

Reston is an ever-changing community with a plethora of qualities and unique characteristics. With the Metro-to-Dulles project underway, and anticipated phased-in redevelopment along the Corridor, the Reston Association (RA) Board of Directors adopted in June 2010, the following comments and recommendations with regard to the preservation and enhancement of Reston's essential design and planning elements for consideration by the development community.

1. Environmental Stewardship

Reston is a place where nature is valued and protected. Our trees are abundant and our natural areas are right next door, no matter where in Reston we live. It is RA's goal to preserve, protect, and enhance our natural and built environment for current and future residents. This includes, but is not limited to, streams, trails, community pavilions, outdoor plazas, and open space areas, whether natural or developed. Open space is more than just the natural areas, outdoor community gathering pavilions, and our beautiful trees – open space is the aesthetic and valued quality of nature so prevalent in our community and throughout our neighborhoods. Open space is also close to virtually all residences and within walking distance of commercial businesses. As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

- a. Any new development or redevelopment project must take into consideration the site's existing and surrounding natural flora, fauna, and water resources; with the goal of preserving undisturbed natural areas to the greatest extent possible.
- b. All current state and county stormwater management regulations must be adhered to and enforced.
- c. To maintain continuity with the surrounding community, all new development and/or redevelopment must include green space, trees, and to the extent possible, undisturbed natural areas.
- d. Projects must be environmentally sensitive, compatible with, and considerate of, their surroundings; including consideration of building heights and placement.
- e. Concerted efforts be made by Fairfax County and others to preserve in perpetuity the Sunrise Valley Wetlands Nature Park and that the Park be donated to the Reston Association for its continued use and management for benefit of the community.

2. Commitment to the Arts

Reston is known for its eclectic style and appreciation for the arts. It is apparent in the architecture of the homes, the village centers, and even in surrounding commercial buildings. RA continually works to promote and encourage art, cultural diversity, and education for all levels. As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

- a. Public art must be integrated in all future development in Reston and should be consistent with the guidance in the Initiative for Public Art (IPAR) as found in the Public Art Master Plan for Reston.

3. Accessibility

Reston is a connected, “walkable” community. The trails and pathways make it easy for residents, including those with disabilities, to get from their neighborhoods to places of employment, recreation areas, and retail centers. In addition, access to Reston transportation infrastructure – *pedestrian, bicycling, metro rail, bus and motorized vehicles* – is a key element to moving the community forward.

As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

- a. Resources for sufficient transportation infrastructure systems – *pedestrian, bicycling, metro rail, bus and other motorized vehicles* - must be allocated for future growth.
- b. Developers be required to implement and/or adhere to recommendations outlined in Reston on Bicycle & Foot and from the Reston Metrorail Access Group.

4. Planning & Design Excellence

Essential to Reston is the goal of excellence and innovation in all things – from architecture to pathway maintenance to aquatic facilities. The procedures in place to maintain the overall quality of life in Reston are essential to this community – from the Design Review Board (DRB), Architectural Board of Review (ABR) to the community advisory committees. These processes and procedures must be honored. As such, the Reston Association recommends that:

- a. The requirement that all future residential developments, outside of the Reston Town Center Association boundaries, be made a part of the Reston Association.
- b. A more comprehensive community review process, which includes RA, be incorporated into the Reston Master Plan and other applicable provisions of the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan for any new development or redevelopment.