



Westport Public Schools

Elementary School Redistricting Planning

September 19, 2024



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WPS Redistricting Process

- WPS Will undertake a Two-Phase Redistricting Process
 - Phase I – 2025-26 SY; Balances enrollment between Long Lots ES, Greens Farms ES, Saugatuck ES.
 - Reduces enrollment pressures at Long Lots and utilizes available space at Saugatuck
 - Phase II – 2026-27 SY (at the earliest); Balances enrollment between Kings Highway ES & Coleytown ES.
 - Phase II timing dependent on completion of new Long Lots
 - Leverages space at Coleytown ES when Stepping Stones moves to new Long Lots

Each scenario presents options for Phase I and Phase II to provide a comprehensive understanding of impacts. These phases are independent of one another and Phase I for any scenario can be acted upon independently of Phase II.



WPS BOE Redistricting Criteria

- Balanced Utilization – ensure no schools are over-utilized or under-utilized, and there is parity in available resources and spaces across schools based on the recommendations from Elementary Capacity and Utilization Study
 - Align Long Lots enrollment with design capacity of the new school
- Long Term Sustainability - ensure each school has sufficient headroom and flex space to accommodate enrollment bubbles and foreseeable projected growth.
- Maintain Direct Feeder Pattern to Middle Schools while maintaining current teaming models
- Adhere to natural boundaries and keep neighborhoods together to the greatest extent possible.
- Prioritize proximity – maintaining walking communities, and minimizing travel distances, where possible.
- Minimize student disruption to the greatest extent possible
- Intensive Resource rooms, if relocated, need to remain in place for at least 5-years
- No student will be redistricted more than once
- Should capacity exist to grandfather impacted 5th grade students, WPS will assess operational considerations



Timeline

Through Fall 2024

- Redistricting Planning Process Commences
- Enrollment Projections Fall 2024 & Elementary Capacity from Spring 2023 -starting point for ES redistricting planning
- BOE Develops & Adopts "Guiding Criteria"
- Iterative Scenario Development with administrative working group to review, discuss and obtain feedback.
- Viable options will be presented to BOE
- **BOE adopts Phase I Redistricting Plan Fall 2024.**

Winter 2024-Spring 2025

- Phase I - Redistricting Implementation Planning
 - Staffing Considerations
 - Transportation Routing
 - Mobilization
- Planning in place for Budget Process
- Coordinate student Transitions
- **Phase I Redistricting In-Place for Start of 2025-26 SY**

Summer– Fall 2026

- Phase II Redistricting Planning Refinement
- **Phase II Redistricting BOE Adoption in Fall of 2026***

Winter 2027- Fall 2027

- Phase II* - Redistricting Implementation Planning
 - Staffing Considerations
 - Transportation Routing
 - Mobilization
- Planning in place for Budget Process
- **LLS ES Construction Complete* –opens for 2027-28 school year**

* Phase II redistricting timeline dependent on completion of LLS construction project. Timeline above assumes Fall 2027 opening for new LLS. Phase II redistricting plan should be adopted by BOE in the Fall prior to opening of the new LLS ES.



Enrollment Projections Recap

Actual & Projected ES Enrollments 2023-24 to 2033-34 (Medium)

School	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	10-Yr Avg	10 year % Change
Coleytown	487	496	509	502	508	516	494	493	492	492	489	499	0.4%
Greens Farms	472	481	497	495	488	486	475	475	473	474	472	482	0.0%
Kings Highway	463	458	468	470	460	464	456	457	456	461	462	461	-0.2%
Long Lots	574	598	624	641	642	627	631	628	623	617	615	625	6.7%
Saugatuck	398	395	398	391	384	380	386	388	386	388	390	389	-2.1%
K-5 Total	2,394	2,428	2,496	2,499	2,482	2,473	2,442	2,441	2,430	2,432	2,428	2,455	1.4%

2024-25	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	K to 5	6 to 8	9 to 12	Total
Preliminary Actual	348	392	401	446	411	365	410	411	380	423	395	411	412	2,363	1,201	1,641	5,205
Projected	363	421	412	440	419	373	410	419	389	433	386	405	413	2,428	1,218	1,637	5,283
Difference	-15	-29	-11	6	-8	-8	0	-8	-9	-10	9	6	-1	-65	-17	4	-78
	-4.1%	-6.9%	-2.7%	1.4%	-1.9%	-2.1%	0.0%	-1.9%	-2.3%	-2.3%	2.3%	1.5%	-0.2%	-2.7%	-1.4%	0.2%	-1.5%

- Projections in the process of being update based on the 10/1/24 enrollment. Greatest deviation at lower elementary grades, particularly driven by change in Kindergarten entry age (8-Months of births) and a reduced in-migration in grades 1 and 2.



Prelim. 2024-25 Elementary Enrollment

		Current Enrollment and Actual Elementary Class Sections 2024-25																	
		PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Enrollment	K-12 Enrollment	Total Sections	Average
Coleytown EI	Enrollment		61	87	71	82	86	72								459	459		
	Sections		3	5	4	4	4	4										24	
	Average		20.33	17.40	17.75	20.50	21.50	18.00											19.13
	Open Seats		5	23	17	18	14	28											
Greens Farms	Enrollment		64	81	80	91	89	68								473	473		
	Sections		4	4	4	4	4	3										23	
	Average		16.00	20.25	20.00	22.75	22.25	22.67											20.57
	Open Seats		24	7	8	9	11	7											
King's Highway	Enrollment		69	82	67	88	72	72								450	450		
	Sections		4	4	4	4	4	4										24	
	Average		17.25	20.50	16.75	22.00	18.00	18.00											18.75
	Open Seats		19	6	21	12	28	28											
Long Lots	Enrollment		94	89	113	109	92	88								585	585		
	Sections		5	5	6	5	4	4										29	
	Average		18.80	17.80	18.83	21.80	23.00	22.00											20.17
	Open Seats		16	21	19	16	8	12											
Saugatuck	Enrollment		60	53	70	76	72	65								396	396		
	Sections		3	3	4	4	4	3										21	
	Average		20.00	17.67	17.50	19.00	18.00	21.67											18.86
	Open Seats		6	13	18	24	28	10											



Facilities Utilization Recap (2023 Study)

