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**JUDICIAL BRANCH**


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**CIRCUIT COURT**

*Appointed by Governor &/ or elected by Voters (4 Judges):*  
 Robert C. Nalley, *County Administrative Judge*,  
 2005

Stephen G. Chappelle, *Associate Judge*, 1996  
 Richard J. Clark, *Associate Judge*, 1996  
 Christopher C. Henderson, *Associate Judge*, 1998  
 P. O. Box 3060  
 Courthouse  
 200 Charles St. (301) 932-3270  
 La Plata, MD 20646 (301) 870-2435

*Elected by Voters:*

Donna G. Burch (D), *Clerk*, 1998  
 (301) 932-3202  
 (301) 870-2659

**STANDING EXAMINERS***Appointed by Circuit Court:*

Gordon R. Moreland, Esq. . . . (301) 645-3491  
 Harry A. Turner IV, Esq. . . . . (301) 934-9531

**MASTER FOR DOMESTIC RELATIONS***Appointed by Circuit Court:*

Helen Ina Harrington, Esq. . . . (301) 932-3422

**COURT AUDITOR***Appointed by Circuit Court:*

Thomas C. Hayden, Jr., Esq. . . . (301) 934-9531

**DISTRICT COURT**

*Appointed by Governor with Senate consent (2 Judges):*  
 Gary S. Gasparovic, *Associate Judge*, 1998  
 Larry R. Holtz, *Associate Judge*, 1998

P. O. Box 3070  
 Courthouse  
 200 Charles St. (301) 932-3275  
 La Plata, MD 20646 (301) 870-3980

**ORPHANS' COURT***Elected by Voters:*

Lillian A. Clark (D), *Chief Judge*, 1998  
 Elizabeth L. Garner (R), *Judge*, 1998  
 Beverly Ann Hampton (R), *Judge*, 1998  
 Susie C. Bowles (R), *Register of Wills*, 1998

P. O. Box 3080  
 Courthouse  
 200 Charles St.  
 La Plata, MD 20646 (301) 932-3345

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**MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN CHARLES COUNTY**


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Charles County has three incorporated towns: Indian Head, La Plata, and Port Tobacco.

**INDIAN HEAD.** Incorporated 1920 (Chapter 590, Acts of 1920); population: 3,531;

Warren A. Bowie, *Mayor*, 1997 (May biennial election); 4195 Indian Head Highway,  
 Indian Head, MD 20640; (301) 743-5511; (301) 753-6633; fax: (301) 743-9008.

**LA PLATA.** Incorporated 1888 (Chapter 325, Acts of 1888); population: 6,900;

William F. Eckman, *Mayor*, 1997 (May biennial election); P. O. Box 1038, 5 Garrett Ave.,  
 La Plata, MD 20646—1038; (301) 870-3377; (301) 934-8421; fax: (301) 934-5724.

**PORT TOBACCO** (formerly Charlestown). Incorporated 1888 (Chapter 297, Acts of 1888);

population: 36; Robert T. Barbour, *Commission President*, 1998 (April biennial election);  
 P. O. Box 386, Courthouse, Commerce St., Port Tobacco, MD 20677; (301) 934-8025.

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**U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN CHARLES COUNTY**


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**U.S. Dept. of Agriculture**

Farm Service Agency  
 101 Catalpa Drive, Suite 106A  
 La Plata, MD 20646 (301) 934-2611

Natural Resources Conservation Service  
 P. O. Box 269  
 101 Catalpa Drive, Suite 106C  
 La Plata, MD 20646 (301) 934-9588

Rural Development  
 101 Catalpa Drive, Suite 106B  
 La Plata, MD 20646 (301) 934-8011

**U.S. Dept. of Defense**

Dept. of the Navy  
 Naval Surface Warfare Center  
 Indian Head Division  
 101 Strauss Ave.  
 Indian Head, MD 20640 (301) 743-4000