

Williamson County Schools

Bus Pilot Program

Current State of Tennessee Standards for General Education Bus Riders

- Per Tennessee State Law, students shall not be allowed to ride the bus more than 1.5 hours to school or more than 1.5 hours from school.
- Per Tennessee State Law, students who attend their zoned school and who live more than 1.5 miles from the school are eligible for bus service.

Current Williamson County Schools Standards for General Education Bus Riders

- **Students residing inside subdivisions may walk up to .25 miles to the bus stop.**
- **WCS strives to keep the time on the bus at no more than 60 minutes to school or from school.**

Bus Pilot Plan

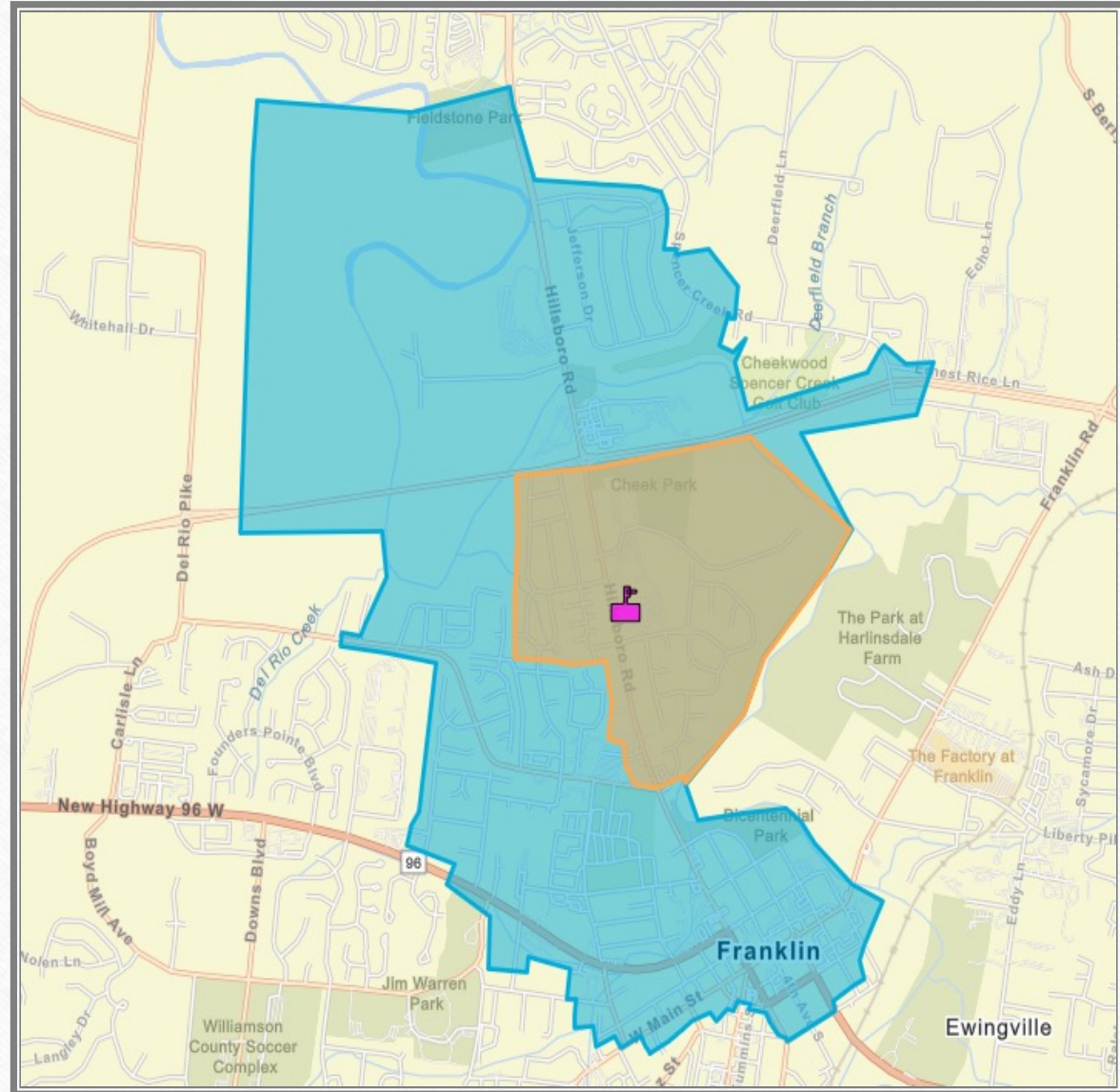
- To present to the School Board at the November 16th Work Session a pilot plan for a bus route area that includes route changes that might immediately, positively affect bus route completion times.
- Methods to be considered are:
 - Reducing bus stops inside subdivisions
 - Creating hub stops at neighborhood pools, gazebos, or playgrounds
 - Implementing a Parent Responsibility Zone

