# Takoma Park Community of Interest Submissions (comments edited to remove identifying information):

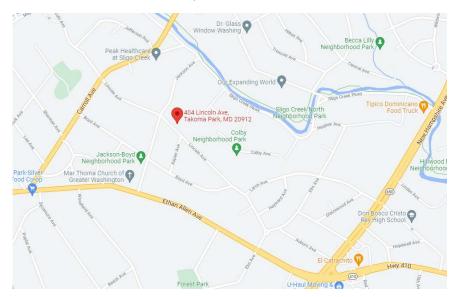
Area 1 - 9/22/2021 - Ward 1 - Areas around the Metro, Old Town, Carroll Ave, and Spring Park



**Area 2 -** 9/27/2021 – Ward 2 – "My community boundaries are NH Ave to the south and east, Ethan Allen Blvd to the North and Poplar to the west. We gather at Forest Park, and run our dogs (to the dismay of some) at the Washington McCloughlin school. Our kids play in Dorothy's Woods. We worry about cut-through traffic, noise and commotion from commercial sites on NH Ave, and property theft. Our neighborhood is very walkable, some of our streets are quiet enough that we gather there and we treasure that."

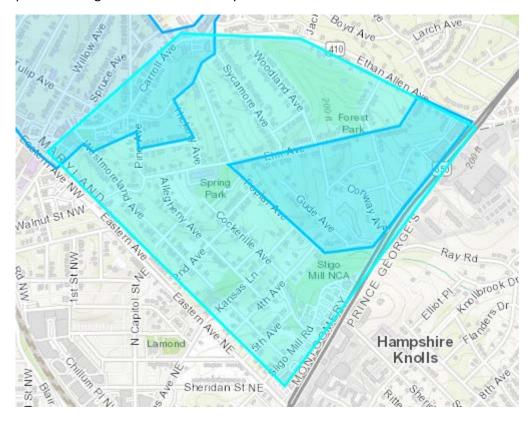


**Area 3** - 9/27/2021 – Ward 2 – No map. "Sligo creek to the north, Takoma Junction to the South, New Hampshire Ave to the east, Carroll Ave to the West. This area is bounded by major roads and the creek. There isn't much distinct culture to speak of. . . ."



Area 4 - 9/28/2021 - Ward 3 - WACO (Westmoreland Area Community Organization)

"We are at the state border on one side and the County border on another. We like our sidewalks and parks and meet neighbors when we walk our dogs or our kids. We are mostly single family homes, many with ADUs (legal or otherwise). Our Ward is currently shaped oddly and I feel like that portion of Ward 2 that also runs along New Hampshire Ave is more similar to the WACO area of Ward 3 than that portion of the Ward that pushes through the center of the City."

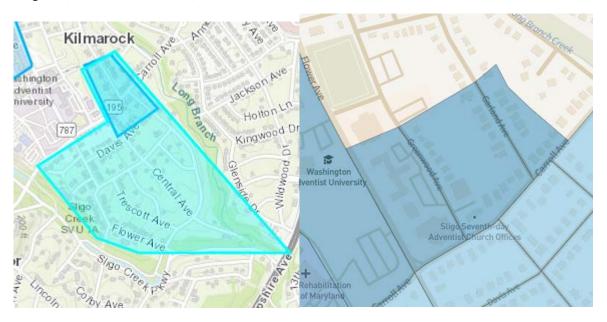


# **Area 5 -** 10/14/2021 – Ward 2/3 Manor Circle

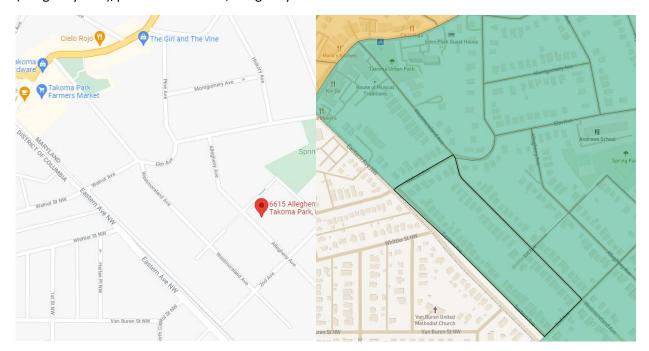
"Manor Circle has a mix of condominiums, single family houses, and small and large apartment buildings. At this time, the condominium building in the middle of Manor Circle, where I reside, has been designated as being within Ward 2, while the surrounding neighbors on Manor Circle. This is ridiculous and divisive, diluting the ability of neighbors to unite in support of many issues affecting us all, such as traffic, community businesses and general community cohesion. Manor Circle residents should clearly be in the same Ward."



