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From: Kathy Kaplan
To: Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force Members

I am attaching a design for Town Center Green done by Guy Rando in 1987. I was under the impression that Mr. Rando was going to be at Robert Goudie's Town Center subcommittee meeting this morning, but I have heard he was not.

This site plan Mr. Rando designed is graded to provide an easy grade for wheel chair access. There is also an area for a botanical garden, pathways and an amphitheater. From reading Mr. Goudie's notes, it appears that Town Center Green is to be exchanged for some other area of open space, and roof top and garage roofs used to create open space in Town Center.

In case you have not seen these plans, I am forwarding them on.

Alexander Garvin spoke at Bob Simon's birthday recently and when asked how Town Center could cope with the additional new residents he suggested the creation of more parkland. He also states in his book *AMERICAN CITIES: What Works and What Doesn't* that 30% is a good measure for public space. This quote is from that book:

Whether this new public open space takes the form of park islands, like those of the private places of St. Louis, or meandering linear parks, like those in Atlanta's Druid Hills, or some other form, it can transform noncommunities into places that are recognizably different from one another. As the landscape fills in, these new open spaces will become part of a sequence of public places that will provide a distinct and varied setting for public activity, a **connective tissue** transforming independent developments into interdependent neighborhoods, and a means of orientation that can be understood and admired by residents alike. (*AMERICAN CITIES*, p. 344).

I am against bulldozing any more of Reston's open space. There is very little left. I hope you will consider carefully the fate of this 5 acre parcel. The well-being of Town Center residents now and in the future depends on quality open space.

If you have any questions about Mr. Rando's design for Town Center Green, I am sure he can answer your questions.

Kathy Kaplan

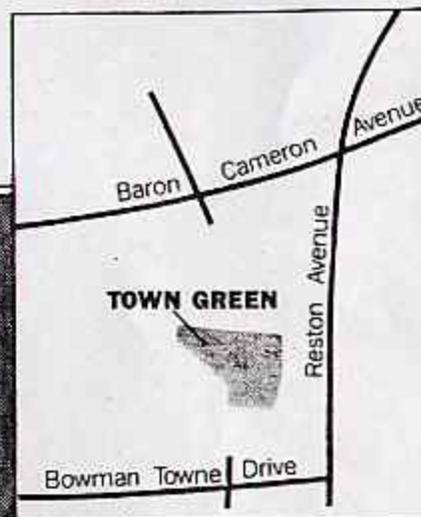
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