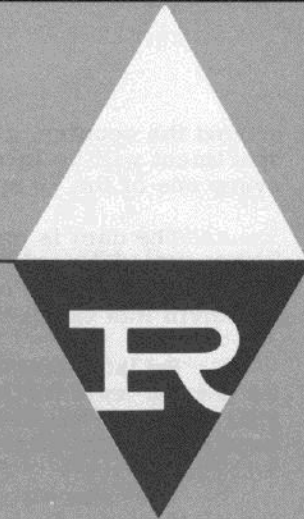


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DAM COMPLETED

Work has been completed on a 500-foot earthen dam which is creating a 30-acre lake in the heart of Reston.

The lake, to be known as Lake Anne, will form the center of Reston's First Village which is scheduled to spring to life sometime next summer. Between 1,200 and 1,500 residents are expected to be living in a high-rise apartment, town houses, cluster houses and individual homes along the 1.5 miles of shoreline. A Village Center is to be located on a lakeside pedestrian plaza on the northernmost tip of Lake Anne.

Reston's chief executive officer, former Ohio Governor Michael V. DiSalle says, "the lake will take the place of the village green found in the center of many communities



LAKE ANNE BECOMES REALITY: Aerial view shows completed dam and Lake Anne 30 percent full. Impounded water is used to irrigate 18-hole golf course. Lake is expected to be at full 30-acre level by mid-winter.

around the country, giving Reston a setting unique among American cities. The high-rise apartment will be located on a point of land on the lake's edge, giving a view of the lake to every one of the 70 apartments in the 14-story building."

The dam is one of the largest to be built by private enterprise in the state. It was constructed by the firm of Moore, Kelly and Reddish of Orange, Va. Some 94,000 cubic yards of earth were moved in to create the 45-foot high dam which will impound the waters of Colvin Run to create a lake ranging in depth from eight to 35 feet.

By late summer the lake was about half full. It will be held at least 10 feet below its normal level throughout the fall and winter to permit construction of the high-rise apartment and business structures along the waterfront. The lake is expected to be filled to capacity shortly after the first of the year.

The lake will be stocked with blue gill, bass and other native fish and will be open for boating and other water sports by Reston residents next year. Its waters have also been used for soaking the fairways of a 7,000-yard championship golf course slated to be ready for play next June.

When work on the dam and lake began several months ago, Reston's full-time forester culled more than 1,000 dogwood and holly trees and other useable growth from the floor and transplanted them to a nursery for later use in landscaping the community.

BOND ISSUE VICTORY PROVIDES FOR NEW SCHOOLS

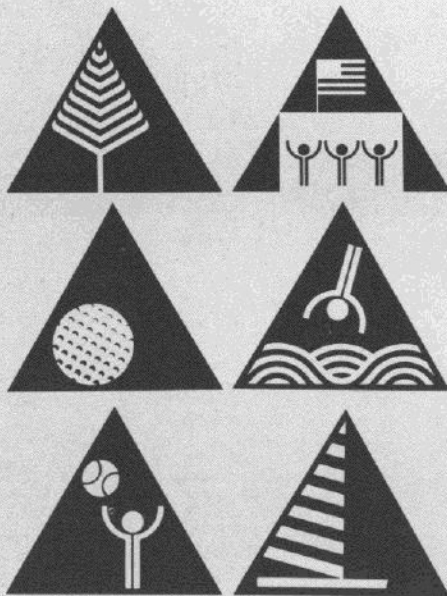
An overwhelming majority of Fairfax County voters this summer approved a \$29,900,000 bond issue providing for the construction of 25 new schools in the county. Included in the school board's timetable are at least two or three schools to serve Reston's early residents.

GRAPHIC DESIGN AT RESTON

A fresh approach to the problem of roadside signs has been launched at Reston with the development of a graphics program identifying thirteen basic land uses. Among the applications foreseen are roadway markers, consumer booklets, maps, cars and trucks, and membership pins for recreation clubs. At left, are shown the symbols for parks, public schools, golf courses, swimming pools, playgrounds and marinas. Five additional symbols are also used in the First Village area.

Their first application is on roadway signs fabricated from sheet aluminum with the symbols appearing in different colors in baked enamel. Visitors to Reston receive a colorful map indicating major facilities as represented by the symbols. As they tour the site, seven-foot standards topped by the symbols may be seen at the roadside.

Without cluttering the landscape, the signs provide an effective and attractive means of marking the site for visitors to the 10.5 square mile area.





