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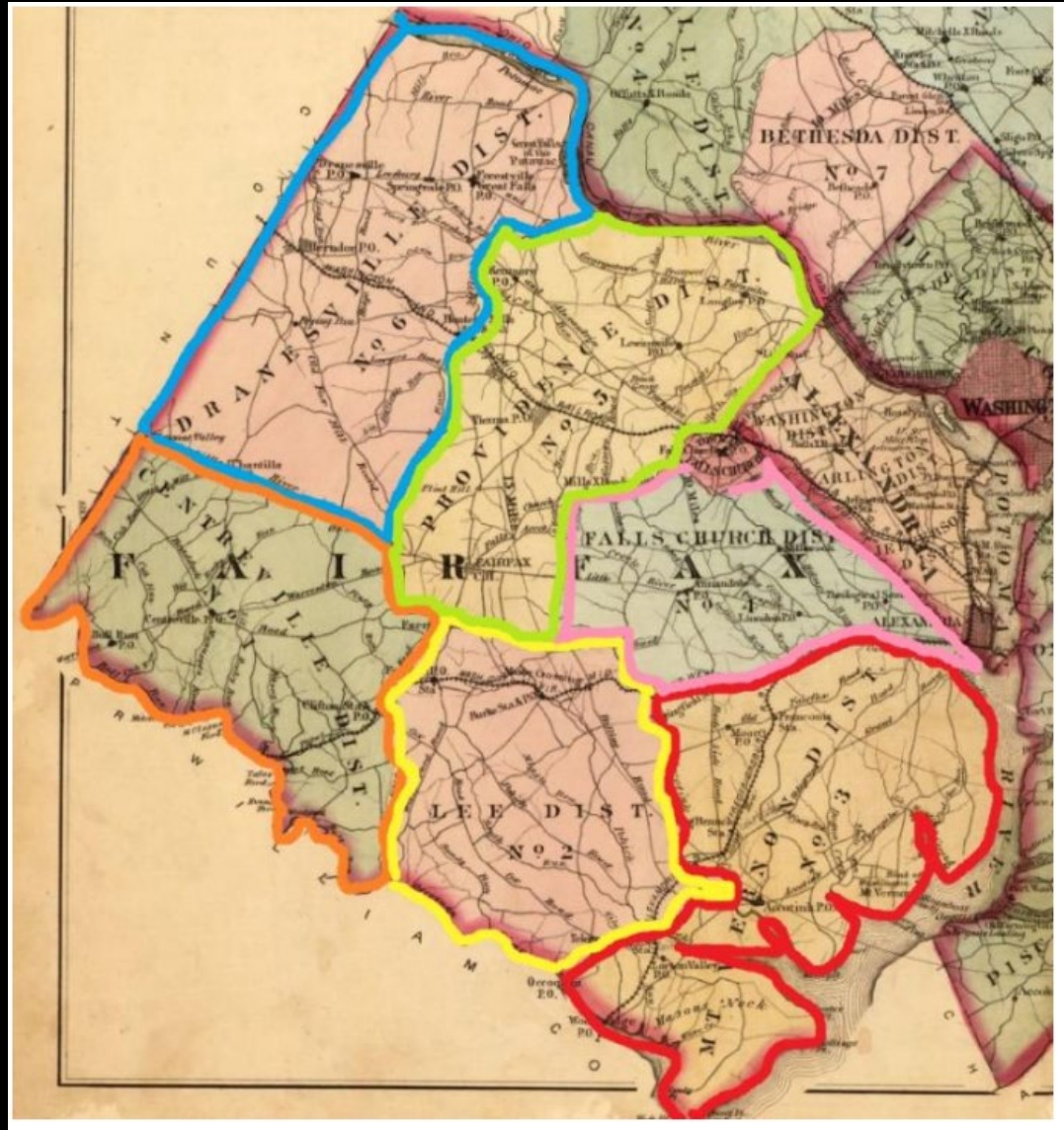
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Underwood Convention, Richmond, Virginia, 1868



