

FAIRFAX COUNTY

Neighborhood Guide



Residents of Fairfax County enjoy a wide selection of attractive housing options, all benefitting from nationally ranked public schools, a multi-modal transportation network and an abundance of recreational opportunities.

Fairfax County's major residential communities offer a broad spectrum of choices for the home-buyer or renter. Whether one is seeking an urban, suburban, small-town or country atmosphere, Fairfax County has a wide array of options in terms of location, size and price point.

EXECUTIVE RESIDENCES AND ESTATES dot upscale communities along the Potomac River, notably **McLean** and **Great Falls**.

McLean, situated along the George Washington Parkway and only eight miles from Washington, D.C., is known for luxury living and is home to many diplomats, high-ranking government officials and business executives. Custom-designed houses are the norm, and million-dollar estates are close to a business center with boutiques, restaurants, gourmet food stores and a community center that is home to arts venues and the McLean Symphony.

Great Falls, located along the Potomac River, is one of the most exclusive neighborhoods in the Washington D.C., region with a median home price above \$1 million. Nestled alongside a national park of the same name, Great Falls is a secluded community of estate homes not far from Tysons Corner. The community features wooded lots, winding roads, riding trails, an equestrian center, country clubs and a small village center with restaurants and shopping.



TRADITIONAL SUBURBAN SETTINGS featuring spacious single-family homes are found throughout Fairfax County, and newer planned communities feature cutting-edge amenities.



Reston, one of the world's best known planned communities, is located along the Dulles Toll Road and offers a broad variety of housing, not to mention extensive retail centers, trails, golf courses and other recreational facilities. Reston's four man-made lakes cover 125 acres. The upscale Reston Town Center is one of the most popular shopping and entertainment destinations in northern Virginia. This vibrant town center provides retail, restaurants, high-rise office buildings and residential options.

Neighborhoods in Reston are architecturally diverse, with housing ranging from condominiums at Lake Anne Plaza and Reston Town Center to contemporary townhouses along Lake Thoreau and Lake Audubon, to colonial homes in more suburban neighborhoods nestled along the trails in Reston's wooded areas.

Herndon is one of Fairfax County's most diverse communities, combining a small-town feel with easy access to the Dulles Toll Road. Incorporated in 1879, Herndon retains its rustic charm and a strong sense of identity with its walkable, historic downtown and vintage train station close to Victorian-style homes. More than 100 restaurants, many serving ethnic cuisines, are



nestled in and around downtown. The W&OD Trail, named for an old railroad, runs through Herndon and complements the town's 11 parks, the community center and golf course. Families enjoy a wide variety of free concerts and special events throughout the year on the Town Green.

The Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station is the terminus of Metro's Silver Line. The line will be extended west to Reston Town Center, two stops in the Herndon area, Washington Dulles International Airport and Loudoun County in 2020.



Not far from Tysons Corner, **Vienna** and **Oakton** feature traditional suburban homes in an upscale environment, close to amenities and excellent schools. Vienna boasts a small-town atmosphere, its own central business district and convenient access to Washington, D.C., via the Metro. Oakton, offering a variety of executive homes, is located only 13 miles west of Washington and is close to shopping, Interstate 66 and Metro's Orange Line.

Straddling the Capital Beltway, the **Falls Church**, **Dunn Loring** and **Merrifield** areas have an evolving mix of older suburban neighborhoods, ethnic restaurants in shopping centers, and **NEWER MIXED-USE AREAS** such as Mosaic, which features apartment buildings atop bustling stores and restaurants, and a movie complex with a popular public plaza. The Inova Center for Personalized Health is a prominent feature across from the Inova Fairfax Medical Campus, the largest health facility in Fairfax County.

Among **WELL-ESTABLISHED COMMUNITIES** inside the Capital

Beltway is **Annandale**. This family-oriented community offers multiple home styles, convenient shopping, parks, playgrounds, tennis courts and restaurants, and is home to a thriving community of Korean eateries and stores. **Baileys Crossroads**, also situated inside the Capital Beltway, is a diverse, urbanized community. Housing ranges from apartments to spacious single-family homes on wooded lots, all within minutes of Washington, D.C.

A bit to the south, the **Burke**, **Springfield** and **Franconia** areas offer family-oriented living with a wide range of housing options, a regional mall, abundant retail facilities, parks and other recreational venues.

