

# Toano Station - A Vision for the Future

## A Move to Preserve Their Hometown



Realizing that a number of distressed properties in the heart of the historic village held the key to a revitalized Toano, brothers Jack and Jeff Wray purchased them in 2012 and 2013. The site of these buildings was the former location of a number of Toano historic buildings that were lost in 1966 when Rt. 60 was widened to four lanes. Sadly, a total of 14 historic buildings in Toano were removed during the road widening project

The map on the left shows the location of the property and the four buildings that had cropped up after the road expansion project. In September 2019, the Wrays had these buildings demolished and the land cleared to prepare the site for the eventual Toano Station project. This was a huge visible step forward in showing the potential for Toano's revitalization.



Removing nonconforming buildings and preparing for Toano Station.



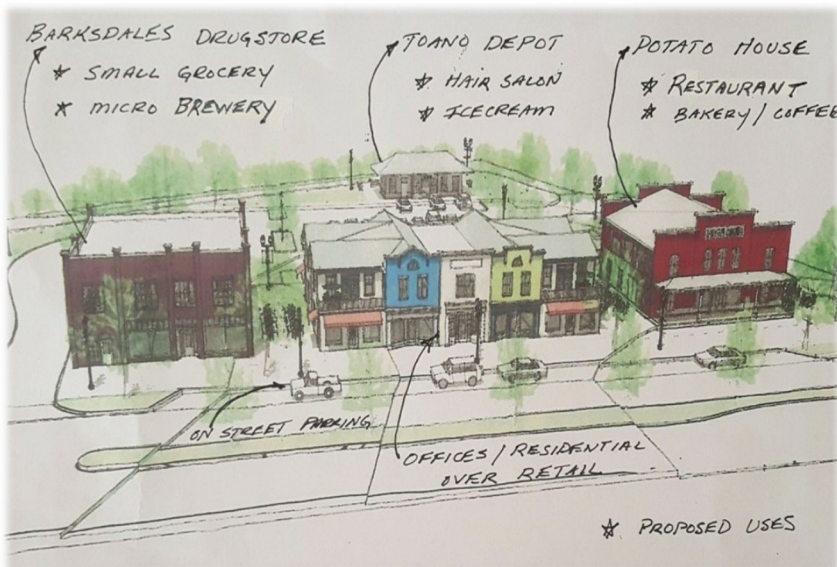
Our new Toano Station Grounds. She cleaned up pretty nice, didn't she?



Using old photos of the 19th and 20th century buildings previously located on this site, the Wrays teamed up with Architect John Hopke to create a new concept for TOANO STATION, the same name this site was referred to 140 years ago when C&O Railway built Toano's first depot here in 1881.



These proposed buildings will match the scale and architecture of the historic buildings across the street in the NEW Toano Commercial Historic District.



The old depot will be recreated close to its original site.

In the illustration,, a likeness of Barksdale's Drugstore (left) and the old Potato House (right) will anchor the corners.

The middle block will consist of apartments or offices on the second floor and retail on the ground floor. On street parking is also proposed.

To view moving images of these proposed buildings go to [www.toanostation.com](http://www.toanostation.com) .