

## EXPLANATION OF LITTLE ITALY'S BOUNDARIES

### For Historic Reasons:

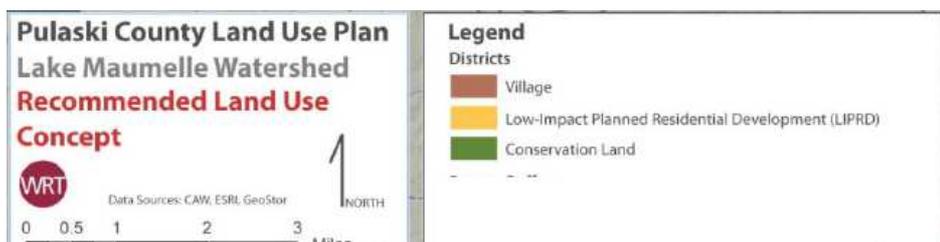
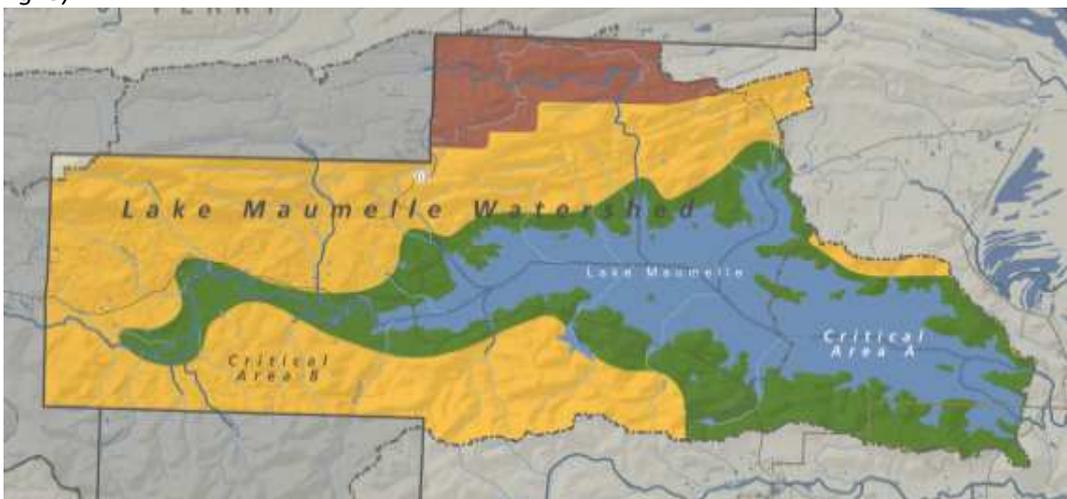
Prior to 1920 a wave of European immigration occurred in Little Italy's proposed boundary. In addition to the Italian immigrants that settled in the area that has been recognized as Little Italy, German, Polish, and Lithuanian immigrants also settled on farms in the surrounding area. Though they were not Italian, these other immigrants established similarly focused farms, conducted business with, and attended church with the Italian immigrants. Thus, while highway markers might indicate theoretical boundaries for the purpose of navigation, culture and shared historical experience illustrates the wider community of Little Italy.

This larger cultural definition of Little Italy is consistent with Pulaski County's acknowledged boundaries of Little Italy as evidenced in Pulaski County's Watershed Land Use Plan (see map below) and the Lake Maumelle Watershed Zoning Code.

### For Better Services:

Incorporation, by state law, requires at least 200 qualified voters in the proposed boundary to sign the petition for incorporation presumably so towns will have adequate tax base for better services; thus, the proposed incorporated boundary takes this into account. **A.C.A. § 14-38-101. Petition for incorporation.** (2015) (a) (1) When the inhabitants of a part of any county not embraced within the limits of any city or incorporated town shall desire to be organized into a city or incorporated town, they may apply, by a petition in writing, signed by the greater of either two hundred (200) or a majority of the qualified voters residing within the described territory, to the county court of the proper county.

