



# CHARLES COUNTY REDISTRICTING BOARD

County Commissioner District

Public Hearings

January 2022

# **BOARD MEMBERS**

- **Dyotha Sweat, Chair**
- **Jessica Jennings**
- **Jamila Smith**
- **Monica Kim Temoney**
- **Nikia Smith**
- **Dan Creighton**
- **Sowande Brown-Lawson**

# COUNTY STAFF SUPPORT

- Terrah A. Dews, Associate County Attorney
- Amy Blessinger, Planner III
- Glenn Gorman, GIS Analyst - Mapping
- Melody Weschler, Legal Assistant III
- Jesse Bungcayao, Executive Assistant to the County Administrator

# PURPOSE

- The purpose of the Redistricting Board is to review the County Commissioner district boundaries along with new population figures from Census 2020 to determine if any changes should be made to the existing County Commissioner districts.

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

## REDISTRICTING BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Seven Board Members were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners.

- Two (2) - Representatives of the Democratic Central Committee
- Two (2) - Representatives from the Republican Central Committee
- Three (3) - Charles County Residents

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

# WHAT REDISTRICTING WILL NOT CHANGE

- At large voting-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 41,709.
- 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 OF EVENTS REQUIRED BY COUNTY CODE

- The Redistricting Board is established by the Board of County Commissioners.
- Tentative Commissioner District lines are established.
- Four (4) public hearings on the tentative plan are held – one hearing in each proposed Commissioner District.
- Redistricting Board submits their final Redistricting Plan to the Commissioners at which point it becomes law.

# PUBLIC HEARING 2022 SCHEDULE

- District 1:
  - 6 PM Thursday, January 6, Virtual
- District 2:
  - 6 PM Tuesday, January 11, Virtual
- District 3:
  - 6 PM Thursday, January 13, Virtual
- District 4:
  - 6 PM Thursday, January 20, Virtual

# METHODOLOGY

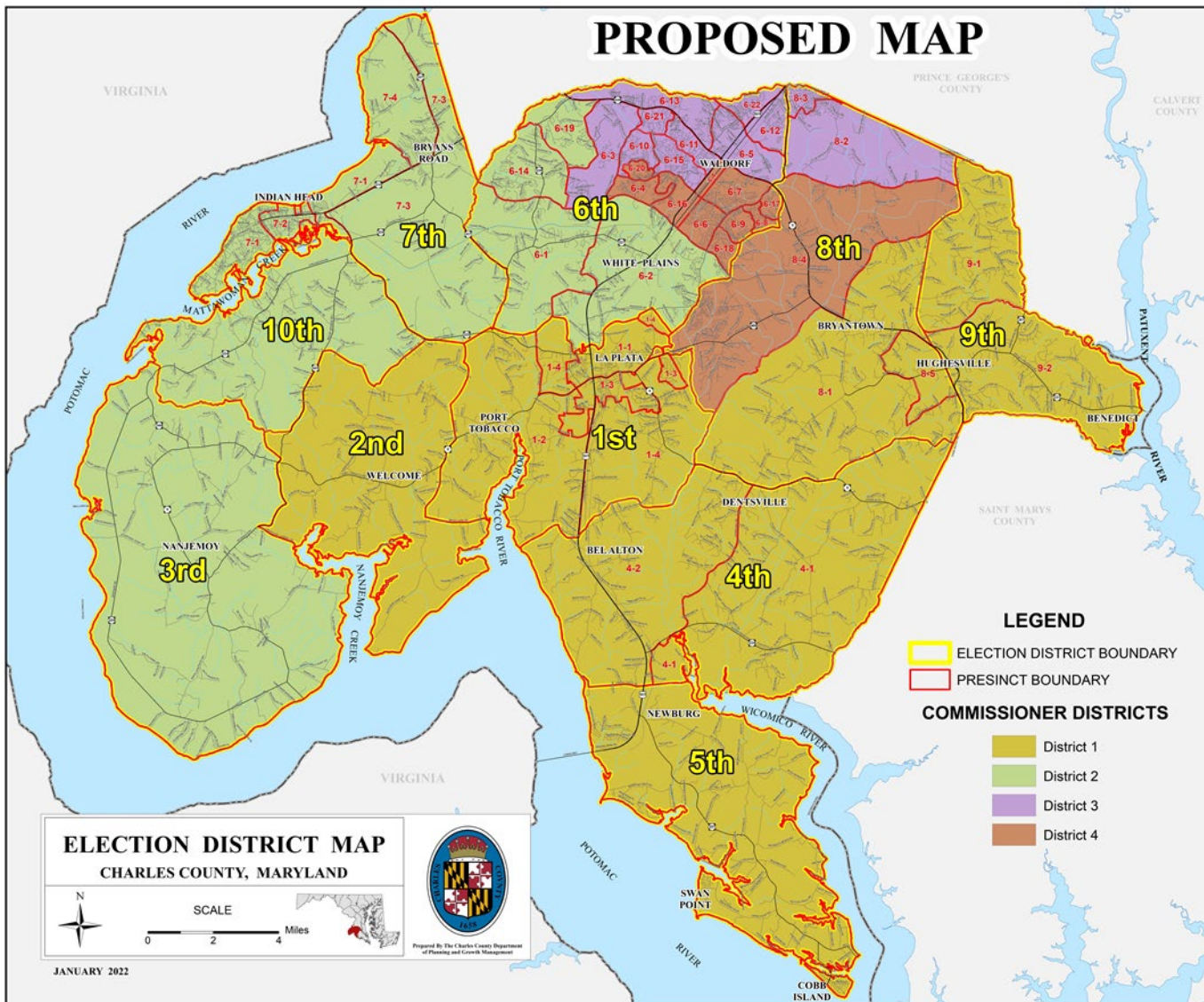
The Board met and discussed objectives and constraints. Board members were charged with working individually to produce notional scenarios. The scenarios were examined and analyzed. While all proposed maps met the criteria, by a unanimous vote one scenario met all criteria and received the full recommendation of the Board.

# DOCUMENTS POSTED ON COUNTY WEBSITE

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

URL: <https://www.charlescountymd.gov/government/charles-county-commissioners/commissioner-district-map>

# PROPOSED SCENARIO



# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES

- Commissioner District 1 will gain Precinct 9-1 (the area north of Hughesville and east of Malcolm and Gallant Green)
- Commissioner District 2 – no changes
- Commissioner District 3 will lose Precinct 9-1 (the area north of Hughesville and east of Malcolm and Gallant Green)
- Commissioner District 4 – no changes

# PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Acknowledgment of written comments
- Public comments

## **PRESENTED BY:**



## **Charles County Redistricting Board**

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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.**