

BLADE GANG MAP

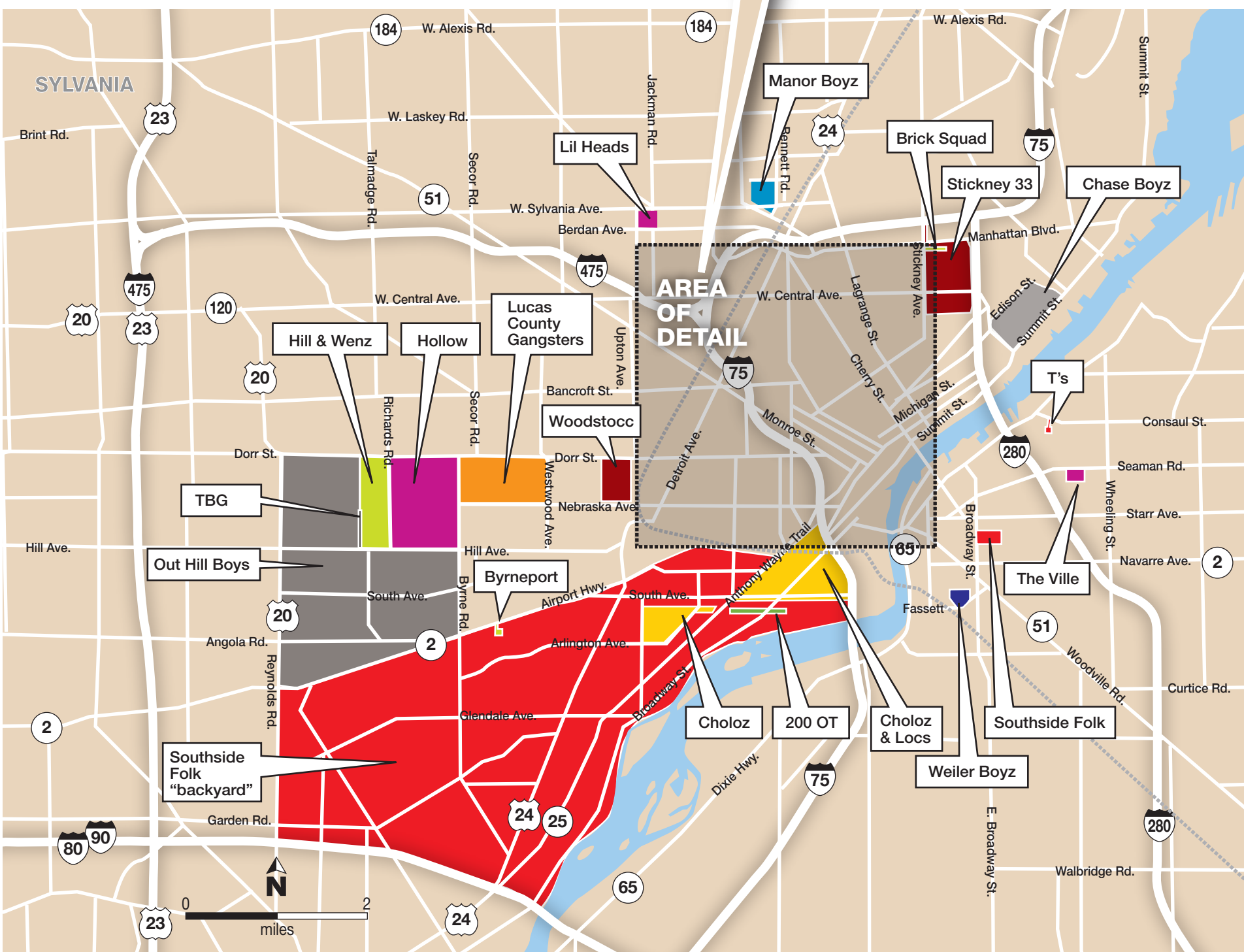
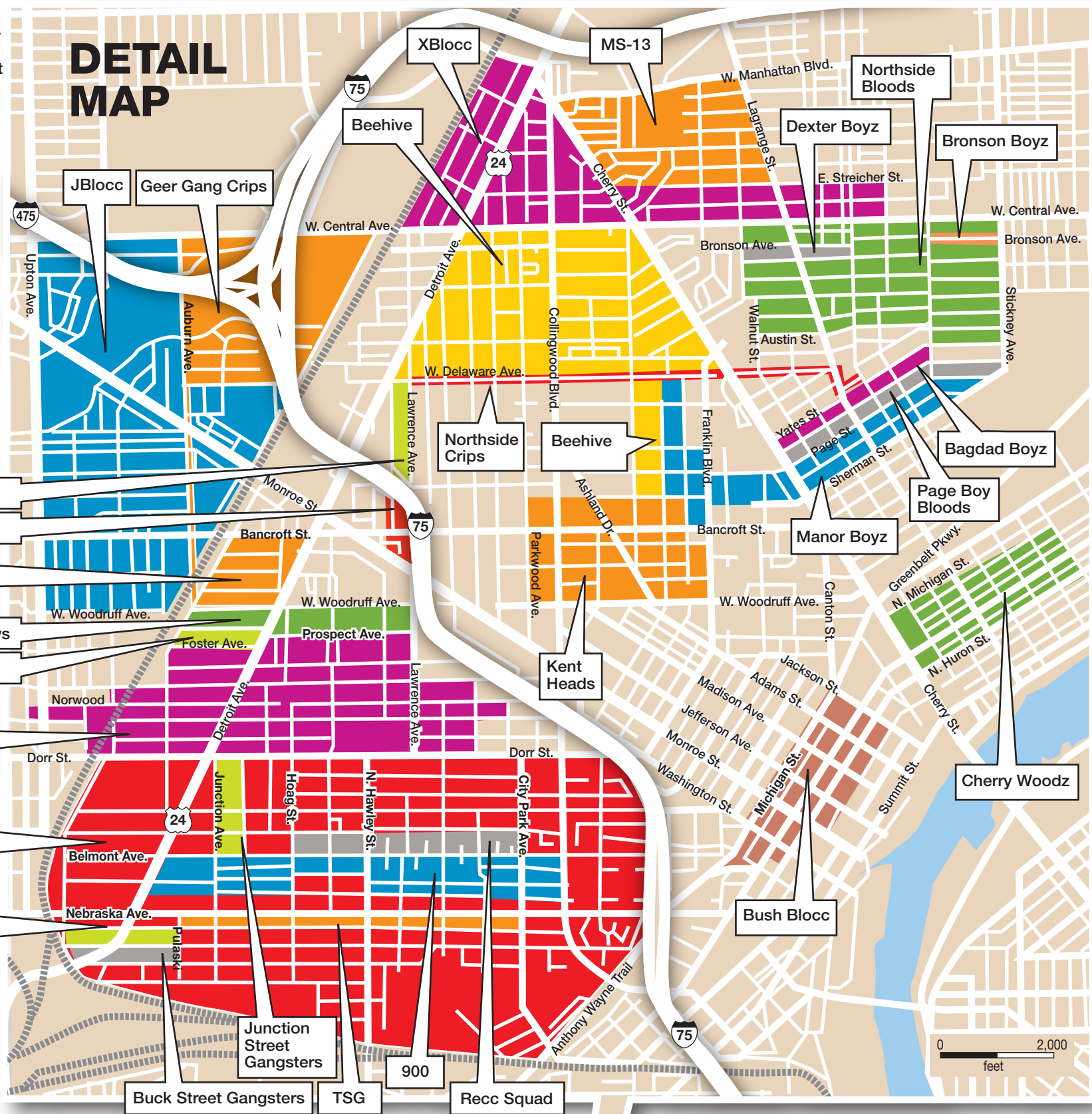
After Toledo Police Chief Derrick Diggs and Mayor Mike Bell refused to make the city's gang map public last year, The Blade decided in early 2013 to create its own gang map. Using information from interviews with current and former gang members in Toledo and police sources, the newspaper in April published a detailed map of the city listing more than 40 known gangs, and the territories they operate in, compared with the 18 gangs listed on the city police department's gang map.

