

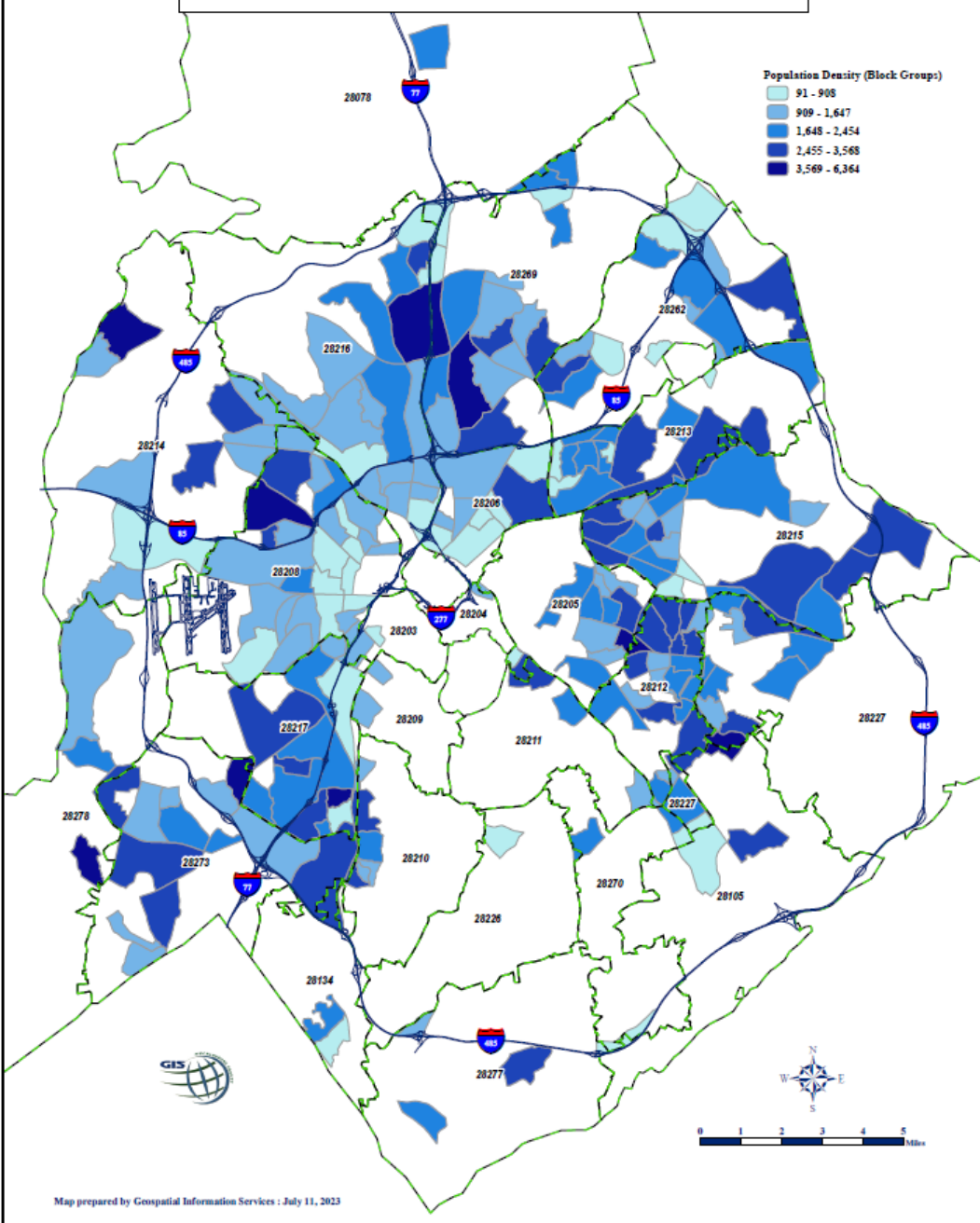
AIR QUALITY COMMISSION FY25 BUDGET PRIORITIES

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- Increase funding for outreach to communities especially environmental justice frontline communities.
- Maintain a Certified Local Air Quality Agency to lead and assist Mecklenburg County towards meeting and maintain compliance with the health based National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- Increase funding to increase staff
- Increase funding to ensure that the diversity of the staff reflects the diversity of the community.

Mecklenburg County Air Quality Outreach Target Areas



The AQC has recommended that Mecklenburg County Air Quality prioritize outreach in areas of the County in which the percentage of households is higher than 90% of census blocks in the state for the at least one of the following categories:

- people of color
- low-income
- have less than high school education,
- linguistically isolated

Data defined by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (EJ Screen).

Darker highlighting indicates census blocks with greater population density.

Map developed in collaboration with Mecklenburg County Air Quality and with technical resources from Mecklenburg County GIS.

NEXT STEPS

Mecklenburg County Air Quality is developing an outreach implementation plan that prioritizes the Target Areas for Outreach.

The AQC has recommended that MCAQ include an FY25 budget enhancement to support outreach in these target areas.