Bus Pilot Plan

- By May 2024, present to the School Board a system-wide recommendation for improving transportation service.
- The plan will incorporate all identified factors including but not limited to:
 - Data obtained in the pilot
 - Driver shortage strategies
 - External resource and stakeholder engagement

Franklin High 1.5 Mile Maximum Parent Responsibility Zone vs. Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

- Map shows the full 1.5-mile Parent Responsibility Zone with the smaller Pilot Zone.
- For the purposes of the pilot, we do not recommend using the full zone in the middle of the school year due to parents pre-set schedules.



Franklin High Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

Areas that would not receive bus service in the Pilot:

Chestnut Bend (No current stops)

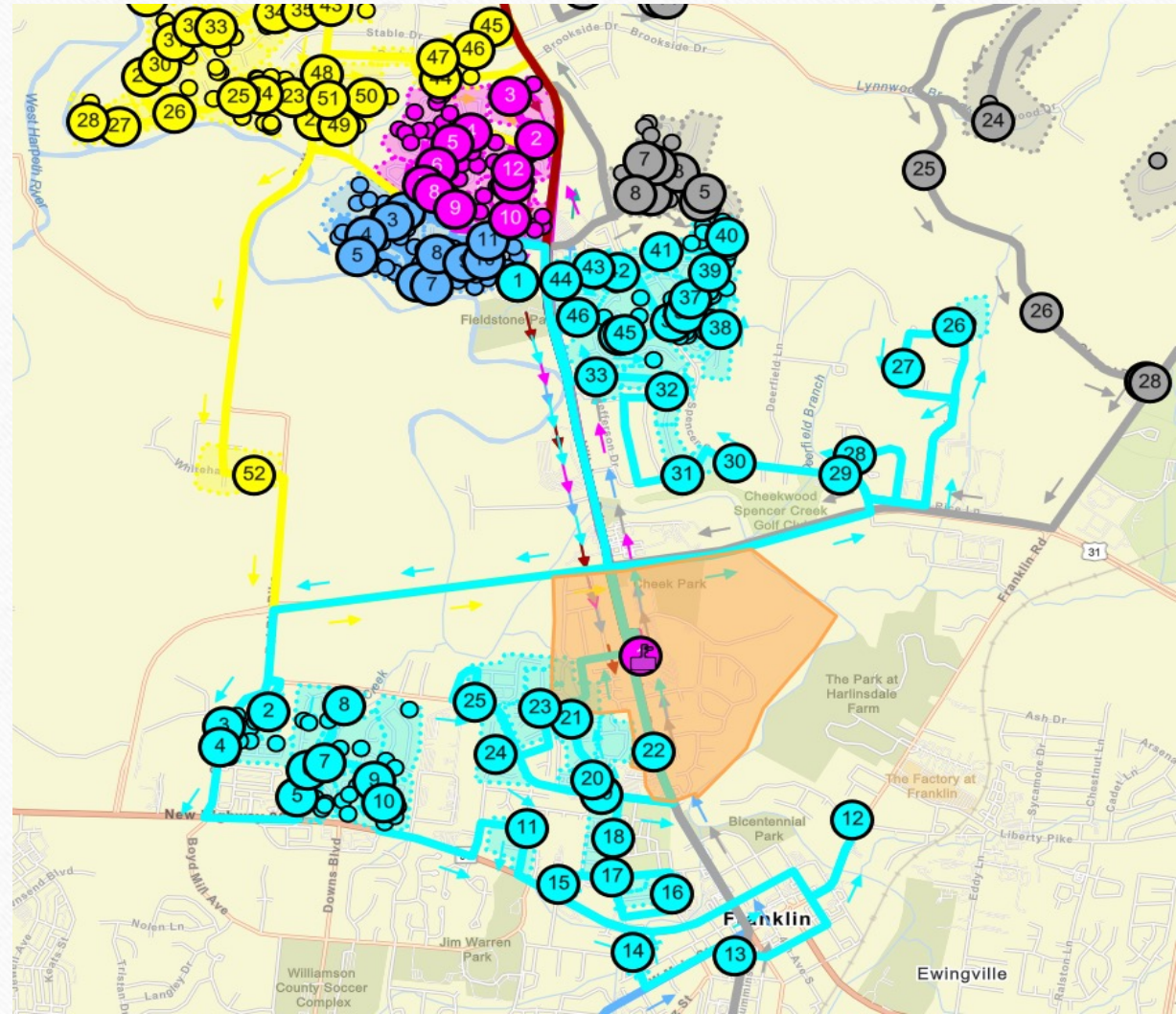
Executive House on Bus 110

Rebel Meadows (No current stops)

Orleans Estates (No current stops)

Potential Results:

