

Lake Anne

The first village



VILLAGE CENTER	The first in Reston, opened in the mid 1960s.
HOUSING STOCK	Midcentury townhomes and clusters, a lakefront tower, some detached homes.
DISTINGUISHING	Washington Plaza on the water, a National Register historic district since 2017.

What it is

Lake Anne is where Reston started. Washington Plaza sits directly on the water, and the central plaza and the buildings around it were listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2017 as a forty one acre historic district. Waterview Cluster, Hickory Cluster, and the homes along Hook Road date to the founding years.

Daily life

The plaza functions as a small town square rather than a shopping center. The Reston Farmers Market runs there on Saturday mornings in season, and the plaza carries a steady calendar of community events through the year. It is the part of Reston that feels least like Northern Virginia and most like a place with its own history.

What buyers ask

Two questions come up constantly. The first is about the architecture, because the midcentury designs here are genuinely distinctive and not everyone wants a flat roof and a wall of glass. The second is about age. This is sixty year old housing stock, and mechanical systems, windows, and siding have usually been replaced at least once. Buyers who love Lake Anne tend to love it specifically, not as a fallback.

What sellers should know

Condition disclosure carries more weight here than almost anywhere else in Reston, because buyers arrive expecting original materials and want to know what has been updated and when. Historic district status also affects what can change on the exterior.

Questions about Lake Anne, or a home you are thinking of buying or selling here? We are glad to walk through it with you.

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