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Westfields

A Brief History



Westfields Overview

Westfields is an 1,100 Acre Class A office park created in 1983 by the Henry A. Long Company.

Created as the best in class, corporate office campus for the growing global workforce well positioned at the gateway to Washington DC and Fairfax County, Virginia.





Westfields Quick Facts

- 1100 Acres Master Planned Corporate Center created in 1983
- One of the first and largest commercial developments in Western Fairfax County
- Largest "Class-A" office park in the Washington Region
- One of the largest employment centers in Fairfax County and the largest employment center in Sully District
- Recognized as a community leader in support of schools, and surrounding community
- Approximately 25,000 people work in Westfields
- Instrumental in creating the first public/private tax district in Virginia –"Rt. 28
 Tax District" Commercial Property Owners pay additional real estate tax.
- 16 Million Square Feet approved for Westfields, A little over half way developed at this point



Your're in good company at Westfields











































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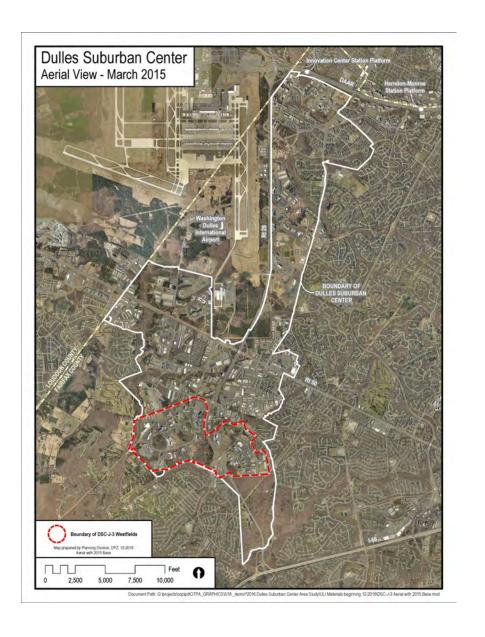