Saves times on Bus 110



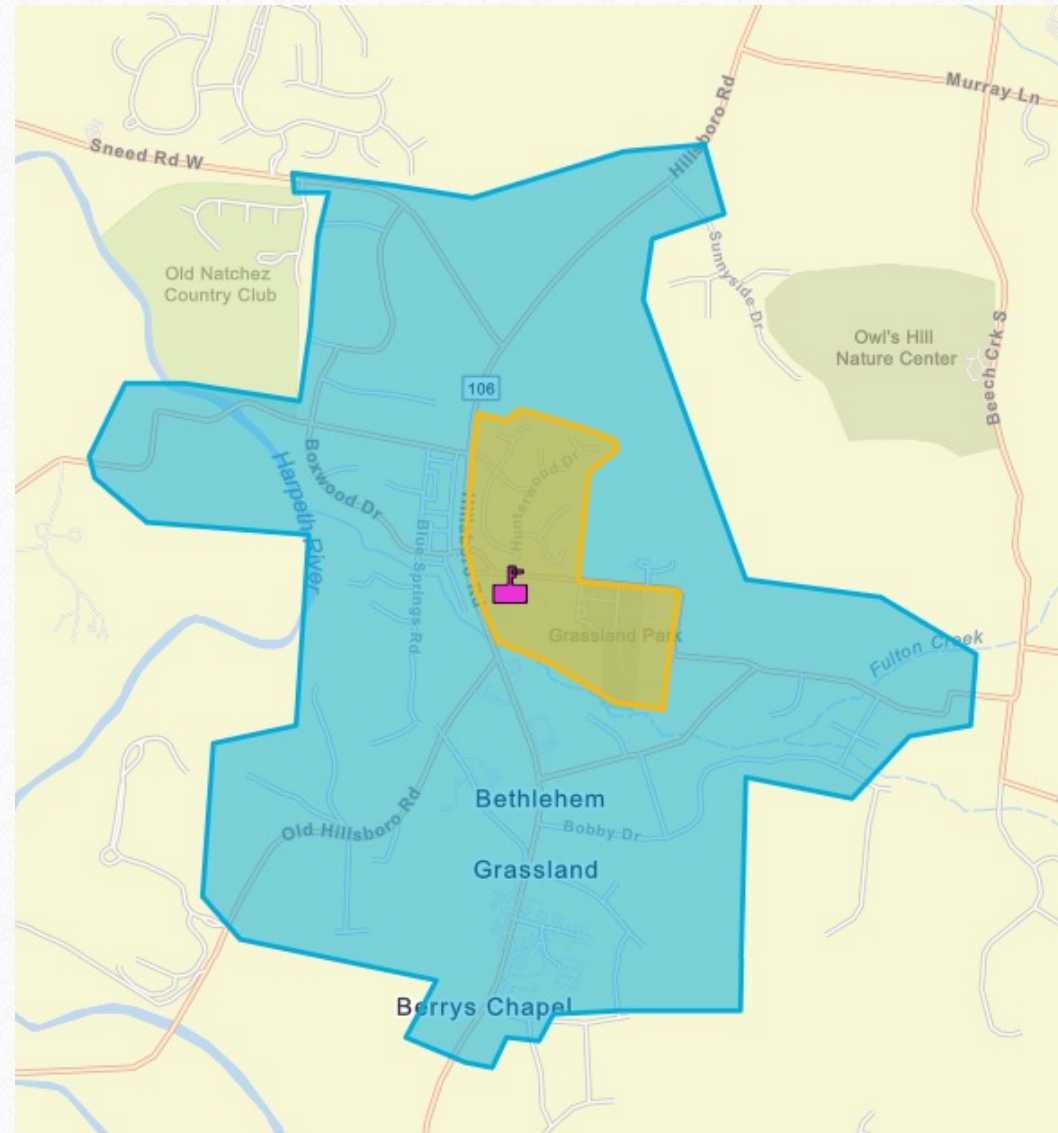
Franklin High

Potential Pilot Areas for Neighborhood Hub Stops

- Fieldstone Farms: Bus 90's 1st & 2nd Loads, and Bus 110
- Founders Pointe: Bus 110
- Laurelbrooke: Bus 218
- Stonebridge Park: Bus 218
- The Reserve at Temple Hills: Bus 56

