



Charles County Redistricting Board

County Commissioner District
Public Hearings
2012

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Purpose

- The purpose of the Redistricting Board is to review the County Commissioner district boundaries along with new population figures from Census 2010 to determine if any changes should be made to the existing County Commissioner districts.

Reference: Charles County Code, Chapter 27-1(B)

What Redistricting *Will Not* Change

- The fact that all registered Charles County voters can vote for all five Commissioners
- Designated polling places
- Election District lines or Precinct Lines
- School District Lines

Requirements and Constraints

- Population of each district must be roughly equal; deviation can be +/- 5% from the ideal.
- Ideal is calculated by dividing the total County population by the number of districts (4). The ideal population for each district is 36,697.
- The *total* population is used.

Requirements and Constraints

- Priority consideration must be given to “election district lines and demographics and geography.”
- Districts should be:
 - Reasonably equal in population
 - Contiguous
 - Relatively compact and regularly shaped
 - Not created to result in vote dilution for any minority group
 - Avoid changes in/crossing of precinct lines

Timeline Required by County Code

- By January 1, 2012: The Redistricting Board must be established by the Commissioners.
- By July 1, 2012: Tentative Commissioner District lines must be established.
- Before December 1, 2012: Hold 4 public hearings on the tentative plan – one hearing in each proposed Commissioner District.
- By December 1, 2012: Redistricting Board must submit their proposed Redistricting Plan to the Commissioners to approve as law.

Public Hearing Schedule

- District 4:
 - 7 PM Thursday, May 3, Benjamin Stoddert Middle School, 2040 St. Thomas Drive, Waldorf
- District 1:
 - 7 PM Thursday, May 10, County Government Bldg, Commissioners Meeting Room
- District 2:
 - 7 PM Thursday, June 7, Indian Head Village Green Pavilion
- District 3:
 - 7 PM Thursday, June 14, Daniel of St Thomas Jenifer Elementary School, 2820 Jenifer School Lane, Waldorf

Methodology

The board met and discussed objectives and constraints. Board members were charged with working individually to produce notional scenarios. The scenarios were examined and analyzed, and a majority vote determined that one scenario met all criteria and received the recommendation of the board.