1878 G.M. Hopkins Map

CURRENT POPULATION AND DENSITIES BY SUPERVISOR DISTRICT

Fairfax County, 1990

Supervisor District	Population	Acres	Persons Per Acre	Square Miles	Persons Per Square Mile
Centreville ^a	114,072	32,917	3.5	51.43	2,218
Dranesville ^b	97,793	38,426	2.5	60.04	1,629
Annandale	83,369	11,372	7.3	17.77	4,692
Lee	95,794	18,023	5.3	28.16	3,402
Mason	84,980	9,975	8.5	15.59	5,451
Mount Vernon	85,171	36,214	2.4	56.58	1,505
Providence	98,958	15,690	6.3	24.52	4,036
Springfield ^c	<u>158,447</u>	<u>68,060</u>	2.3	<u>106.34</u>	1,490
Total	818,584	230,677	3.5	360.43	2,271

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census, U. S. Census of Population and Housing: 1990. Public Law 94-171 Data, Fairfax County, Virginia.

Fairfax County Office of Research and Statistics, 1990 Standard Reports.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, December 1991

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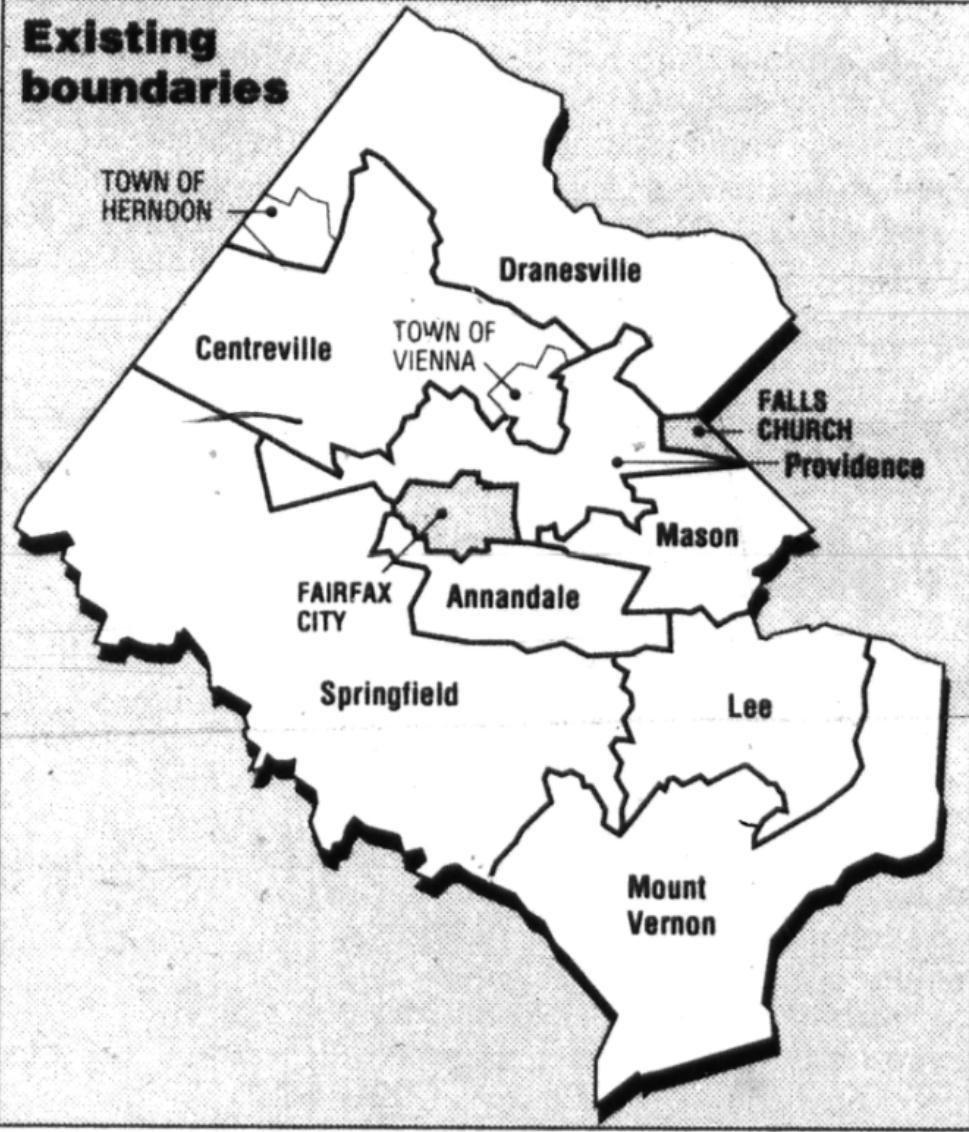
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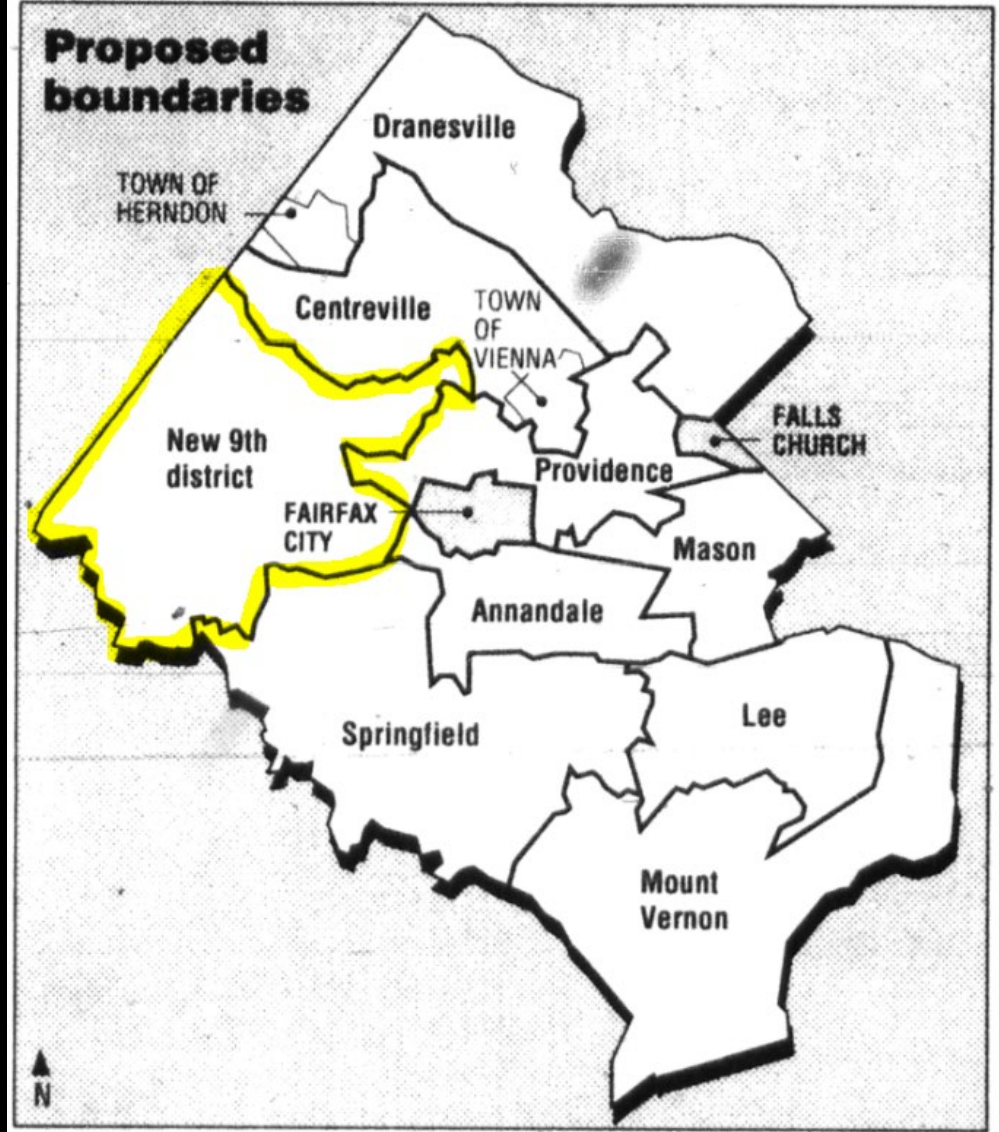
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*Report of the Advisory
Task Force on
Reapportionment of the
Board of Supervisors,
April 1991*