Grassland Middle 1.5 Mile Maximum Parent Responsibility Zone vs. Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

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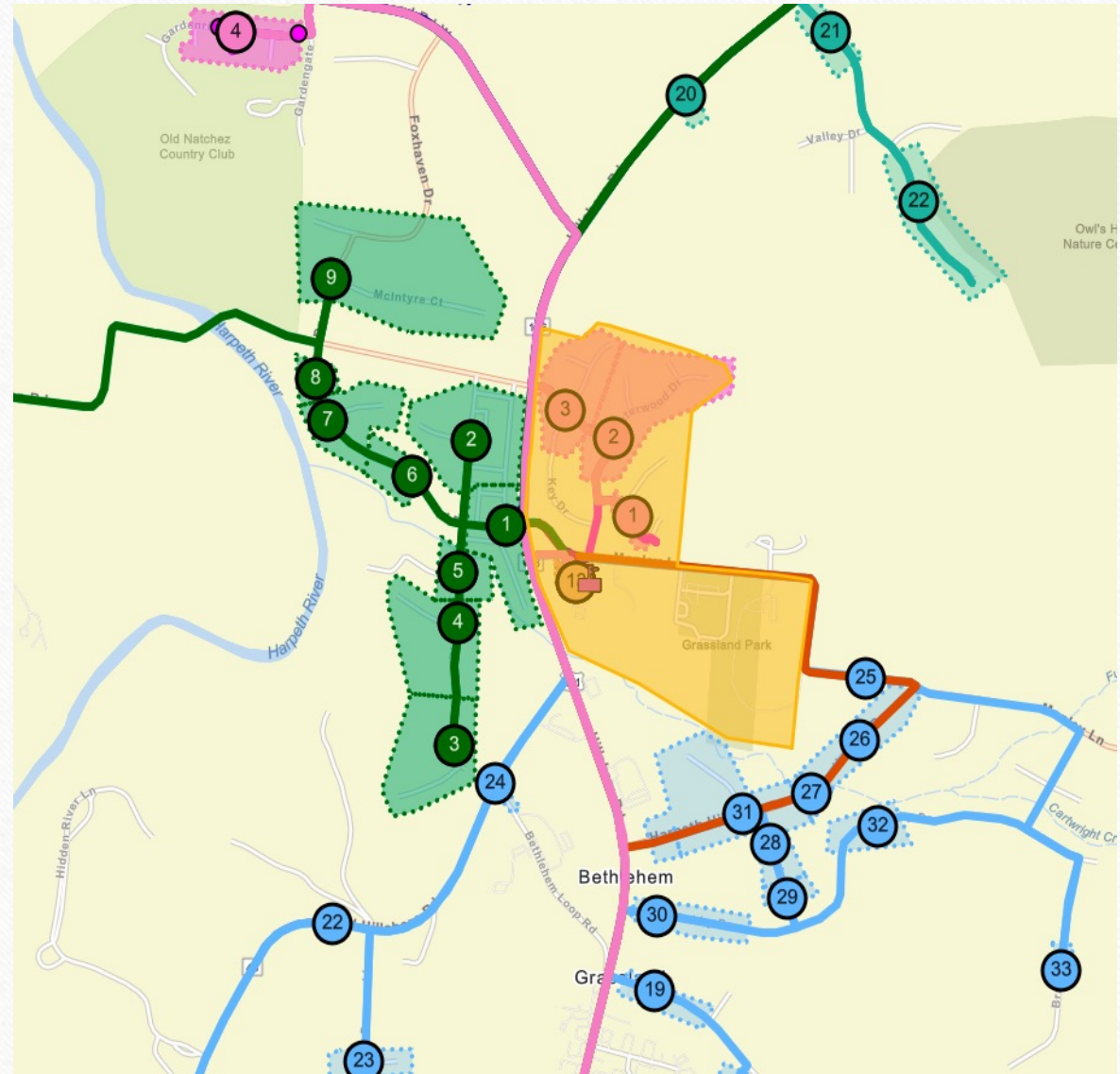
Grassland Middle Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