Documents Posted On County Website

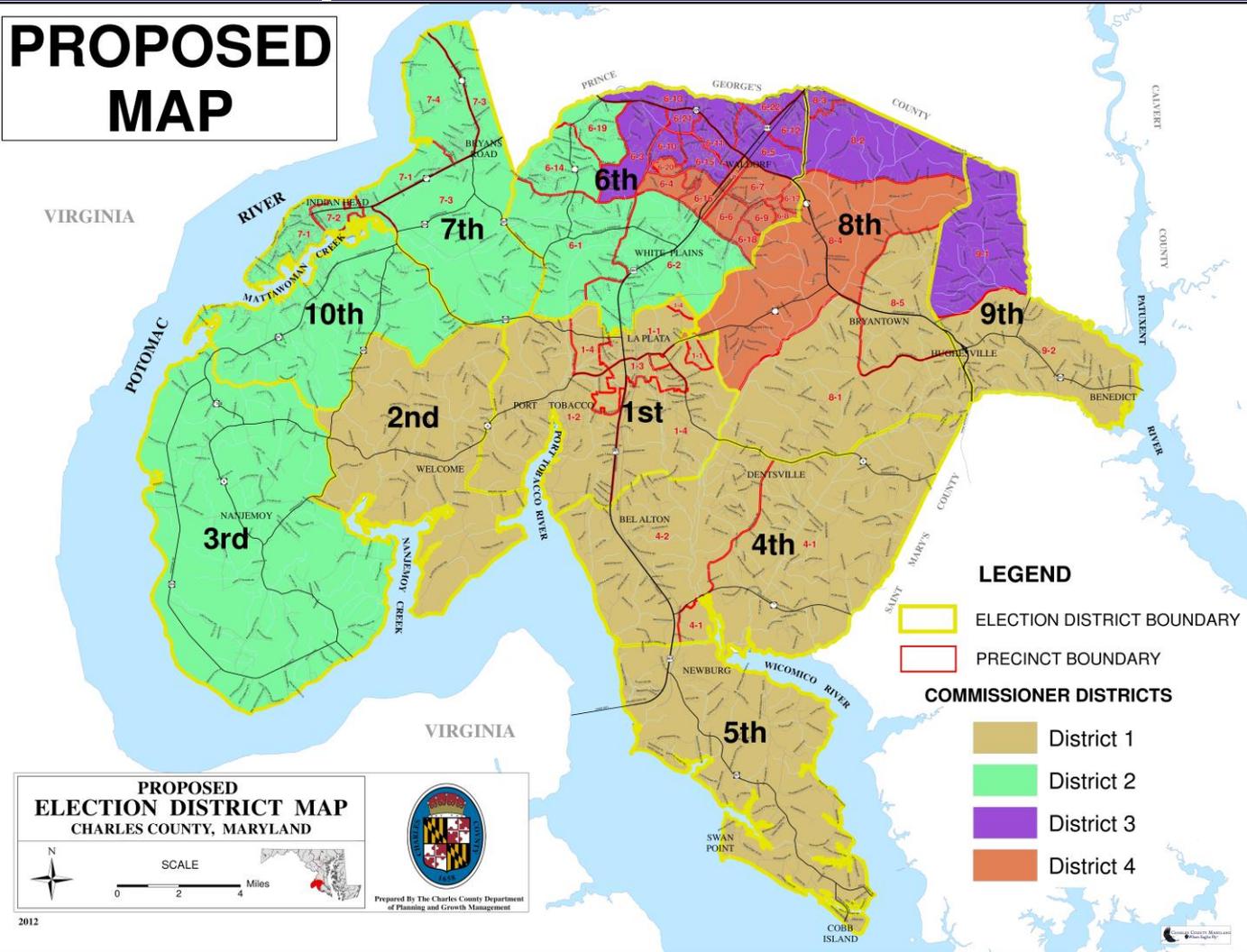
- This presentation
- Redistricting Board Facts
- Map of current Commissioner Districts
- Map of proposed Commissioner Districts

URL:

<http://www.charlescounty.org/apps/workgroups/publicview/listPDFs.jsp?groupCode=310&pdfType=MAPS&reset=Y>

Proposed Scenario

PROPOSED MAP



Summary of Proposed Changes

- Commissioner District 1 will gain Precinct 2-1 (Welcome/Hill Top area) and lose Precinct 9-1 (the area north of Hughesville and east of Malcolm and Gallant Green)
- Commissioner District 2 will gain Precinct 6-2 (White Plains area), lose Precinct 2-1 (Welcome/Hill Top area), and lose Precinct 6-3 (area between Middletown Road, Billingsley Road, and Mill Hill Road)
- Commissioner District 3 will gain Precinct 9-1 (the area north of Hughesville and east of Malcolm and Gallant Green), gain Precinct 6-3 (area between Middletown Road, Billingsley Road, and Mill Hill Road), and lose Precinct 6-20 (Hampshire Circle area)
- Commissioner District 4 will gain Precinct 6-20 (Hampshire Circle area), lose Precinct 6-2 (White Plains area)
- Population of each proposed district will remain relatively equal

Public Participation

- Questions, concerns and comments?

Presented by:

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Mission Statement

The mission of Charles County Government is to provide our citizens the highest quality service possible in a timely, efficient, and courteous manner. To achieve this goal, our government must be operated in an open and accessible atmosphere, be based on comprehensive long- and short-term planning, and have an appropriate managerial organization tempered by fiscal responsibility.

Vision Statement

Charles County is a place where all people thrive and businesses grow and prosper; where the preservation of our heritage and environment is paramount, where government services to its citizens are provided at the highest level of excellence; and where the quality of life is the best in the nation.

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