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 pen or pencil

In 1961, Reston began as a planned community 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! Puzzle answers are at the end.
Your map! Add items after each completed puzzle.
Read the condensed preface of the 1962 Reston Master Plan

“Reston, comprising of 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.”
Puzzle #1
Use words in the Master Plan Preface to complete the puzzle

Hints

Down
1. Open green space
2. Free time
3. Preparing a head of time.

Across
4. Place

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

- Clusters (Diverse Neighborhoods)
- Transportation (Connectivity)
- Expansion/Geology (Natural elements—lakes, hills)
- Modernization (Metro, Village and Town Centers, and Businesses)
- Fun (recreation, pools, art, museum)
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Today, Reston’s population is over 60,000, there are 55 miles of trails, 5 village centers and a town center, over 100 clus-
Answer Puzzle #1

Answer Puzzle #2

Answer Puzzle #3

Fountain outside the museum at Lake Anne Plaza