Toledo's gang boundaries are fluid — what is claimed as territory one day might not be the next. And just because a gang claims a territory doesn't mean gangs live there — it just means no other gang is allowed to operate there.

A large swath of South Toledo, in red on the map at the bottom of the page, fits that description. The area includes some of the nicest homes in the city along River Road, but drug sales in the area are controlled by the Southside Folk gang.

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Holly Rock
Geer Gang Crips
Prospect Boys
Foster Boys
Norwood
Lil Heads
Southside Folk "front yard"
Hamilton Park Gangsters

Most, if not all, of the more than 40 known gangs in Toledo have smaller subsets — sometimes they claim the same territory, sometimes they don't



Gangs at a glance: Most of Toledo's gangs claim to be part of a "nation" — either the Bloods, Crips, or Folk.

Manor Boyz
Nation: Bloods. Based out of the Moody Manor low-income apartment complex. The gang has numerous subsets including the Gotti Girls, Gotti Boys, and Young Savage. Members claim to be rivals with everyone, but the Cherry Woodz, from the nearby Greenbelt Place Apartments, are a central foe.

Lil Heads
Nation: Bloods. The gang, which claims to be a family, has a citywide reputation for violence. Members were charged in August with participating in a criminal gang, but police said the charges, which have all been dismissed, have done little to quiet gang activity in the area.

Lucas County Gangsters
Nation: None. The gang had a long-standing feud with the Out Hill Boys, which ended about two years ago. Members say the gang doesn't identify with colors, but they wear Adidas-brand clothing.

XBlocc
Nation: Crips. Named for Derrick Turner, whose street name was X Boone. Turner was shot to death April 17, 1998, at Detroit and Highland avenues. Subsets include the Charge Boys and Charge Girls. Charge, which has about 50 members, was first known as Young N***** In Charge.

Recc Squad
Nation: Folk. The gang, which is also called N.A.R., Nolia Ave Recc, was based at the Brand Whitlock Homes until the public-housing complex was razed in 2012. The gang is now more spread out as residents from the complex moved around the county. The gang was founded by former Libbey High School students.

Bagdad Boys
Nation: Bloods. Police sources say the gang started with intentions to rob carryout stores to earn cash and create music. In one robbery at Page and Mulberry streets, the gang's leader, Lamar Allen, was killed by a clerk; another, Joseph Hunter, was convicted of numerous felonies.