

VV: This is Vivek Vakil, the date is May 10th, and we are at Langston Hughes.

MM: And I am Martia Mcdevitt and I moved in Reston in June of 1972 well before you were born.

VV: First off I would like to thank you for coming, so thank you. So let's get started, what did Reston first have to offer that brought you here?

MM: I had no choice my husband was transferred here and I will be honest they wanted me to live in Herndon because the outsiders that lived in Reston were not appreciated, he was one of the airport managers he was brought in to take over and they wouldn't even show us Reston but when we stayed he was down here for nine months and he lived with this lady in Herndon who was the widow of the police chief and she walked in one day and talked about going to the juice stores and since I was Jewish and he wouldn't let anybody know I was Jewish and there was no way I was going to live in Herndon it was a very different place Vivek.

VV: So when you first moved to Reston did you live in a house, apartment, or townhouse?

MM: I purchased my house from plans I live in Inlet Court I moved into that house in June of 72 and I have lived in it ever since, I am one of those Oddballs that real estate agents don't like I don't move.

VV: So describe to me what you first saw when you first walked out of your house and you opened the door and Reston as how you first saw it.

MM: well from the house? The Street wasn't finished, Wiehle Avenue wasn't busy like it is now there were eleven thousand people and no traffic lights and it took eleven minutes for my car port to my office where the mid-field terminal is at Dulles. And there were lots and lots of trees.

VV: So Reston was unfinished at the time?

MM: Eleven thousand people, there was not wiehle avenue bridge there was you went Reston avenue it was not as wide as it is now, it was old Reston avenue and you got on the toll road to get to the airport and the airport was very un busy and you could park upstairs at the airport there were parking meters there and Herndon high school was holding their proms at the airport it was so un busy.

VV: Security must not have been very tight back then.

MM: Well there was very few flights back then so people would go out there and put there little coins into the parking meter and go sit some place and see if any airplanes were taking off. It was very different.