

Phase II of the Reston Master Plan Special Study provided an opportunity to submit property-specific land use proposals to be included in the draft “strawman” Comprehensive Plan text for Reston. Submissions were accepted from May 22, 2014 through July 11, 2014. Proposed changes were submitted via an online form.

The following submission was received; however, the recommendations were not site specific but pertained to multiple Village Centers and provided a general vision for Reston’s Village Centers. This submission is categorized as a “community comment” rather than a site-specific land use proposal.

General Location:	Village Centers
Do you own the subject property or represent the owner ?	No
Describe the character and type of proposed development.	It should be a priority for the village centers to be transformed from strip malls to community gathering centers which also provide retail services. Mixed use development would be an appropriate component with shuttle buses to the subway stations. For example; as part of this, the South Lakes center should be redesigned to make its proximity to Lake Thoreau a real asset and a center of community activity. Hunters Woods should be redesigned to better incorporate the RCC into the larger village center. Mixed-use at Tall Oaks would be walking distance to the metro; but it needs a workable community and retail focus.
Provide justification for the proposed amendment.	The village centers were originally envisioned as community gathering places with plazas, retail and community attractions. Now they are shopping centers. They should be redesigned to serve both retail and community building functions.
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