

St. Augustine Public Input Meeting  
July 12, 2011 – 8 a.m.  
Post-Public Input Meeting Report

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The purpose of this document is to summarize specific district map-drawing suggestions from the St. Augustine public meeting on July 12, 2011. Therefore, the comments in this document will focus on specific instructions provided by Florida residents participating in these meetings.

Other comments that were either not specific on how to draw a map or that were editorial in nature will not be included in this document. For all of the comments in their entirety, please see the meeting transcript, video and/or podcast via [www.floridaredistricting.org](http://www.floridaredistricting.org).

The following encapsulates comments from persons who spoke and/or submitted written comments for the St. Augustine public meeting. To make it clear, these are the public's suggestions. This document does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Florida Legislature.

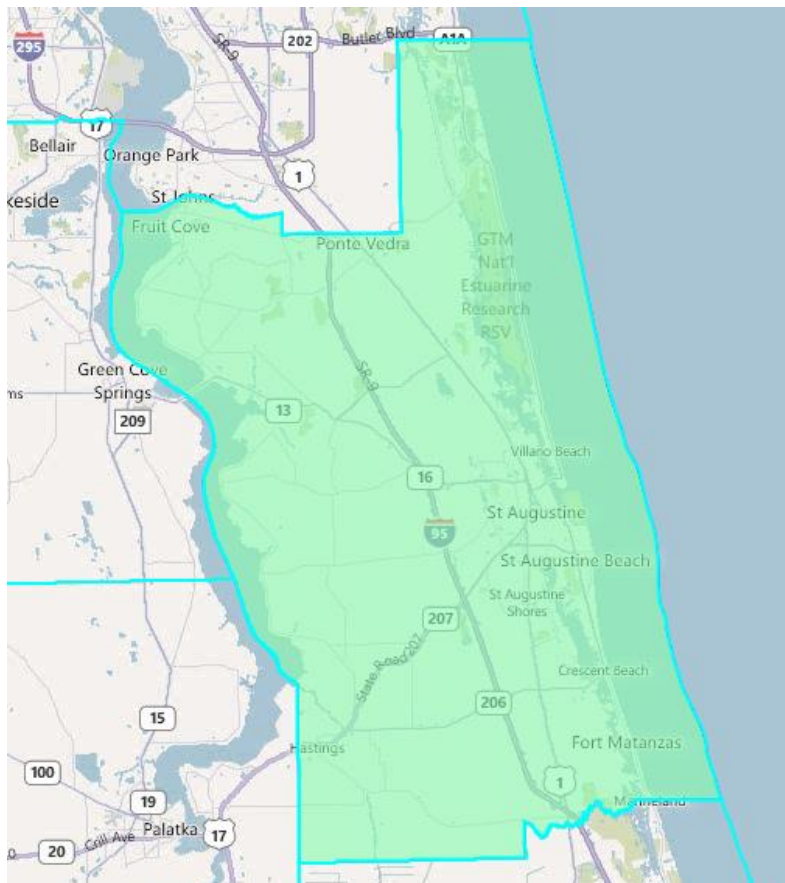
## Specific Map-Drawing Testimony-St. Augustine Public Hearing

July 12, 2011

**NE/NC-7:** Keep St. Johns County Whole, and When That is Not Possible, Link St. Johns and Flagler Counties

**Description:** Keep St. Johns County whole, but if you must link us with another community, link us with Flagler County. We share beach issues, farming communities and growth issues. Our issues are different than Duval County.<sup>1</sup> St. Johns and Flagler counties have a lot of things in common, like tourism issues.<sup>2</sup> Keep us in St. Johns County whole, but link us with Flagler County when necessary. We share cultural issues as well as beaches.<sup>3</sup> Moreover, if St. Johns County must be broken apart, do not split precincts.<sup>4</sup>

