

What's in it for Us?



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THE PROBLEMS IN RESTON

We are powerless

Reston, with a population of 60,000, has no local government, and no one to speak solely in our interest. We have less control over regional affairs than do smaller surrounding jurisdictions.

We could become the next Tyson's Corner

Reston has minimal control over its own planning and zoning decisions. There is presently little to prevent major development in many areas of Reston.

We are costly and inefficient

Reston is locally administered by several different agencies with overlapping functions and personnel. This duplication is wasteful and costly.

We are the County's stepchild

The County controls most of our affairs. Without a Reston voice our needs will always come second to those of the County.

We are unfair

Lower-priced homes pay the same fees as expensive ones. And without contributions from business, homeowners must unfairly shoulder the entire tax burden.

We are undemocratic

Instead of a local government we have a giant homeowners association that gives most voting rights to those who own property, and few to the one-third of Reston citizens who do not. In Reston, Houses vote, not people.

THE SOLUTION: THE TOWN OF RESTON

We would have "a seat at the table"

The **town** of Reston would have a Mayor to represent us in regional decision-making, and be our voice in the matters that shape our lives.

We would have balanced growth

In the **town** of Reston, such questions as density and land use would be resolved responsibly and with the best interests of the *entire* town in mind.

We would have a better, less expensive government

The **town** of Reston would unify our fragmented system of government into a single structure that would be simpler, less costly and easier to understand.

We would be more equitable

In the **town** of Reston, homeowner fees would be based on the value of each home—and *would be deductible*. And businesses and homeowners would share the rights and *responsibilities* of citizenship.

We would be more just

In the **town** of Reston, "One person, one vote" would be a reality, where each citizen would have an equal voice regardless of income or property holdings.

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