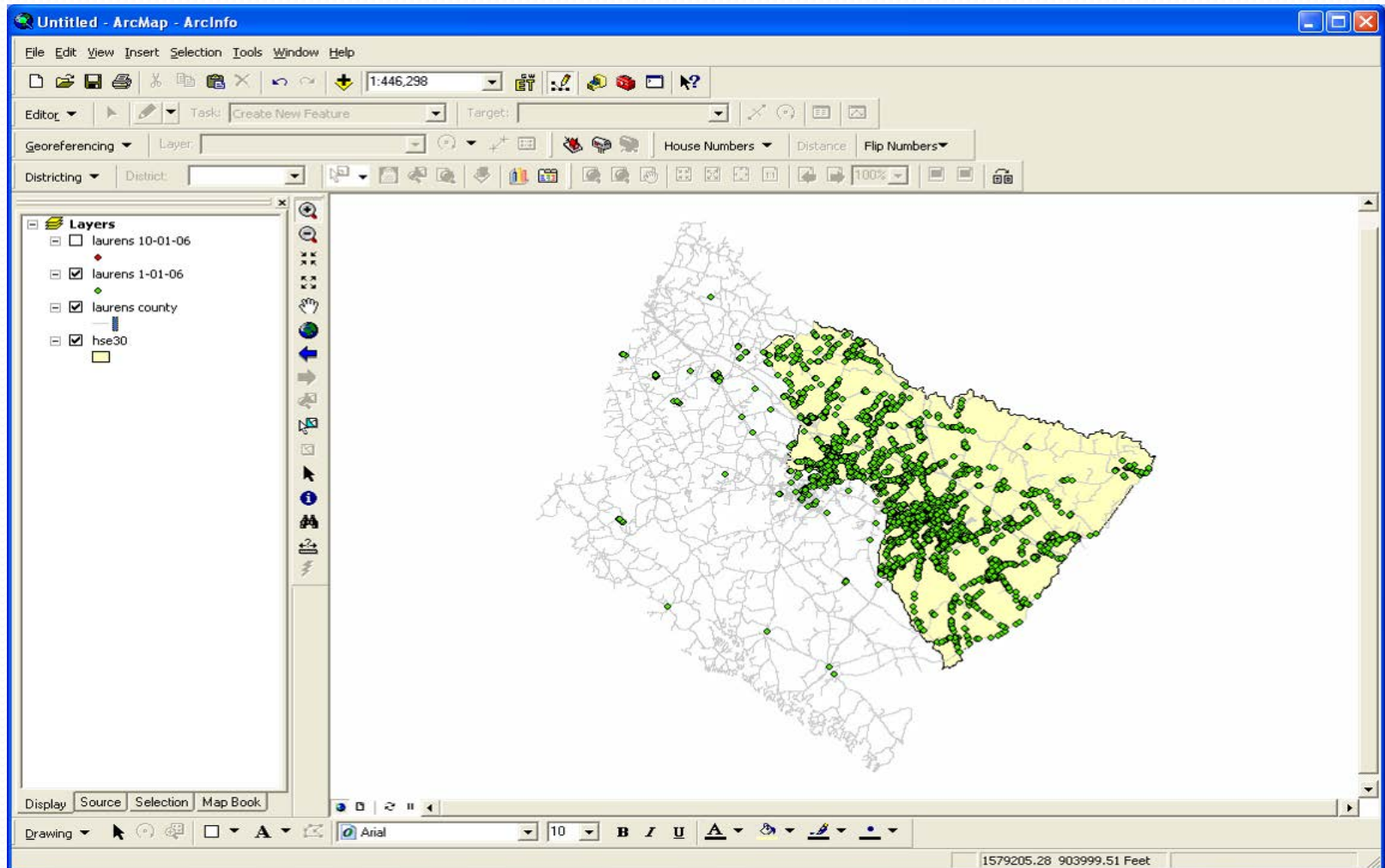
- (1) Review existing precinct boundaries and maps for accuracy
- (2) Consult with members of the General Assembly
- (3) Maintain precinct maps and related data for the State
- (4) Assist the appropriate county officials in the drawing of maps
- (5) Coordinate with the Census Bureau in the use of precinct boundaries
- (6) Serve as a focal point for verifying official precinct information for the counties of South Carolina.



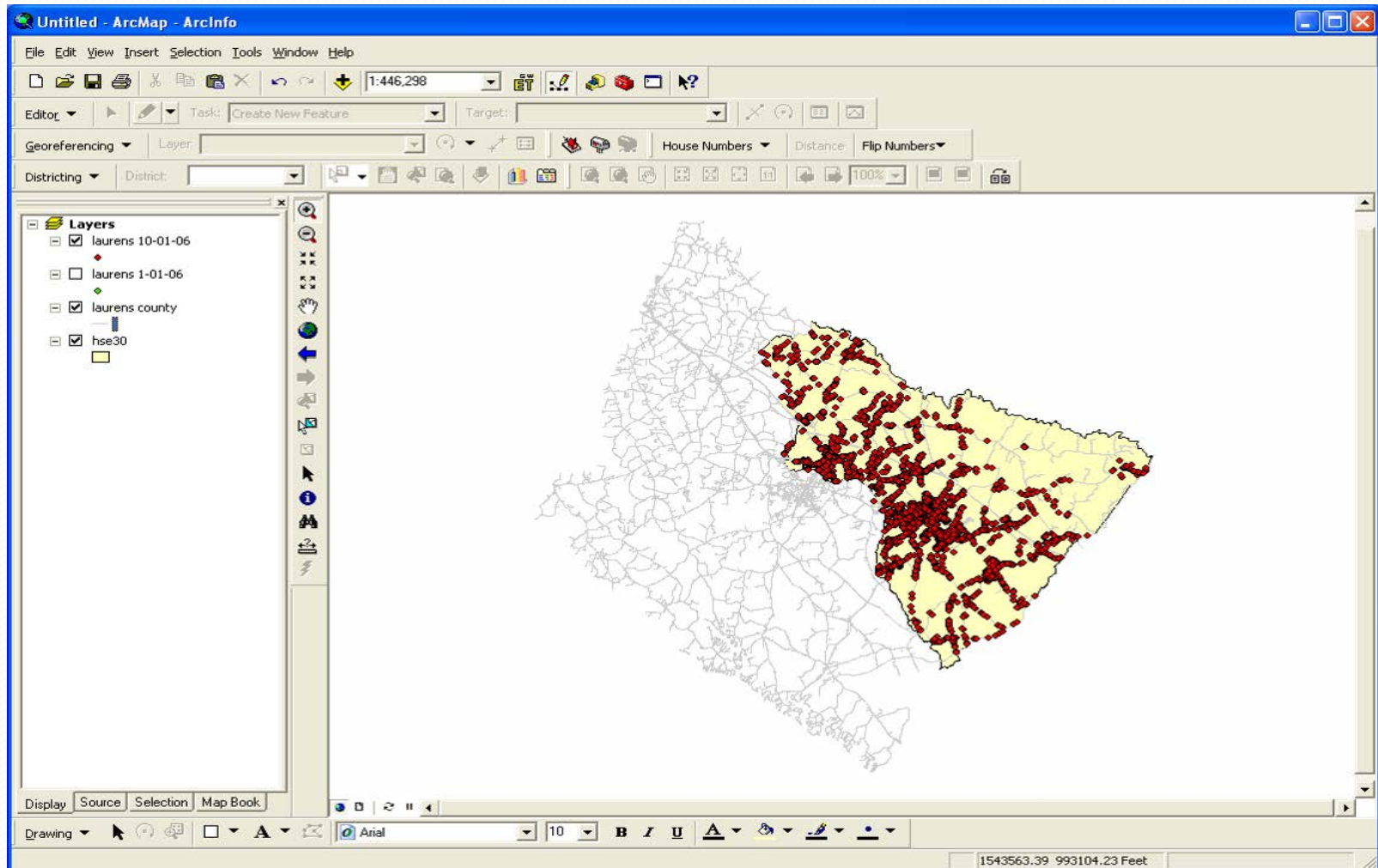
# Services

- Provide Redistricting support to local governments, the legislature, and the courts
- Coordinate the 2020 Census geographic programs and redistricting data programs for South Carolina
- Assist county voter registration offices with verifying voting district assignment

# Incorrect Voter Assignment



# Corrected Voter Assignment

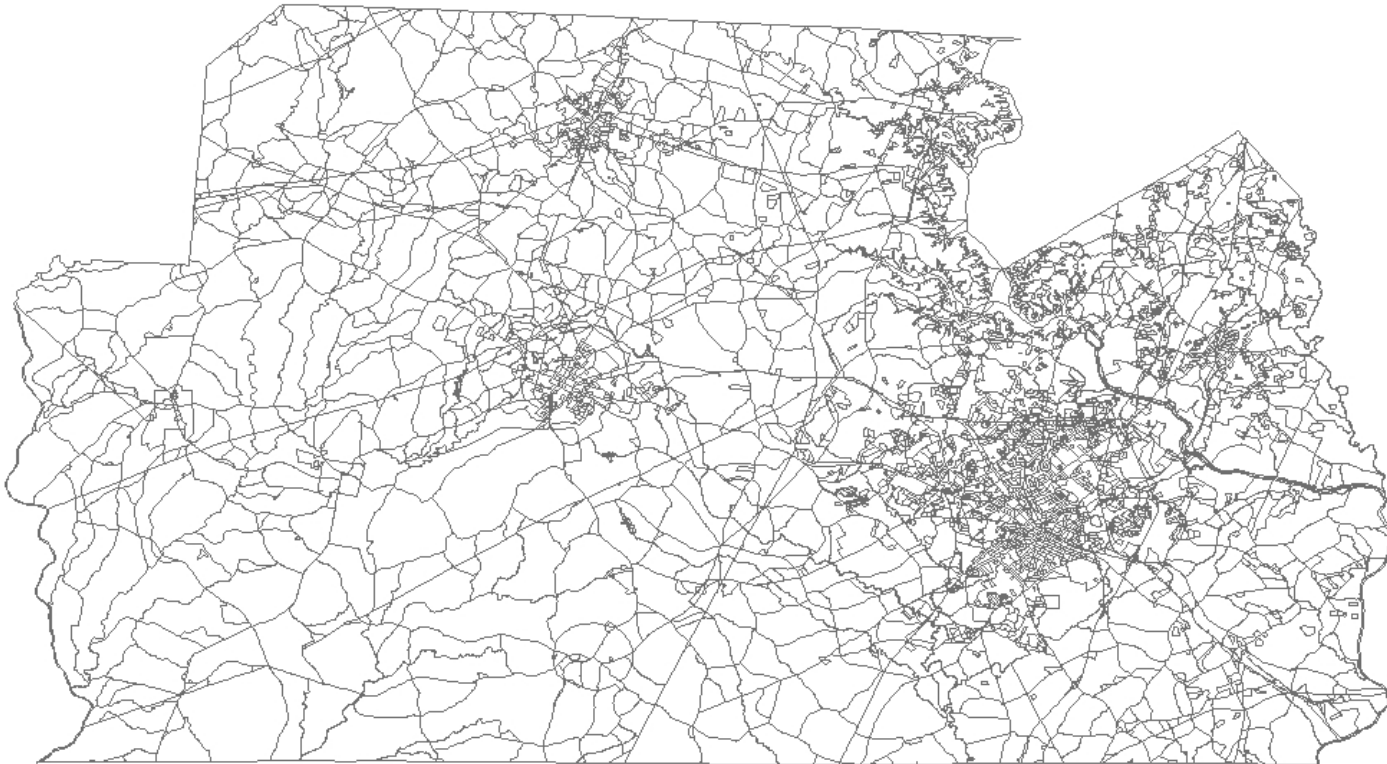




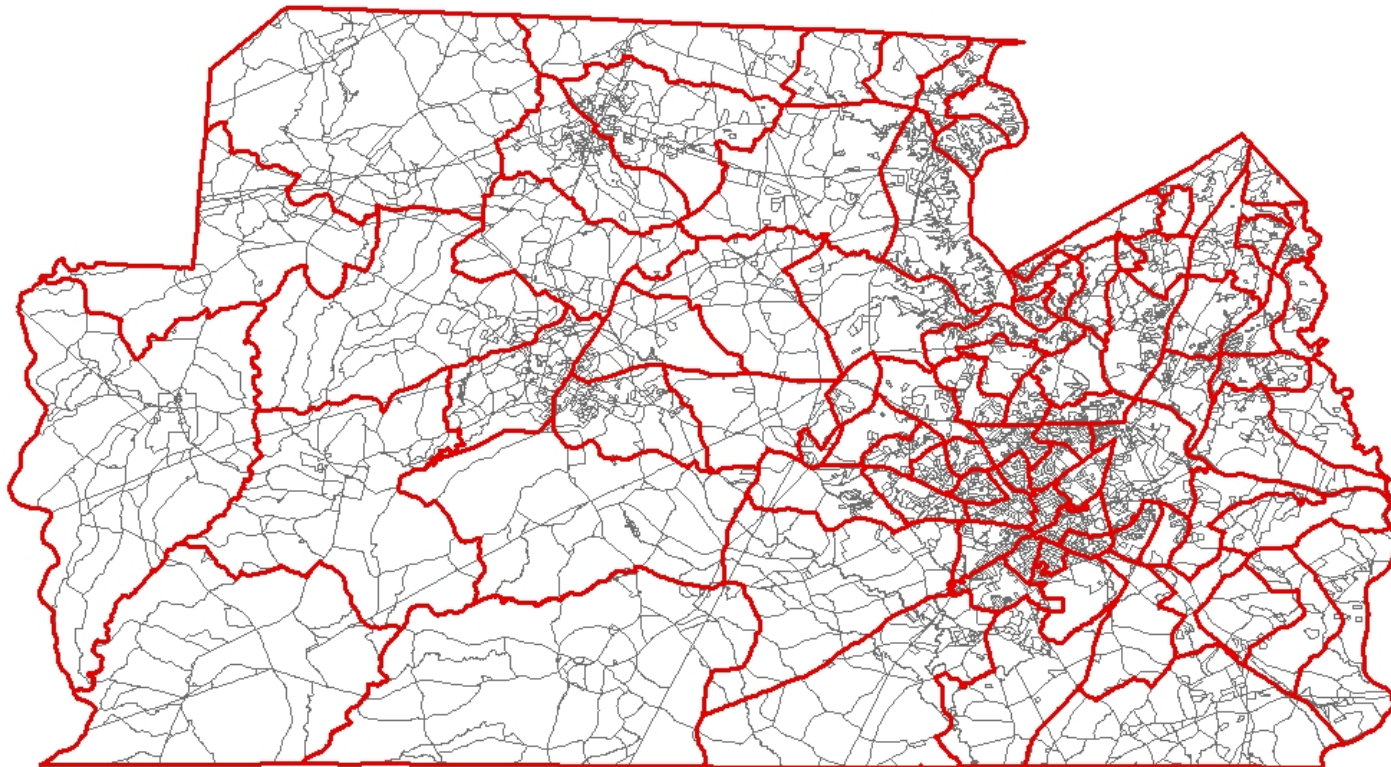
# Precincts and Redistricting Code Sections

- Precinct maps are established by the General Assembly §7-7-10
- Precinct maps codified under §7-7-30 through §7-7-530
  - Code of Laws states the name for each precinct in the county as well as the map number for each county precinct map
- House Districts established under §2-1-35 and Senate Districts established under §2-1-70
- Precincts and election districts use Census Bureau information for the building blocks of the maps
- Redistricting example:
  - DISTRICT 3 Area Population Pickens County Abel 1,804 Calhoun 2,788 Central 1 4,870 Central 2 2,799 Clemson 1 1,680 Clemson 2 1,576 Flat Rock Tract 110.02 Blocks: 4031, 4032, 4033, 4038, 4039, 4040, 4044, 4045, 4046, 4047, 4048, 4051 149 Tract 110.03 Blocks: 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2039, 2040, 2041 212 Flat Rock Subtotal 361 Lawrence Chapel 1,554 Liberty 1 Tract 110.02 Blocks: 4025, 4029, 4030, 4041, 4042, 4043, 4052 67 Liberty 1 Subtotal 67 Morrison 3,281 Mountain View Tract 102 Blocks: 1059, 1072, 1073, 1074, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081, 1082, 1083, 1084, 1085, 1086, 1087, 1088, 1091, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1177, 1178, 1179, 1180, 1181, 1182, 1183, 1184, 1185, 1186, 1187, 1188, 1189, 1190, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1194, 1195, 1196, 1199, 1200, 1201, 1202, 1203, 1204, 1205, 1206, 1207, 1208, 1209, 1210, 1211, 1212, 1213, 1214, 1215, 1216, 1217, 1218, 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222, 1223, 1227, 1228, 1229, 1230, 1231, 1232, 1233, 1234, 1235, 1236, 1237, 1238, 1239, 1240, 1241 1,520 Mountain View Subtotal 1,520