**Visual:** Keeping St. Johns County whole would look like this:



<sup>1</sup> Sandra Parks of St. Augustine

<sup>2</sup> Susan Godby of Elkton

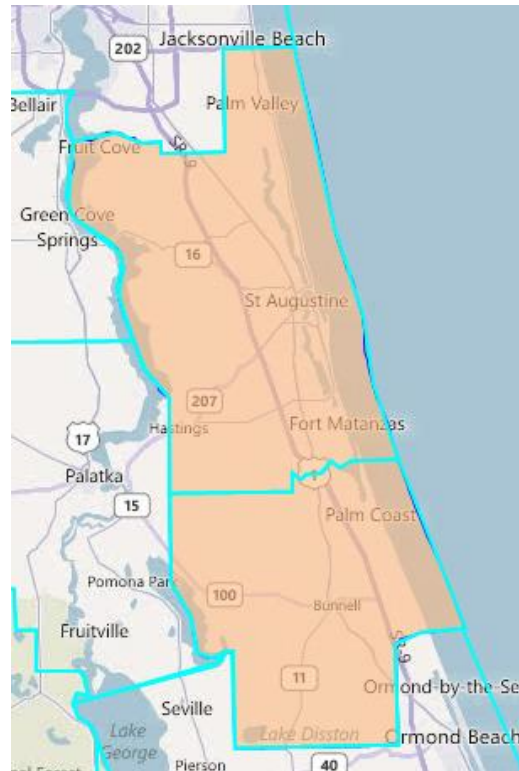
<sup>3</sup> Gail Wadsworth, Flagler County Clerk of the Court

<sup>4</sup> Burrell, Gina – Submitted July 12, 2011 via St. Augustine Public Hearing

**Policy Issues:**

- With a population of 190,039, St. Johns County is too large for a State House district and would need to be divided amongst at least two districts. The County could be kept whole in either a State Senate or Congressional district.

**Visual:** Connecting All of St. Johns and Flagler Counties would look like this:



**Policy Issues:**

- A district with all of St. Johns and Flagler Counties would have a population of 285,735, which is too small for a State Senate or Congressional district. More communities would need to be added in order to meet the ideal population for a district.

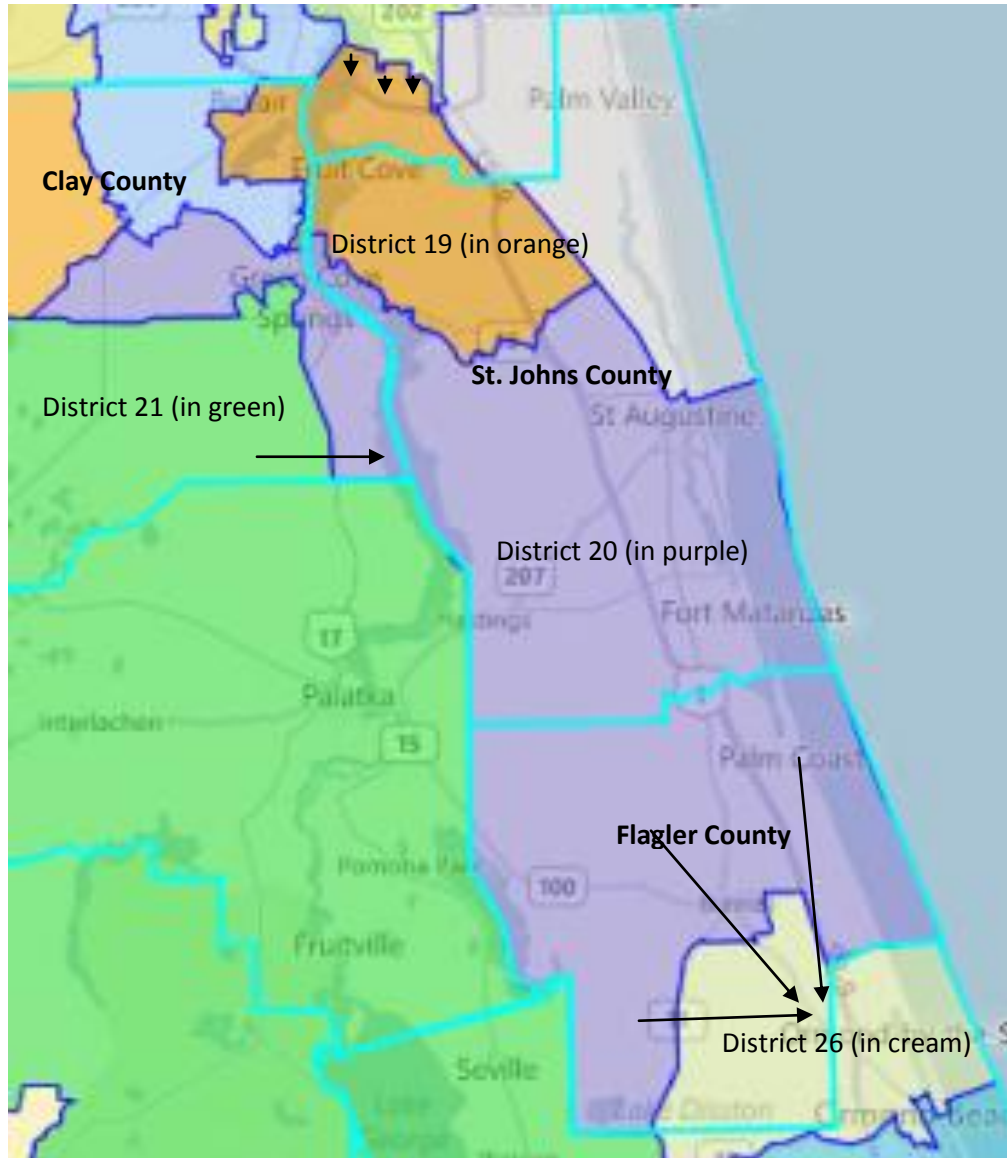
**NE/NC-8:** Make Adjustments to the State House Districts in the Region at the Request of Ms. Susan Godby

