

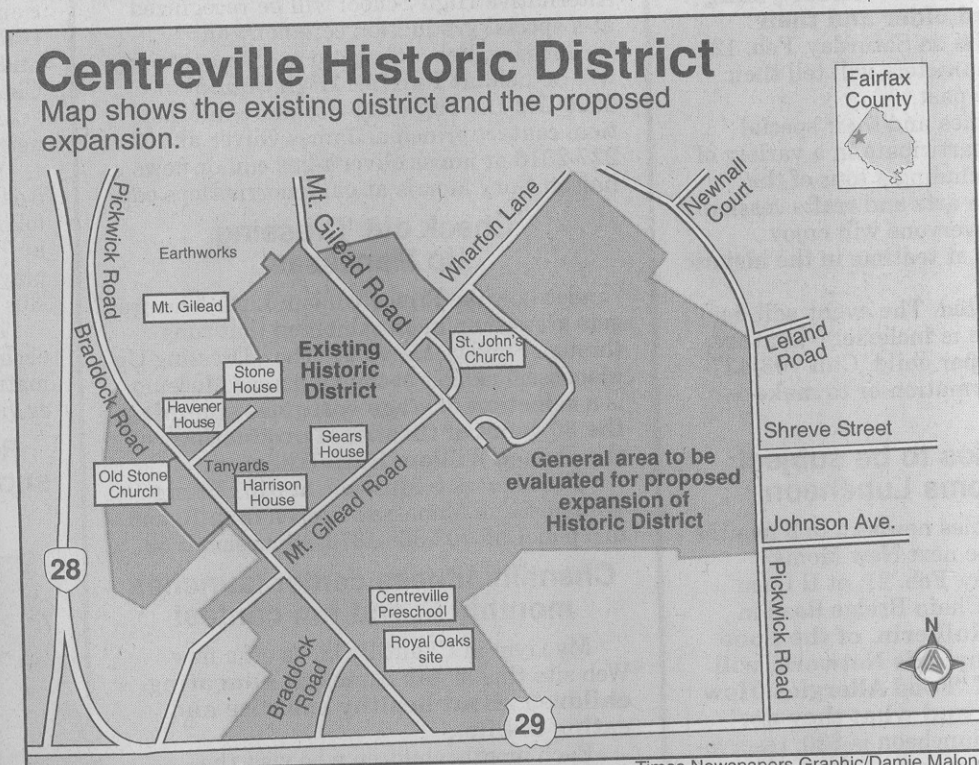
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## Historic District group looks for clear direction

### 40-member advisory body meets for third time

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Supervisor Michael Frey continues the conversation with Sully District residents tonight, Feb. 3, about expanding the Centreville Historic District.

The meeting, to be held at the Sully District Government Center, is the third for the Centreville Historic District Work Group, a body of about 40 citizens, including Historic District property owners, Civil War buffs, preservationists and neighbors.

These "blue sky" sessions, Frey has said in the past, are steps toward building consensus on the future of the Historic District.

The district is currently 17 acres, zoned mixed use, located between Lee Highway, Sully Road and I-66. It includes a number of historic homes, two historic churches and earthworks that date back to the Civil War.

Frey has proposed a plan that would

#### ON THE WEB

A story about the Feb. 3 meeting of the Centreville Historic District Work Group, at the Sully District Government Center, will be posted at [www.CentrevilleTimes.com](http://www.CentrevilleTimes.com) on Friday, Feb. 4.

increase the district to 50 acres and expand it into an area that is now zoned for commercial use.

At the group's last meeting in December, community members put a number of proposals on the table, ranging from preserving the rural look of the area to seeking a public/private partnership to create a

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mixed-use town center.

In an interview Tuesday, Feb. 1, Frey said he welcomed

the abundance of opinions.

"The initial purpose of this group wasn't to get specifics but to get an overall vision," Frey said. "More than anything, we wanted to get an idea of what was out there. In the last few weeks, we've gone through all

the comments one by one and tried to group them together into themes."

Frey said much of what happens to the district will depend on the cooperation of private landowners who hold some of the area's key properties.

"I have ideas about what I'd like to see just as much as anyone," Frey said. "But, while you can control what happens on public property, you're really limited when it comes to private property. You have to tweak things here and prod them along there; it's a little more

strategic."

Katrina Krempasky, a graduate student at George Mason University, is scheduled to appear at tonight's meeting to present the findings of her research on the district's historic buildings.

Frey said changes to the area's zoning would require amendments to Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan and to the county zoning ordinance. Frey hopes to have final recommendations to take before the Board of Supervisors by this summer.