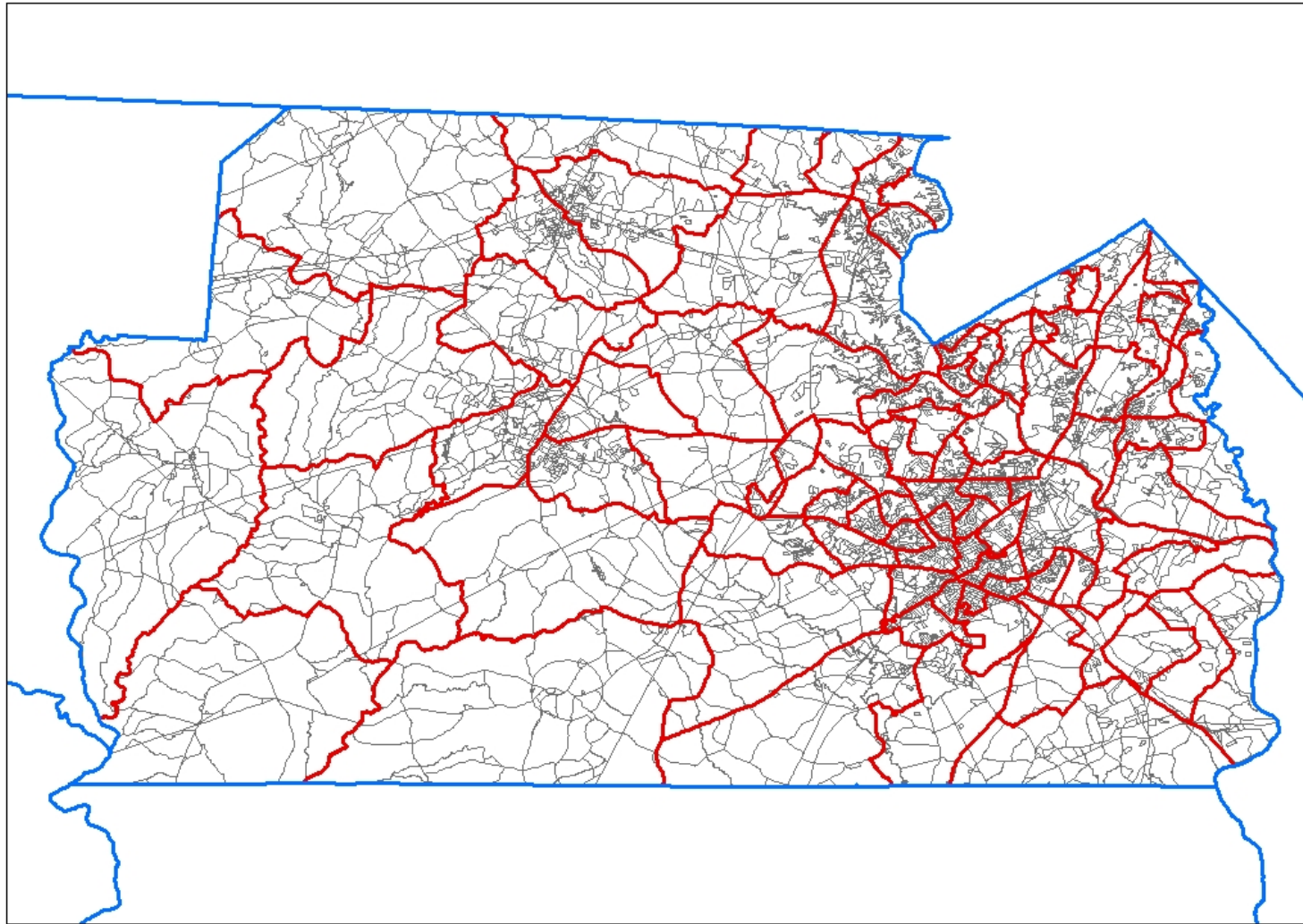
## Census Geography Hierarchy - Blocks



## Census Geography Hierarchy - Blocks, VTD

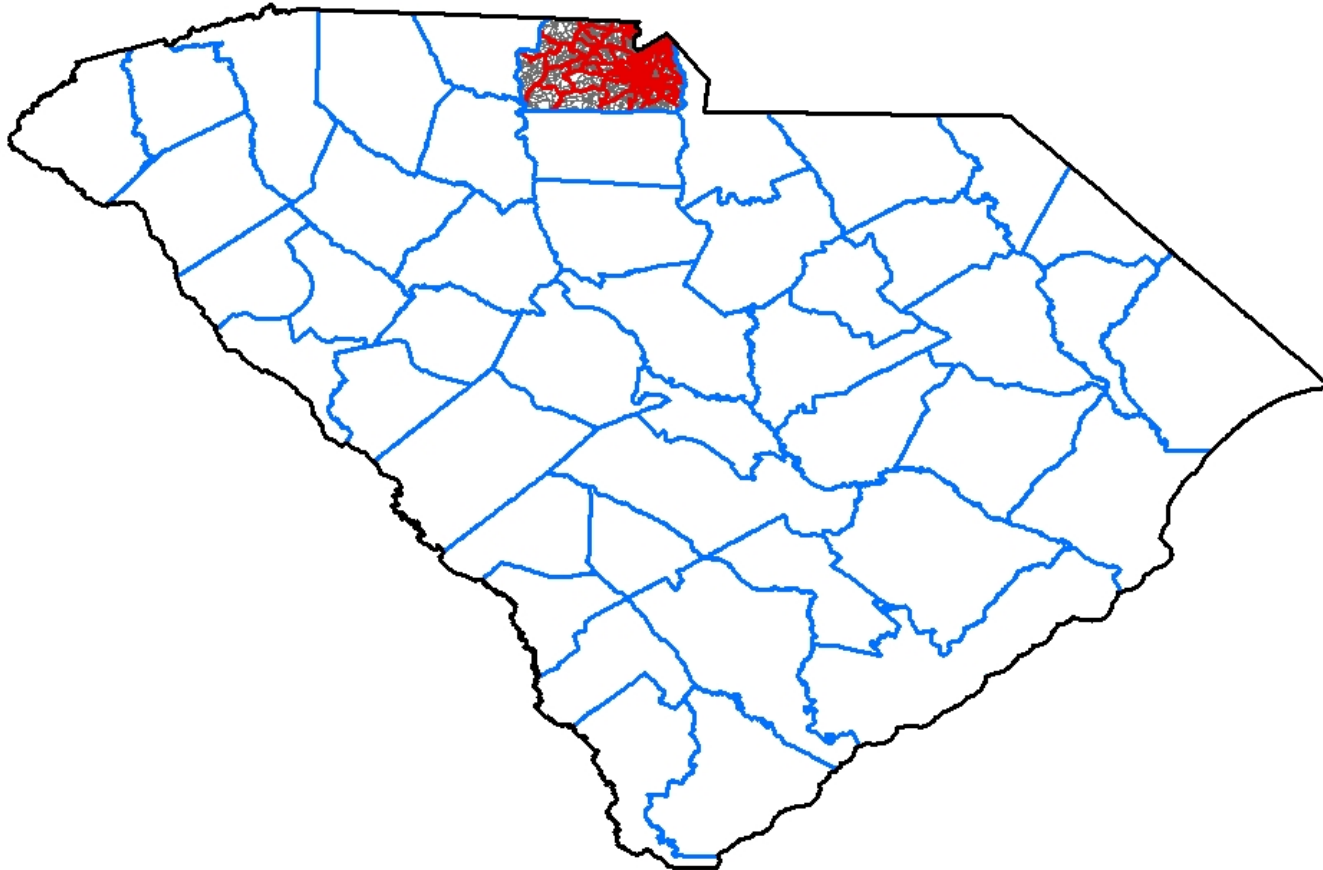


## Census Geography Hierarchy - Blocks, VTD, County

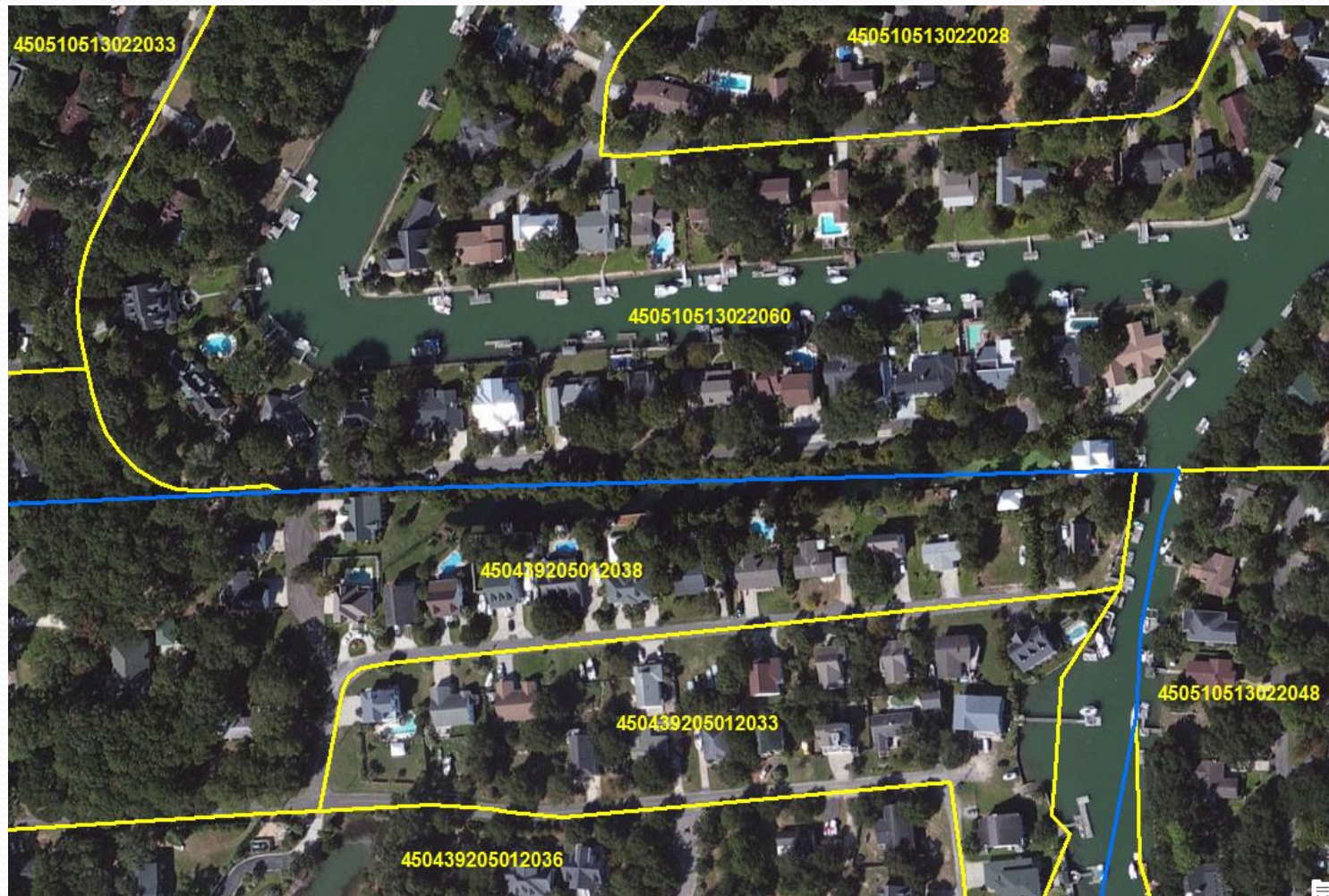




## Census Geography Hierarchy - Blocks, VTD, County, State

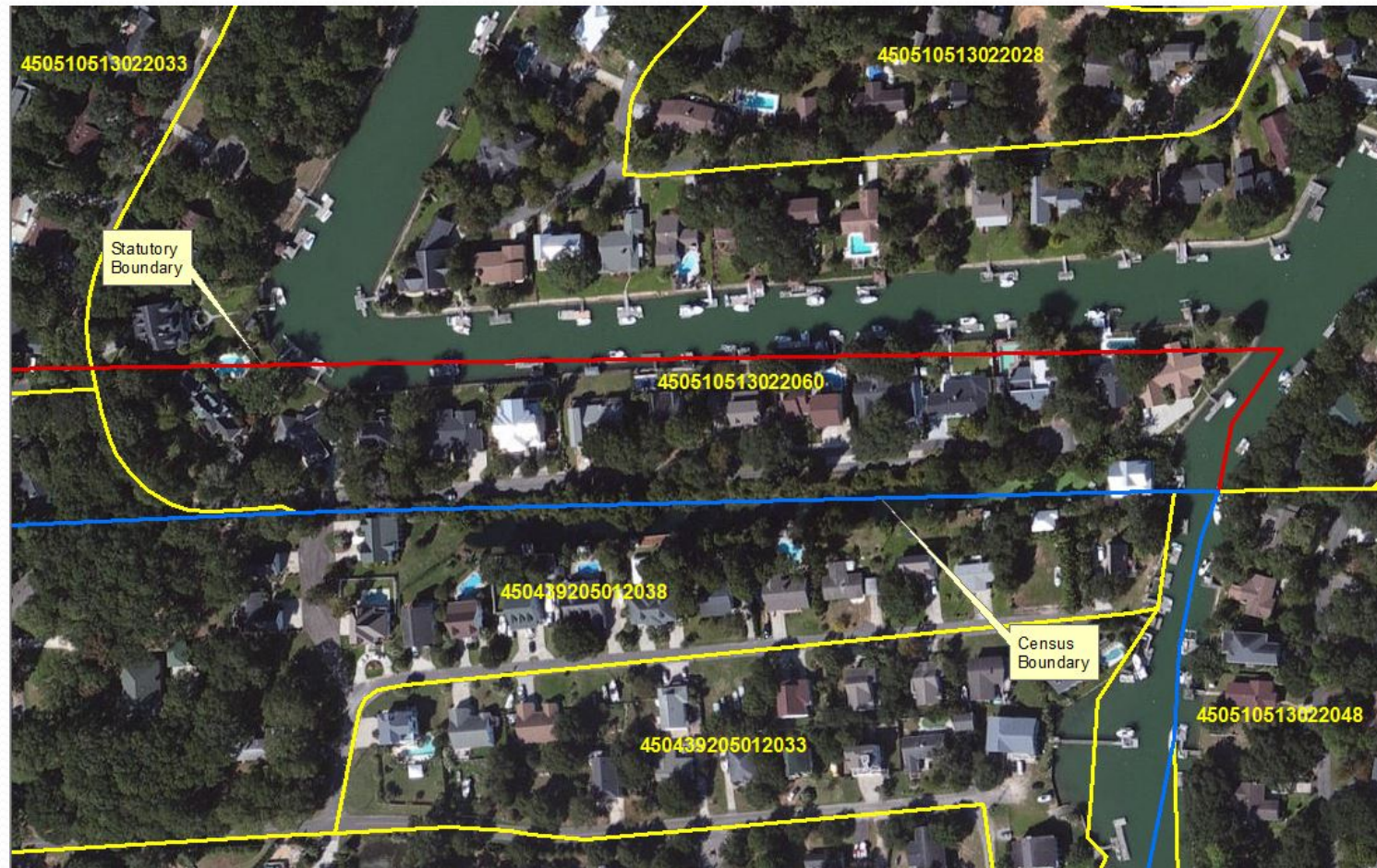


# Census Boundary Issues



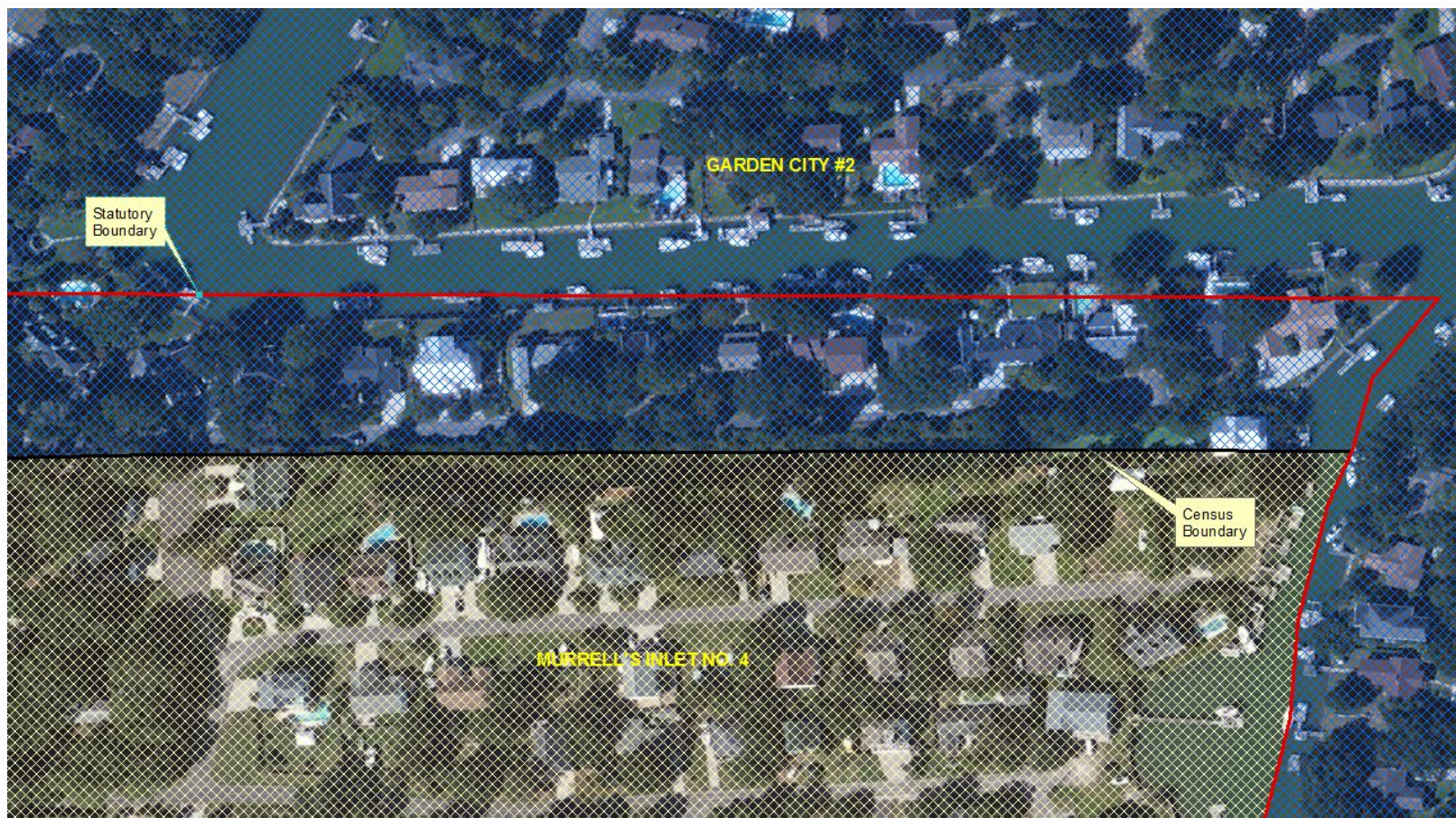


# Census and Statutory Boundary



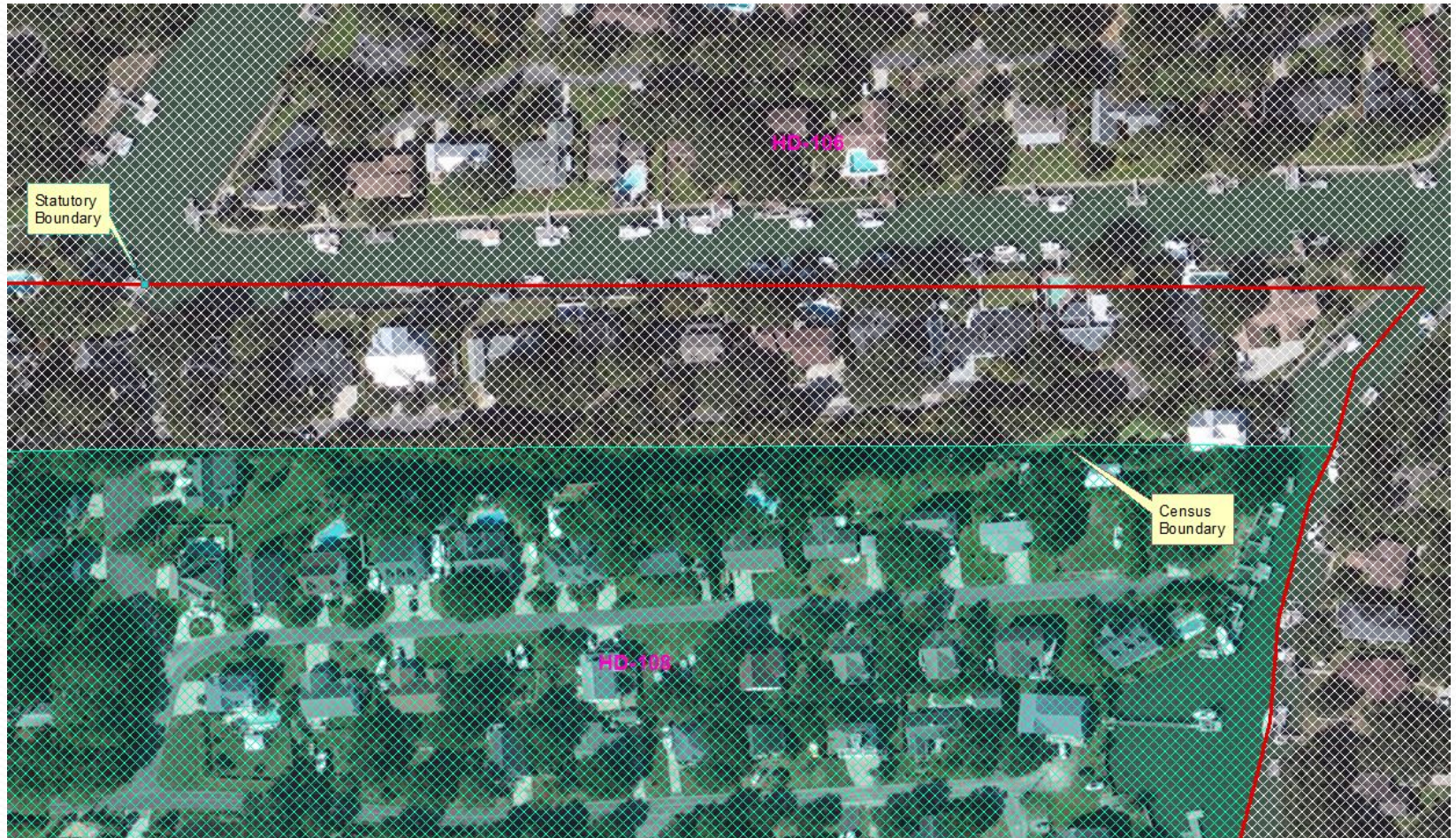


# Voting Precincts





# House Districts





# Office of Precinct Demographics

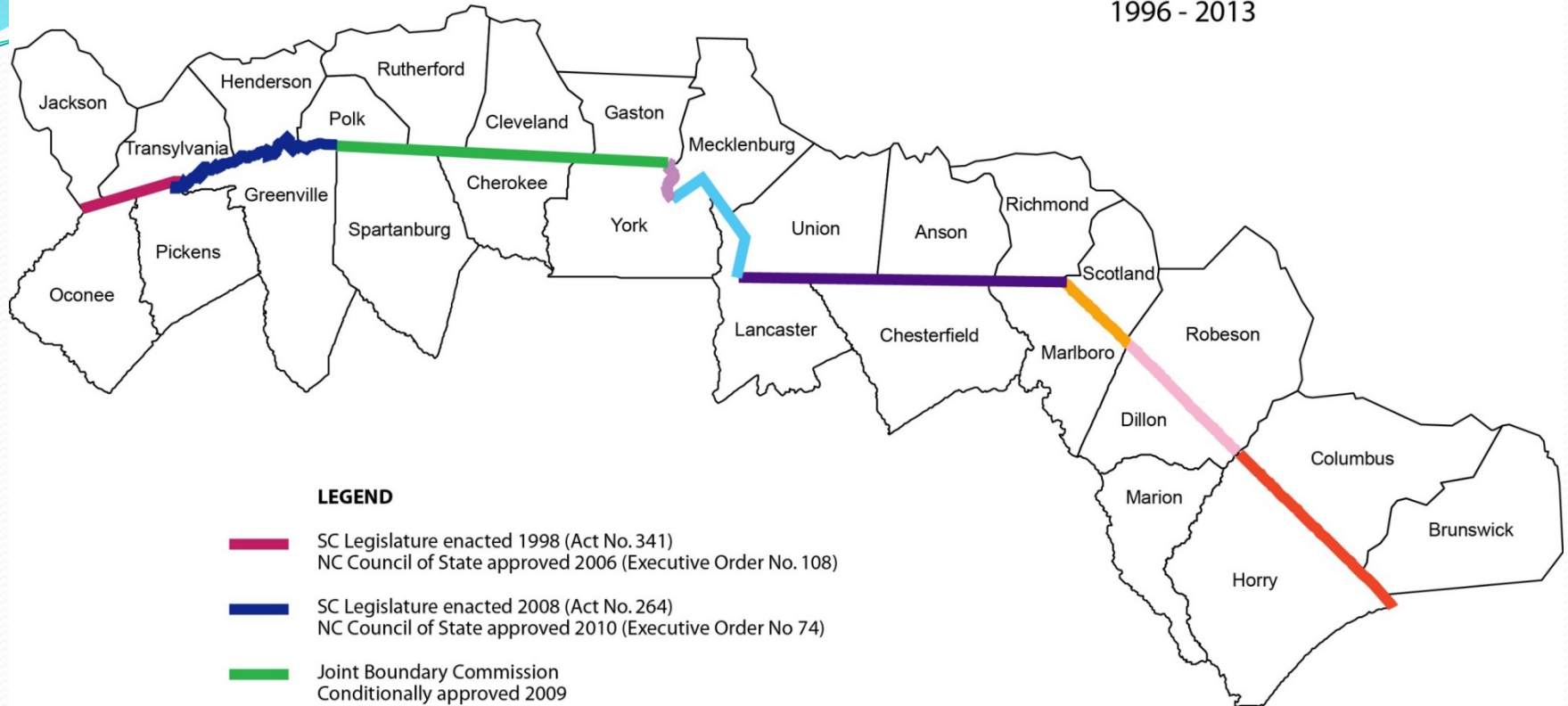
- Where do we go from here?
  - RFA has notified the Census Bureau the current representation of the county boundaries in the census file does not match the statutory boundary.
  - RFA will be working with the Census Bureau through the 2020 Census Geographic Programs as well as the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Program to correct the boundaries according to state statute.

# South Carolina Code of Laws

- Title 1- Administration of the Government
- Chapter 1- General Provisions
- Article 1- Jurisdiction and Boundaries of the State
  - Section 1-1-10. Jurisdiction and Boundaries of the State



# PROJECT TO RE-ESTABLISH SOUTH CAROLINA - NORTH CAROLINA BOUNDARY 1996 - 2013



## LEGEND

- █ SC Legislature enacted 1998 (Act No. 341)  
NC Council of State approved 2006 (Executive Order No. 108)
- █ SC Legislature enacted 2008 (Act No. 264)  
NC Council of State approved 2010 (Executive Order No 74)
- █ Joint Boundary Commission  
Conditionally approved 2009
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...thence following the eastern and northern boundary lines of said Catawba Indian Reservation to where such northern boundary line crosses the thread of the Catawba River; thence up the thread of said river to **the confluence of the north and south forks** thereof; **thence west** to a point at latitude  $35^{\circ} 11' 46.41502''$  N. and longitude  $82^{\circ} 12' 57.37020''$  W. , North American Datum 1983-86 (NAD 83-86) **marked by a brass screw in a stone inscribed "S.C. 1815" on one side and "N.C., Sept 15" on the other...**



# South Carolina Code of Laws

- Title 4- Counties
- Chapter 3- Boundaries of Existing Counties
  - Defines County Boundaries that were established by County Formation or Annexation



- Example from Code of Law for County Boundaries:

- **SECTION 4-3-390.** Marlboro County.

Marlboro County is bounded as follows: on the west by the Great Pee Dee River, which separates it from the counties of Chesterfield, Darlington and Florence; and on the southeast by Dillon County, from which it is divided by a line drawn from a **dead pine** on the North Carolina line S. 22.5° W. 24.75 miles until it intersects the Great Pee Dee River.

- **SECTION 4-3-10.** Abbeville County.

Abbeville County is bounded as follows: on the southwest by the Savannah River, by which it is separated from Georgia; on the northwest by Anderson County, from which it is separated by a line (**the old Indian boundary**) drawn from a **marked black gum**, on the east bank of the Savannah River, at the foot of Grape Shoals, N. 50° E. to a **willow oak, marked "A. & P.,"** on the south side of Saluda River; on the northeast by Laurens County, from which it is separated by the Saluda River, and by Greenwood County; and on the southeast by McCormick County.

## • Example from Code of Law for County Boundaries:

### **SECTION 4-3-200.** Dorchester County.

Dorchester County is composed of all that territory formerly a portion of Colleton County comprised in the townships of George, Koger, Carn, Burns, Givhans, Dorchester and that part of Collins township formerly in said county of Colleton lying north of the public road leading from Parker's Ferry, upon the Edisto River, to a public landing known as Lowndes' Landing, upon Rantowles Creek, and all that portion formerly of Berkeley County included within the following lines, to wit: from the intersection of the county line between Colleton and Berkeley Counties with the run of Four Holes Creek a straight line to a point upon Saw Mill Branch one mile northeast of the Southern Railway; thence along said branch to the former Colleton County line, and thence back to the starting point along the former line of division between Colleton and Berkeley Counties. And is bounded northeast by Berkeley County, from which it is separated by the Four Holes Swamp from the intersection of said swamp with the old district line (drawn from Nelson's Ferry, on the Santee River, to Matthews' Bluff, on Savannah River) to the intersection of the run of said swamp with the old county line between Colleton and Berkeley Counties; and by a straight line running thence to a point upon Saw Mill Branch one mile northeast of the South Carolina and Georgia Railroad, and thence along said branch to the old division line between Colleton and Berkeley Counties; and thence by said old division line to the point where said line intersects the division line between Charleston and Berkeley Counties; on the southeast by Charleston County, from which it is separated by the old division line between Charleston and Colleton Counties to Lowndes' Landing, on Rantowles Creek; southwest by Colleton County, from which it is separated by the public road leading from Lowndes' Landing, on Rantowles Creek, to Parker's Ferry, on Edisto River; and thence by the said river to the intersection of said river with the old district line down from Nelson's Ferry, on Matthews' Bluff; and on the northwest and northeast by Orangeburg County, from which it is separated by said last-mentioned district line.

### **SECTION 4-3-210.** Dorchester County; portion of Lincolnville area in Charleston County transferred to Dorchester County.

That portion of the Lincolnville area in Charleston County which was the subject of an election held March 14 1967, by the commissioners of election for Charleston County, the results of which election were favorable to the annexation, and the General Assembly having found that all provisions of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, governing the alteration of county lines having been satisfactorily complied with, is hereby transferred to Dorchester County and annexed to that county. The proper proportion of the existing county indebtedness of the area so transferred shall be assumed by Dorchester County, the county to which the area is transferred.

### **SECTION 4-3-220.** Dorchester County; additional area of Charleston County transferred to Dorchester County.

That portion of Charleston County which was the subject of an election held October 29 1968 by the commissioners of election of Charleston County, the results of which election were favorable to the annexation, and the General Assembly having found that all provisions of the Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, governing the alteration of county lines having been satisfactorily complied with, is hereby transferred to Dorchester County and annexed to that county. The proper proportion of the existing county indebtedness of the area so transferred shall be assumed by the county to which the area is transferred.

### **SECTION 4-3-230.** Dorchester County; additional area of Charleston County transferred to Dorchester County; designation of area.

The portion of Charleston County described below is hereby annexed to and made a part of Dorchester County:

Beginning at a stake on what was the Berkeley-Charleston County line, what is now the Berkeley-Dorchester County line, and running in a southwesterly direction for a distance of four thousand one hundred thirty-two and twenty-two hundredths feet along what is now Charleston County to a stake on what is commonly known as the Owens Road, the old Dorchester-Charleston County line; thence, running in a Northwesterly direction for a distance of nine hundred twenty feet along said Owens Road and Dorchester County to the center of the run of what is commonly known as Sawmill Branch, the old Charleston-Dorchester County boundary line; thence, running along said Sawmill Branch in a northeasterly direction to the old Berkeley-Dorchester-Charleston County lines; thence, running in a southeasterly direction for a distance of eight hundred seventy-nine and five-tenths feet along the old Berkeley-Charleston County line, now the Berkeley-Dorchester County line to the stake designated "B" on a plat of J.N. Frank, surveyor, dated 12 August, 1968.

## • Example from Code of Law for County Boundaries:

**SECTION 4-3-231.** Dorchester County; additional area of Charleston County transferred to Dorchester County.

The following described portion of Charleston County is hereby transferred and annexed to Dorchester County:

All that tract of land now situate and lying in Charleston County, being a portion of property formerly known as "Middleton Tract" and more commonly known as "Middleton Place", said tract containing 1,085 acres more or less and constituting the southernmost portion of Middleton Place to the west of South Carolina Highway 61 and more particularly shown on the tax maps of Charleston County as T.M.S. Number 301-001 and also shown on a plat recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Dorchester County in Plat Book 21, at page 42, and in the R.M.C. office for Charleston County in Plat Book AC, at page 144; and

All that tract of land now situate and lying in Charleston County, being a portion of property formerly known as "Middleton Tract" and more commonly known as "Middleton Place", said tract containing 130 acres, more or less, of highland and 49 acres, more or less, of marshland, and constituting the southernmost portion of Middleton Place to the east of South Carolina Highway 61 and more particularly shown on the tax maps of Charleston County as T.M.S. Number 364-011 and also shown on a plat recorded in the office of the Clerk of Court for Dorchester County in Plat Book 21, at page 42 and in the R.M.C. office for Charleston County in Plat Book AC, at page 144.

**SECTION 4-3-232.** Dorchester County; additional area of Charleston County transferred to Dorchester County.

The following described portion of Charleston County is hereby transferred and annexed to Dorchester County: All that area now situate, lying and being in the County of Charleston beginning at a point on the southern right-of-way of S. C. 881 (the point of beginning), thence southeast for a distance of 9,700 feet ± along the right-of-way of S. C. 881 to a point which is on the right-of-way of S. C. 881 and Highway 78 that is better known as Ladson Road, thence southwest along the right-of-way of Ladson Road 8,000 ± to a point which is on the right-of-way of Ladson Road and Highway 1120 that is better known as Jamison Road, thence northwest along the right-of-way of Jamison Road 2,700 feet ± to a point which is on the northern right-of-way of Jamison Road, thence southwest 50 feet ± to a point which is on the southern right-of-way of Jamison Road, thence southwest 180 feet ± to a point, thence southwest 130 feet ± to a point, thence northwest 370 feet ± to a point, thence southwest 800 feet ± to a point which is on the Charleston-Dorchester County line, thence northwest along the Charleston and Dorchester County Line 2,200 feet ± to a point which is on the southern right-of-way of Jamison Road, thence northwest along the Charleston and Dorchester County Line 50 feet ± to a point which is on the northern right-of-way of Jamison Road, thence northwest 600 feet ± along the Charleston-Dorchester County Line to a point, thence southeast 550 feet ± to a point, thence northeast 5,400 feet ± to a point which is the point of the beginning; which area is more specifically shown on that certain PLAT, of a 855.61 ACRE TRACT LOCATED IN CHARLESTON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA BEING CONSIDERED FOR ANNEXATION INTO DORCHESTER COUNTY, S. C. DATE: 4 Aug. '76, Scale 1" = 600', W. E. Gilbert & Associates Inc., Engineers, Greenwood, South Carolina, as certified to by W. E. Gilbert, S. C. Reg. L. S. No. 4387, Greenwood, South Carolina, R. K. Leake, S. C. Reg. L. S. No. 2946 and J. B. Hudson, S. C. Reg. L. S. No. 4036, McCormick, South Carolina as boundary commissioners which plat is on file in the offices of the Clerks of Court of Charleston and Dorchester Counties with reference thereto being had for a more full and complete description.



## • Example from Code of Law for County Boundaries:

**SECTION 4-3-233.** Dorchester County; additional area of Charleston County transferred to Dorchester County.

The following described portion of Charleston County is hereby transferred and annexed to Dorchester County:

All that area now situate and lying in Charleston County commencing at a point on the Northeast side of U. S. Highway No. 78 (also known as Fifth North Street) - which said point is on the present Dorchester-Charleston county line, and proceeding along the present Dorchester-Charleston county line in a northeasterly direction for a distance of approximately two thousand five hundred (2500) feet to the intersection of said Dorchester-Charleston county line with the Berkeley-Charleston county line; thence in a southeasterly direction along the Berkeley-Charleston county line, approximately eighteen hundred (1800) feet to the northeast corner of the property owned by John Finucan and Magie F. Peters; thence in a southwesterly direction along the property line of the real estate of John Finucan and Magie F. Peters, a distance of approximately fifteen hundred (1500) feet to a point on the northeast side of U. S. Highway No. 78 (also known as Fifth North Street); thence in a westerly direction along the northeast side of said U. S. Highway No. 78 (also known as Fifth North Street) for a distance of approximately seven hundred and sixty (760) feet to the southwest corner of the real estate of the said John Finucan and Magie F. Peters; thence in a southerly direction across said U. S. Highway No. 78 (also known as Fifth North Street) to the northeast corner of lot owned by W. C. Cumbee thence along the southeastern line of the said lot of W. C. Cumbee, two hundred fifty-eight and five/tenths (258.5) feet to a point; thence northwest along the property of the said W. C. Cumbee and David H. Smith, a distance of three hundred seventy-nine (379) feet to the southwestern corner of a lot owned by David H. Smith, thence northeast along the property of David H. Smith, a distance of approximately three hundred and twenty-five (325) feet to a point on the northeastern side of said U. S. Highway No. 78 (also known as Fifth North Street); thence west along the northeast side of said U. S. Highway No. 78 (also known as Fifth North Street) to the point of beginning.