Areas that would not receive
bus service in the Pilot:

Hunterwood on Bus 108

Potential Results:

Saves time on Bus 108



Grassland Middle

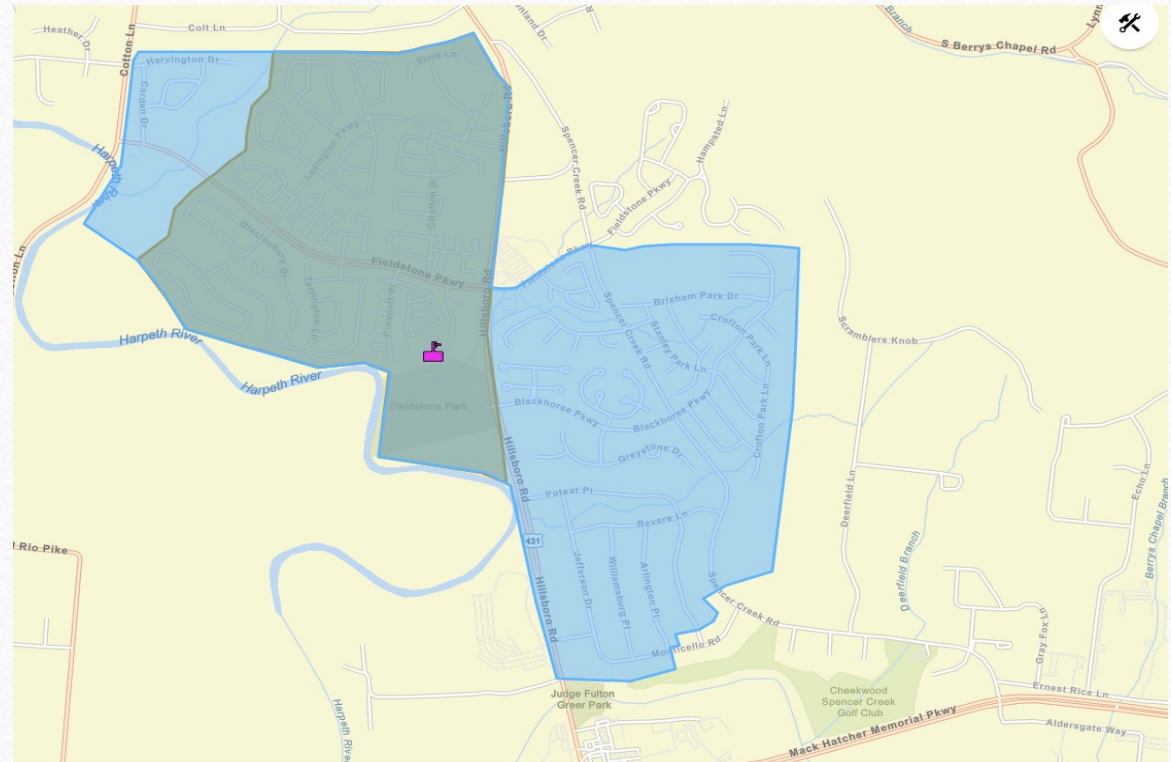
Potential Pilot Areas for Neighborhood Hub Stops

- Fieldstone Farms: Bus 200's 1st & 2nd Loads, Bus 295's 1st Load, Bus 297
- Laurelbrooke: Bus 294
- Stonebridge Park: Bus 294
- The Reserve at Temple Hills: Bus 193

Hunters Bend Elementary

1.5 Mile Maximum Parent Responsibility Zone vs. Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

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Hunters Bend Elementary Pilot Parent Responsibility Zone

