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### **Springettsbury Township Historic Resources Forum**

Springettsbury Township held a public forum tonight to discuss and assemble responses to current and potential future historic preservation policies and strategies. The meeting was called in response to questions raised by the recent proposal to redevelop the Ettline site for a Dollar General store.

The Township has a Historic Preservation Committee, which has the power to review and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on policies and procedures relating to historic preservation and documentation of sites, structures and activities. The Committee presented the Board of Supervisors with a list of the 100 most historically significant Springettsbury sites in 2001.

The Township also has a demolition delay period with a requirement to perform a historic resource impact study for land development proposals. These measures do not prevent demolition of historic resources, but provide the opportunity for the Historic Resource Committee to document and photograph historic resources prior to redevelopment.

In 2012, Springettsbury Township received the York County Heritage Trust's Government Award to recognize the Township's efforts in preserving land once home to Camp Security, a Revolutionary War prison compound and historical work in general.

The Springettsbury Township Comprehensive Plan recognizes historic and cultural resources as assets with the potential to attract new residents and development. It recommends that the Township consider updating historic resource surveys and mapping and strengthening preservation tools in the Zoning Ordinance.

These issues and others, including the most appropriate role for the Township to take in resource preservation, were discussed at the public forum. Over 40 citizens attended and were invited to complete a survey to help inform the Township of next steps. The results of this survey, plus a survey mailed in early October will be reported to the Board of Supervisors at its November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.