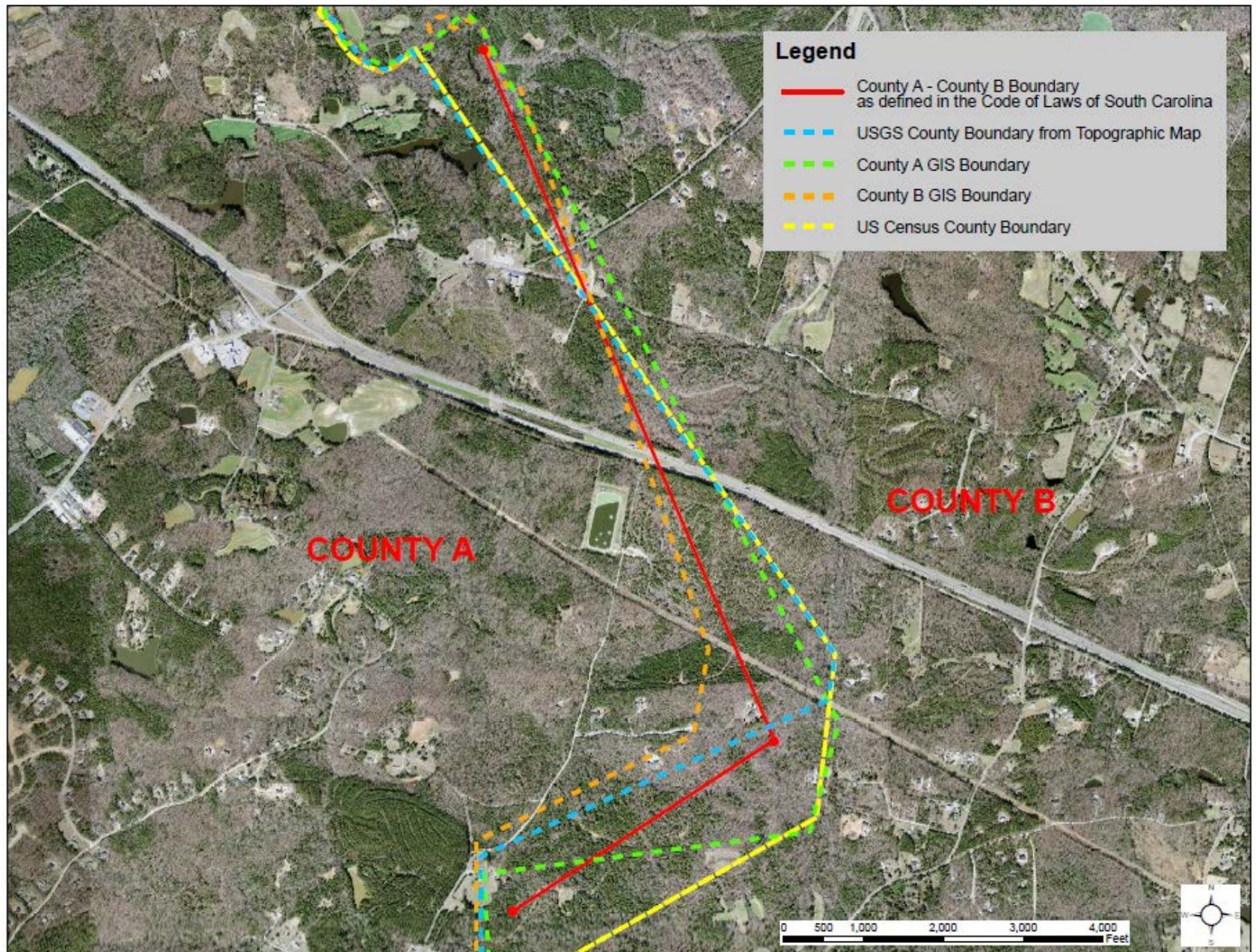
**SECTION 4-3-234.** Dorchester County; additional area of Charleston County transferred to Dorchester County.

(A)(i) The following described portion of Charleston County is transferred and annexed to Dorchester County:

All that area beginning at an iron bar 248.50 feet from the northeastern intersection of rights-of-way of Garbon Street (S-18-847) and West Boundary Street (S-10-2396), on a bearing of N 46°-15'-31" W, being the southwestern corner of a parcel of land described as Tract 6, a 30.12 acre parcel, the point of beginning; thence N 46°-15'-31" W along the northern edge of the right-of-way of West Boundary Street for a distance of 1600.00 feet to a point, the southwestern corner of Tract 7; thence N 34°-23'-49" W for a distance of 800.00 feet to a point, the common property corner of Tracts 4, 6, and 7; thence N 34°-23'-49" W for a distance of 772.34 feet to a point, the common property corner of Tracts 3, 4, and 7; thence N 53°-03'-47" E for a distance of 1000.00 feet to a point, the southeastern corner of Tract 3; thence N 53°-03'-47" E for a distance of 673.35 feet to a point, the northeastern corner of Tract 8; thence S 38°-30'-29" E for a distance of 433.69 feet to a point; thence S 48°-10'-31" W for a distance of 61.18 feet to a point; thence S 38°-30'-29" E for a distance of 927.24 feet to a point, the western intersection of rights-of-way of West Boundary Street and West Boundary Street, the southeastern corner of Tract 8; thence S 38°-30'-29" E for a distance of ± 55 feet to a point, the southern edge of the right-of-way of West Boundary Street; thence S 46°-15'-31" W along the southern edge of the right-of-way of West Boundary Street for a distance of ± 3,332 feet to a point; thence N 23°-50'-11" W for a distance of ± 55 feet to a point, the southwestern corner of Tract 6, to the point of beginning.

Said tract measures and contains 60.94 acres of land, more or less, and is more clearly shown on a plat by Robert David Branton dated October 1, 1993, and recorded in plat book CN, page 188 at the RMC office of Charleston County, South Carolina.

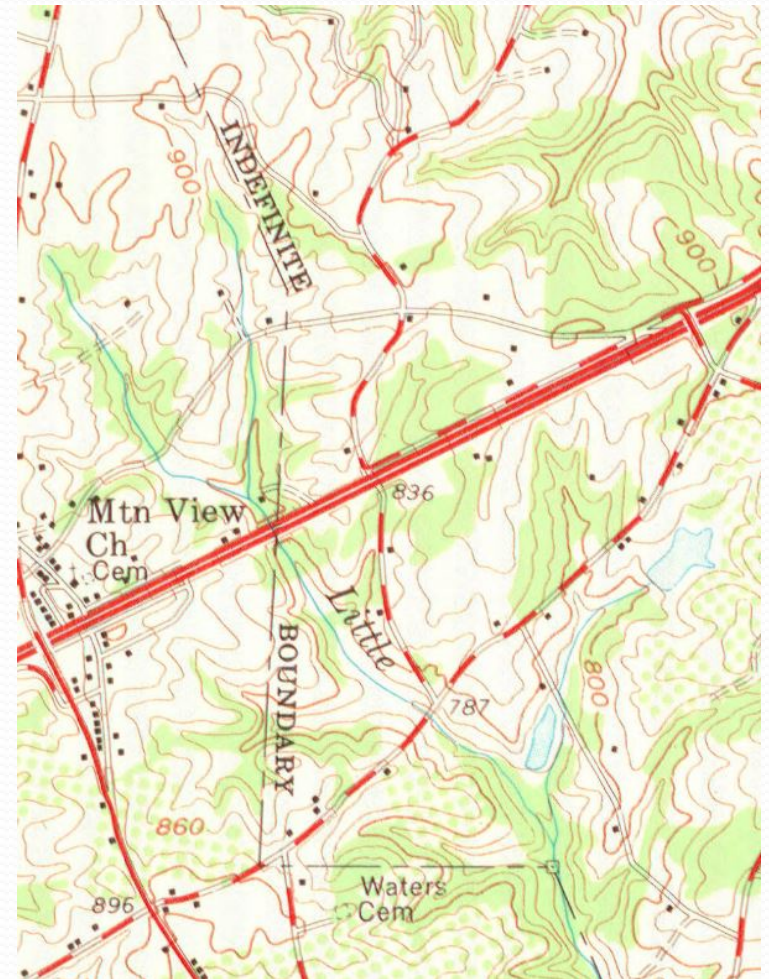
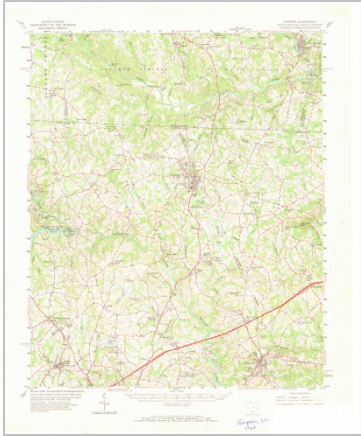


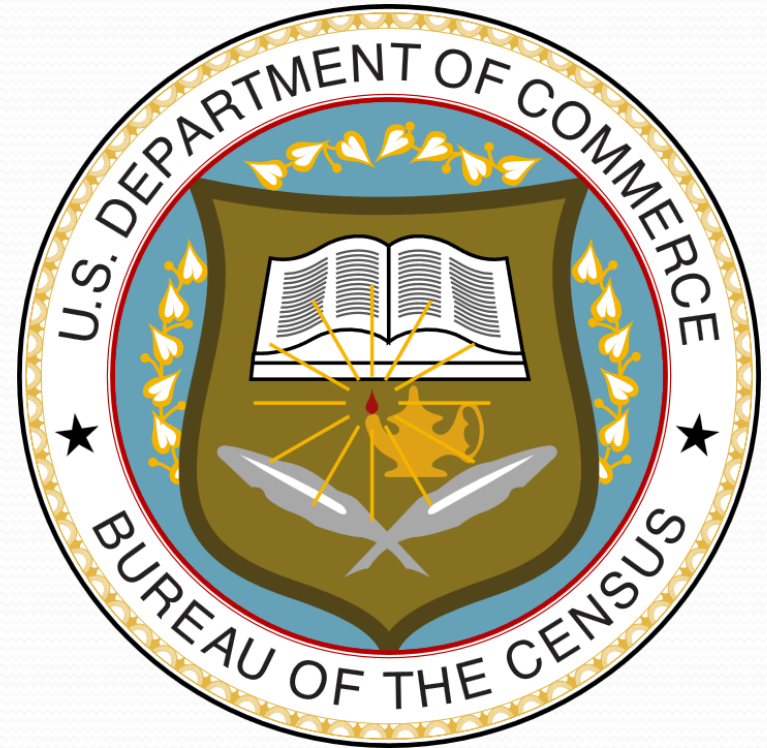
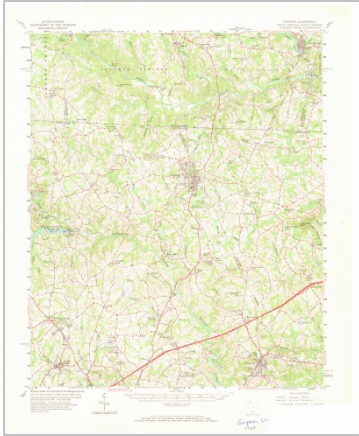






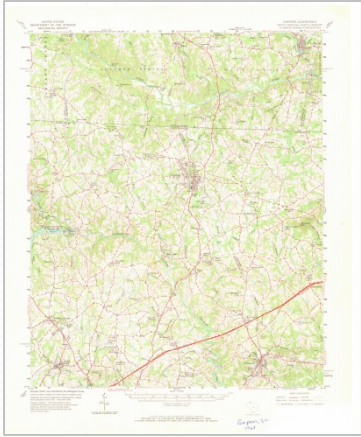




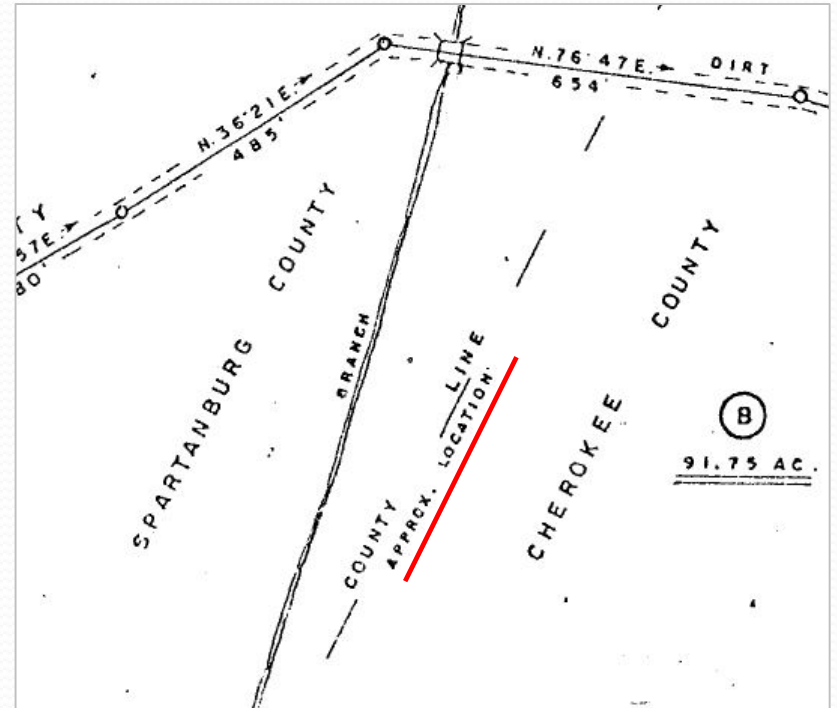
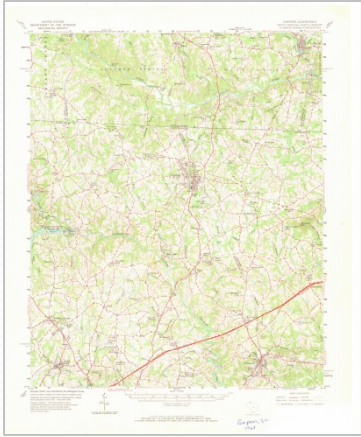


“The boundaries shown are for Census Bureau statistical data collection and tabulation purposes only; their depiction and designation for statistical purposes *does not constitute a determination of jurisdictional authority* or rights of ownership or entitlement.”

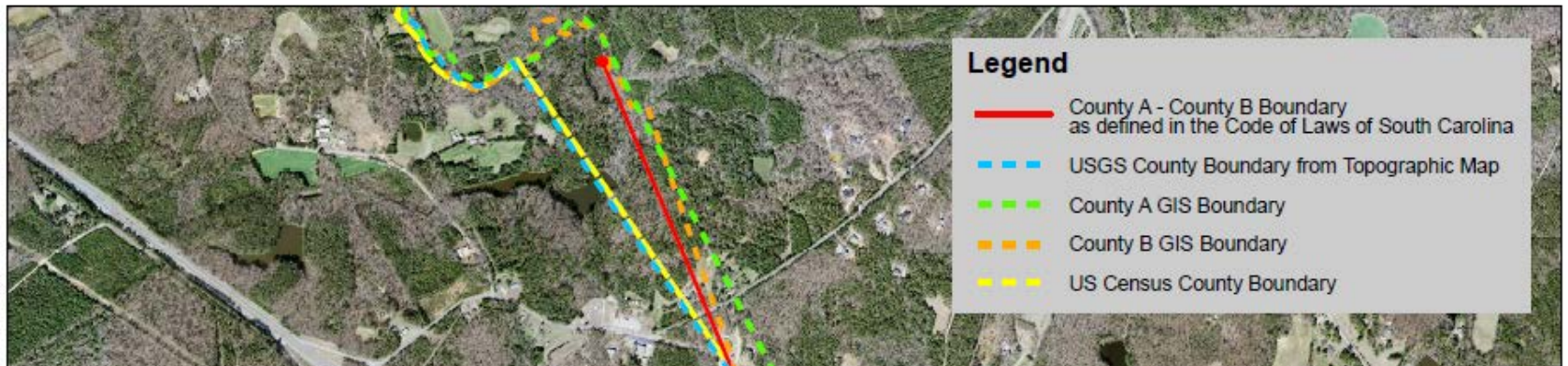




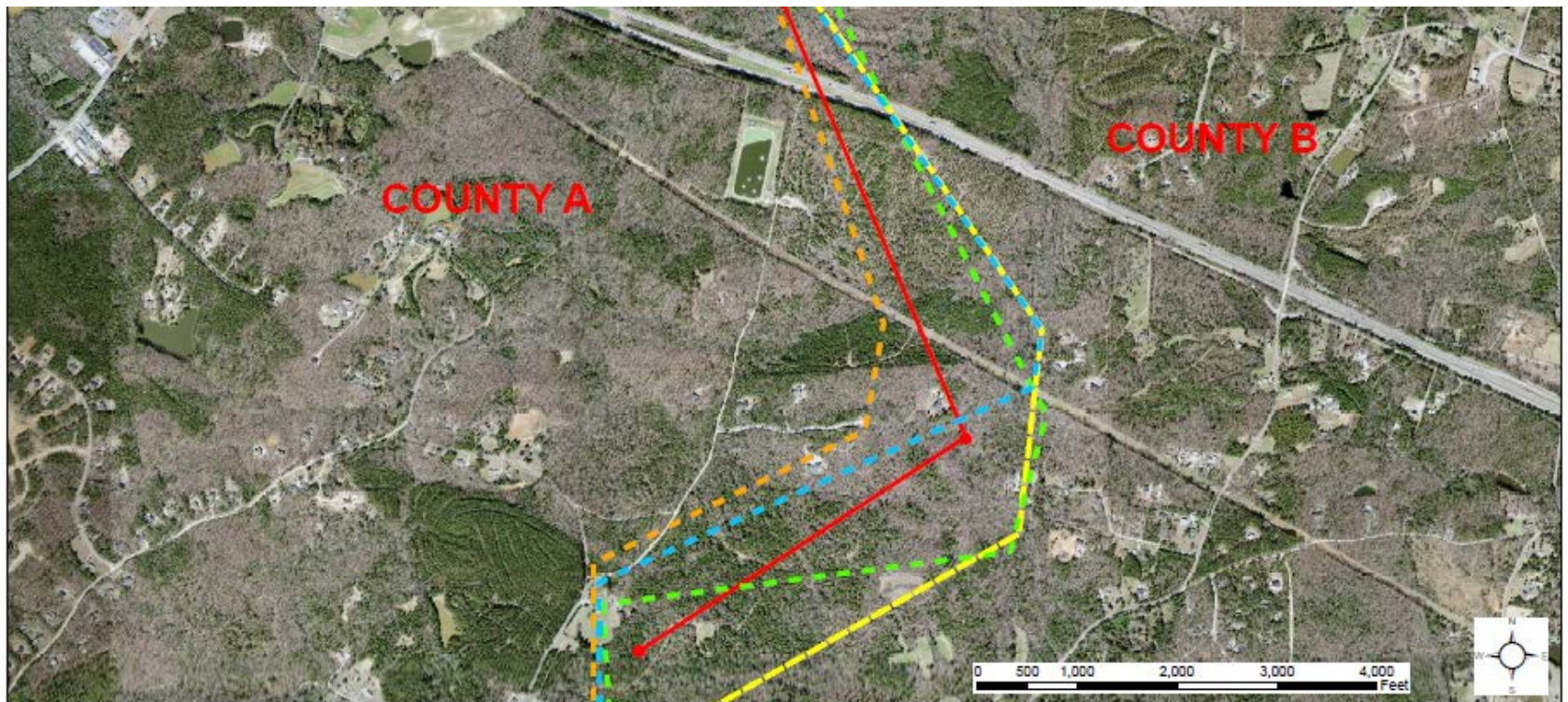




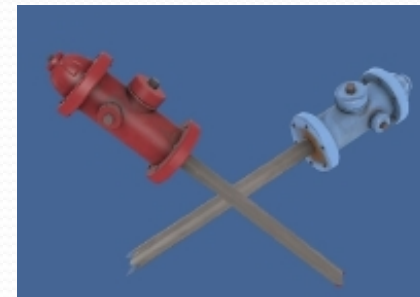




a county may survey its boundaries for the temporary guidance of its officers, but *a survey so made is not binding on the adjoining county nor on the public generally*