*"The Village District comprises the northwestern portion of the watershed generally identified as Little Italy. Consisting of small farms and rural homesteads, the Village District provides for the continuation of this relatively compact, rural residential development pattern."* (Source: Lake Maumelle Watershed Zoning Code; Sec. 2.3 A. Pg. 8)



Source: WRT Draft Land Use Plan Overview, April 27, 2011; <http://co.pulaski.ar.us/planning-lmwdap.shtml>

## EXPLANATION OF LITTLE ITALY’S POPULATION AND ABILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES: NOT UNIQUE TO THE STATE

### Arkansas Municipalities Containing Fewer Than 400 Residents

Population Range	Total of Range	Total Arkansas Municipalities	Percentage of Total
Less than 100 Inhabitants	36	502	7.2%
100-250 Inhabitants	98	502	19.5%
251-350 Inhabitants	31	502	6.2%
350-400 Inhabitants	21	502	4.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>37%</b>

Source: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department

According to data provided by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department (see Exhibit AD), the state of Arkansas is comprised of 502 municipalities\* across 75 counties. The data indicates that approximately 37% of Arkansas’s municipalities contain fewer than 400 residents.

Based on preliminary 2010 Census data and 2015 voter records (see Exhibits Y and K), Little Italy comprises approximately 350 residents. Thus, when compared to municipalities across the state, an incorporated Little Italy will boast a larger population than approximately 33% of the municipalities in the state. This would place Little Italy in the upper two-thirds of Arkansas’s municipalities based on population.

Collectively, 1,879,622 Arkansans reside within the 502 municipal boundaries across the state. The 2010 Federal Census places Arkansas’s total population at 2,915,918 inhabitants. Thus, 64% of Arkansans reside within municipalities. Of the 64% of “urban” residents, 16% reside in towns with less than Little Italy’s estimated population. An additional 4% of “urban” Arkansans live in towns just slightly larger than Little Italy. It can be noted then, that 20% of Arkansans who reside in municipalities reside in towns of similar size to Little Italy. Moreover, approximately 12% of total Arkansans comprise the populations of small municipalities resembling Little Italy.

For a state with Arkansas’s rural character as illustrated by the Census population density map on the following page, it is quite common to find small municipalities throughout the state.

**Therefore Little Italy will not be unique in its population, tax base, or ability to provide services to residents.**

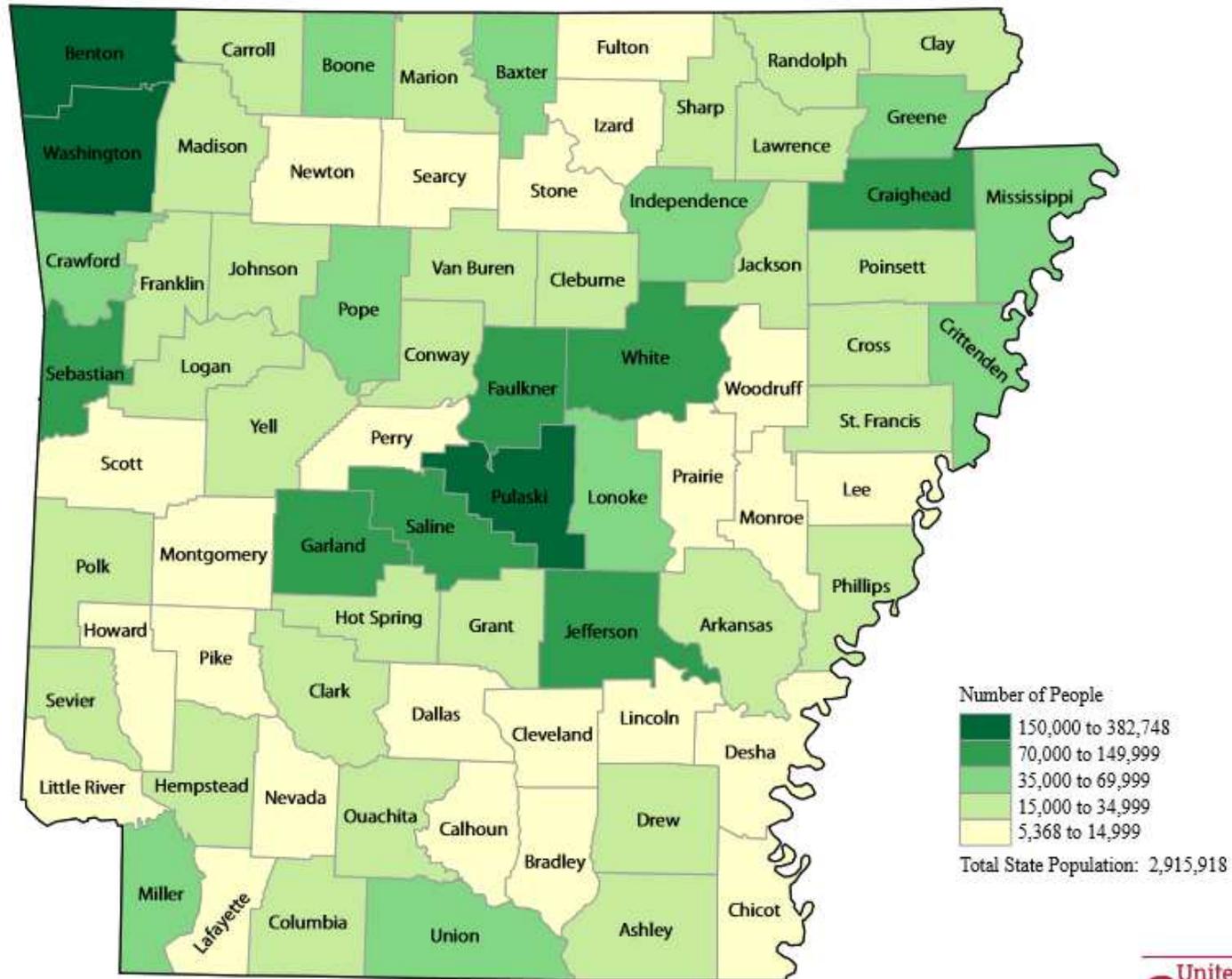
Category or Distinction within the State of Arkansas	Population Totals	Percentage of Total Municipal Residents	Percentage of Total State Population
Arkansas Residents	2,915,918	n/a	100%
Total Residents of Arkansas Municipalities	1,879,622	100%	64%
Combined Population of Municipalities under 350 inhabitants (165 total towns)	30,426	16%	10.4%
Combined Population of Municipalities above 350 inhabitants, but below 400 (21 total towns)	7,835	4%	2%