The Virginia Railway Express serves Burke and Springfield, and Metro's Blue Line ends at the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station adjacent to Springfield Town Center. The Blue Line offers convenient access to Alexandria, Amazon's HQ2 in Crystal City and Pentagon City, the Pentagon and Washington.

In **SOUTHWESTERN FAIRFAX COUNTY**, **Centreville** and **Chantilly** are close to Washington Dulles International Airport, Fair Oaks Mall and numerous other shopping areas. They offer a blend of the old and the new along with views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, a treasure trove of aviation and aerospace artifacts and exhibits and part of the Smithsonian Institution, is off Route 28 in Chantilly.

MORE SECLUDED AREAS, including Clifton and Fairfax Station, offer large lots and historic locales. Burke Lake is a recreational haven, and Fairfax Station is a popular location for those in search of spacious lots with a community feel.

The **Richmond Highway corridor**, just south of the Capital Beltway in southeastern Fairfax County, offers a diverse array of housing options as well as extensive shopping along Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1). This area features





shady and historic suburban communities, some just off the scenic George Washington Memorial Parkway and close to George Washington's Mount Vernon, as well as newer apartment complexes and retail centers. The area includes Huntley Meadows Park, Fairfax County's largest, and is close to the Potomac River. The boutiques and restaurants of Old Town Alexandria are minutes away.

Huntington is the terminus of Metro's Yellow Line, which offers convenient access to Amazon's HQ2 in Crystal City and Pentagon City, the Pentagon and Washington.

HISTORIC LOCATIONS within Fairfax County are clustered near Mount Vernon, home to George Washington's estate and other tourist attractions such as Woodlawn Plantation, Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House and George Mason's Gunston Hall. A bike path runs north from Mount Vernon to Old Town Alexandria and Washington, D.C. The National Museum of the United States Army is rising on Fort Belvoir just off the Fairfax County Parkway.

Fort Belvoir, an Army post that bisects Richmond Highway, is the largest employment magnet in Fairfax County. It is home to numerous Army, Department of Defense and joint commands.

Farther south, the **Lorton** area is one of the fastest-growing areas of Fairfax County. It has new suburban communities but also a remarkable residential community consisting of redeveloped buildings that once were part of a District of Columbia reformatory. Here, visitors and residents alike can enjoy a year-round venue devoted to crafts and the performing arts. Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge, created to preserve habitat for bald eagles, is just part of the extensive public parkland on Mason Neck.



FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO RENT, the number of apartment options is increasing rapidly in the county, especially in Tysons Corner and Reston, where new mixed-use developments appeal to a live-work-play mentality. Built near public transportation, these communities are limiting and even eliminating the need to own automobiles. Luxury apartments and townhomes are becoming increasingly common, with high-rise, mixed-use developments that offer a maintenance-free lifestyle springing up in multiple areas, most notably in Tysons Corner.