# Act No. 262 of 2014

- An Act to amend Section 27-2-105
- Relating to the duties of the SC Geodetic Survey (SCGS) with respect to determining county boundaries
- **Purpose:**
  - Exact and precise locations and boundaries of state's political subdivisions are critical for services, enforcement of property rights and election of public officials.
  - Passage of time and growth has led to confusion over statutory county descriptions and the locations of county boundary lines
  - Technology exists now to cost-effectively provide definite and permanent markers of boundary lines
  - Necessary for state government and political subdivisions
  - SCGS is the appropriate instrument to vest with the necessary authority to resolve county boundary issues

# SC Code of Law and Act 262 Of 2014

- **Role of South Carolina Geodetic Survey**

- (1994) Dispute between two or more counties- SCGS will act as mediator to resolve the dispute
- (1994/2014) SCGS to assist counties in defining and monumenting the locations of county boundaries and positioning the monuments using geodetic surveys where counties are ill-defined, unmarked, or poorly marked
- (2014) SCGS will clarify county boundaries as defined in Chapter 3, Title 4
- (2014) SCGS will analyze archival and other evidence and perform field surveys to position geographically all county boundaries in accordance with statutory descriptions



# Passage Of Time

**Cherokee, Spartanburg County Boundaries:  
Corner One Mile East of Cowpens**

1944



2013















# MONUMENTS:

Cherokee/Spartanburg



Cherokee/Spartanburg



Darlington/Florence



Aiken/Edgefield



Cherokee/Spartanburg



Kershaw/Lancaster



North Carolina/  
South Carolina



Greenville/Laurens





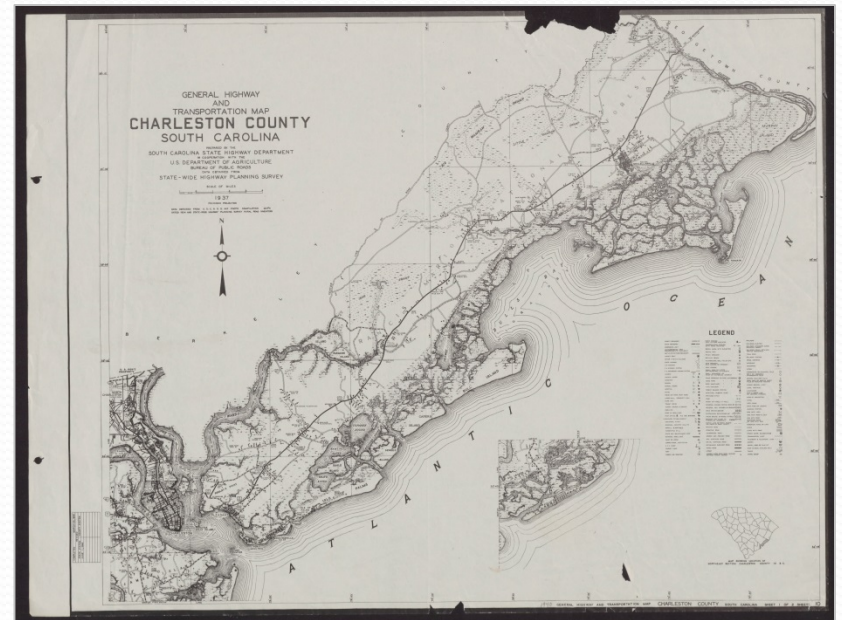
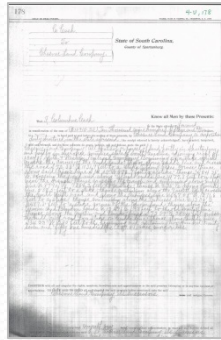
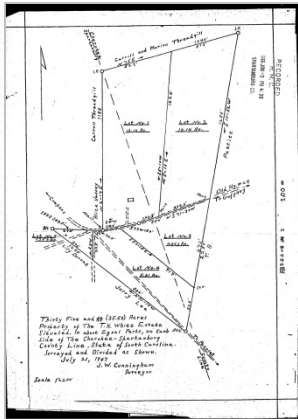
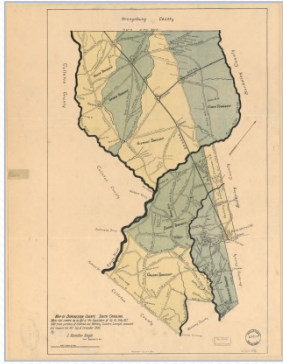


**THE PROPER SPIRIT.**

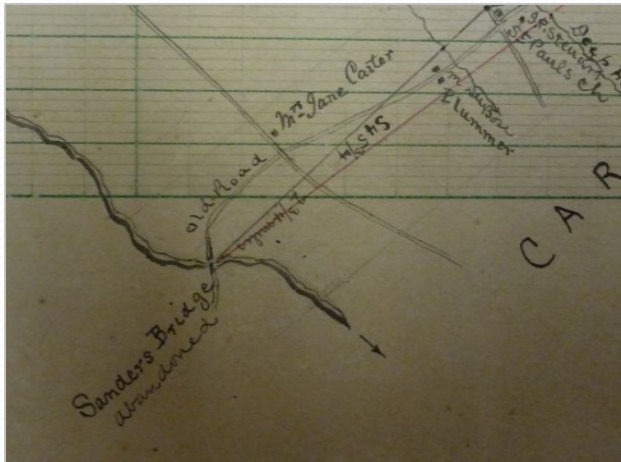
**Spartanburg Extends Congratulations to Her Offspring.**

The two new county elections held in this State on Tuesday were watched with interest by many people. Those interested in other new county schemes were specially interested. About this city every one seems glad that "Cherokee" has won, and the hope is expressed that the fight will not be carried into the general assembly.



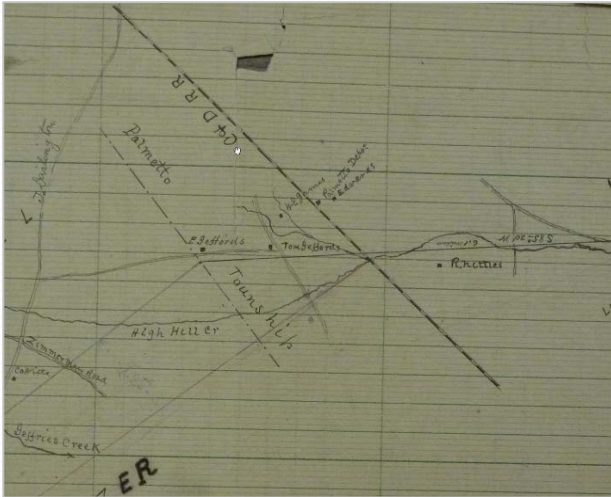






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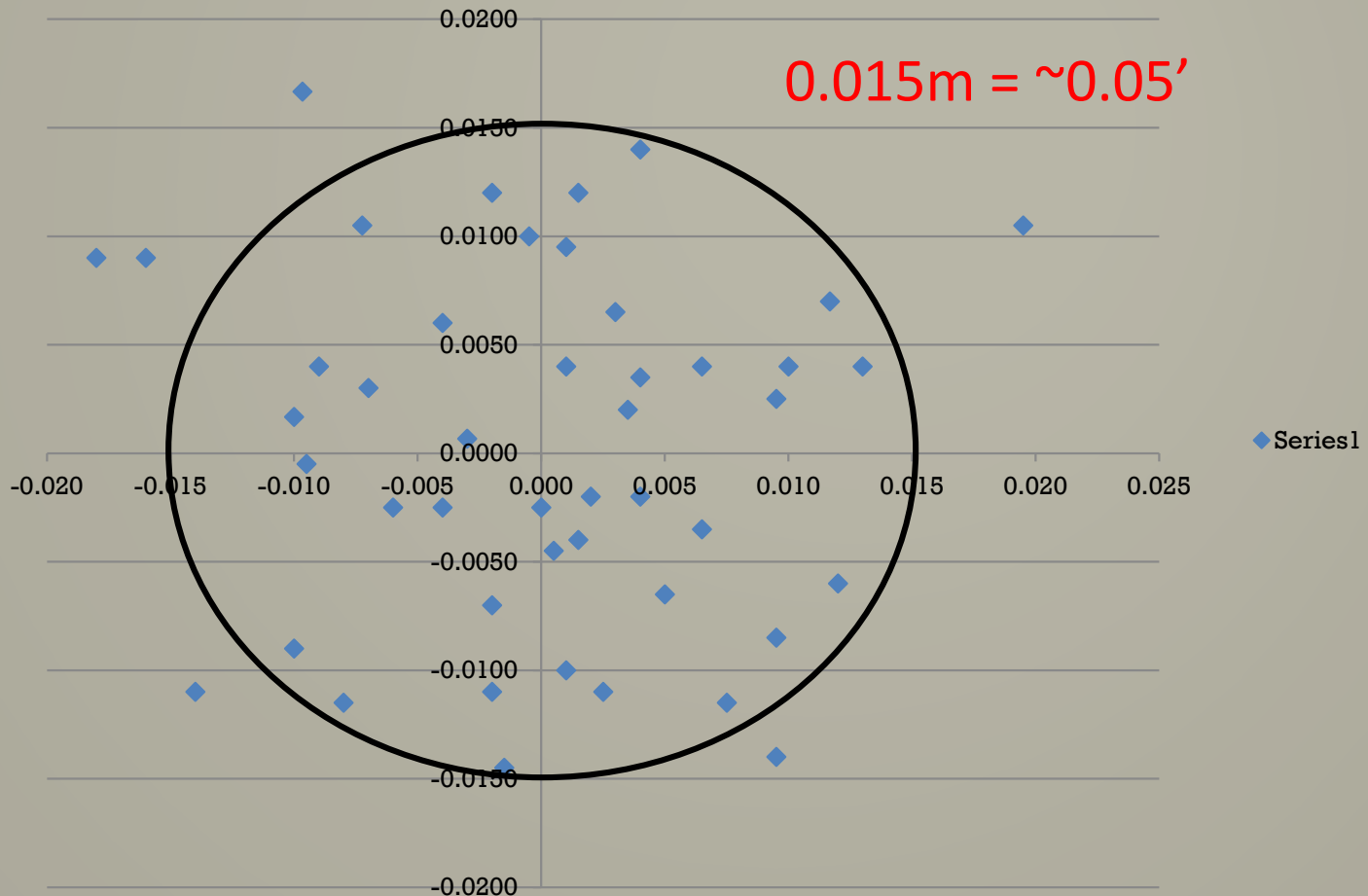
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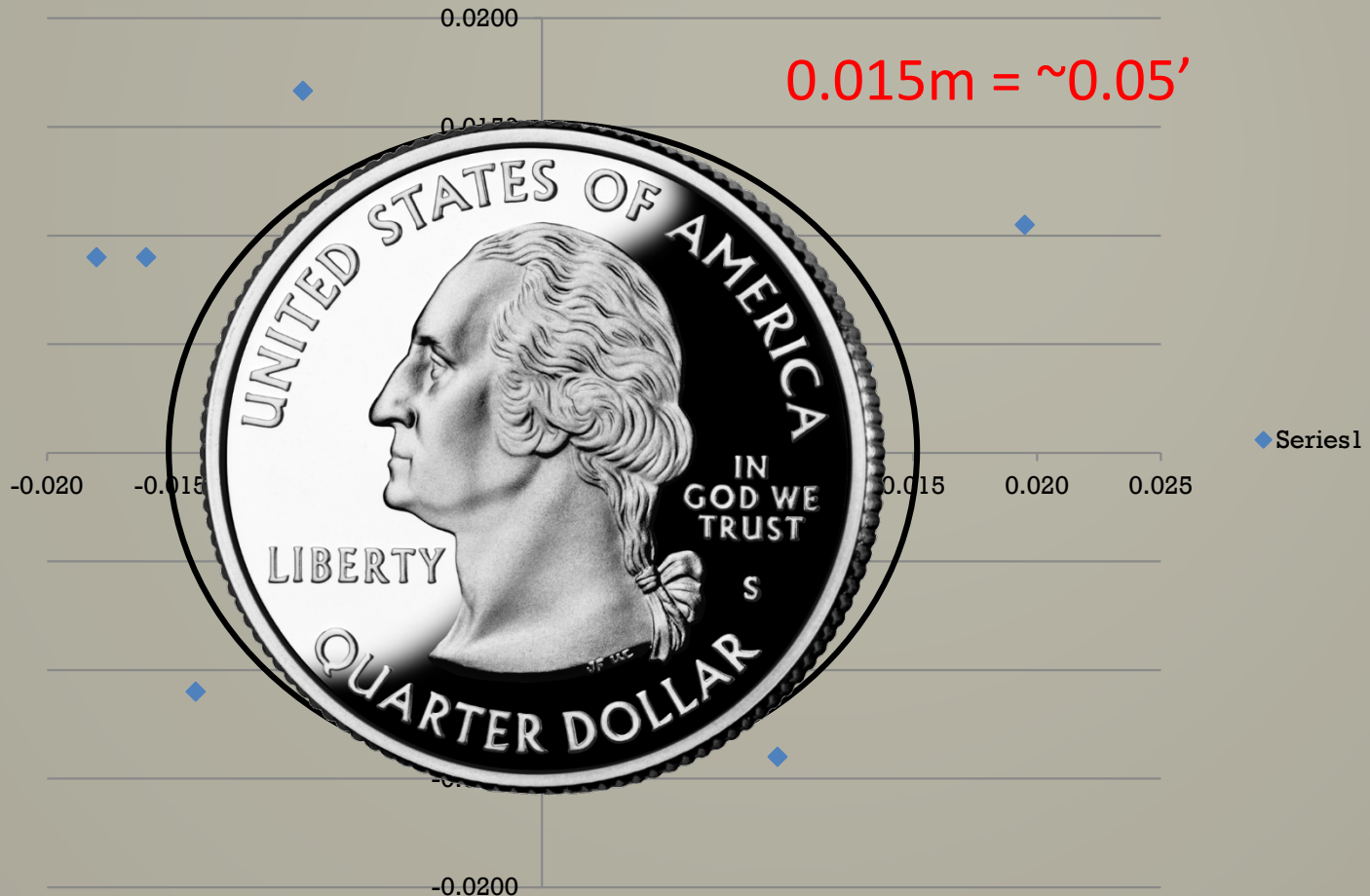
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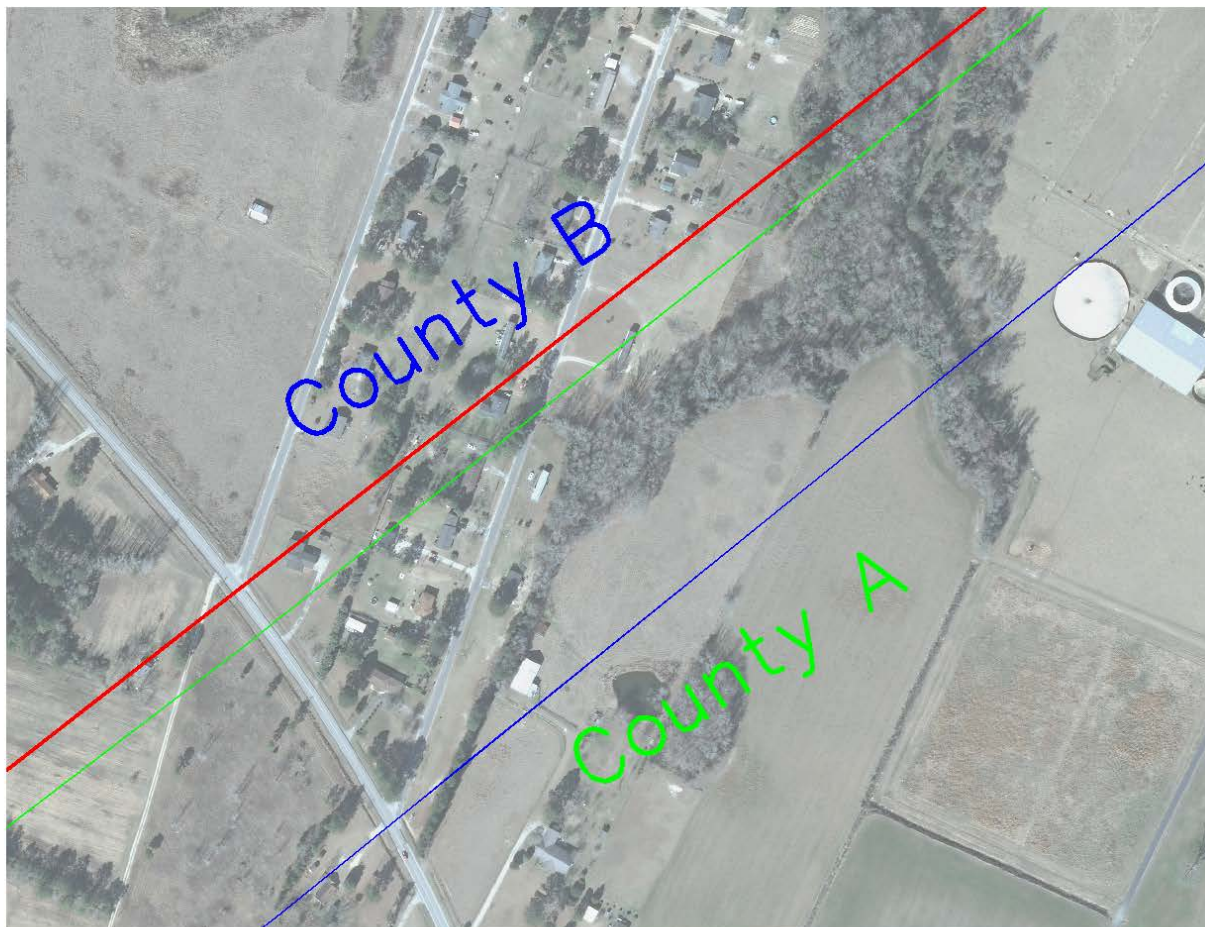