IN THE ROUND AT RESTON: On a knoll overlooking Reston's rolling hills is the Reston sales office and exhibition. The unique building provides 2,000 square feet of interior space, with a central core containing mechanical and air-conditioning equipment, storage space, and the first Reston post office. Awnings on the periphery of the structure provide shaded area for visitors. The building was designed by Robert P. Gersin & Associates who also designed the exhibition. It was constructed by Arrow Construction Company of Fairfax County.

SCHOOL PLANNING AIDED BY FOUNDATION GRANT

A grant to help make public schools at Reston outstanding examples of planning for growth and community utility has been made to the Fairfax County School Board by Educational Facilities Laboratories. The \$15,000 grant enables the County Board to retain consulting architects who will work along with their own architects and Reston's in tailoring school designs to meet the new community's needs.

In making the grant, Educational Facilities Laboratories cited two aspects of Reston which provide unusual opportunities for school planning:

- Reston's gradual growth suggests the possibility of building a series of units which can be added to without architectural damage or disorganization to initial structures.
- Reston's comprehensive planning of community facilities will make it possible to explore what can be accomplished in coordinating school facilities and such things as recreational, library, and theatrical facilities.

Superintendent E. C. Funderburk of the Fairfax County School Board, in accepting the grant, said that the planning of schools at Reston "may very well influence the planning and construction of all our future school buildings in Fairfax County."

The Educational Facilities Laboratories, looking further, commented that Reston, because of its leading role in community planning, will probably attract large numbers of both domestic and foreign visitors and influence school planning on a widespread basis. In making the grant, they cited Reston as "one of the most ambitious and promising planning projects to be undertaken in the United States."

CHURCH GROUPS SET BUILDING PLANS

Plans are now being made for the first churches in Reston.

Consultations with a committee set up by the Council of Churches of Greater Washington have resulted in the determination of the five Protestant denominations to be accommodated first. They are: Methodist, Baptist, Lutheran, Protestant Episcopal and Presbyterian. Building plans and negotiations for three sites serving the First Village are under way with the Northern Virginia Methodist Board of Missions, The Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, and the Mount Vernon Baptist Association, Alexandria District.

Plans for a church and parish school are being developed with the Bishop of the Richmond Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church.

It has also been agreed that the advice and approval of Reston's Architectural Control Committee will be sought by all church groups as a means of assuring the highest standards.

COMMUNITY CENTER DESIGN SET

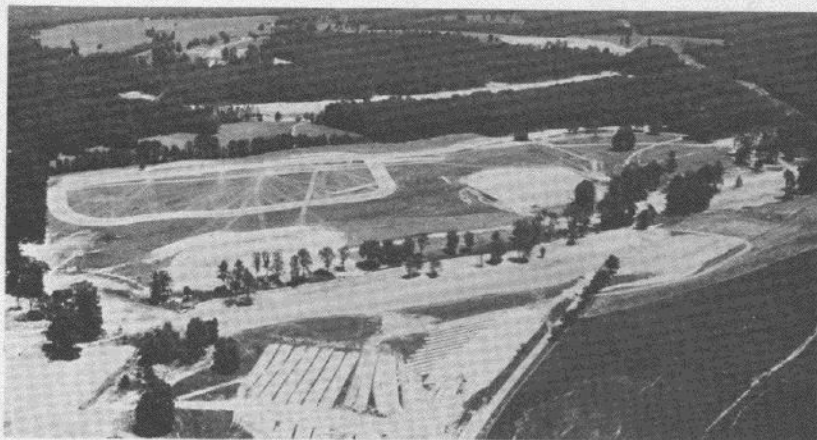
The design for the first community center in Reston has been set, following months of discussion and close collaboration with the Fairfax-Falls Church Regional Council of the Health and Welfare Council of the National Capital Area. The 5,000 square foot facility, located in the village center, on Lake Anne, is expected to be a focus of community activities.

The Center, entered directly from the pedestrian plaza, includes an adjustable auditorium seating up to 180 persons, but which can be divided into two large meeting rooms; a teen-agers "rathskeller" with a self-service snack bar; a meeting lounge, office and storage space for different organizations, and a fully-equipped kitchen. Library space also will be provided for the use of the Fairfax County Library.

A 2,000 square foot nursery school with an outdoor play area is planned nearby as an adjunct of the Community Center.

Many of the major agencies in the county, in cooperation with the Health and Welfare Council, are developing a variety of programs for all age groups. As the community grows, it is expected that the local residents will take over the leadership and programs in the Center.