Coleytown Projected Classroom Needs



Greens Farms Projected Classroom Needs



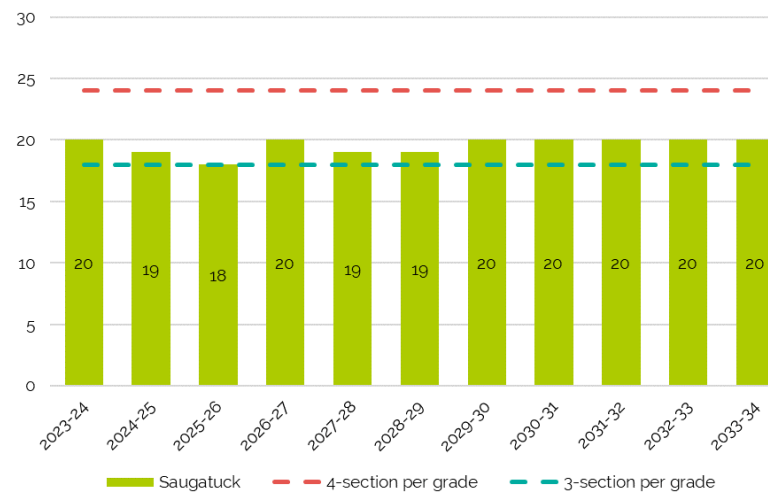
Kings Highway Projected Classroom Needs



Long Lots Projected Classroom Needs



Saugatuck Projected Classroom Needs





ES Future Planning Capacity

School	Planning Capacity					Districtwide Programs			
	Enrollment (K-5) prelim. 2024-25	K-5 Total Instructional CRs	CR Model (Sect./grade)	Planning Capacity	Utilization	Other Full-Sized CRs ³	Pre-K Program	Intensive Resource	Total Full-Sized CRs
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Long Lots ²	585	30	5	599	97.7%	12	9	2	53
Saugatuck	396	24	4	479	82.7%	6	-	-	30
WPS Total	2,363	124		2,530	93.4%	32		4	183

Reminder that Planning Capacity reflects 85% of loading levels, yielding 20 students per CR on average. K-2 loads at 22 & 3-5 loads at 25

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2. Based on Long Lots Feasibility Study (10/2024)

2. Other full-sized classrooms exclude districtwide programs and SSP Pre-K

- For 2024-25, a smaller K Cohort and reduced lower elementary in-migration from slowed housing churn, have provided some short-term space relief.
- However, overall trajectory of enrollment projections and findings from the 2023 Capacity and Utilization Study remain unchanged.



Redistricting Approaches

Scenario A Traditional Redistricting

Contiguous attendance zones.
Moving Small Pockets of
Students

Districtwide Programs (IR) are
not relocated

Scenario B Traditional Redistricting & IR Program Relocation

Contiguous attendance
zones. Moving Small Pockets
of Students

Districtwide Programs (IR) are
relocated

Removed from Consideration

Initially developed two different redistricting approaches, differentiated by whether Districtwide Programs (IR) would be relocated. Through further discussion over the summer, the relocation of IR Programs was removed from consideration.



Scenario Planning Process

- Existing School District Attendance Zones were the starting point for the Redistricting Scenarios
- 2023-24 Geocoded (mapped) Student Enrollment was used as the starting point for each Scenario. Geocoded historic enrollments were used to develop persistency ratios and enrollment projections.
- Scenarios are updated with 2024-25 preliminary Geocoded (mapped) Student Enrollment
- All Westport resident students who attend another elementary school outside of their zoned school were kept at their school of attendance, unless otherwise noted. A majority of these students are Intensive Resource (IR) students.
- Capacity Planning used school capacities from the Facility Utilization Study (2023) plus the Long Lots Feasibility Study (Fall 2023).
- For Phase II, adjustments were made to the Coleytown ES capacity to account for the relocation of Stepping Stones to Long Lots ES.
- Conceptual attendance zone changes were prepared to guide the facility planning process. These boundaries are preliminary and may be subject to change based on numerous factors including transportation analysis.
- **Enrollment Projections are in the process of being updated. Once complete, scenarios will be updated to include projections and future utilization.**



Scenario A1 (Revised)

Phase 1:

- Students shifted from Long Lots ES to Saugatuck to align with new Long Lots design enrollment
- IR Classrooms remain in place at Green's Farms and Long Lot's.

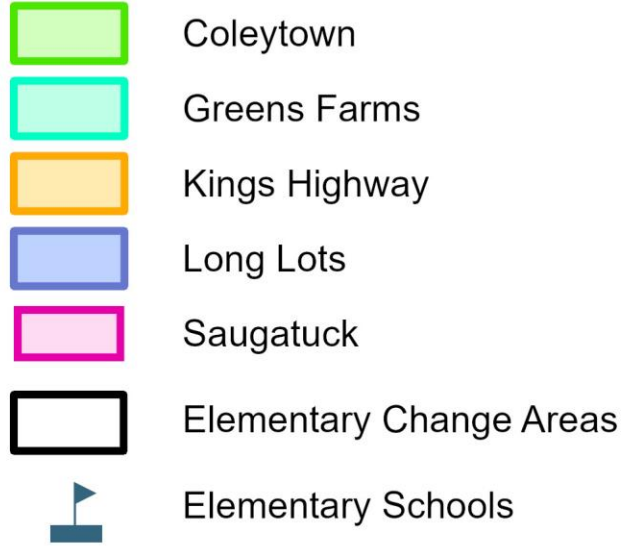
Phase 2:

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Based on input from WPS Transportation adjustments were made to Phase 1 boundaries.