Source: US Census and Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department

\*Number of Arkansas municipalities provided by the Arkansas Municipal League from previous conversations in 2015 was 501.

# ARKANSAS - 2010 Census Results

## Total Population by County



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Census Redistricting Data Summary File  
For more information visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).

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## EXPLANATION OF LITTLE ITALY'S POPULATION DENSITY COMPARED WITH TOWNS ACROSS ARKANSAS

Little Italy's estimated 2010 Population based on US Census data and Pulaski County Voter Registration is 350 residents (see Exhibits Y and K); Little Italy's proposed area is 8.8 square miles. Thus, Little Italy's population density is 40 residents per square mile. It must be noted that Little Italy is located on the Pulaski/Perry County line and a large number of Perry County residents live adjacent to the Pulaski County population, but cannot be incorporated due to Statutory Law. When voluntarily annexed, the population would increase along with revenue and residents per square mile. For these purposes, the charts below illustrate towns across Arkansas with similar population density-- both below and slightly above Little Italy's. The United States Census Bureau defines Urbanized Areas (UAs) as regions with 50,000 or more people; Urban Clusters (UCs) of at least 2,500 and less than 50,000 people.<sup>1</sup> Using this rationale, Arkansas consists of eight (8) UAs and 100 UCs. The remaining 395 incorporated areas are classified by the US Census Bureau as rural.<sup>2</sup> Arkansas's overall population density is calculated to be 54.8 residents per square mile (2,915,918/53,179 sq. miles). Due to Arkansas's collectively low population density, and the statutory requirement for 200 eligible electors petitioning for incorporation, it becomes necessary for areas petitioning for incorporation to often have population densities which resemble the state's overall population density.

ARKANSAS TOWNS WITH FEWER THAN 60 RESIDENTS PER SQUARE MILE				
Town	County	2010 Population	Area (Sq. Mile)	Residents per Sq. Mile
<i>Below Little Italy</i>				
Wiederkehr Village, AR	Franklin	38	4.194	9
Gilmore, AR	Crittenden	263	13.511	19.5
Corinth, AR	Yell	70	3.151	22.2
Highfill, AR	Benton	583	18.06	32.2
Clarkedale, AR	Crittenden	371	11.45	32.4
Ben Lemond, AR	Sevier	145	3.9	37
<b>Little Italy, AR</b>	<b>Pulaski</b>	<b>350 (est.)</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>Above Little Italy</i>				
Bodcaw, AR	Nevada	138	3.037	45.4
Jennette, AR	Crittenden/St. Francis	115	2.275	50.5
Keo, AR	Lonoke	256	4.963	51
Bluff City, AR	Nevada	124	2.32	53
Chidester, AR	Ouachita	289	5.31	54
Morrison Bluff, AR	Logan	64	1.119	57
Rosston, AR	Nevada	261	4.44	59
Etowah, AR	Mississippi	351	5.98	59