The varied facilities are expected to provide the often-missing ingredient in brand new communities--a place where individuals and groups can get together to conduct social and civic programs. Reston planners feel that community facilities such as the Center will enable the early residents to start their new lives with a variety of opportunities for self-expression, helping to create a strong and stable community life.



AERIAL VIEW OF RESTON NORTH GOLF COURSE shows 10th hole (bare strip in center of photo) under construction. Stripped area in foreground resulted from sod being borrowed for other parts of course. Loop at left center is Hook Road, a residential area abutting the links. Maps of golf course are available; see story on next page.



RESTON WESTERN: Three youthful riders of the Fairfax Hunt Club were filmed on the Reston bridle trail now being laid out in the southern section. The filming is part of a documentary being produced to record Reston's step-by-step development. The seven and one-half mile trail winds through a planned low-density residential area.

FINISHING GOLF COURSE

The finishing touches are being applied this autumn to a 7000-yard championship golf course which is expected to be ready for play next summer at Reston, Virginia.

The course, to be known as Reston North Golf Course, is one of five planned for the 10.5 square miles of Reston which are expected to become home for some 75,000 residents by the year 1980.

Reston North is one of the most spacious golf courses in this section of the country, according to its architect, Edmund B. Ault of Washington, who has built some of the outstanding courses in the nation.

"The average golf course in the United States spreads out over 140 acres," Mr. Ault explains. "The Reston North course will cover about 200 acres."

The result is a course without a single parallel fairway, a links rarity. The open layout also has created some 35 choice home sites tucked along the fairways.

The par 71 course features two water holes, one a par 3, 170-yarder whose "fairway" is more than 50 per cent water, a one-acre pond spanning out from the approach side of the green.

Northern Virginia's gently rolling hunt club country forms an ideal setting for the links. It ranges from 315 feet above sea level to 410 feet above -- easy on legs and golf carts as well.

Approximately 8000 feet of pipe have been laid to assure watered fairways for Reston North. Water is pumped from nearby Lake Anne, and this past dry summer saw the pumping station working overtime to deliver 15,000 gallons per hour to the newly-planted fairways and greens.

Reston North will be open to the public in the beginning with tee-off priority available to Reston residents. When Reston's population grows to a point of saturation, the course will become private for Reston resident-members only.

Another 18-hole course and three nine-hole layouts are planned as Reston's population increases to the expected peak of 75,000 in the next 15 years.

A detailed map of the Reston North Golf Course has been prepared along with a play-by-play summary of the links. Copies of the map and summary may be obtained by writing to: Reston Recreation, Reston, Virginia.

WHO'S WHO IN RESTON



Glenn W. Saunders, Jr.

Glenn W. Saunders, Jr. shared the dream of many professional engineers when he used to wonder what it would be like to start a city from scratch with all of the advantages of knowing the mistakes of the past. Two years ago, when he joined the Reston team as project engineer, he got the chance to live that dream.

As both a professional engineer and city manager, he combines the working knowledge of a civil engineer with an understanding of the things that make a total community tick, an ideal and unusual combination for his Reston assignment.

Prior to his appointment at Reston he had been City Manager of Fairfax City. His career with the city was highlighted by three "firsts". He was, in succession, the first town engineer, first town manager and finally first city manager.

It was under his direction that Fairfax City developed a \$4.5 million water works system. His early conditioning for getting things done came during this time when he and Mayor John Wood encountered stubborn opposition to the far-sighted water supply program. The justification for the program came soon after its completion in 1962 when a drought plagued the surrounding communities which had lagged in providing a similar system.

With Saunders at the helm, it's very unlikely that Reston will ever suffer the growth pains of inadequate streets, sewers or utilities. His experience in the rapidly growing northern Virginia area has given him ample opportunity to observe first-hand the consequences of unplanned-for expansion. (During his five-year tenure with the City of Fairfax, which is a few miles from Reston, its population tripled.)

On any one day Saunders may be found on the site checking road building progress; meeting with county planning people explaining some point in question about population density or drainage problems; or in Washington talking about the details of construction and engineering to various government officials. His office bulges with blueprints and plot plans, and when he is there it's usually in a conference with a contractor or a supplier of materials coming into Reston under his watchful eye.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Saunders pursued his education with night courses at George Washington University after a two-year stint in the Army Corps of Engineers. At the University he completed studies in public works administration and municipal administration.

An active member of his profession, he is past president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers, and a member of the International City Managers Association. Last year he was cited as one of the six most outstanding engineers in the nation by the National Society of Professional Engineers.