Scenario A1 Elementary Change Areas



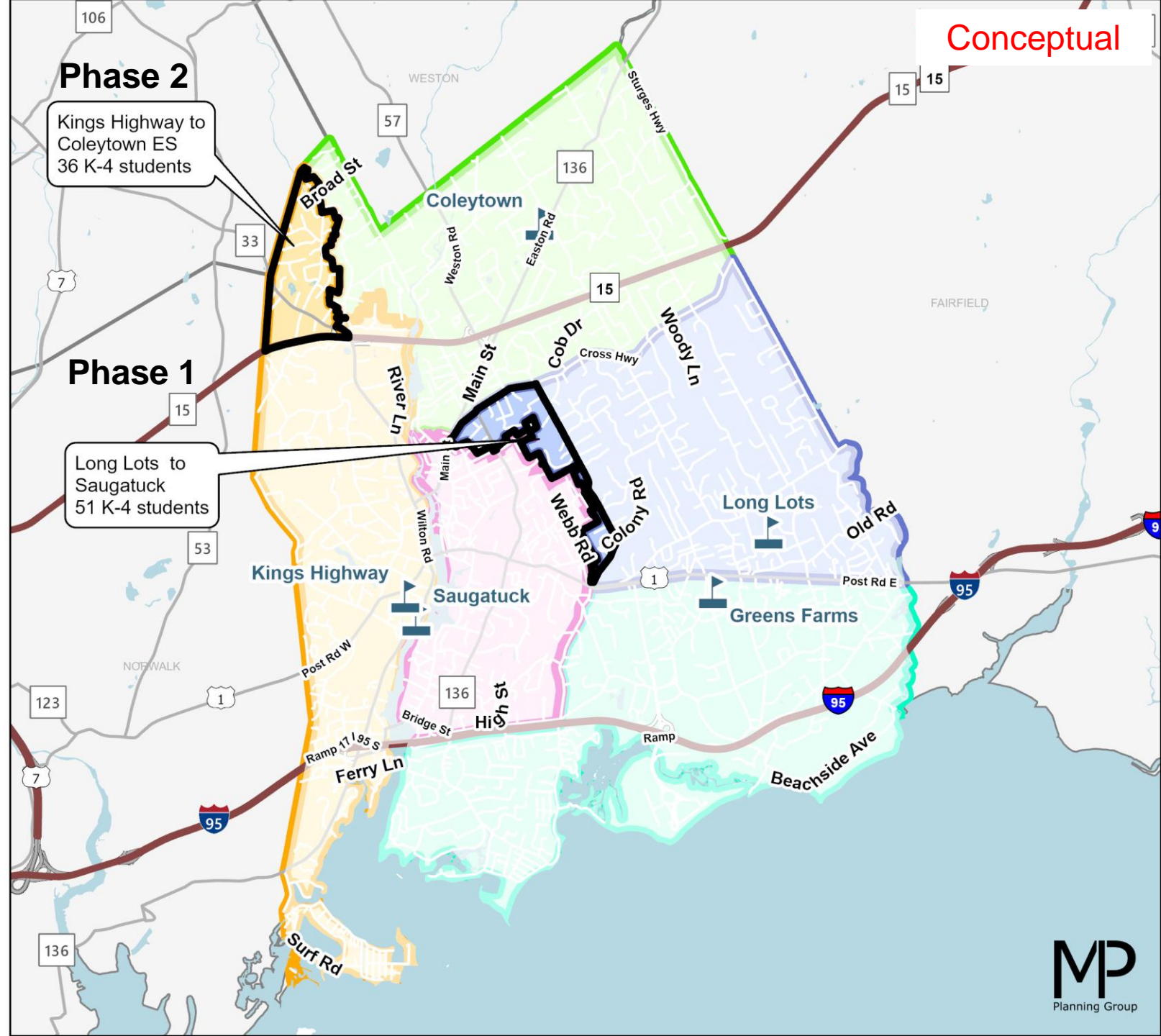
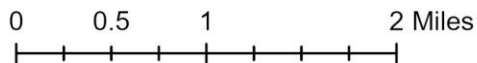
Redistricting Impacts (K-4):

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Areas of Change K-5 Enrollment (5-Yr Avg-2020- 2024 prelim.)

- 52** Kings Highway to Coleytown ES Area
- 60** Long Lots to Saugatuck Area

Note: All out of area students remained in place.



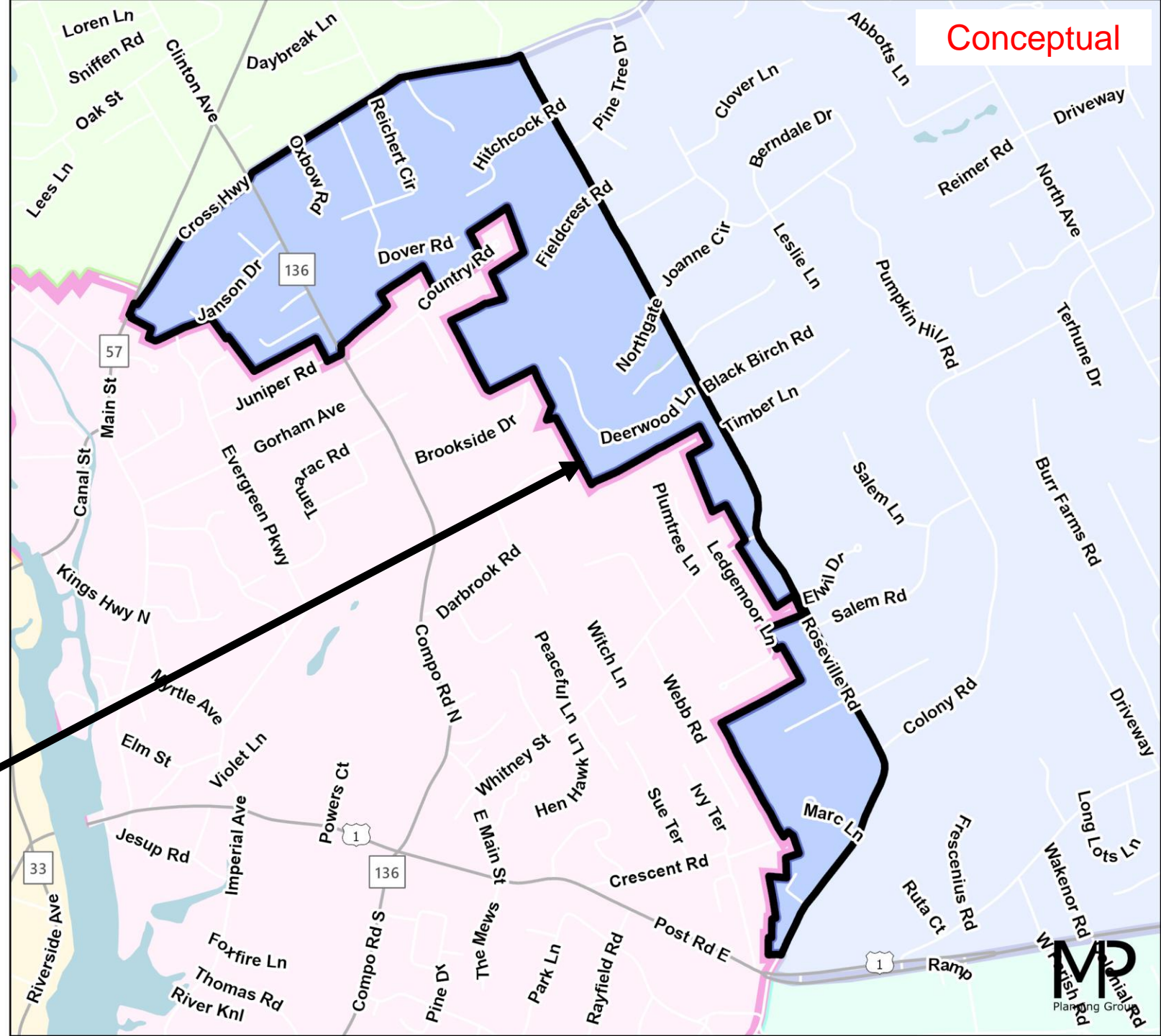
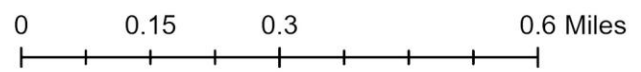
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- Coleytown
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REVISED - Proposed Saugatuck / Long Lots Boundary of Roseville Rd between Cross Hwy and Post Rd E.