**Area 6 -** 10/18/2021 – Ward 5 – Our blocks are not connected to any other neighborhood community except W2. To west=Adventist, To north&east=Silver Spring. We are completely cut off from all W5 houses. Our only neighbor/friends/soccer team/scouts=Ward 2.



**Area 7 -** 10/20/2021 – Ward 3 – WACO - Boundaries: Carroll/Laurel & Elm on North, Eastern on West, 2nd Av (Allegheny side)/parkland on South, Allegheny On East



Area 8 - 10/21/2021 – Ward 2 – "I weirdly live right on the boundary of 2 wards (Ward 3 and Ward 2). One thing that's pretty concerning to me is how few apartment buildings are incorporated into either ward. When I go on walks, when I'm looking for a city bike to ride, when I'm grabbing Chinese food, when I'm making mutual aid deliveries, and when I'm meeting with students I tutor, I go down to Maple Avenue or Lee Ave, and up to Houston. At least my ward includes the condos and apartments across the street and behind me...still, it's weird to me that the areas with housing that's more accessible to low- and middle-income families seem to be grouped together (Ward 6, Ward 5, Ward 4), at least to my "not-a-data-analyst" eye. I'd love to be able to advocate and organize with my neighbors down on Maple and Lee especially as folks who live in the same ward."



### Not enough detail or too broad:

10/3/2021 – Ward 2 - No Map. "Between Sligo Creek and Long Branch defines our immediate neighborhood, but on any given day we would walk all the way to University Blvd to 7-Eleven and Angkor Market or to Takoma Beverage and Ace Hardware. We walk along the creek to Piney Branch or downstream along the trail to East-West Highway. We walk around or through the WAH and WAU campuses. I have my haircut on Flower Ave. In any given week, I could be roaming through multiple wards."

10/3/2021 – Ward 2 - No map. SOSCA (South of Sligo Citizens' Association), Hampshire Knolls.



Area is contained within any option:

### 9/28/2021 - Ward 1 - No map. This area will always be contained within Ward 1 in any scenario

"Peaceful, quiet residential streets, single-family zoning; beautiful, mature tree canopy, but trees need help; older, historic homes; extremely high taxes (we, so far, fairly willingly pay for the City to run, but there is a breaking point); Belle Ziegler Park; walkable to metro, downtown and schools; neighborhood spirit; major stormwater problems; decades-old conflicts with Montgomery College, demographic turnover: some older residents feel forced out by high taxes and changing values about what the City stands for"



10/1/2021 – Ward 6 - High Rise Condo, this area will always be in Ward 6.



10/14/2021 – No map, but says border of Sligo Creek Park, Domer Ave. This area will always be contained within Ward 5 in any scenario



# 10/17/2021 - Ward 5 - This area will always be contained within Ward 5 in any scenario

Our "boundaries" are fluid but contained within Takoma Park. I suppose from Long Branch Park, up Kennebec Avenue, across Flower Avenue to Sligo Creek Park could be seen as part of our boundary, if a boundary must be defined. We also extend from the bottom of Maple Avenue (near what's left of the hospital) and Sligo Creek Pkwy to Roanoke or Wabash. Our main connection is our love for and enjoyment of Sligo Creek Park. We cherish the weekends when the parkway is closed to vehicles, especially the extended closings since COVID19 began. Nature, exercise, fresh air, and interacting with neighbors are common denominators. I've lived here for about 45 years. The community is a good match for what is important to me environmentally, politically, and socially.



10/16/2021 – Ward 4 – The Takoma - This building is smaller than a block so will always be within one ward.

