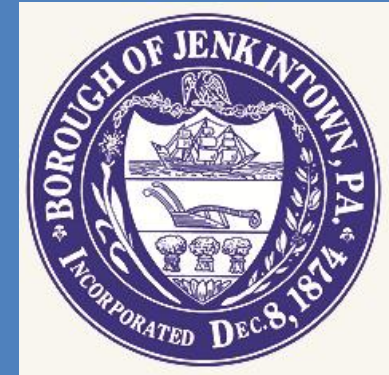




ADVOCATING TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Why Is It Important to Educate Local Elected Officials About Water Resource Issues?

- PA Local Government System
- Authority to regulate land use
- Land use directly linked to watershed health
- Municipalities are regulated by Clean Water Act
- Long Term Impact of Decisions

PA – Classes of Local Government

- Nine Classes of Counties
- Four Classes of Cities (1, 2, 2A and 3)
- Two Classes of Townships
- Boroughs – Not Classified

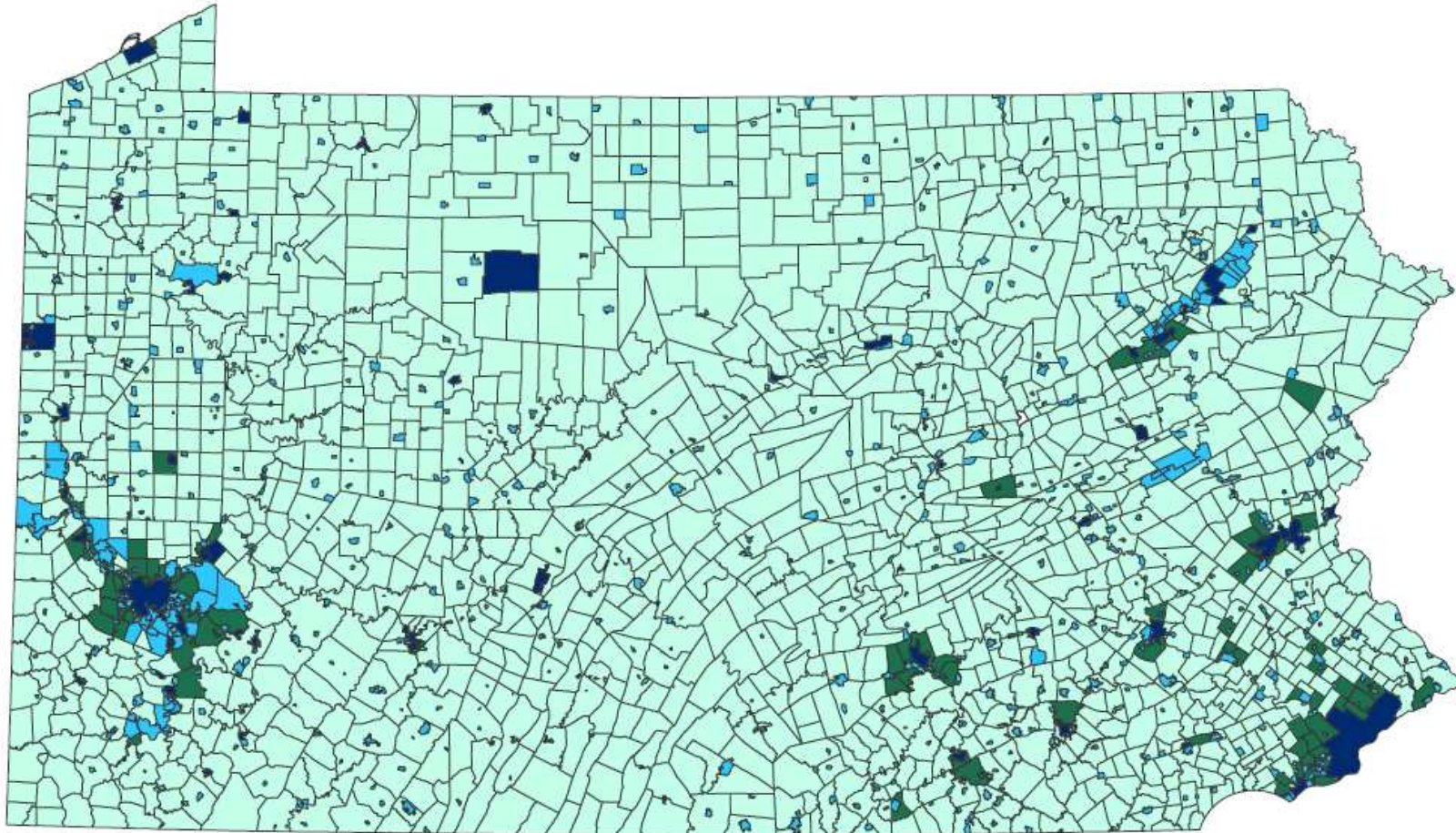
CLASSES ARE DETERMINED BY POPULATION

Functions of Municipalities

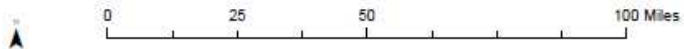