Phase 1:
Long Lots to Saugatuck

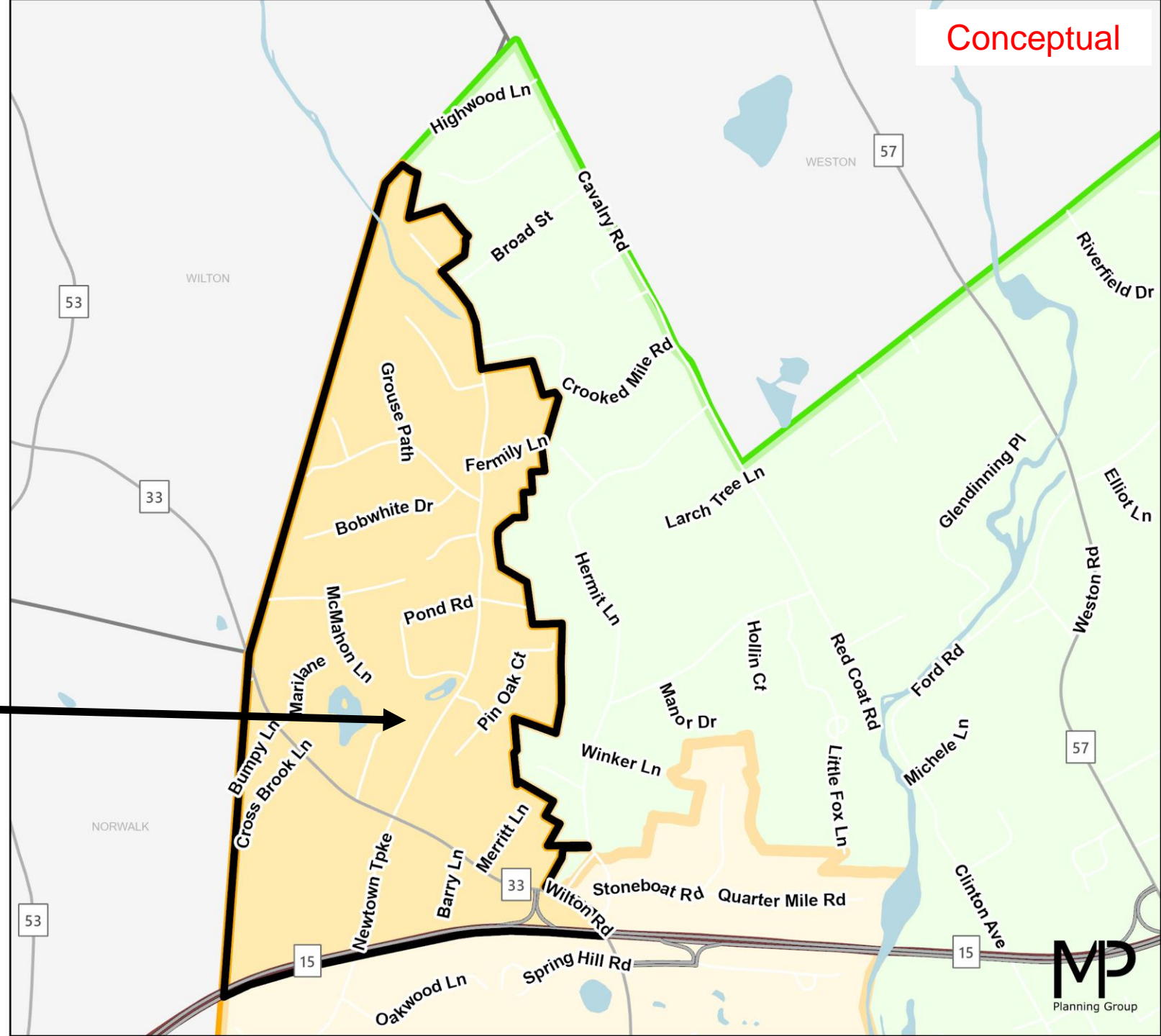
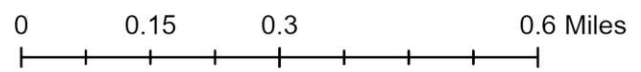


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Phase 2: Kings Highway to Coleytown





Scenario A1: Enrollment "Look back"

Scenario A1	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	3-Yr Avg. Enroll
Coleytown	425	440	447	482	505	529	538	504	524
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Scenario A2

