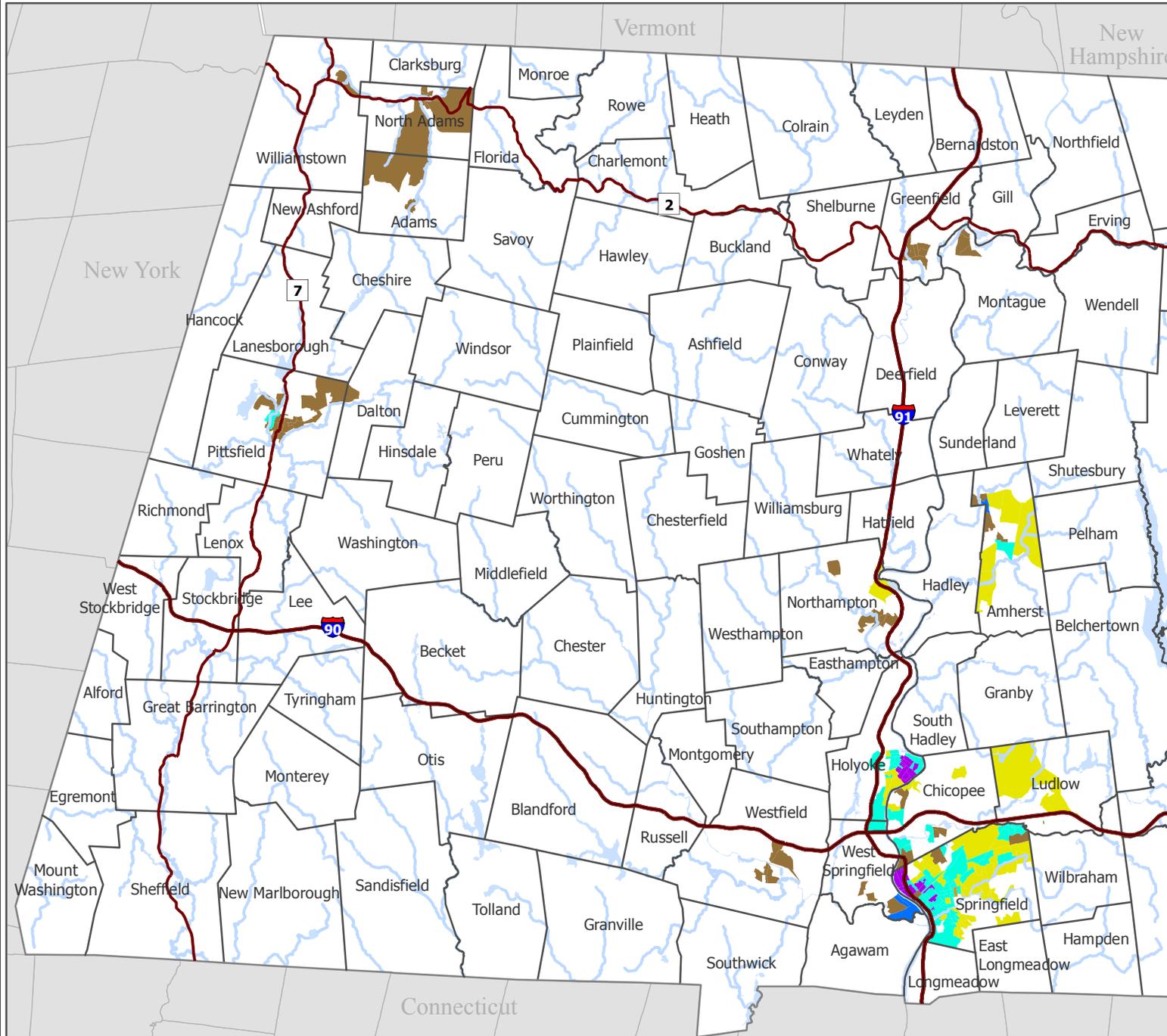


Environmental Justice Populations

Western Region



Massachusetts Environmental Justice Criteria:

Environmental Justice (EJ) populations are determined by identifying all Census 2000 block groups that meet any of the following criteria:

- Income** Households earn 65% or less of statewide median household income
- Minority population** 25% or more of residents belong to a minority group
- Foreign-born** 25% or more of residents are foreign-born
- English proficiency** 25% or more of residents lack English language proficiency

Populations meeting one EJ criterion

- income
- minority population
- foreign-born

Populations meeting two EJ criteria

- income and minority population
- income and English proficiency
- income and foreign-born
- minority population and English proficiency
- minority population and foreign-born

Populations meeting three EJ criteria

- income, minority population and English proficiency
- income, minority population and foreign-born
- minority population, English proficiency and foreign-born
- income, English proficiency and foreign-born

Populations meeting all four EJ criteria

- income, minority population, English proficiency and foreign-born

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