- Provide police, fire protection, road maintenance, water supply, stormwater management, sewage collection, trash collection and local planning and zoning.



Forms of Municipal Government



- First Class Township
- Second Class Township
- Borough
- City

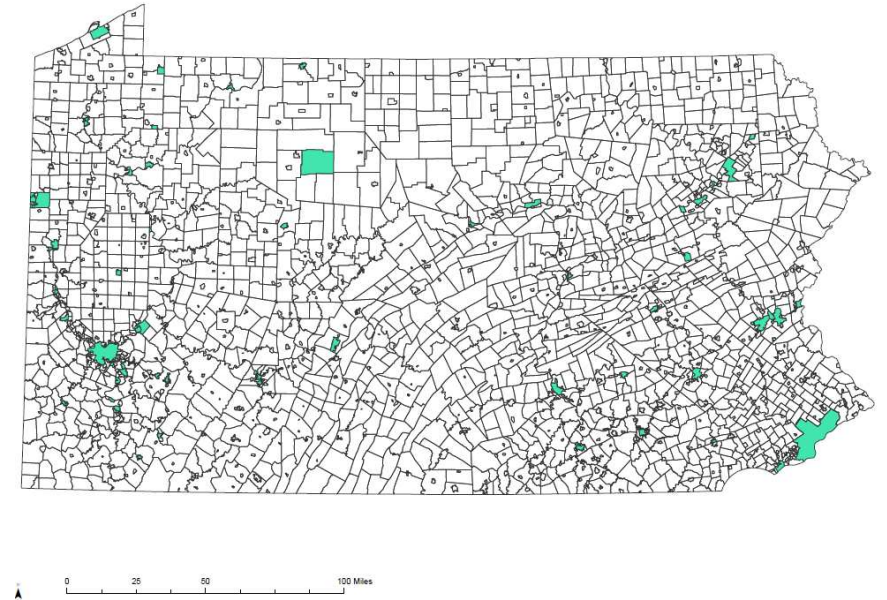


Cities

- First and second class cities have a mayor and home rule charters – Phila (1), Pittsburgh (2) and Scranton – (2A)
- Third class cities can be governed in **three** different ways
 - 1) Commission form of government**
 - Mayor and four commission members serve as the city's governing body
 - Elected city controller and treasurer
 - 2) Mayor-council form**
 - Has a 5, 7 or 9 member elected council
 - Elected mayor, treasurer and controller
 - 3) Council - manager form**
 - All authority is given to a council of 5, 7 or 9 elected members