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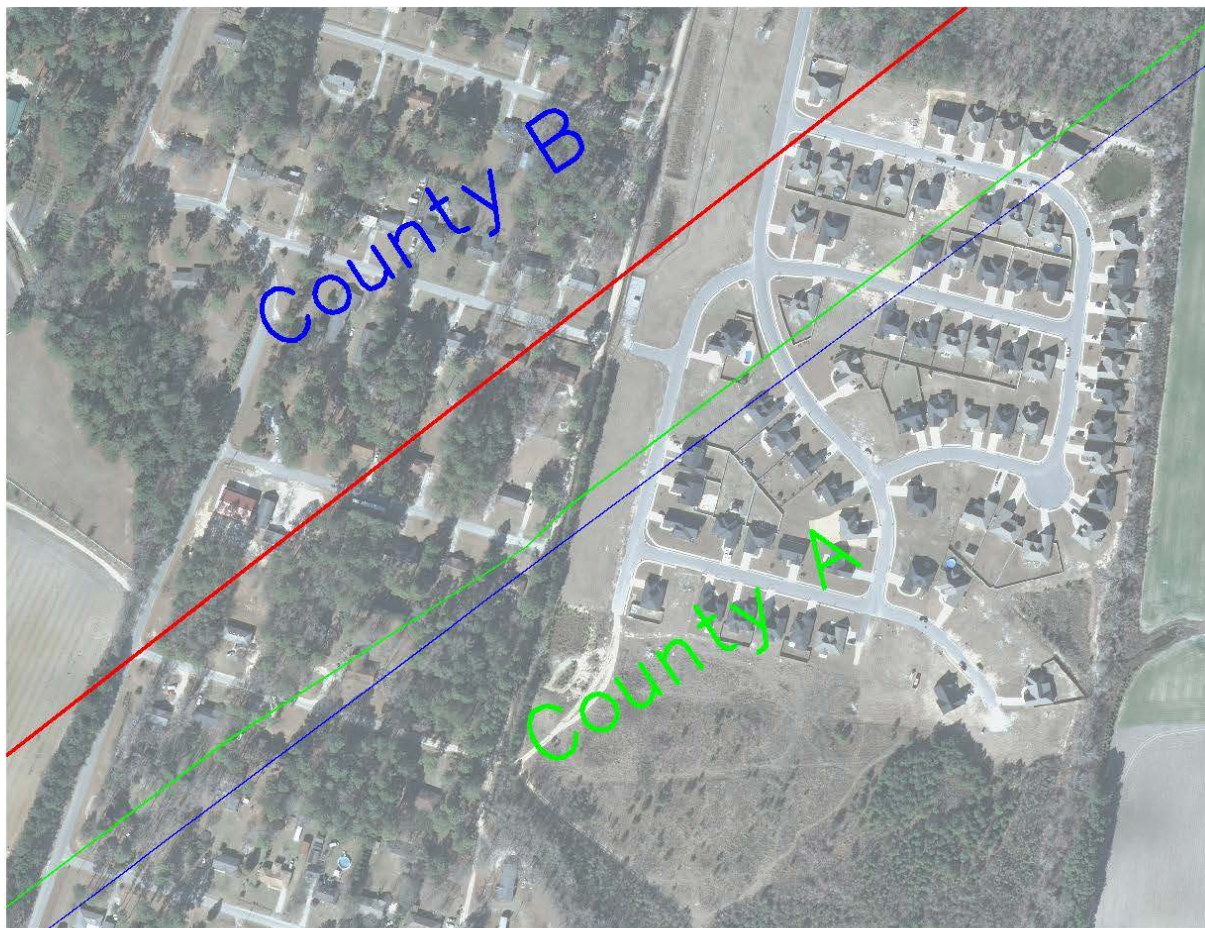
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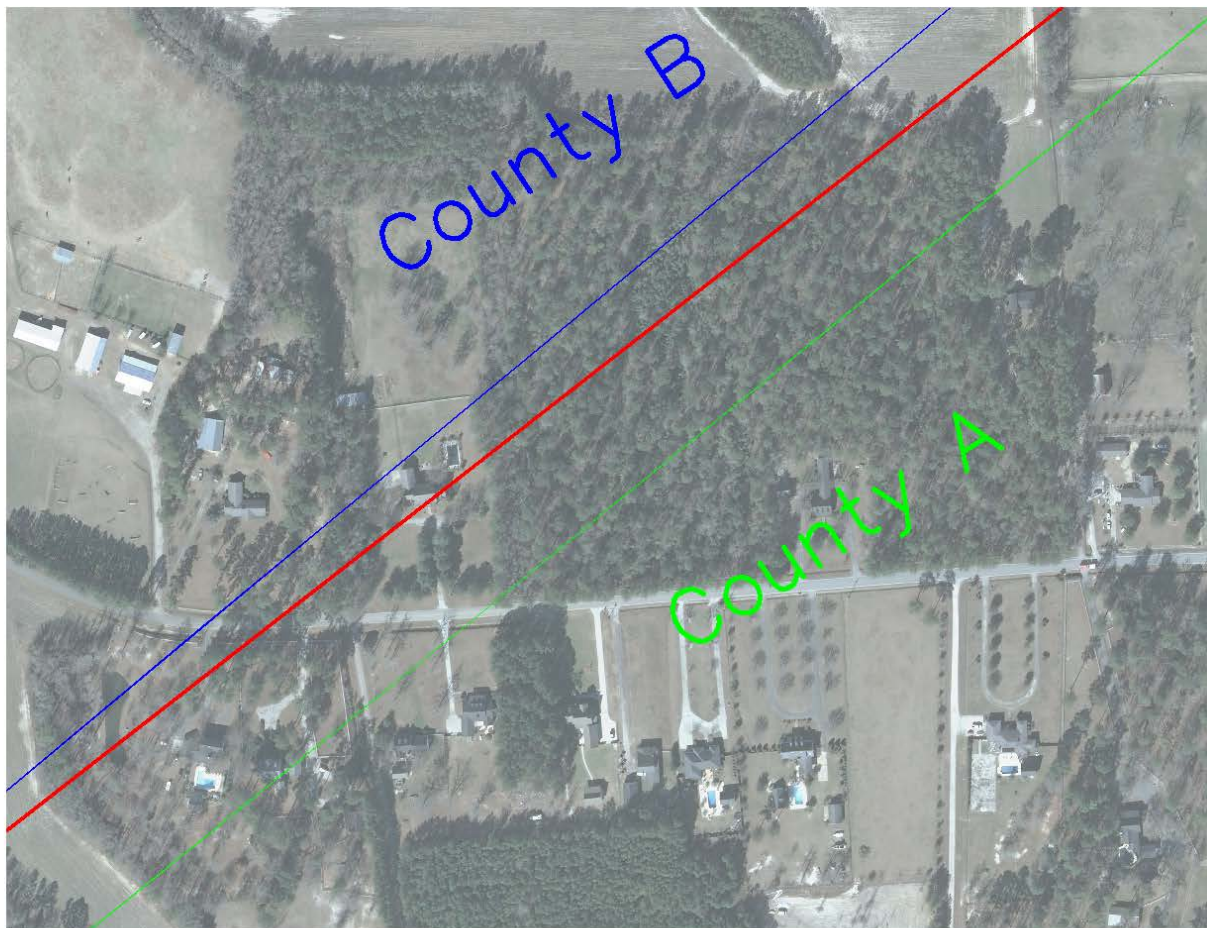


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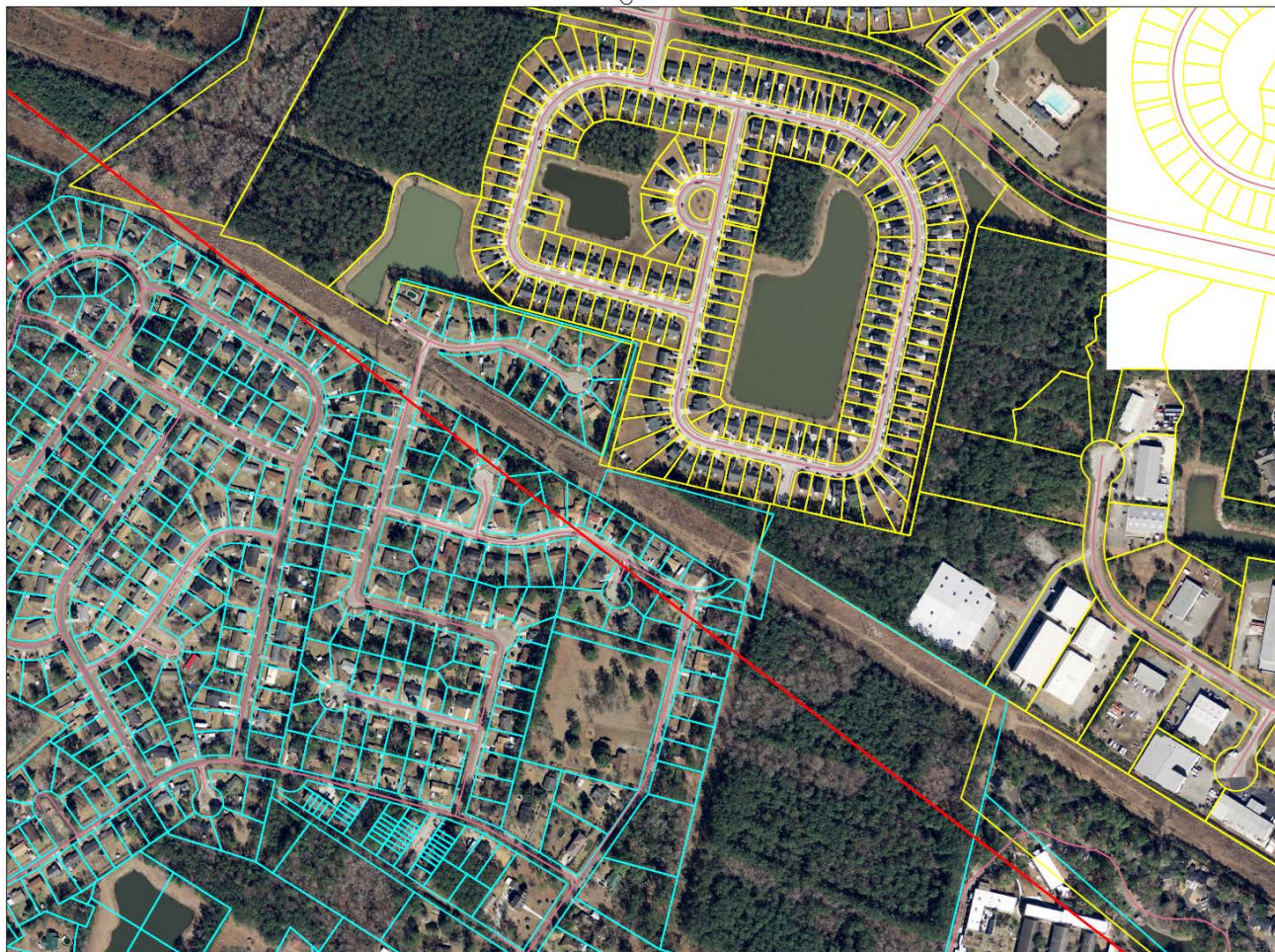


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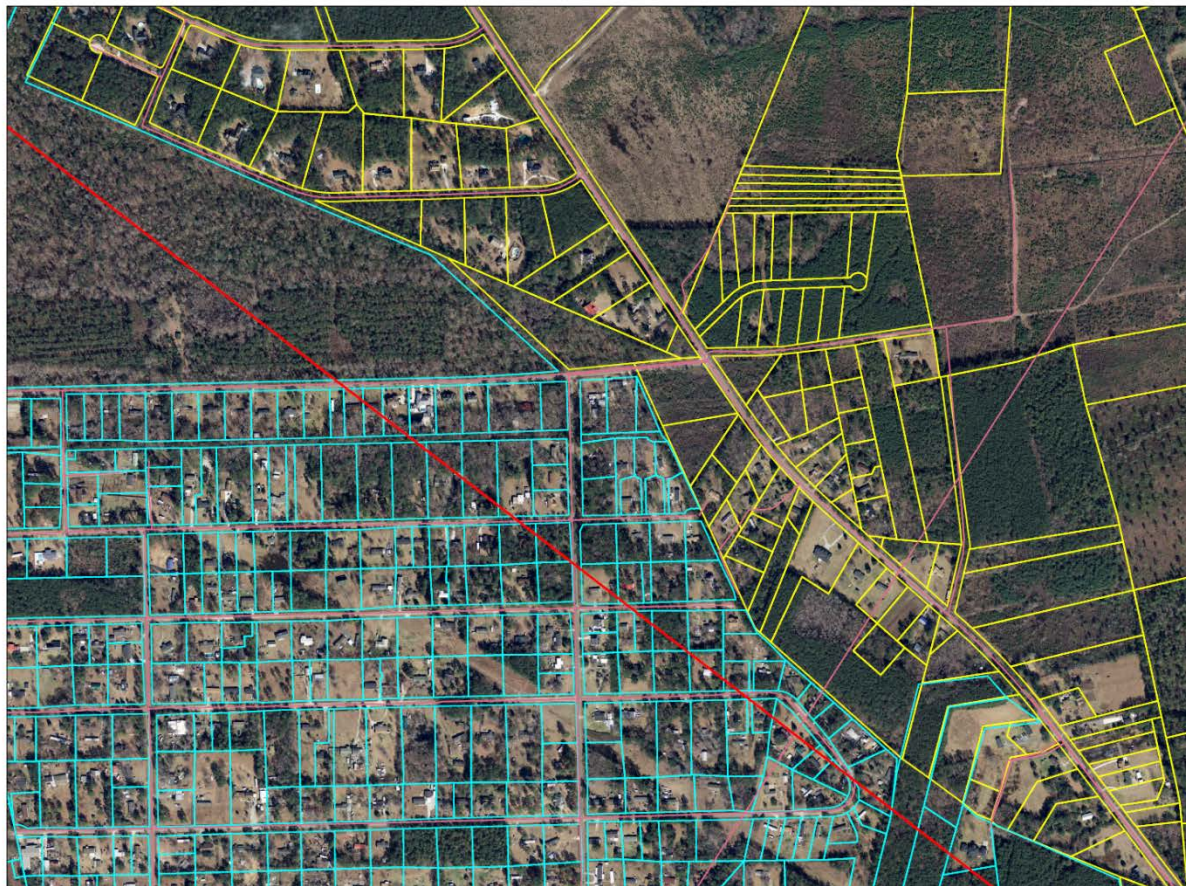








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## Steps for Clarifying Boundaries

- Notify County Administrators in advance of planned work
- Conduct historical research for documentary evidence of boundaries
- Perform field work to locate monuments and corroborating evidence and position on State Plane Coordinates
- Share preliminary findings with county officials for impact analysis and to plan public meetings
- Receive feedback and input from local officials and public
- Review and update findings, as appropriate
- Work to build cooperation with affected parties



# Steps for Clarifying Boundaries

## Act 262 Of 2014

- **SCGS Requirements:**
  - Upon reestablishing county boundary, SCGS shall certify its work and within 30 days of certification:
    - Provide copies to the administrator of each affected county;
    - Provide written notification to affected parties
    - Provide notice and copies to the public through its official website and or other means it considers appropriate; and
    - Notify as it determines appropriate, other affected state and federal agencies
  - (Initiates 60 Day Appeal Process)
- Certified Surveys submitted to Secretary of State, Register of Deeds Offices, and South Carolina Department of Archives with Cover Letter
- Date of the cover letter is the date the surveys become effective
- Introduce Legislation to update Code of Law to reflect clarified boundary with State Plane Coordinates

# Act 262 of 2014

- **Affected Parties Disagreeing with SCGS:**

- May file request for a contested case hearing with the SC Administrative Law Court
- This decision may be appealed
- **“Affected Party”**
  - Governing body of an affected county
  - Governing body of a political subdivision of this State
  - An elected official, other than a statewide elected official
  - A property owner or an individual residing in the certification zone
  - A business entity located in the certification zone
  - A nonresident individual who owns or leases real property situated in the certification zone



# Chapter 5, Title 4

- **Change of Boundaries**

- **Procedure for annexing part of county-** governing body or 10 percent of registered voters petition in writing, shall deposit with the clerk of court an amount of money sufficient to cover the expenses of surveys , plats, annexation commission and the election to be held to determine whether the proposed annexation shall be effected and then file such resolution or petition in the office of the clerk of court
- **Appointment of Commission for annexation-** once presented to the governor then within 30 days the governor shall appoint a commission of four persons
- **Employment of Surveyors-** commission may contract for survey and location of the proposed change of line and for such purpose may employ 3 surveyors
- **Governor shall order election; voting place; eligible electors-** to be held in an area sought to be transferred and an election to be held in the county to which the area is proposed to be transferred
- **Propose and adopt Legislation**

