



Tauxemont Historic District exemplifies a communal response to the need for housing as Washington, D.C.'s population burgeoned in the 1940s. One of the first suburban developments in Fairfax County, Tauxemont was initially built by Tauxemont Homes, Inc, a cooperative formed by a group of idealistic young government employees and their families who had been drawn to the area by the promise of jobs with various New Deal agencies. Beginning in 1941 land was acquired by the cooperative and Tauxemont was planned and developed by cooperative member Robert Davenport, who would go on to win international acclaim for a later planned residential community nearby (Hollin Hills) which drew on design elements he first used in Tauxemont. Another member of the cooperative, architect Alexander "Sandy" Knowlton, designed the houses in Tauxemont. All three sections of Tauxemont were completed by the late 1940s. Many initial functions of the community were carried out jointly, from building to carpooling to work, school, and grocery shopping. Families volunteered at the nursery school as well. This community spirit endures today and extends to the children, who often return to live in Tauxemont, appreciating it as a very special place.



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