Existing boundaries



Proposed boundaries



DRAFT ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DISTRICTS
FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Task Force Plan No. 9-C-1

AN ORDINANCE to establish the election districts of the members
of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County,
Virginia.

Be it ordained by the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County,
Virginia:

1. That the following ordinance is adopted:

Election Districts

Section 1	Composition of the Board of Supervisors
Section 2	Election District of the Chairman
Section 3	Election Districts of the Members of the Board
Section 4	Annandale District
Section 5	Centreville District
Section 6	Chantilly District
Section 7	Dranesville District
Section 8	Lee District
Section 9	Mason District
Section 10	Mount Vernon District
Section 11	Providence District
Section 12	Springfield District
Section 13	General Provisions

Section 1. Composition of the Board of Supervisors.

The Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia,
("Board") shall be composed of one elected at-large chairman
and members who are elected from single-member supervisor
election districts.

Section 2. Election District of the Chairman.

The Chairman of the Board shall be elected in
accordance with state law by the qualified voters of the County.

Section 3. Election Districts of the Members of the Board.

Except for the Chairman whose election shall be
controlled by Section 2, *supra*, the members of the Board shall
be elected in accordance with state law from single-member
election districts by the qualified voters of those districts.
There shall be nine election districts which shall be named:

After commending staff for their hard work on the reapportionment process, Supervisor Hanley moved that the Board endorse the Redistricting Plan 9 C1 with the following amendments:

- Divide the Shouse Precinct at Beulah Road, and locate the eastern part of the Shouse Precinct in the Dranesville District, and the western part of the Shouse Precinct in the Centreville District with the name of the Colvin Precinct;
- Retain the Walnut Hill No. 1 Precinct in the Mason District;
- Divide the Kenmore Precinct, and establish a new precinct named the Tysons Precinct, bounded on the north by the Dulles Toll Road, on the east by the Beltway, on the south by Route 123 and on the west by Route 7 and located in the Providence District; and
- Name the newly created district the Sully District.

This motion was seconded by Supervisor Alexander.

Following discussion among Board Members, Supervisor Richards asked unanimous consent that letters which she had received from Mrs. Nancy Kessler, Kate E. Fisher, and Sue Rosenberg be entered into the record. Without objection, it was so ordered.

Supervisor Hanley asked that the motion be amended to include that the effective date of adoption be June 1, 1991, and this was accepted.

The question was called on the motion, as amended, which CARRIED by a recorded vote of seven, Supervisor Davis and Supervisor McConnell voting "NAY."

Supervisor Bulova moved that the Annandale District be renamed the Braddock District. This motion was seconded by Supervisor Richards.

Supervisor Richards announced her intent to begin to readdress the issue of a name change for the Dranesville District with the citizens of the district.

New district embraces Sully area

By **JIM CLARKE**
and **TRICIA PETERSON**
Journal staff writers

Western Fairfax County residents won a major victory yesterday when the county board agreed to create a supervisor district based in Centreville and Chantilly.

But the county chapter of the NAACP said it will challenge the redistricting plan, saying it dilutes black representation along Route 1. NAACP officials said they will take their complaints to the U.S. Department of Justice, which must approve the plan.

Supervisors voted 7-2, with the board's two Republicans dissenting, to create the new ninth district. It will be called the Sully District, after the colonial plantation on Route 28.

