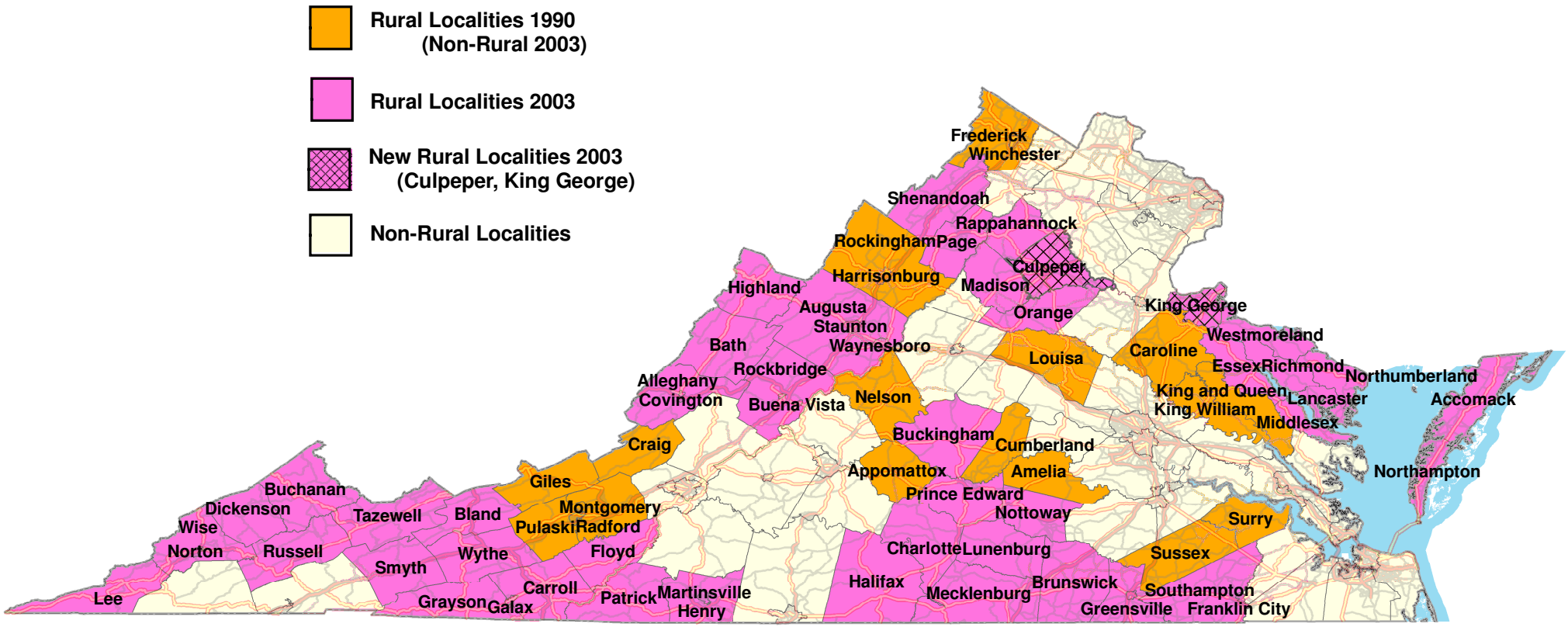
Virginia Rural (Non-Metropolitan) Areas Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Changes between 1990 and 2003*



* Source: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) See: http://www.census.gov/population/www/estimates/aboutmetro.html
All counties/cities that are not designated as parts of Metropolitan Areas (MAs) are considered rural by the OMB.

The OMB 2003 reclassification reflects not only a decade of urban growth and restructuring, but also extensive modification of the rules governing metropolitan and nonmetropolitan status. OMB made far-reaching changes, simplifying criteria and adding a new micropolitan area classification in 2003. For most purposes, micropolitan areas, being nonmetropolitan, are considered rural. For further information see: http://www.ers.usda.gov/Briefing/Rurality/NewDefinitions/