

Planning Principle #2 with Reston Association's suggested changes tracked (revised on 3-15-11)

2. Planning will provide for environmental sustainability and green technology.

Natural resources and ecosystems, including natural areas, will be protected and restored. Adverse impacts on the environment (land, water, and air) will be minimized and remedied, and best practices will be used to protect environmentally sensitive areas. Green neighborhood and building practices will meet high standards. Reston's tree canopy has environmental and visual importance.

Deleted: A tree canopy is an important component of the Reston visual experience.

Sandi: To respond to Heidi's request for alternate language for planning principle 2, the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends the following:

In the second sentence, substitute "remedied" for "minimized". When I presented the recommendation to the Reston Assn. Board of Directors, Paul Thomas commented that "mitigated" might be a more appropriate choice, with the stipulation that the mitigation be within Reston. However, the Board did vote to support the EAC recommendation as written.

In the last sentence, the EAC did not offer alternate wording, but I presented to the Board this alternate: "Reston's tree canopy has environmental and visual importance." It could also be worded as "A tree canopy in Reston has environmental and visual importance."

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