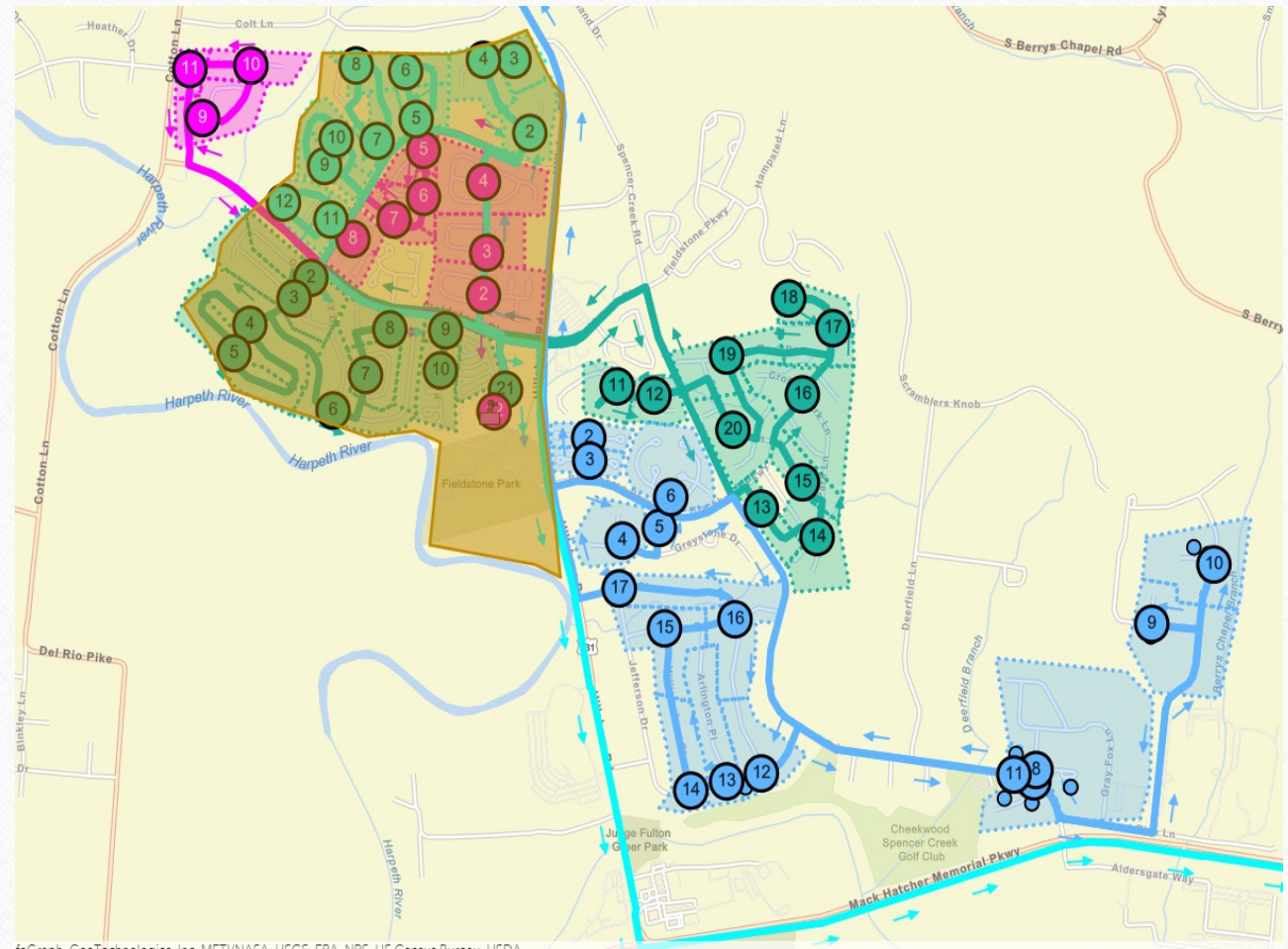
Areas that would not receive bus service in the Pilot: Fieldstone Farms on the west side of Hillsboro Road.

Bus 110 on west side of Hillsboro Rd

Bus 294's 2nd Load

Bus 294's 1st Load (except Wexford section)

Potential Results: Two buses move to other elementary schools to improve service.



Hunters Bend Elementary

Potential Pilot Areas for Neighborhood Hub Stops

- Fieldstone Farms (East and West side of Hillsboro Rd)
 - Bus 110
 - Bus 200

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Next Steps

- **Feedback**
 - **Box for comment sheets or email: bus.pilot@wcs.edu**
- **November 16th Work Session Presentation**
- **Communicate with Families before Winter Break**
- **Implement pilot area(s) starting January 3, 2024**