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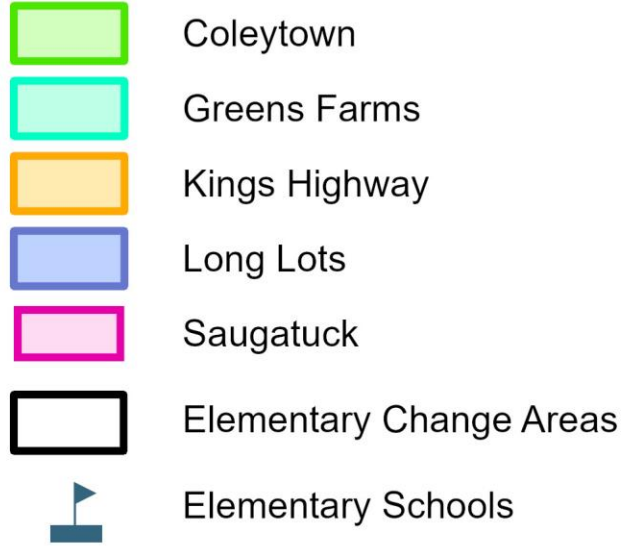
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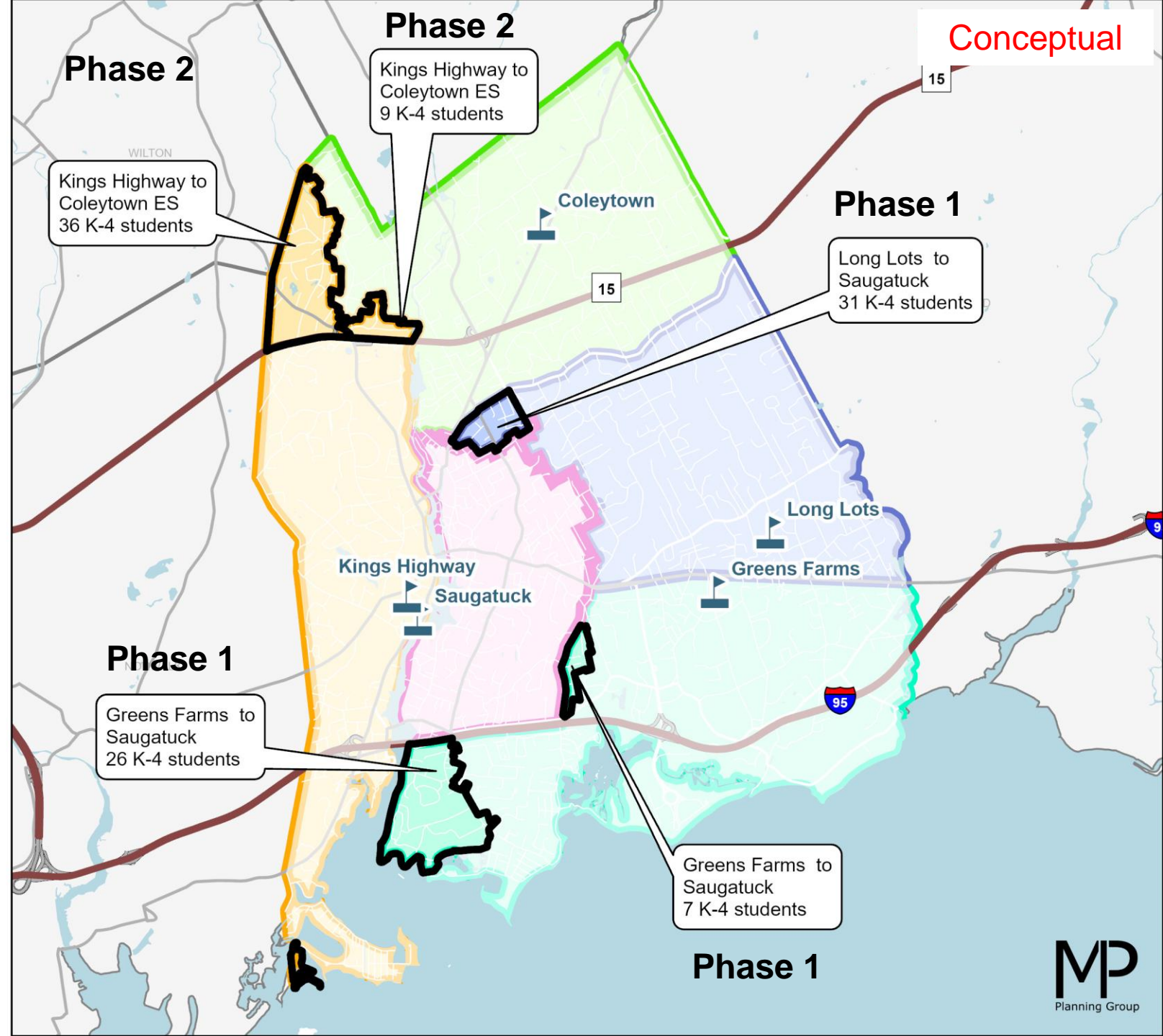
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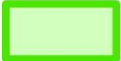
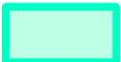


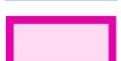


Areas of Change K-5 Enrollment (5-Yr Avg)

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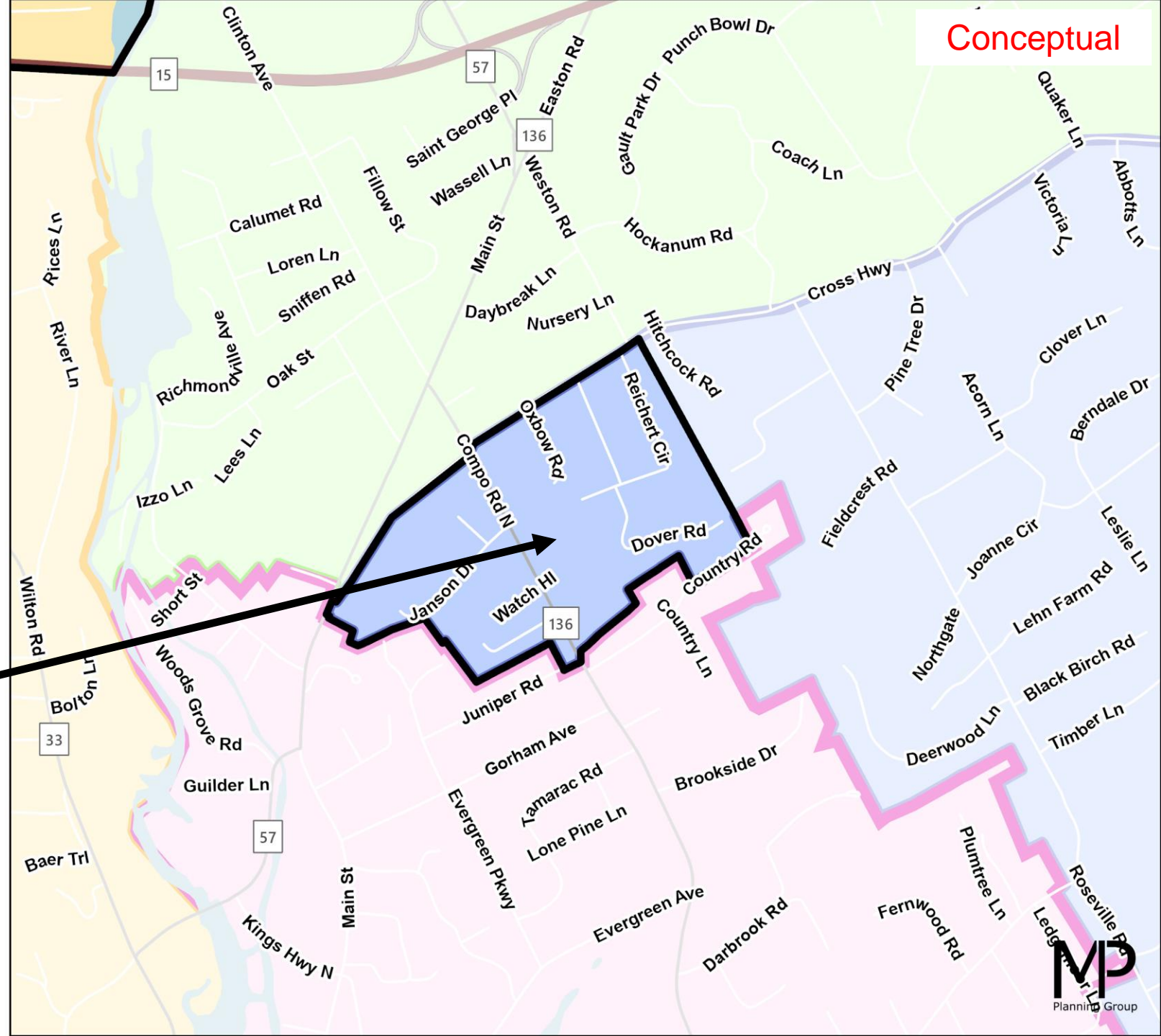
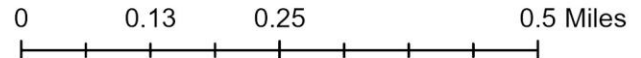
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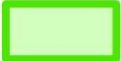
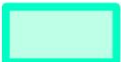


