

Tall Oaks and the Uplands

The village without a village center



VILLAGE CENTER	Opened 1974, the smallest of the five. The retail center is no longer there.
HOUSING STOCK	Early to mid 1970s, clusters and detached homes.
TRANSIT	The closest part of Reston to the Wiehle-Reston East Metro station.

What it is

Tall Oaks opened in 1974 as the smallest of Reston's five village centers, built on higher ground with European hill towns as the design reference. The retail center enjoyed a strong run into the 1990s, then lost ground as Town Center, North Point, and other retail expanded across north Reston. The village center itself is gone. The neighborhood kept the name.

Daily life

Tall Oaks refers to the southern half of the area and the Uplands to the upper half. Much of it backs onto Lake Fairfax Park, which is a Fairfax County park rather than an RA facility, so the natural areas here are unusually extensive. Wiehle Avenue runs alongside, which makes this the most convenient part of Reston for the Metro station.

What buyers ask

The first question is always about the missing village center, and it deserves a straight answer: daily errands here mean driving or walking to a different village. What buyers get in exchange is Metro proximity and green space. The second question is about the 1970s housing stock, where cedar siding, original windows, and unrenovated kitchens are common in homes that have not been updated.

What sellers should know

Exterior condition is the pressure point in seventies stock, particularly siding and windows, and those are Design Review Board items, so the approval timeline belongs in your preparation plan. Metro proximity is the genuine strength here and it should be stated in distance and minutes, not adjectives.

Questions about Tall Oaks and the Uplands, or a home you are thinking of buying or selling here?

We are glad to walk through it with you.

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