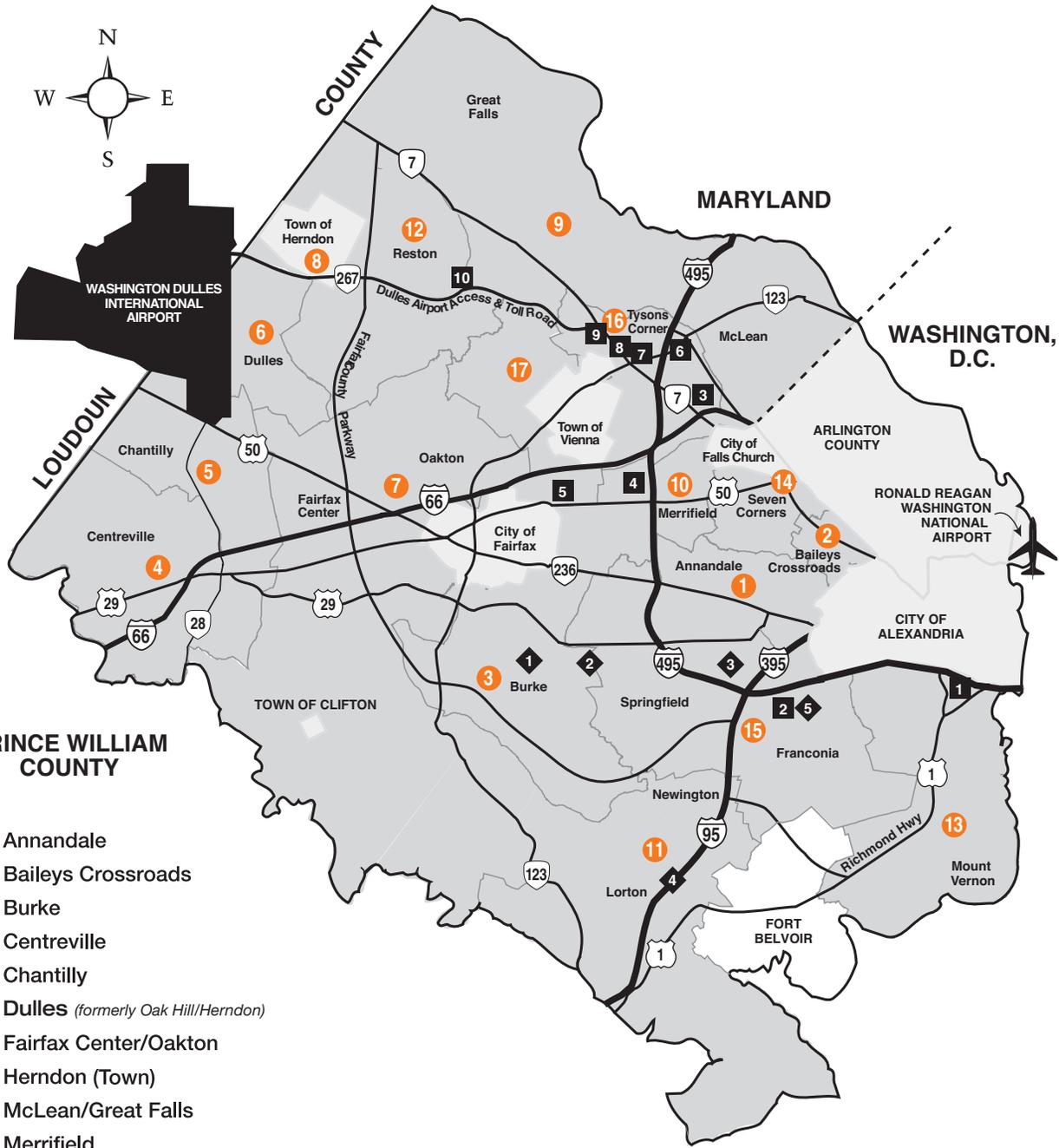
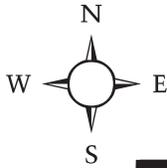


Best-known as a business and retail hub, **Tysons Corner** is being transformed into a more urban, walkable mix that includes residences and public spaces. High-rise apartments dot the skyline and are located within walking distance of Metro's Silver Line and the region's largest and most prestigious shopping centers.

Four Silver Line stations in the Tysons Corner area make for easy commuting around the region with connections to Union Station and Reagan National Airport in Washington. Entertainment venues nearby include the renowned Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, America's only national park for the performing arts, and newer Metro-accessible venues at Lerner Town Square, Greensboro Green and the Plaza at Tysons Corner Center.

The Fairfax County government has compiled a wealth of information on every neighborhood in the county. Check out <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/neighborhoods> for more information. Real estate assessment information for residential homes is available through the Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration's website at <http://icare.fairfaxcounty.gov/ffxcare/main/Home.aspx>.

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA



- 1 Annandale
- 2 Baileys Crossroads
- 3 Burke
- 4 Centreville
- 5 Chantilly
- 6 Dulles (formerly Oak Hill/Herndon)
- 7 Fairfax Center/Oakton
- 8 Herndon (Town)
- 9 McLean/Great Falls
- 10 Merrifield
- 11 Newington/Lorton
- 12 Reston
- 13 Richmond Highway
- 14 Seven Corners
- 15 Springfield/Franconia
- 16 Tysons Corner
- 17 Vienna

VRE Stations

- 1 Burke Centre
- 2 Rolling Road
- 3 Backlick Road
- 4 Lorton
- 5 Franconia-Springfield

Metro Stations

- 1 Huntington
- 2 Franconia-Springfield
- 3 West Falls Church
- 4 Merrifield/Dunn Loring
- 5 Vienna/Fairfax/George Mason University
- 6 McLean
- 7 Tysons Corner
- 8 Greensboro
- 9 Spring Hill
- 10 Wiehle-Reston East



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