



RESTON: *The Plan*

Reston is a community based on three fundamental, inter-related ideas:

1. People should be able to live near the place where they work if they want to.
2. Housing should be available for all people of all income groups if they wish to live and work in the same community.
3. Diverse cultural, religious, educational and recreational facilities should be an integral part of the community from the beginning.

In a word, Reston is a self-contained community where people may live, work, learn and play if they choose to do so. It is not a sub-division, or a suburb, a small town or an isolated city—it is rather a small city, urban in character, open-spaced in design, related to other nearby communities and the principal city of the metropolitan area, Washington, D. C.

The Reston Master Plan calls for seven shopping and community centers, each to serve a “village” of from ten-to-twelve thousand people, an industrial, research and government center of almost one thousand acres, recreational areas of more than fifteen hundred acres, thirty-five churches, fifteen elementary schools, three intermediate schools, and three high schools, one community college or post-graduate facility, and a “downtown” area to include a medical complex, transportation terminal, hotel, conference center, multi-purpose auditoria, and much more.

Under the Master Plan, an enormous amount of land has been “saved” by high-density development and the clustering of town-houses. This land will be available for public enjoyment in the

form of lakes, golf courses, parks, nature center, childrens’ zoo, riding trails, ball fields, and many others. With a population estimated to become seventy-five thousand by 1980, Reston will nevertheless have more open space, and a great many more facilities, than any ordinary suburb, town or city.

Recreation and cultural facilities have been part of Reston from the beginning of construction. The North Reston Golf Course, the Reston South Riding Center, and the swimming pools and tennis courts came first. Lake Anne Center, the first of the seven centers to be completed, was opened long before population growth began. The shops, restaurant, drug store, bank, library, youth rathskeller and community center were all in operation when most residents moved in.

At Reston, boating, fishing, camping, gardening, badminton, hiking, playgrounds are all at your doorstep. The nursery-kindergarten right in Lake Anne Center is in full swing; the first elementary school and the first church will be ready for use in early 1967. Regular church services by Reston’s resident ministers are being held in the community center. Community and cultural activities are plentiful and various—from cluster association meetings to concerts, from film and lecture series to cub scouts and ballet classes. Five years from the time the land was purchased in 1961, Reston, a whole new community, has been born.

Reston has won wide public acclaim. But more important than this is the fact that the dignity and importance of each individual has been the focal point for both planning and development. A sense of place has been achieved. In the words of Gertrude Stein, “There’s more there there.”

*"A community is only good when it is designed for the individual
—to give each person the opportunities which mean most to him."*

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RESTON ACTIVITIES

I. CULTURAL FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS

ART GALLERY

Exhibits
Painting Classes
Sculpture Classes
Ceramics Classes

COMMUNITY CENTER

Little Theatre
Dance Classes
Films
Lectures, Discussion Groups
Concerts

II. RECREATION

OUTDOOR

Archery
Boating
Camping
Day Camps
Fishing
Gardening
Golf
Hiking
Paddle Tennis
Riding
Skiing
Swimming
Tennis
Volley Ball

RATHSKELLER

(Reserved for young people)

III. EDUCATION

Kindergarten-Nursery School
Schools, Grades 1-12
College Courses

IV. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

Worship
Educational
Social