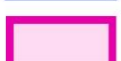


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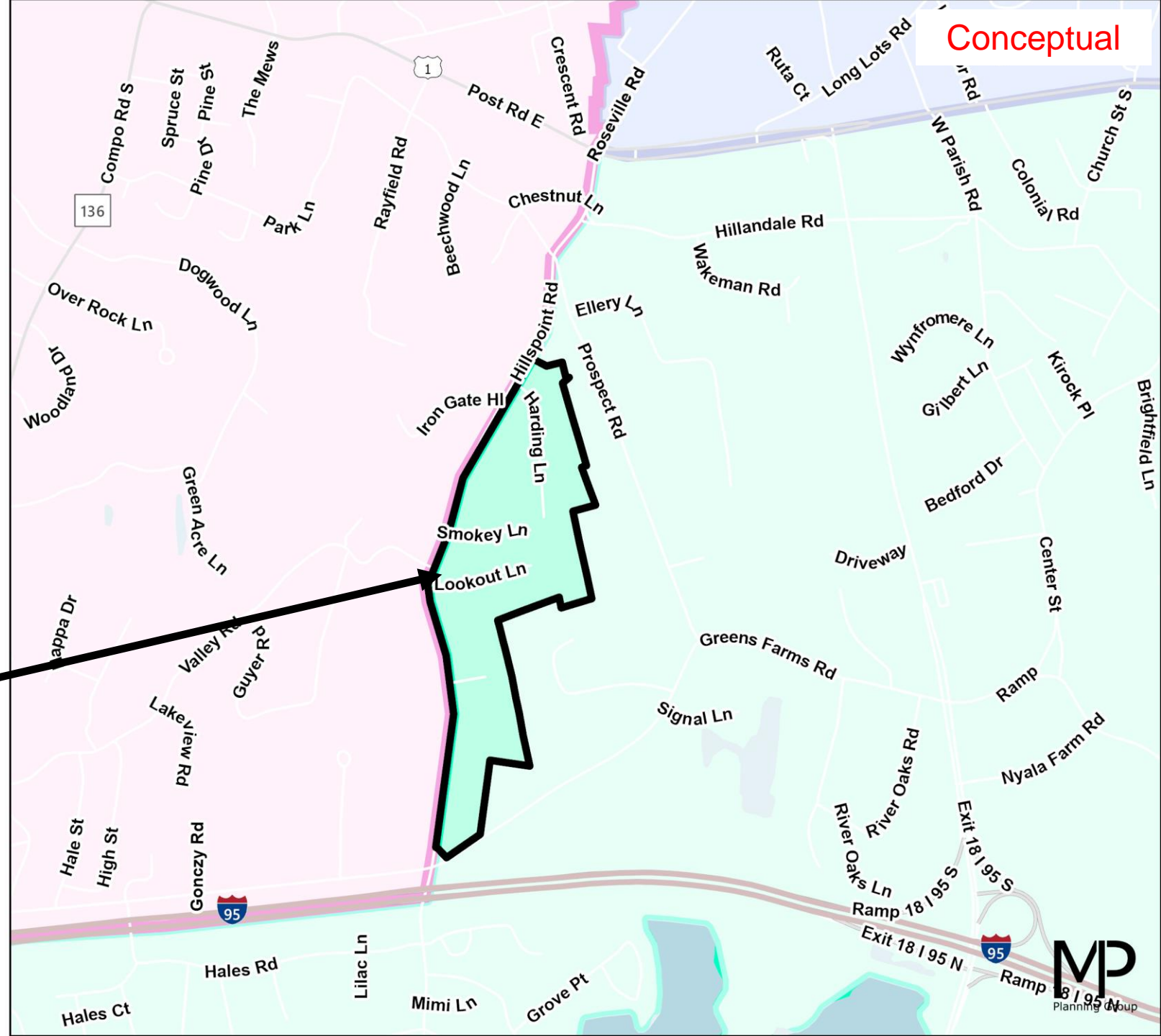
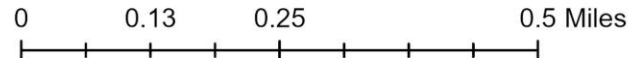
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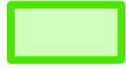
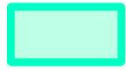





