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After reading the feedback posted on the website, which pointed out the difficulties that township splits can cause with election administration, I decided to create a new map that paid more attention to keeping towns together. At this point, all but one of the remaining town splits is either similar to the status quo, follows a school district split (and therefore should not cause an additional ballot combination) or anticipates impending future boundaries.

Notes on town splits and how I took into account other feedback posted on the website:

Village of Windsor: Most of the more densely populated areas of Windsor are now with the main contiguous part of DeForest. The more rural areas of Windsor are in a district with the southern exclave of DeForest, plus other towns. It is only split 2 ways.

Town of Burke: For a brief time on Friday, I remember seeing a submission from the Town of Burke that they wanted to be with other towns as much as possible, as opposed to cities or villages. I put the entire Town of Burke in a district with the Towns of Sun Prairie and Bristol, and the more rural areas of Windsor and DeForest exclave.

Town of Cottage Grove: Similar to the current map, the entire Town of Cottage Grove is together with the Village of Cottage Grove, the town of Pleasant Springs, and part of the town of Dunn.

Town of Blooming Grove: The town of Blooming Grove is mostly similar to how it is today, following the feedback submitted. However, the portion of the Town that is in the McFarland School District (and the very small portion in the Oregon School District) has been moved to a McFarland based district. This was done to balance the population between districts, and also because it is closer to McFarland than it is to the rest of the town. However, by following the school district split, it should not create the need for another ballot combination.

Town of Dunn: The portion of the Town of Dunn that is in the Stoughton School District was moved from the "McFarland" district to the "Cottage Grove" district. By following school district lines, it should not create another ballot combination. This was done in order to balance the population.

Town of Middleton: Similar to today, the northern part of the Town of Middleton is with the Towns of Springfield, Westport, Roxbury, Dane, and Vienna, and the Village of Dane. Old Sauk Road is the dividing line, just as it is today. The southern portion is with Madison, again similar to the current districts.

Town of Madison: The part of the town of Madison that will attach to Fitchburg is in the northern Fitchburg district. I placed the rest of the Town into districts as though it were already part of the City of Madison, since the Town will only exist for one more County Supervisor election cycle.

Town of Verona: The combined population of the City and Town of Verona is just slightly too big for one district, even after allowing for the 5% tolerance. So either the Town or City had to be split. I put the "town islands," surrounded by the City of Verona (or indeed some surrounded by the City of Madison) with the City of Verona, and put the rest of the Town in a district with the Villages of Mount Horeb and Belleville and the Towns of Springdale, Primrose, and Montrose.

It is perhaps a testament to the geographical difficulty of the Town of Verona that all but one of the maps currently on the website split the Town of Verona; many into more than two districts, and some even split both the City and the Town.

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