

History of Reston Planning

- 1962 – Simon Enterprises (master developer) along with Whittlesey & Conklin (architecture and city planning consultants) publish the *“Master Plan for Reston”*
- 1962 – Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a new zoning district, the Residential Planned Community (RPC) district, to allow creation of a “planned community” called Reston.
- The RPC district provided an innovative and flexible way of clustering housing, thereby preserving open space. Today the zoning district is called the Planned Residential Community (PRC) District.
- 1967 – Gulf Reston (subsidiary of Gulf Oil) takes over as the Master Developer of Reston
- 1979 – Reston Land Corporation (subsidiary of Mobil Oil) takes over as the Master Developer of Reston
- 1983 – Lake Anne Village Center Historic Overlay District created by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to protect the historic and architectural integrity of the Village Center.
- 1989 – Last changes to the Reston Master Plan by Reston Land Corporation (Master Developer)
- 1990-1991 – The Fairfax Planning Horizons process, a major update of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan, introduces the concept of Suburban Centers.
- Suburban Centers promote a mixture of office, retail, and residential uses in a cohesive, moderate-intensity setting. The Dulles Corridor is designated as a Suburban Center.
- 1998 – Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized a special study of the Dulles Corridor and four proposed transit station areas.
- Dulles Corridor special study process evaluated existing Comprehensive Plan recommendations and developed changes to the Plan text to better support the planned transit system in the Dulles Corridor.
- 2000 – Dulles Corridor Land Use Task Force appointed by Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine Hudgins as part of Dulles Corridor special study.
- Task Force recommended to the Fairfax County Planning Commission proposed changes to the County’s Comprehensive Plan to support transit in the Dulles Corridor.
- 2001 – Fairfax County Board of Supervisors amended the Comprehensive Plan to encourage “mixed-use” development (including residential development) in the Reston-Herndon Suburban Center (Dulles Corridor) based on recommendations from Dulles Corridor Land Use Task Force and the Planning Commission.
- 2006 – Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) created to make recommendations regarding pedestrian and bicycle access, bus feeder service, and road improvements to address projected traffic congestion in the area of the Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway transit stations. (Report published in 2008).
- 2007 – Fairfax County Board of Supervisors amended the Planned Residential Community (PRC) zoning district in the Zoning Ordinance to update information used to compute population density within the PRC District.
- This update was designed to reflect changes in average household sizes from the most recent U.S. Census.