**Description:** “What we would like to see is District 21 come down to the St. Johns County line and go all the way down to Flagler County. Those two areas have a lot in common with tourism. We would then like to see District 19 come below I-295 and into St. Johns County and backed up at the Julieton Creek area. Mandarin and Julieton Creek area have a lot in common.”<sup>5</sup> The portion of Ms. Godby’s request regarding District 21 was also echoed by Ms. Rebecca Johnston of St. Johns County.

**Visual:** The current House districts for the area look like this. The arrows indicate where Ms. Godby would like to see the lines move according to her testimony:

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<sup>5</sup> Susan Godby of Elkton



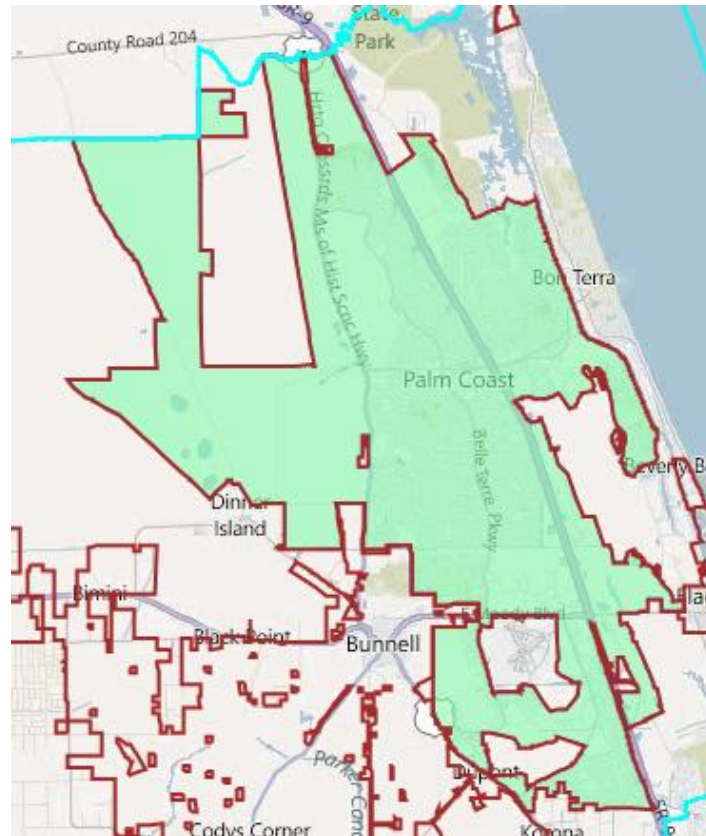
**Policy Issues:**

- It is unclear in Ms. Godby’s testimony, but staff speculates that she meant to say that district 20, not 21, should encompass all of Flagler County and portions of St. Johns County and that the portions of district 20 that are in Clay County be absorbed by district 21.
- St. Johns County would continue to be split by three House districts.
- These districts may or may not be the ideal population for a House district depending on how exactly they are drawn.

**NE/NC-9:** Keep The City of Palm Coast connected with St. Johns County.

**Description:** I want to see Palm Coast, which is the largest city between Jacksonville and Orlando, linked with St. Johns County. When drawing House districts for the area, start at the southern border of Flagler County and work your way north.<sup>6</sup>

**Visual:** The City of Palm Coast looks like this:



**Policy Issues:**

- The population of the City of Palm Coast is 75,180, which is short of the ideal population for a State House district, so more communities would need to be added to make it a complete district. Since the city borders St. Johns County to the north, areas of St. Johns County could be added to the district without any concerns of contiguity.
- Some holes exist within the city limits of Palm Coast that would have to be filled and added to the district.

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<sup>6</sup> David Sullivan of Palm Coast