■ New district names/A6

Route 28 is also called Sully Road.

By carving out the new western district to accommodate the fast-growing area, the board had to make only minor changes to the other eight districts. No incumbents will have to face each other in elections this fall, and the board retained the at-large chairman's position.

Redistricting follows the 1990 census, which showed the county grew 37 percent in 10 years to 818,584 residents. Most of the gain was in western Fairfax.

Please see SULLY, A6

Justice Department Backs Fairfax County's Redistricting Plan

By Peter Baker
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Justice Department approved Fairfax County's redistricting plan yesterday, clearing the way for the creation of a new magisterial district in the western part of the county and election of the Board of Supervisors in November.

Justice officials rejected an appeal from the county branch of the NAACP.

The organization had asserted that the plan was discriminatory, saying the redrawn map dilutes the

voting power of minority voters in the predominantly white suburban county.

The letter from Justice officials received yesterday did not mention the NAACP complaint and simply said the department did not have any objection to the Fairfax plan.

"We're disappointed," NAACP President Donald Grant said. "We believe there were a couple of inequities in the way they redrew the districts."

However, Grant said his group does not plan to challenge the plan further in court.

"The law doesn't favor our position in any way, shape or form," he said. "We'll have to acquiesce here."

The developments represented the last hurdle for the once-a-decade redrawing of the political map in the area's largest jurisdiction.

Like every other elected body in the state, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors was required to have its redistricting plan approved by the federal government because of Virginia's history of racial discrimination.

The board voted in May to add a ninth magisterial district in western

Fairfax, a booming area where residents often have complained that they were underrepresented in county affairs.

Including a countywide chairman, the board was increased from nine seats to 10.

The NAACP had put forth a plan to create a district south of Alexandria following Route 1 that would have placed the highest number of blacks possible in one district, about 18 percent of the population.

To do so, the supervisors would have had to adopt 10 magisterial districts, which they were loath to

do because they said it would disrupt existing district lines.

"The board generally had realized that they wanted to accommodate all the minorities, including the African Americans, but they felt that... having two more seats was too much," said Board Chairman Audrey Moore.

Grant said he knows his proposed district would not have included enough blacks to necessarily elect a black person to the board, but said it would have allowed them to have a "more meaningful shot" at influencing elections.

Playing the name game: Proposals prove sensitive

By **TRICIA PETERSON**

Journal staff writer

As the county Board created the Sully District yesterday, supervisors also approved changing the name of the Annandale District.

Supervisor Sharon Bulova, D-Annandale District, persuaded colleagues to rename her area the Braddock District. After all, little of Annandale will be in the Annandale District under the approved redistricting plan.

Supervisor Martha V. Pennino, D-Centre ville District, wants to change the name of her area to the Wilson District, after President Woodrow Wilson.

None of the Centre ville community will be in Pennino's district, under the approved plan.

Supervisor Lilla D. Richards, D-Dranesville District, said she is considering getting rid of her name. She likes the sound of Difficult Run District, after the stream that runs through her district.

Dranesville "sounds like it has to do with storm drainage," Richards said.

She also said that the name could reflect the difficulty of her running a Democratic campaign

in a heavily Republican district. Board members are up for reelection this fall.

Bulova's suggested name change — after Braddock Road, which bisects the district — was supported by constituents polled over the past three months. The road was named for English Gen. Edward Braddock.

"A new name is something I feel very strongly needs to be done immediately because of the confusion with having a district that has the same name as a geographical area," Bulova said.

"People in Burke and Fairfax don't understand why they are in the Annandale District," she said.

Supervisor Thomas M. Davis III, R-Mason District, teased Bulova about her choice of the name "Braddock", saying, "although Braddock Road starts in Mason District and ends in Springfield District I will support it."