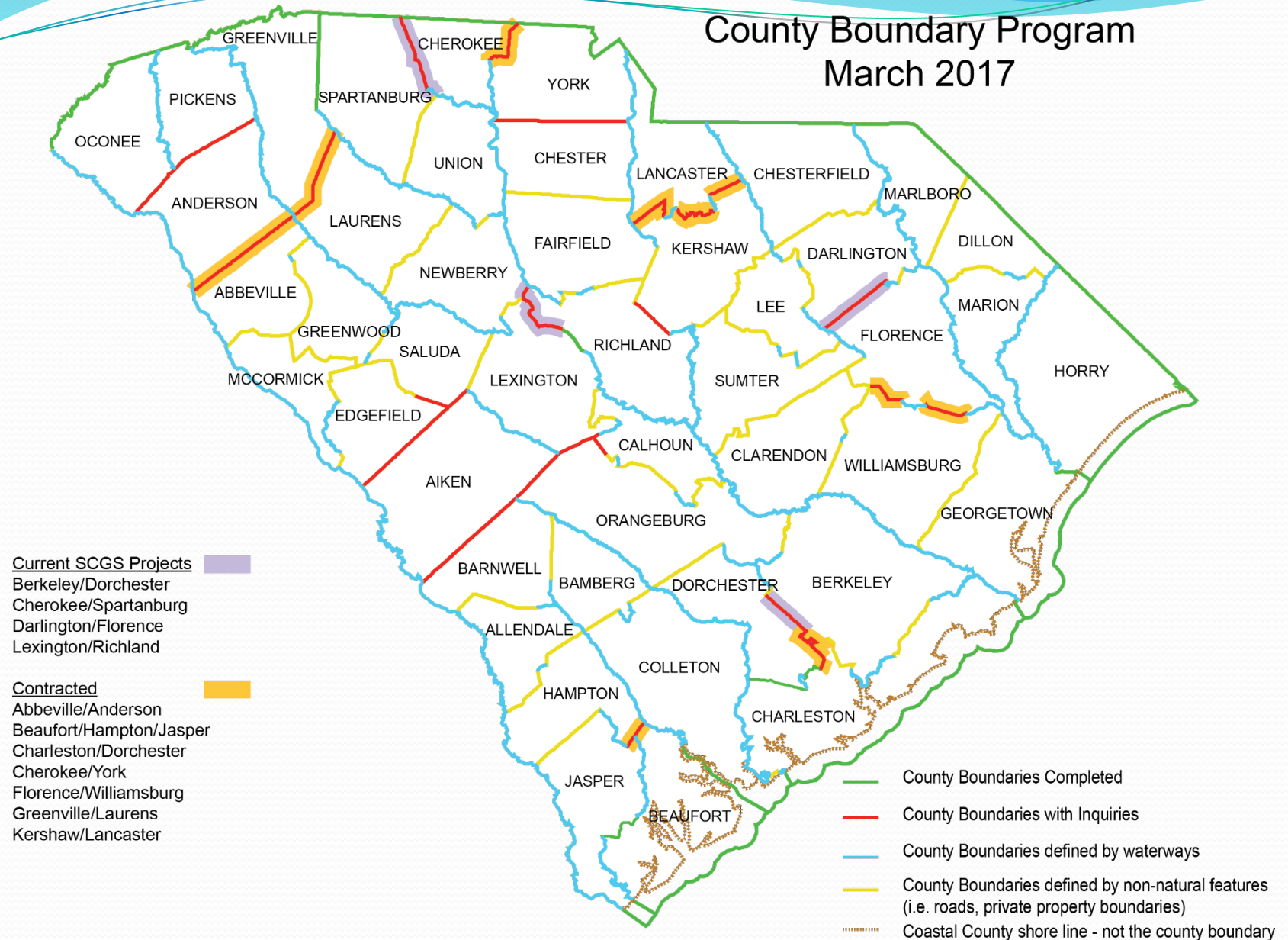
# Legislation

- **SECTION 4-3-280. Greenville County.**

Greenville County is bounded as follows: on the north by the North Carolina line; on the east and southeast by Spartanburg and Laurens Counties from which it is divided as follows: from Spartanburg County, by a line commencing on the North Carolina line at a stone marked "S.C. 1815" on one side and "N.C. Sept. 15" on the other side at N 1,225,788.54 and E 1,636,650.35 [North American Datum 1983-86 (NAD 83-86)]; thence following a straight line southsouthwestward to a point at N 1,193,615.00 and E 1,635,730.00 (NAD 83-86); thence following a straight line southsouthwestward to a point at N 1,155,409.00 and E 1,634,410.00 (NAD 83-86); thence following a straight line southsouthwestward to a point at N 1,133,159.00 and E 1,633,701.00 (NAD 83-86) at the north end of North Line Street at its approximate intersection with Arlington Avenue in the City of Greer; thence following a straight line southward approximately along the centerline of North Line Street to a point N 1,131,240.00 and E 1,633,595.00 (NAD 83-86) where North Line Street becomes South Line Street in the City of Greer; thence following a straight line southward approximately along the centerline of South Line Street to a point at N 1,128,573.00 and E 1,633,500.00 (NAD 83-86) where the centerline of South Line Street is approximately tangent to the centerline of New Woodruff Road in the city of Greer; thence following a straight line southsouthwestward to a point at N 1,102,217.00 and E 1,632,108.00 (NAD 83-86) which is a point where the old bridge crossed the Enoree River; thence down the Enoree River to a point about one and three-fourths miles below Anderson's Bridge (the corner of Greenville and Laurens Counties); from Laurens County, by a line commencing at said point (opposite Zadock's Ford) and running S. 17° W. 11 miles and 60 chains to a point; thence S. 4° E. 3 miles and 45 chains to a water oak marked "L. G." on Reedy River; thence running to the mouth of Line Creek where it enters the Saluda River; on the west by Anderson and Pickens Counties from which it is separated by the Saluda River.



# South Carolina County Boundary Program March 2017



# COUNTY BOUNDARY PROGRAM

- **PROJECTS COMPLETED: (Effective or Law)**
  - Beaufort, Jasper
  - Charleston, Dorchester (County Line Road)
  - Charleston, Dorchester (Middleton Place)
  - Greenville, Spartanburg Boundary
  - Georgetown, Horry
- **IN APPEALS WINDOW**
  - Florence, Williamsburg (Closed March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017)
- **PUBLIC MEETINGS SET**
  - Cherokee, Spartanburg (April 6, 2017)
  - Cherokee, York (May 18, 2017)



# COUNTY BOUNDARY PROGRAM

- **RESEARCH AND FIELD WORK COMPLETED OR NEAR COMPLETION (Post 2014: Needs Reviewed, Public Meetings, etc..)**
  - Abbeville, Anderson
  - Charleston, Dorchester (North of Ashley River to Berkeley County Line)
  - Darlington, Florence
  - Edgefield, Saluda
  - Greenville, Laurens
  - Kershaw, Lancaster
  - Newberry, Richland
  - Lexington, Richland

- **RESEARCH AND FIELD WORK COMPLETED OR NEAR COMPLETION (Pre 2014: Needs Reviewed, Public Meetings, etc..)**
  - **Berkeley, Dorchester \*\*SCGS met with counties before 2014, not following recommendations of SCGS**
  - **Aiken, Edgefield \*\*Counties are currently following work done by SCGS**
  - **Aiken, Saluda \*\*Counties are currently following work done by SCGS**
  - **Anderson, Oconee \*\*SCGS met with counties before 2014, partially following recommendations of SCGS**
  - **Anderson, Pickens \*\*SCGS met with counties before 2014, partially following recommendations of SCGS**
  - **Kershaw, Richland \*\*SCGS met with counties before 2014, not following recommendations of SCGS**
  - **Lexington, Richland**



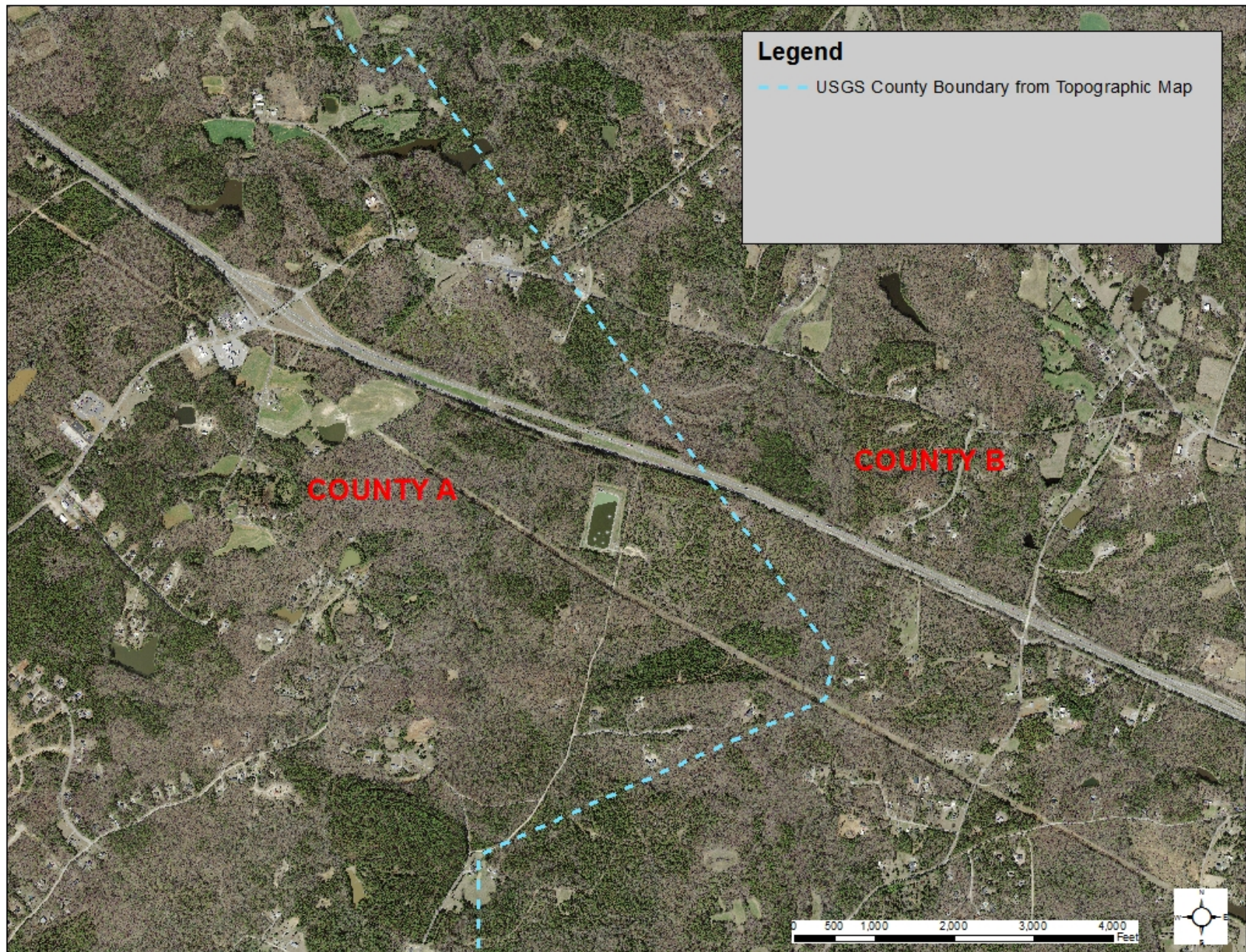


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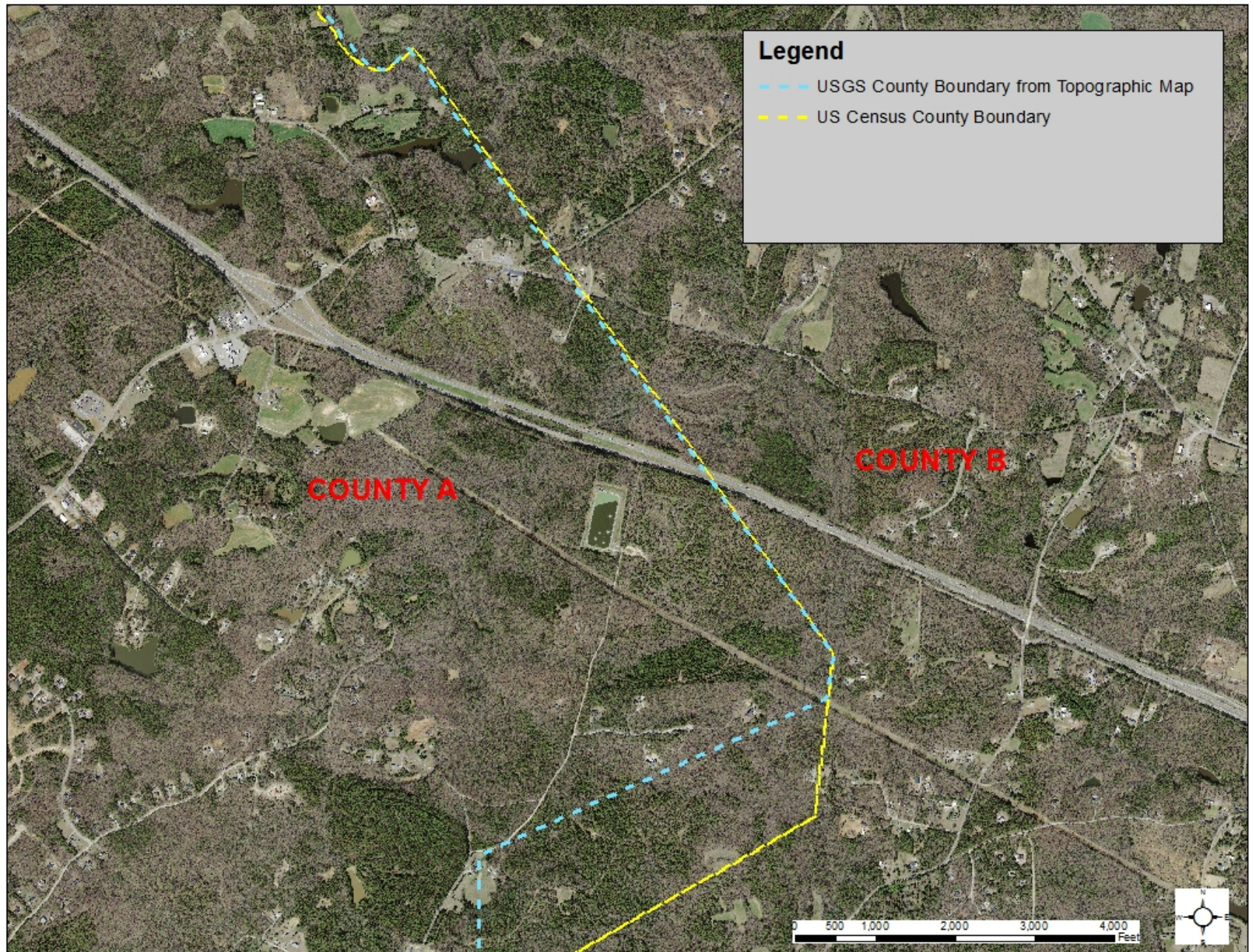
- **Beaufort, Hampton**
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- **Aiken, Barnwell**
- **Aiken, Orangeburg**
- **Calhoun, Lexington**
- **Orangeburg, Lexington**
- **Florence, Williamsburg (Lake City section)**
- **Chester, York**
- **Laurens, Newberry**
- **Lexington, Newberry**

