

About Annandale



Annandale is centrally situated at the cross roads of Northern Virginia. Located only minutes from every major highway; it is the heart of Fairfax County. Annandale's prime location, just inside the Capital Beltway, and with a choice transportation network puts Annandale in a thriving key commercial corridor. Locating a business in Annandale provides a strong strategic advantage. According to the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, Greater Annandale is a family oriented community which offers a variety of home styles, convenient shopping, extensive parks and hiking trails, playgrounds, tennis courts, a Nature Center and the only Horticulture Center in the county along with a plethora of wonderful restaurants and schools. Annandale has more than 1.8 million square feet of office space, about 2.4 million square feet of retail, and more than 91,000 square feet of industrial/flex real estate. Greater Annandale (within a 3 mile radius of the village

center) enjoys a population of 129,475 residents. Annandale is not an incorporated township so government services are provided by Fairfax County and represented by both Supervisors from the Mason and Braddock Districts on the County Board of Supervisors.

Annandale is bustling these days. For the past several years, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce, the Annandale Central Business District (CBD) Planning Committee, Fairfax County, and the State of Virginia have been working with Annandale's civic and business community to improve the area known as the Annandale Village Center. Tasteful entryway signs surrounded by seasonal plantings mark the boundaries of the Central Business District. Annandale's Tollhouse Park, designed by the Fairfax County Park Authority, is prominently located at the intersection of Annandale Road and Little River Turnpike which was the original business district of Annandale. The park site is near the location of one of the first tollhouses along this early turnpike and a historic marker has been placed as a reminder of this significant location.



Streetscape improvements to include stylish and functional benches, bus shelters, trash receptacles, and lighting, combine with colorful shrub and tree plantings to create a distinctive image for the CBD. A key element in the development of Annandale's new image has been the creation of the Annandale Flag. Flown regularly in historic Cannon Park and displayed in numerous businesses, schools, and shops, the Annandale Flag has given the community a visible symbol of identity. Annandale is the only unincorporated town in the Commonwealth with its own flag.



Regular clean-ups are held in downtown Annandale as the entire community joins forces with the Chamber, the Dept. of Transportation, Clean Fairfax, and the Annandale CBD Planning Committee to keep Annandale neat and clean. Annandale's merchants are eligible to receive a Beautification Award for creating an attractively landscaped exterior. Look for a recognition plaque displayed in the window of your favorite business. It acknowledges that they contributed something extra to the community.

Annandale's history can be traced to 1685 when Col. William H. Fitzhugh purchased a tract of 24,000 acres known as Ravensthorpe. From that pre-Revolutionary time to now, Annandale has been known for its hospitality. A large diverse population has gathered in Annandale adding layer upon layer of charm, culture and sensational food.



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