Source: Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department and 2010 Federal Census

ARKANSAS TOWNS WITH BETWEEN 60 AND 100 RESIDENTS PER SQUARE MILE	
Town	Residents Per Square Mile
Gateway, AR	62.3
Pindall, AR	66
Grannis, AR	69
Twin Groves, AR	72
Gilbert, AR	73
Concord, AR	79
Daisy, AR	79
Fifty-Six, AR	83
Sidney, AR	87
Traskwood, AR	91
Goshen, AR	92
Beedeville, AR	94
Salesville, AR	98

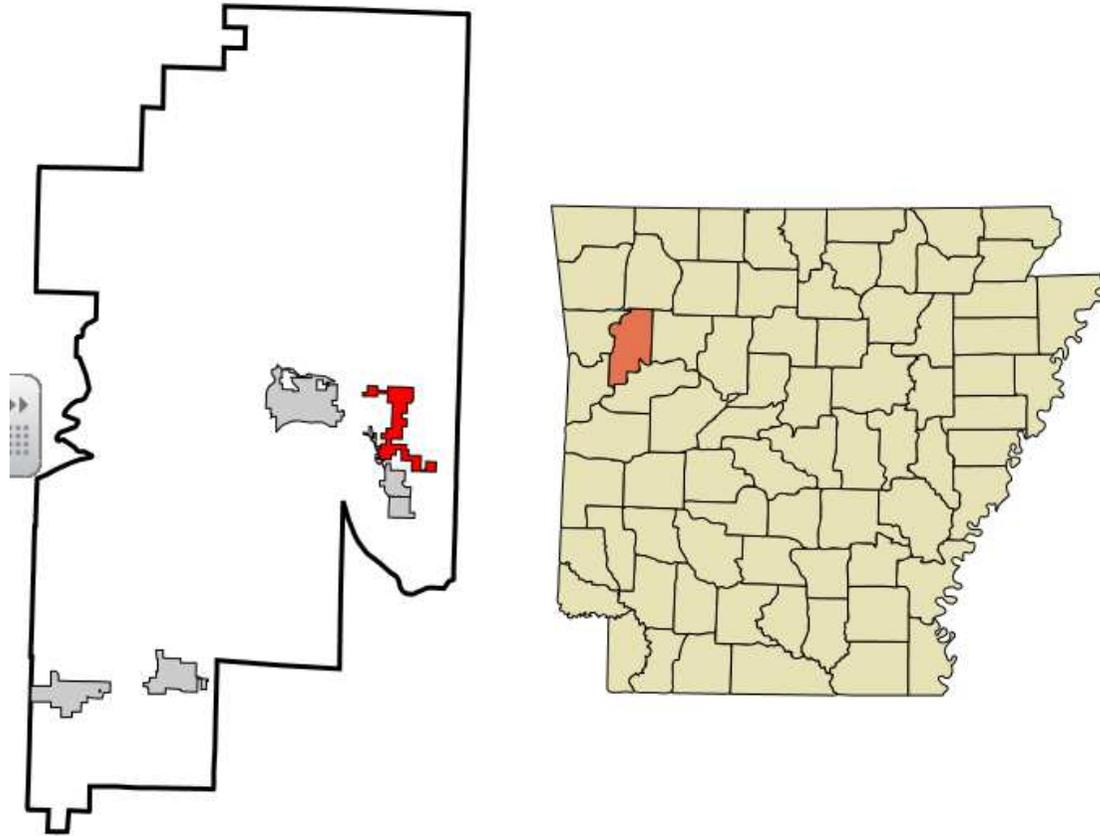
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<sup>1</sup><http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/urban-rural.html?cssp=SERP>

