

Soil Conservation District Supervisors

Samuel T. Jones (County appointee), *Chairperson*; Wilbur B. Pearce, 1985; H. Carl Stephen, 1986; Jimmie D. Miller, 1988; Samuel B. Foard, Jr., 1989; Lynn T. Warman, *Extension Agent, Secretary (non-voting)*. Mick Shockley, *District Conservationist*; John Richardson, *District Manager*.

## HOWARD COUNTY

County Seat: Ellicott City 21043

Origin: Howard District was created from Anne Arundel County by Chapter 22, Acts of 1838, which was confirmed by Chapter 50, Acts of 1839. It enjoyed the status of a county although it was not represented in the General Assembly. The County itself was created in 1851 by Article VIII, sec. I, of the Constitution adopted that year.

Name: Named for John Eager Howard (1752-1827), Revolutionary officer, Maryland Governor, and statesman.

Form of Government: Charter (1968)

County Code: See *Howard County Code* (1977) with supplements.

Area: 253.51 sq. miles (251.00 land, 2.51 water)

Population. 1900: 16,715; 1950: 23,119; 1960: 36,152; 1970: 62,394; **1980: 118,572.**

Principal Unincorporated Places (1980 census): Columbia (52,518), Ellicott City (21,784), North Laurel (6,093)

Voter Registration, Oct. 8, 1984. Democrat: 45,044; Republican: 23,025; Other Parties: 1,430; Decline to Affiliate: 8,171; Total: 77,670.

Per Capita Income (1980): \$10,357

Average Household Income (1980): \$30,450

State Parks: Patapsco Valley (11,442 acres), Patuxent River (6,377)

Colleges/Universities: Howard Community College, Columbia; The Johns Hopkins University Evening College, Laurel and Columbia; Loyola College Professional Center, Columbia; Towson State University Satellite Center, Columbia

Museums/Historical Societies: Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Museum, Ellicott City 21043; Howard

County Historical Society, P. O. Box 109, Ellicott City 21043



### JUDICIAL OFFICES

Circuit Court  
Courthouse  
8360 Court Ave.  
Ellicott City 21043 Telephone: 992-2111

District Court  
Multi-Service Center  
3451 Court House Dr.  
Ellicott City 21043 Telephone: 455-8811

#### Court Terms:

Circuit Court—Grand Jury and Petit Jury, third Monday in March, June, September, and December.

Orphans' Court Days—Tuesdays

Circuit Court Resident Judges  
Guy J. Cicone, 1993; Robert F. Fischer, 1993; Raymond J. Kane, Jr., 1997; J. Thomas Nissel, 1997.

Master for Juvenile Cases  
W. Girard Schwessinger, Jr.

Master in Chancery  
Bernard A. Raum

Circuit Court Clerk  
C. Merritt Pumphrey, 1986

District Court Judges  
R. Russell Sadler, 1990; Diane G. Schulte, 1990; James N. Vaughan, 1992. Martha J. Bush, *Administrative Clerk*.

Orphans' Court Judges  
Jean M. Gobbel, *Chief Judge*, 1986; Irvin P. Dasher, 1986; W. Bryan Souder, 1986.

Register of Wills  
Mary M. Grimes, 1986