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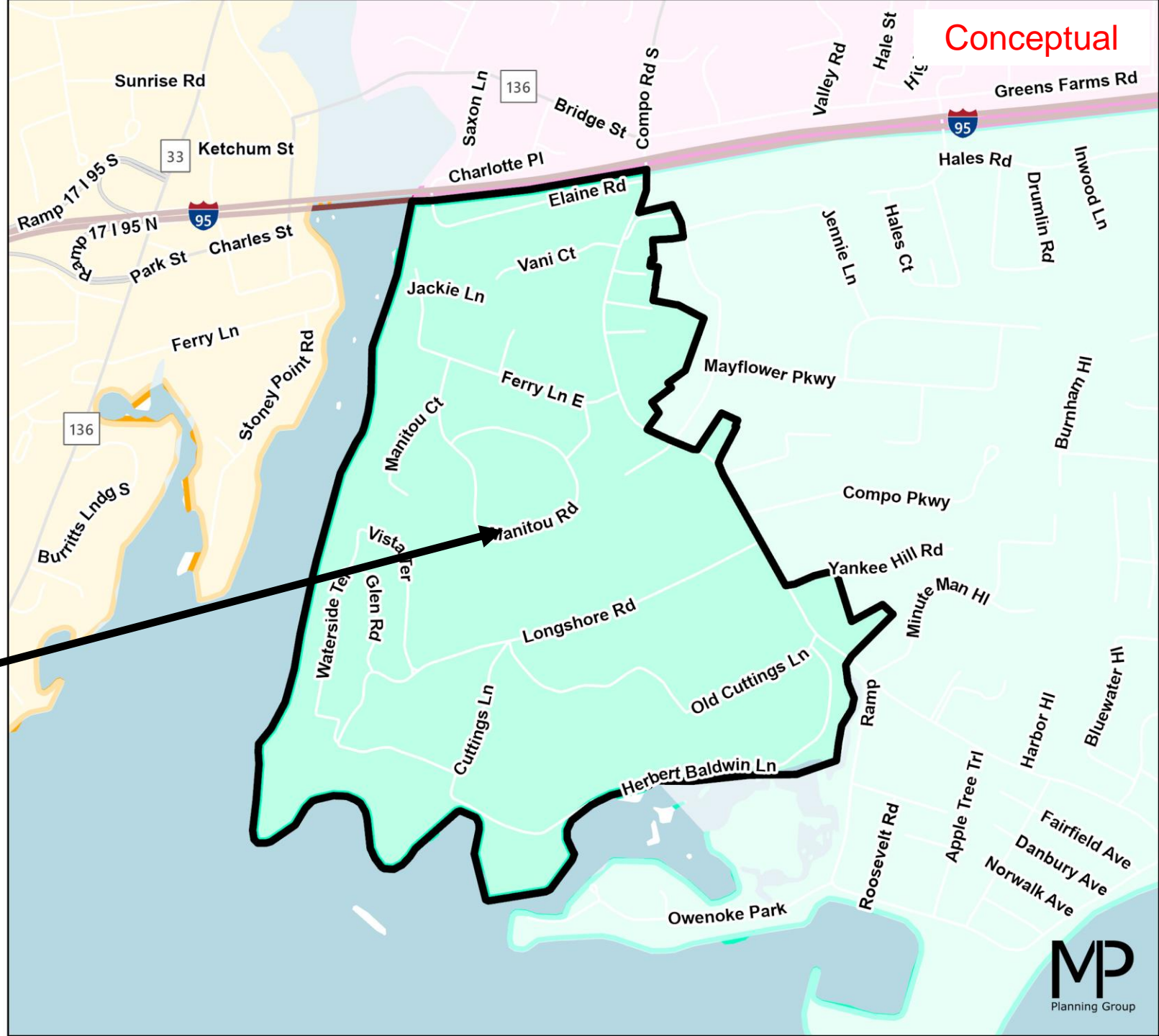