Pennsylvania Cities

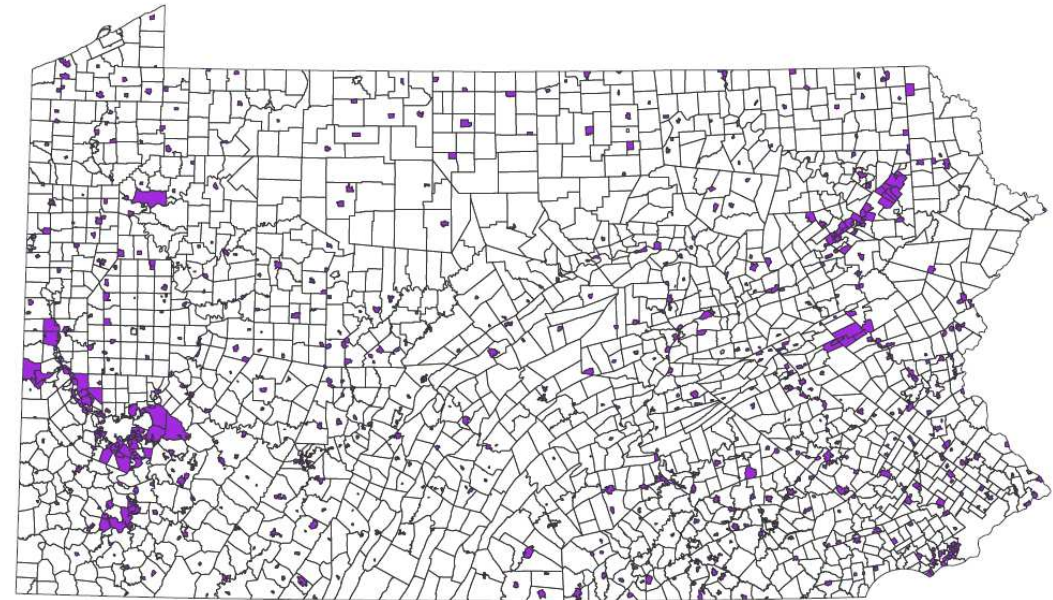


Boroughs

- Generally smaller than cities geographically and in population
- Each has a mayor and a 3, 5, 7 or 9 member council
- Second Largest # in PA - 961