# EXAMPLE

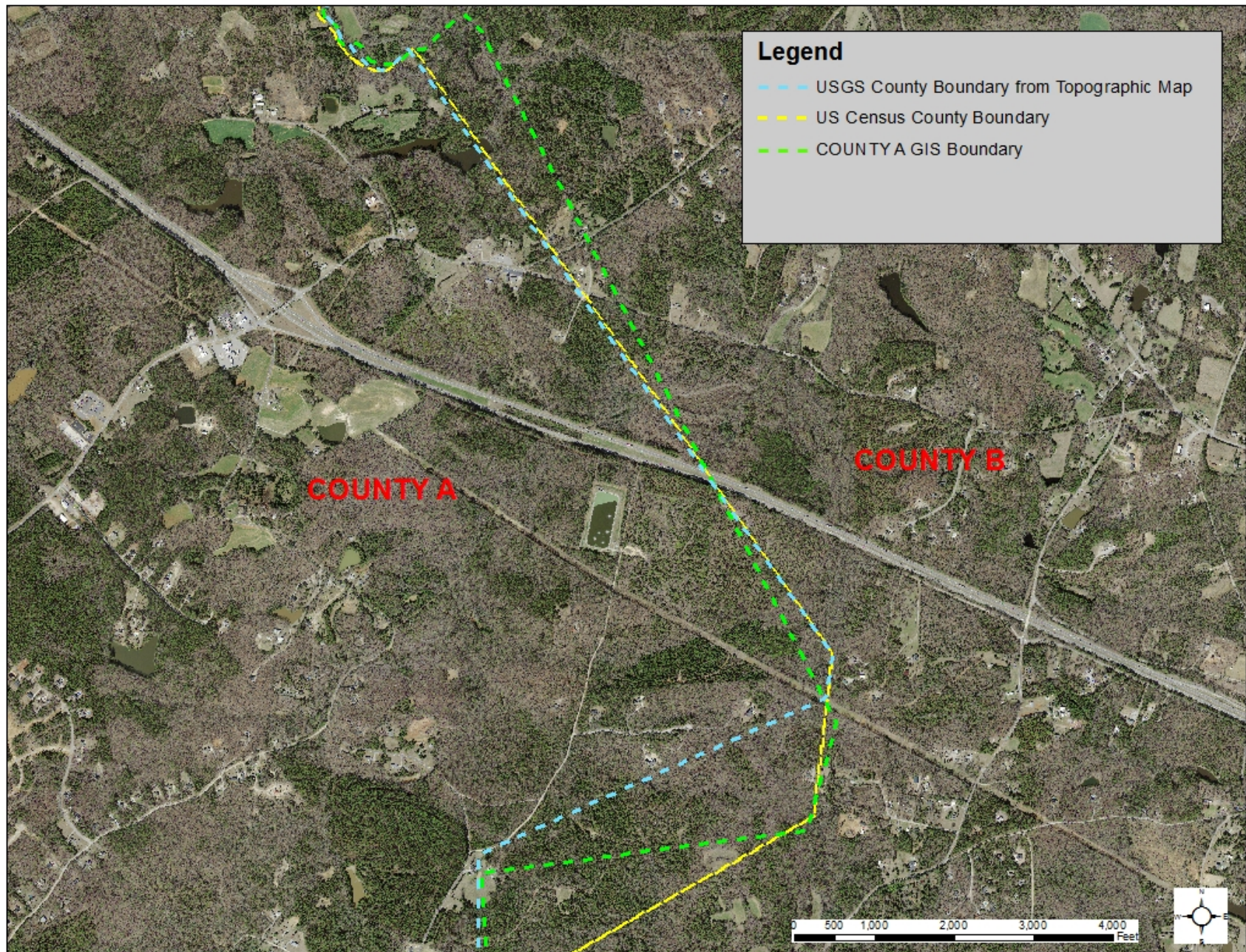




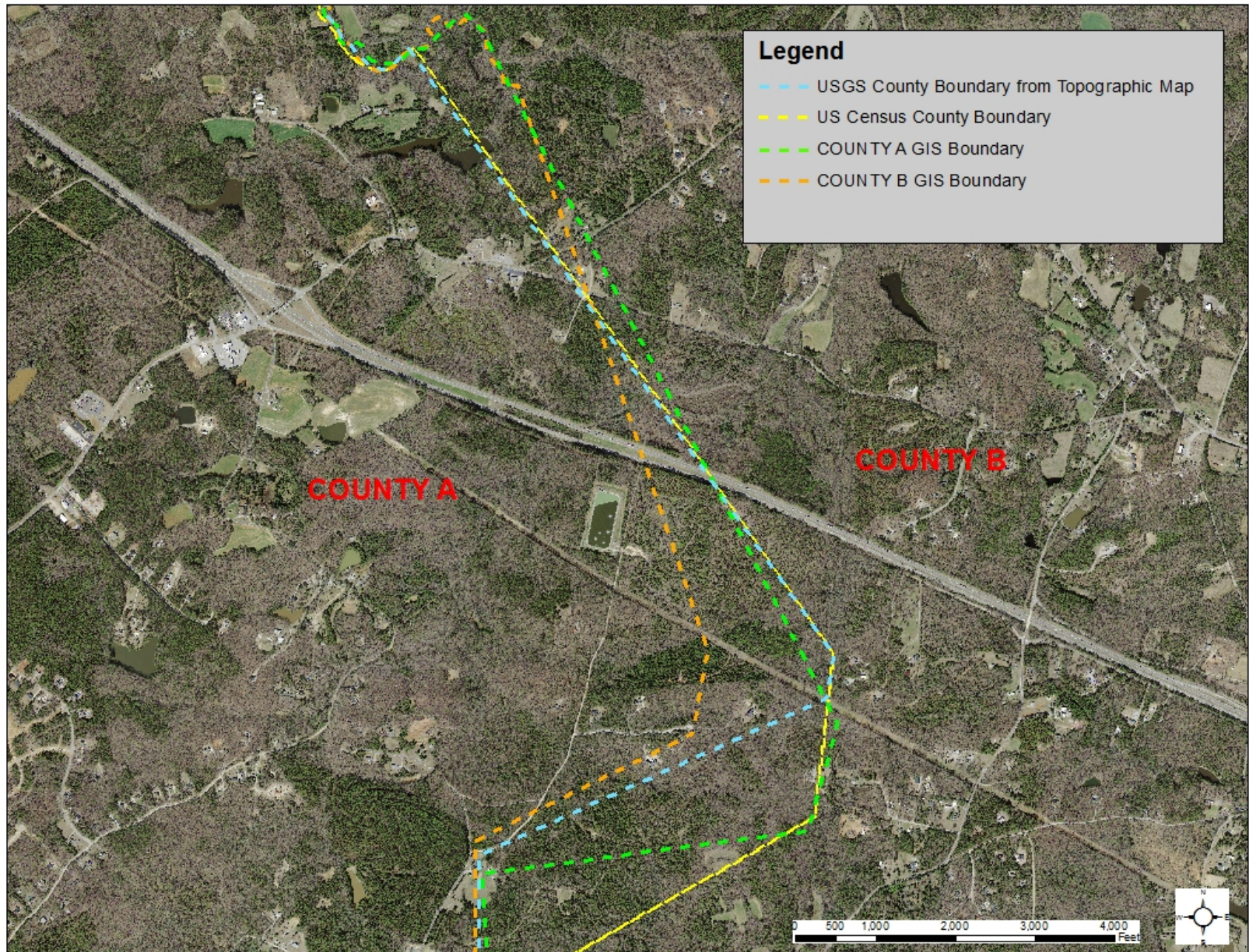




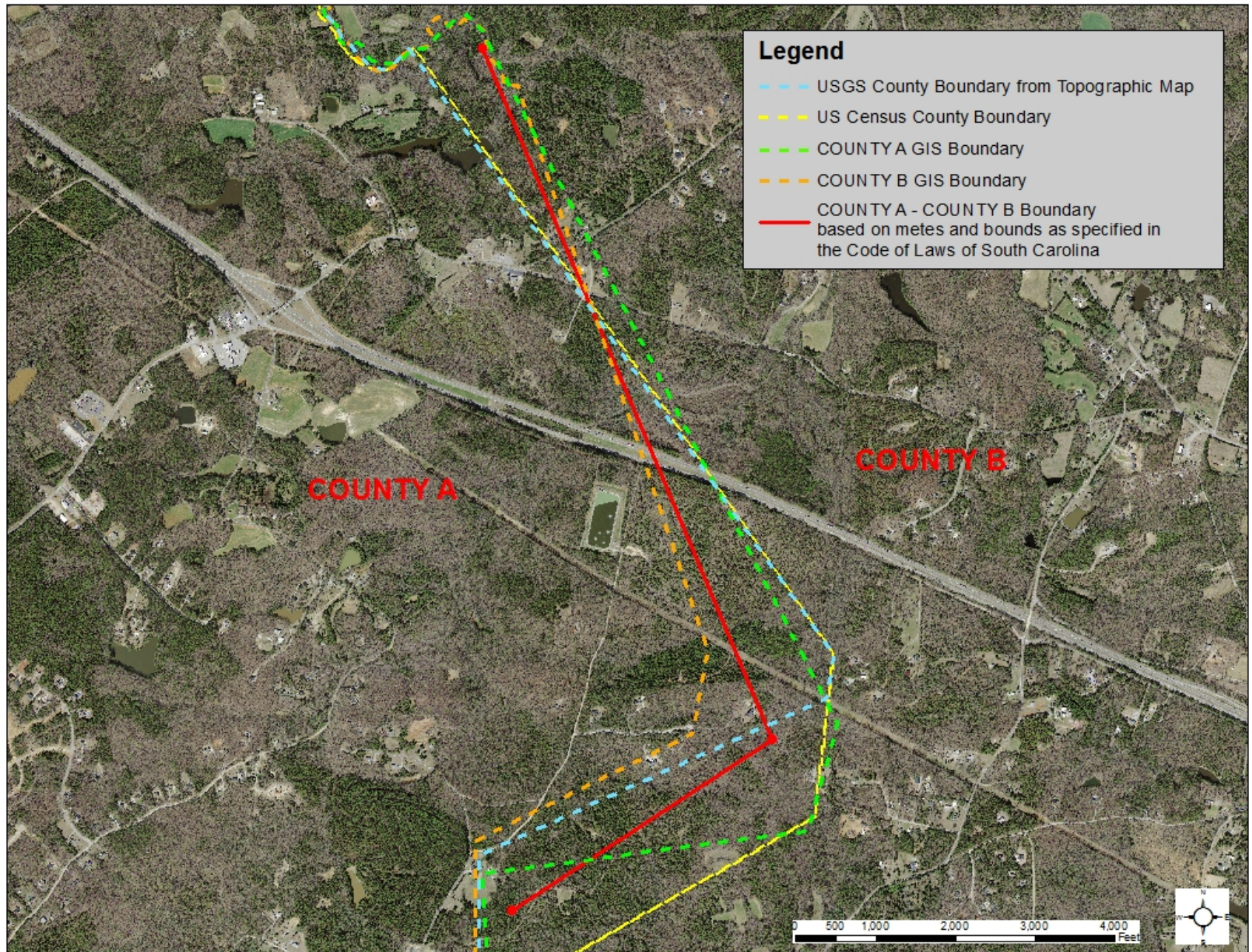




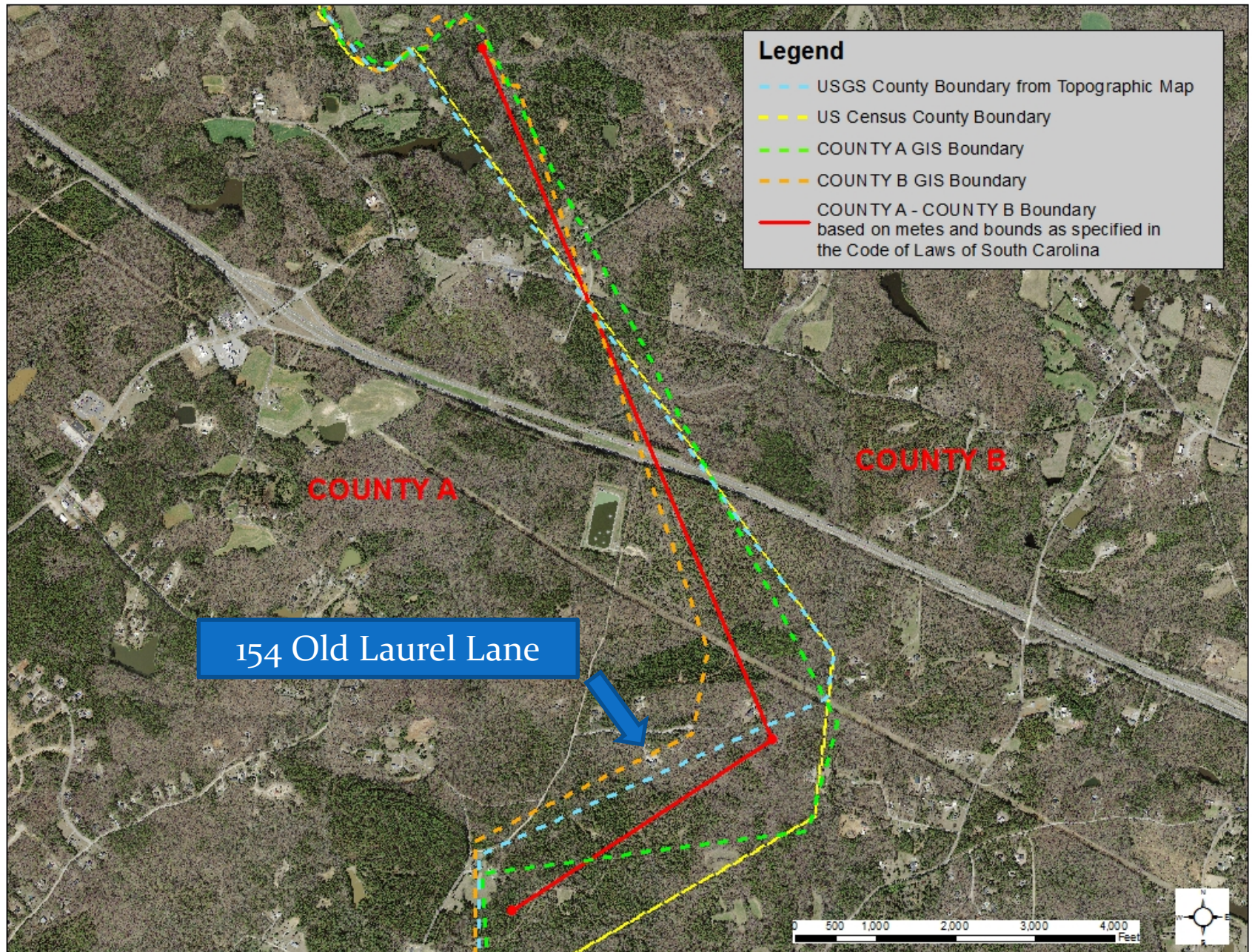






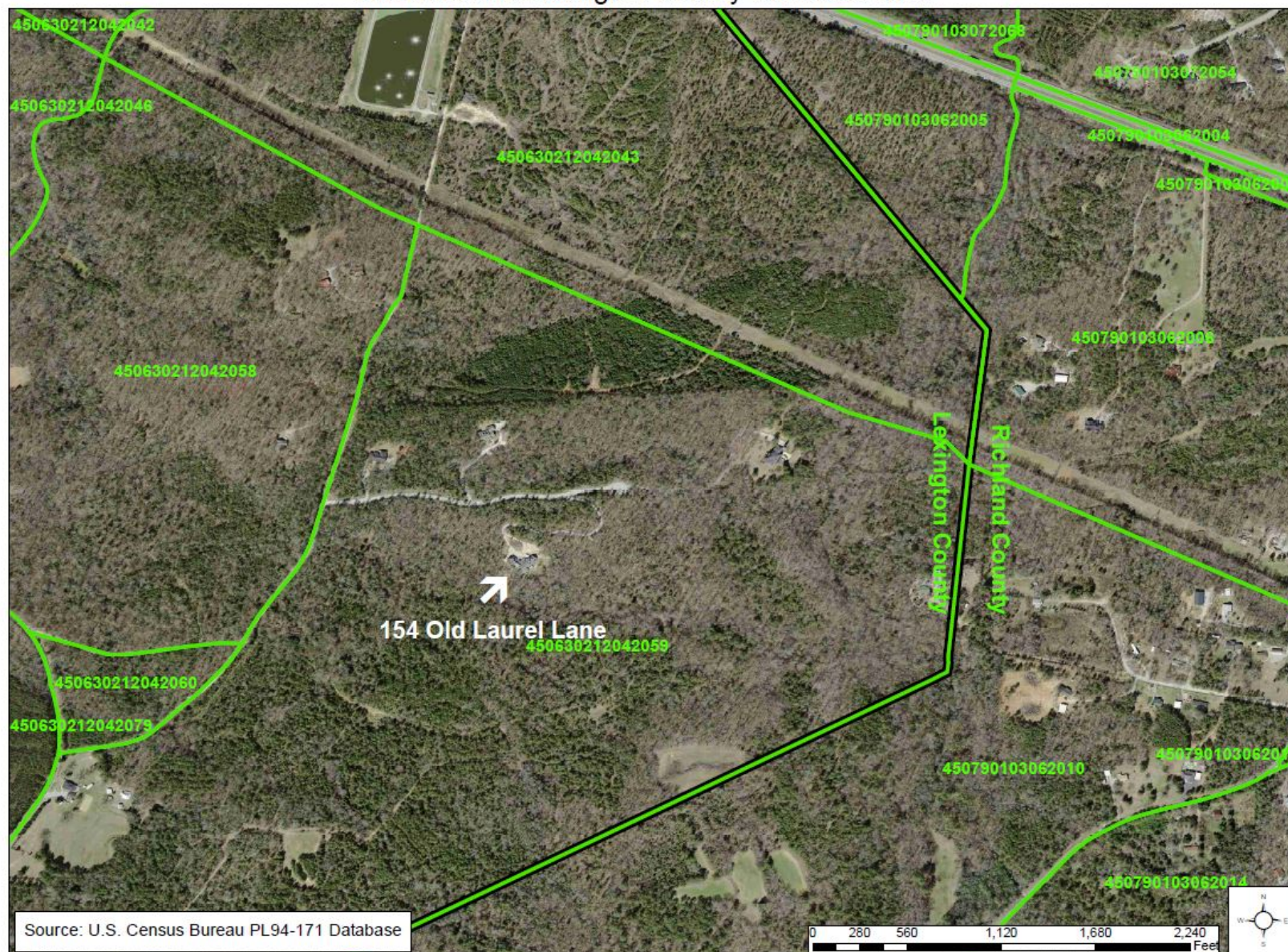






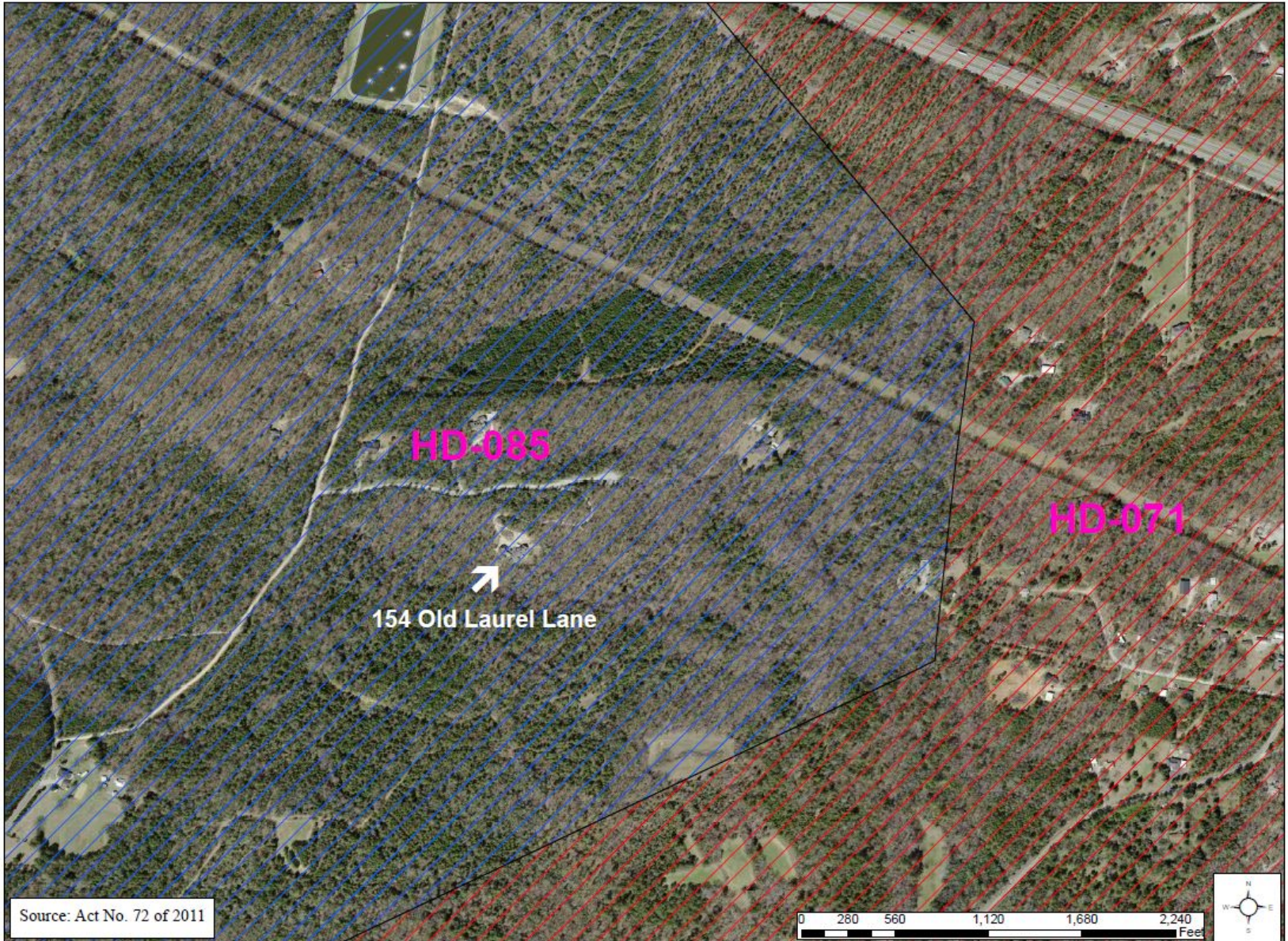


## Richland and Lexington County Census Blocks





## South Carolina House Districts





## South Carolina Senate Districts