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Phase 1
Greens Farms
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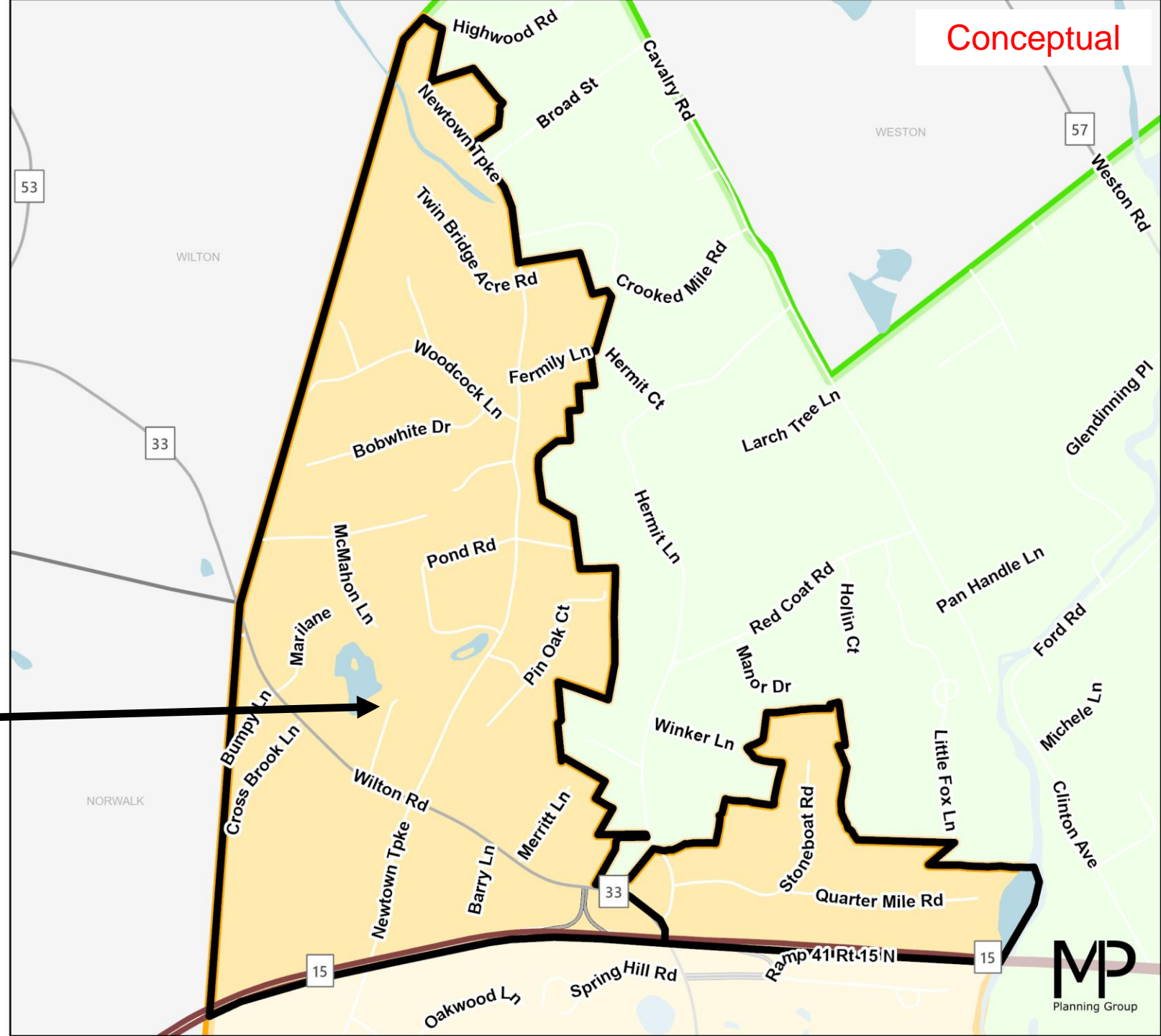
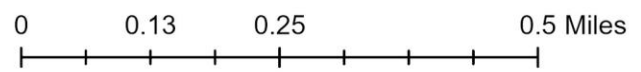
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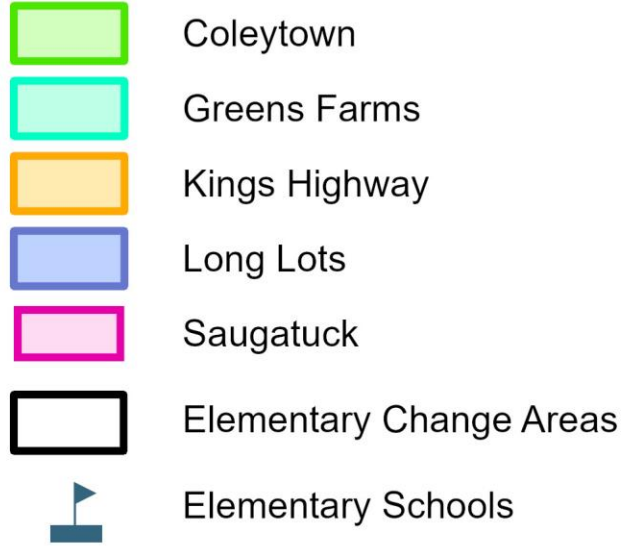
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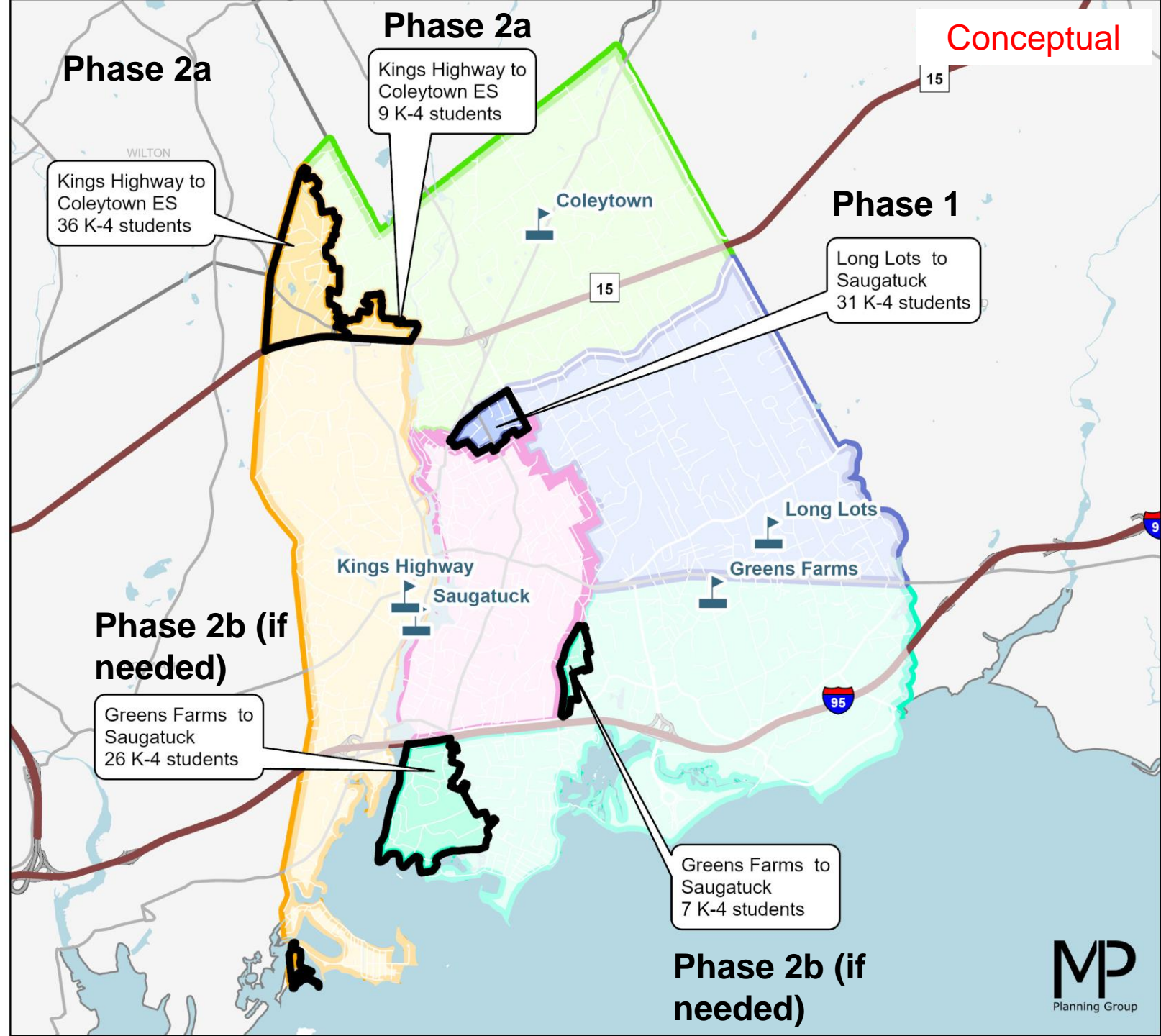
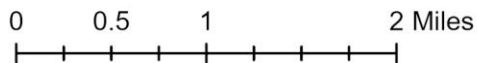
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Takeaways

- Scenario A1 and A2 are viable traditional pocket redistricting approaches.
- Conceptual boundary changes impact approximately 4%-5% of K-4 enrollment.
- Maintaining portables at Coleytown ES provides capacity for enrollment relief at Kings Highway (Phase II).
- Conceptual boundaries have been reviewed by WPS transportation staff for impacts on transportation routing
- Enrollment Projections are being updated and will be finalized upon receipt of Oct. 1st enrollment.
- Redistricting Online Map viewer will be soon be available on the WPS Redistricting webpage. Stay Tuned.

<https://www.westportps.org/district/redistricting-resources>