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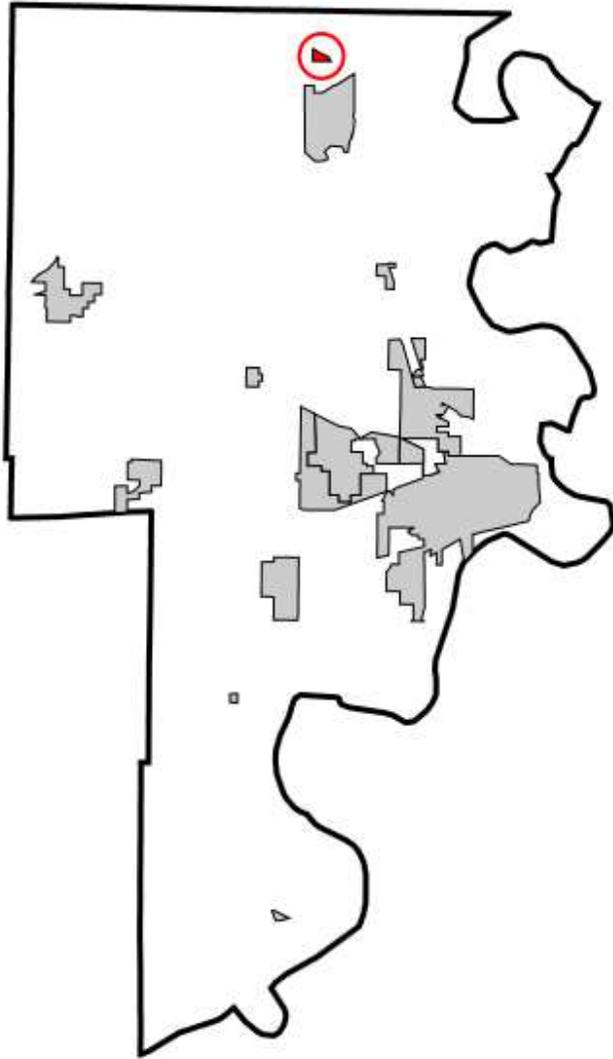
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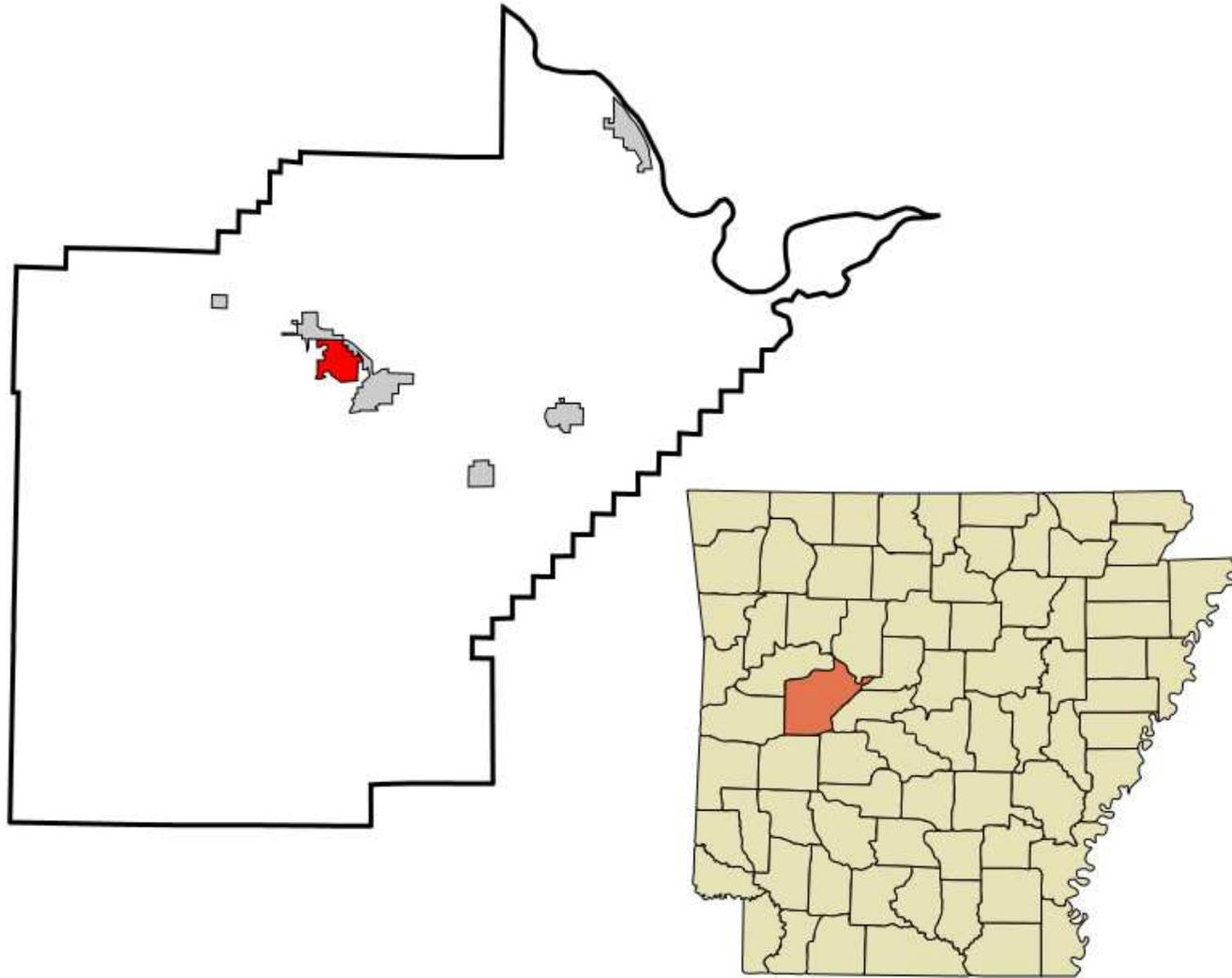
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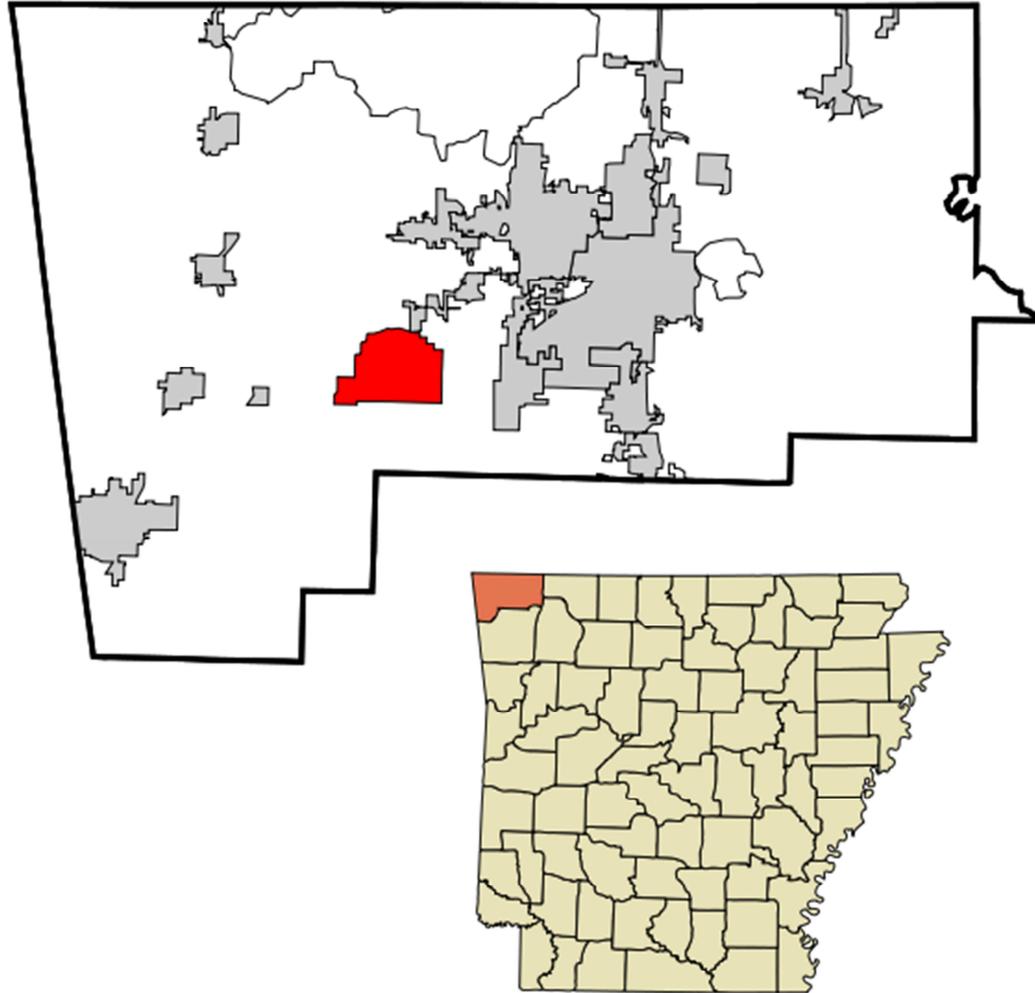
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Corinth, Yell County, Arkansas



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Highfill, Benton County, Arkansas



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