Create Your New Town!
The Puzzle Game of Reston
By the Reston Historic Trust & Museum
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The Basics

- Number of people who can play: +1
- What you need: This document and a pen or pencil

In 1961, Reston began as a planned community founded by Robert E. Simon, Jr. with the goal to give all residents regardless of race, gender, or economic status, a chance to live, work, and play in their community. This New Town was very different from the segregated and isolated suburban neighborhoods of Post-WWII America.

You will start with a simplified map of Reston and a series of puzzles. After you complete each puzzle you will be asked to add different items to your map.

Let’s get started! Answers to each puzzle are at the end.
Your map! Add items after each completed puzzle.
Read the condensed preface of the 1962 Reston Master Plan for Puzzle #1

“The demands of the modern age require new concepts in the development of new communities. Reston, comprising 10 square miles in Fairfax County, Virginia is designed to house, and, to the maximum extent possible, provide the means of livelihood for 75,000 people by 1980.

Modern automated technology, with its shorter work day and shorter work week, brings with it a greater emphasis on the use of leisure.... In the recreation areas alone, parks, lakes, golf courses and tennis courts, riding stables, and bicycle paths, and countless other outdoor sport grounds are to be provided to every resident. Community centers in each village will contain indoor facilities... Careful planning of walkways will make it possible for everyone to have the advantages of urban facilities in rural surrounding.

Spiritual and social leadership must develop from the natural leaders among the individuals who make up the community. The need for after-school education, vocational guidance, training and re-training for many individuals and groups of individuals is today of equal importance with the need for a program...

How the planners hope to attain these goals is presented in the following analysis of the Master Plan for Reston, the plan for the First Village.”
Puzzle #1
Use words in the Master Plan Preface to complete the puzzle

Hints

Across
6. Relax
7. New
8. Computer
9. Place in Virginia

Down
1. School
2. Person of authority
3. Interact/Talk
4. Entertainment
5. Master ____

After you complete the crossword puzzle, add your first village center to your map.
Add one of the following:

- Clusters (Diverse Neighborhoods)
- Transportation (Connectivity—roads and trails)
- Expansion/Geology (Natural features—think lakes, hills)
- Modernization (Metro, Villages, Town Center, and Businesses)
- Fun (recreation, pools, art, museum)
After you connect the dots, add one of the following:

- Clusters (Diverse Neighborhoods)
- Transportation (Connectivity—roads and trails)
- Expansion/Geology (Natural features—think lakes, hills)
- Modernization (Metro, Villages, Town Center, and Businesses)
- Fun (recreation, pools, art, museum)
Puzzle #4
Crack the Code

1 9 4

2 4 8

6 8 7

5 3 4

5 3 9

One number is correct and in the right place
One number is correct and in the wrong place
Two numbers are correct but in the wrong place
Nothing is correct
One number is correct but in the wrong place

Add one of the following:
- Clusters (Diverse Neighborhoods)
- Transportation (Connectivity—roads and trails)
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Puzzle #5

Decode: OFS CVSO

Cipher Alphabet

A=J       J=N       S=P
B=Z       K=E       T=C
C=U       L=B       U=K
D=H       M=R       V=Q
E=F       N=O       W=S
F=W       O=V       X=L
G=M       P=G       Y=T
H=X       Q=D       Z=A
I=I       R=B

After you decode the message, add one of the following:

- Clusters (Diverse Neighborhoods)
- Transportation (Connectivity—roads and trails)
- Expansion/Geology (Natural features—think lakes, hills)
- Modernization (Metro, Villages, Town Center, and Businesses)
- Fun (recreation, pools, art, museum)
Congrats! You’ve completed your town. How does it compare to the Reston of today? See below or explore our digital map featuring archival photographs of Reston at restonmuseum.org/restonhistorymap. Snap a picture of your New Town and tag @restonmuseum on social media to share with us!

**Reston, Virginia**

- School
- Village Center
- Reston Community Center
- Golf Course
- Walker Nature Center
- Metro
- Reston Regional Library
- First Cluster

Today Reston’s population is over 60,000, there are 55 miles of trails, 5 village centers and a town center, over 100 clusters, and
Answer Puzzle #3

Fountain at Lake Anne Plaza

Answer Puzzle #4

Answer Puzzle #5

Answer: New Town