



Mark J. Belton
County Administrator, Charles County, Maryland

Mark retired from the U.S. Navy at the rank of Rear Admiral in 2014 after a 31-year career that included more than 7 years of active duty and over 23 years of service in the Navy Reserve. A business and logistics specialist in the Navy Supply Corps, Mark's flag level assignments included duty as Commander, Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group and Deputy Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command. He was mobilized to active duty in 2009 to the U.S. embassy in Baghdad where he served as the Multi-National Force senior liaison to the Republic of Iraq Ministries of Oil and Electricity.

Mark's civilian career has included a variety of local and state government leadership positions. He has served as Chief Administrative Officer of three counties within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed and was appointed by Governor Hogan as the Maryland Secretary of Natural Resources from 2015 to 2019. His non-profit organization experience includes serving as Executive Director for Pride of Baltimore, Inc.

Mark majored in political science at the United States Naval Academy and graduated in 1983 and holds an MBA degree from Regis University. He currently serves as the Maryland Association of Counties representative to the Maryland Commission on Climate Change and as Vice Chair of the Chesapeake Conservancy board of directors.