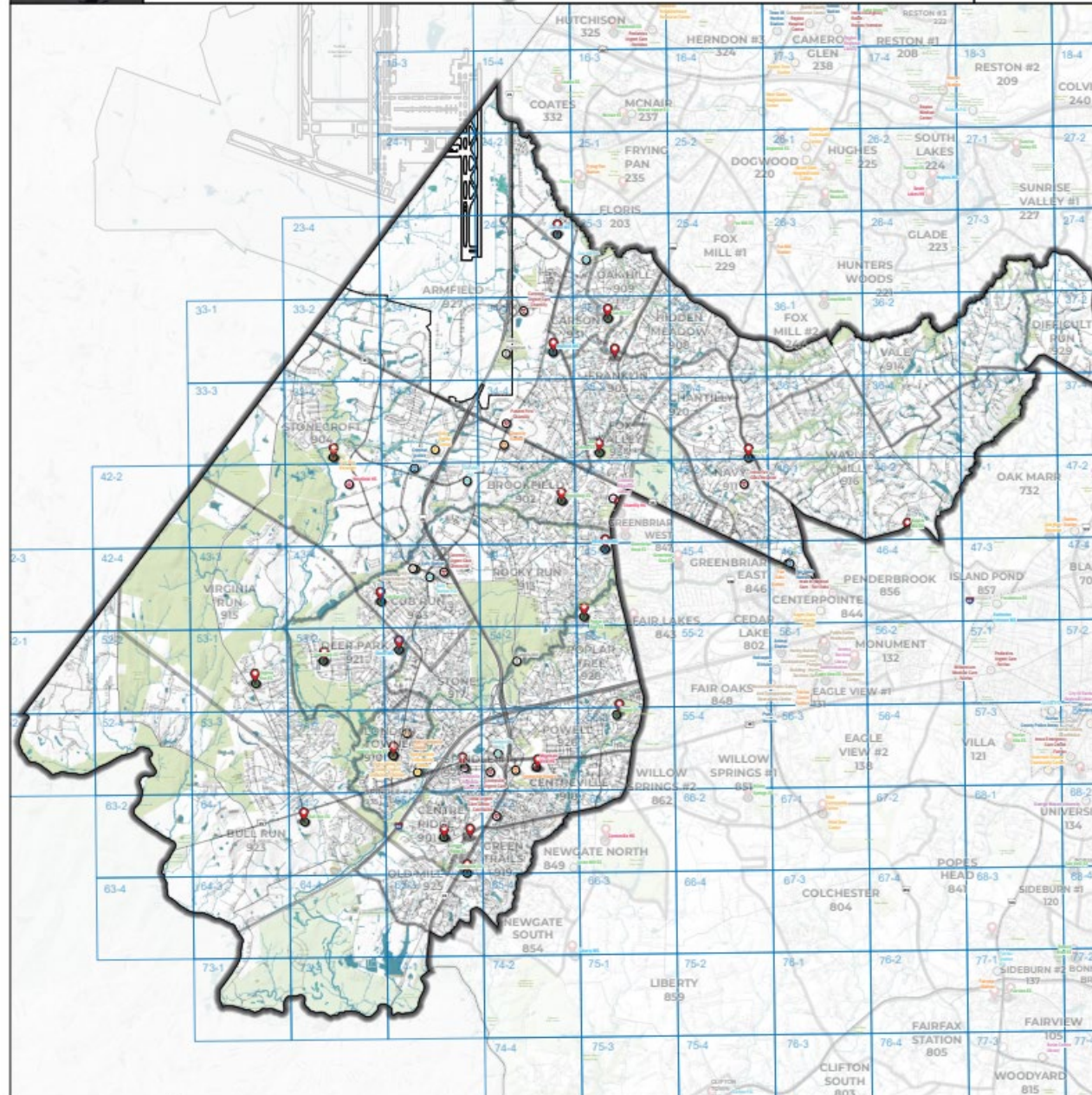
Pennino and Richards said they would consult their constituents before pursuing name changes further.

"I will wait, but come January I want people to consider calling [Centre ville district] Wilson District," Pennino said.



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Sully District



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