



Town of Poultney

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District(s) reviewed that the BCA recommends changing:

BCA is in agreement with the Single Representative Districting as originally proposed.

Rutland-4 and Ben-Rut-2

Description of District(s) recommended to be changed:

The Town of Poultney believes the logical split would be for that portion of Wells to join Rut-4 and removing that portion of West Rutland, which is in the current LAB map. In other words, Poultney believes the Alternative Map is a better split and staying as Rut-1.

Rationale and Comments:

Due to the closure of Green Mountain College, Poultney lost approximately 400 residents. Poultney shares a commonality with Wells that it does not have with West Rutland. Lake St. Catherine falls within the geographic borders of the Towns of Poultney and Wells. It would make sense to divide the Town of Wells so that portion of the lake would now be represented by one Representative.

Vermont Route 30 is the main thoroughfare through both Poultney and Wells. This route cuts right through both communities and is the main travelled way for citizens to go to work. Wells residents travel this route to come to Poultney for shopping, church, gasoline, and school.

Poultney serves the area with Poultney Jr/Sr High School. 70% of Wells students attend Poultney Jr/Sr High School.

We believe, based on the commonality of schools, a major Vermont Route dissecting both towns and sharing Lake St. Catherine, which the logical split would be for that portion of Wells surround Lake St. Catherine to join the New-Rut-1 District, as shown on the LAB Alternative 2022 Reapportionment Map drafted 01-20-2022.