

THE CENTREVILLE PLAN IS READY FOR COMMUNITY REVIEW

Over the past six years the Centreville Civic Association has been developing a plan to shape and manage change in Centreville's Historic District. This plan, seeks to preserve the attractive small town atmosphere and the quality of life for residents and visitors. It is specific to the Village core – only those 50 properties fronting and exiting on the Kennett Pike. It seeks to maintain the appearance and ambiance of those properties but does not address zoning or transportation issues which are the responsibility of New Castle County and Delaware's Department of Transportation.

The plan has been developed by a 30-person Steering Committee of residents, New Castle County Land Use Planners and elected leaders. It will be shared with the public during the Centreville Civic Association Annual Meeting from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on March 28th, 2007 at the Centreville School, 6201 Kennett Pike, Centreville. This will be the fourth Public Meeting seeking input from the community in order to amend and improve the plan. Follow-up question and answer sessions are scheduled for April 2nd from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and April 9th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Buckleys (2nd floor conference room). Formal submission of the Centreville Village Plan to New County Council is targeted on or before July 10, 2007. A Planning Board Public Meeting will occur in August and a New Castle County adoption is anticipated in October, 2007.

The Overlay is a document that will work in concert with New Castle County's Comprehensive Development Plan. It adds detail to county requirements and restrictions on development, redevelopment, added amenities such as street lights and landscaping along that portion of Kennett Pike that traverses Centreville. The document includes a vision of what residents of Centreville want the Village core to look like over the next 20 to 30 years. After adoption by the County Council, the Overlay is considered as a statement of the community's desire regarding future development in the Village core, and will be considered by the Land Use Department as it makes decisions with regard to future development and property improvements.

In addition to holding public meetings, the Steering Committee maintains an informational web page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CentrevilleDEVillagePlan/join>. It has links to Steering Committee minutes, drafts of sections of the Overlay, maps and other related documents.