Pennsylvania Boroughs



Townships

- Townships are either first or second class municipalities

- **First Class Townships**

Board of 7-15 commissioners

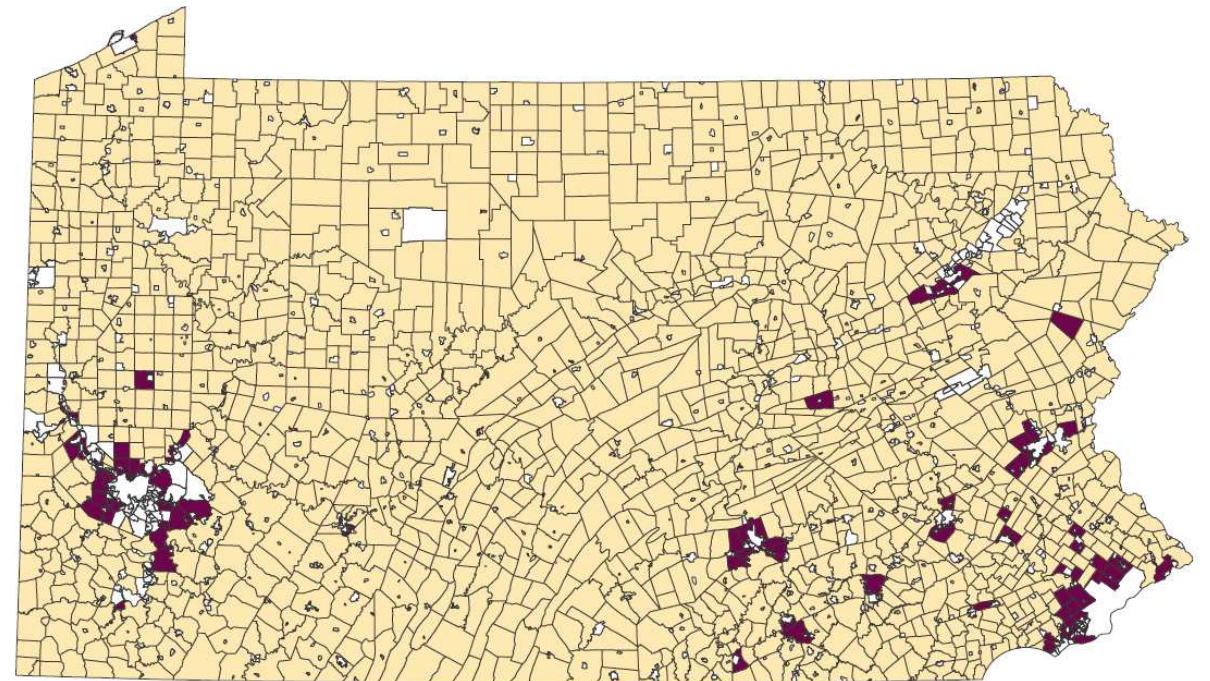


- **Second Class Townships (1,456)**

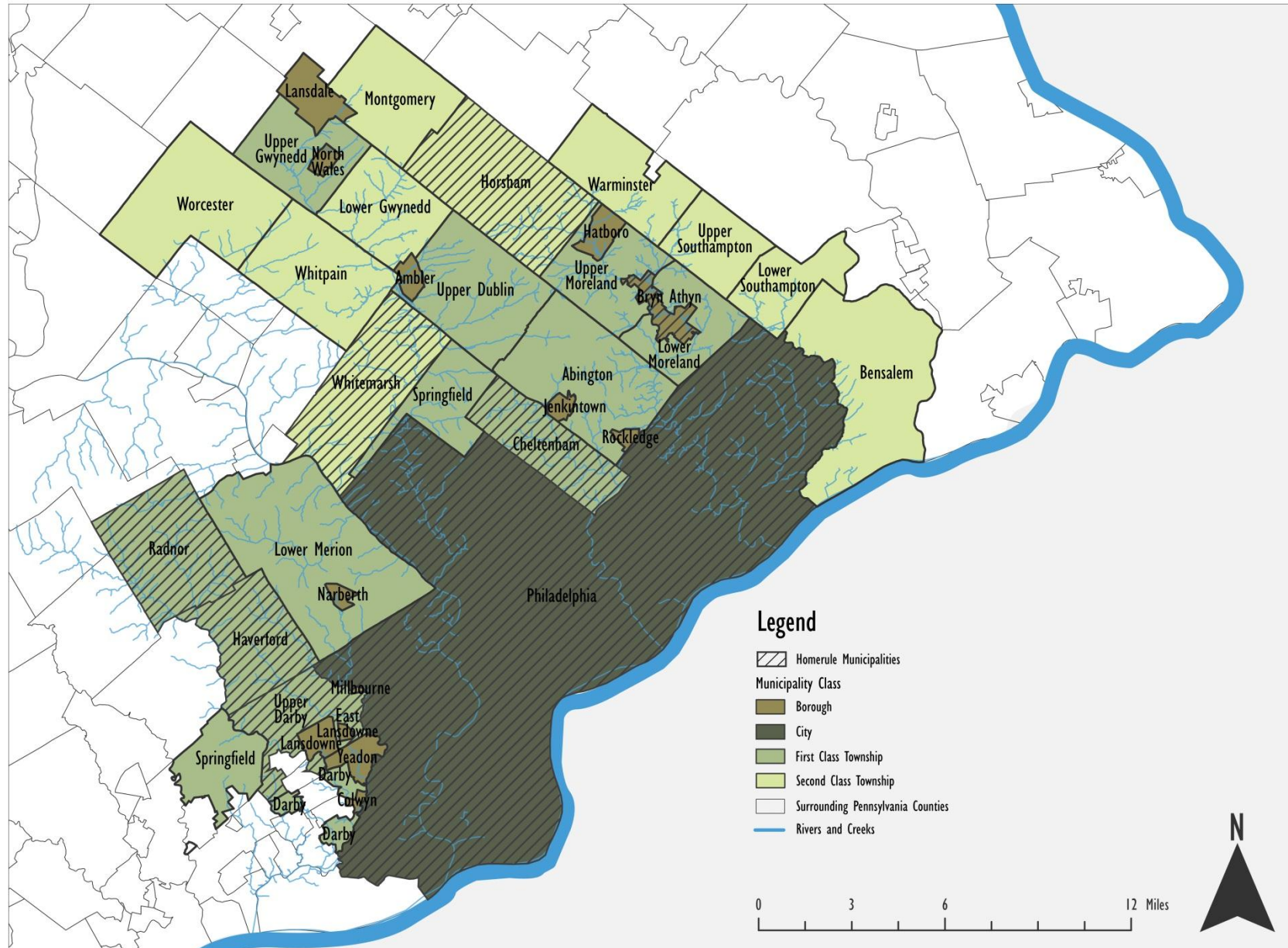
Typically have three supervisors



Pennsylvania Townships



Upstream Suburban Philadelphia Cluster Municipalities



36 Municipalities
 287 Elected Officials
 8 Home Rule

Challenges of Educating Elected Officials

- Full Plate - Lots of Competing Issues & Priorities
- Legal Mandates – Stormwater Permits – MS4s
- Term Limits – Short Term View – High Turnover
- Understanding Cause and Effect - Cumulative Impacts
- Complexity of Environmental Issues

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