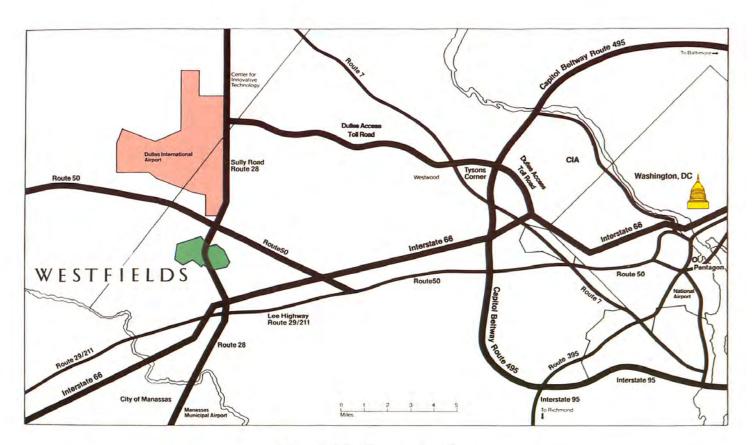








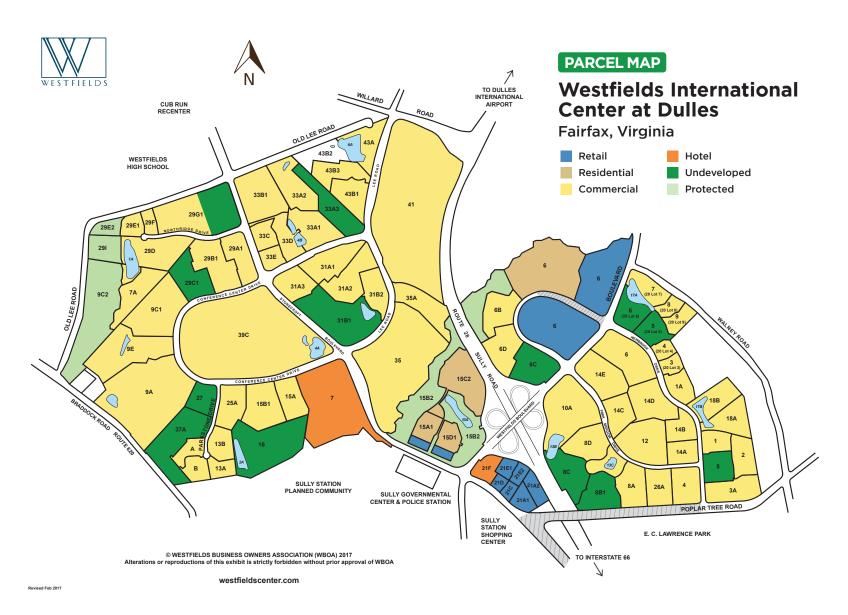




Westfields Corporate Center Location Map

Original Conceptual Master Plan





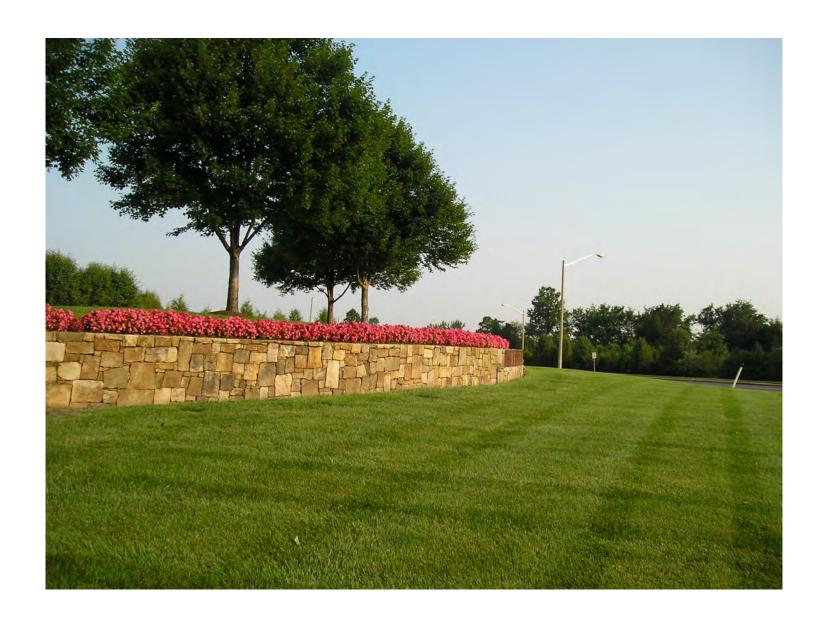


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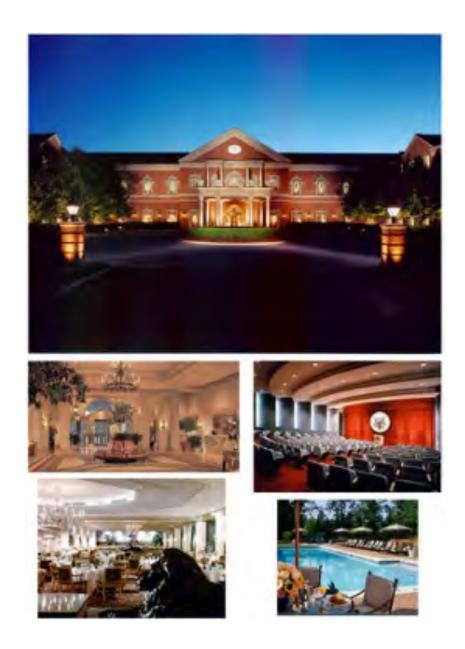


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Source: Fairfax County, Trip Advisor Inc., Istock Photo, Inc.

Invested in the Community from Day One

The Henry A. Long Company from the very beginning made a commitment to create one of the very best corporate communities in the nation. That level of quality and commitment continues today with the property owners and developers who continue to transform and make something very special here at Westfields.

- 40 Million on infrastructure
- 20 Million in Landscaping
- Invested in the region with the creation of the Rt. 28 Tax
 District paying additional tax for commercial land owners.
- Community Engagement and Support through long standing partnerships and community events.



TASTE of WESTFIELDS

WESTFIELDS CHARITY TRIATHLON

ANNUAL E-CYCLE EVENT

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE CLASS

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

LUNCH & LEARN

ETHICS DAY SEMINAR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

WESTFIELDS HS CORPORATE PARTNER

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Westfields E-Cycle Event

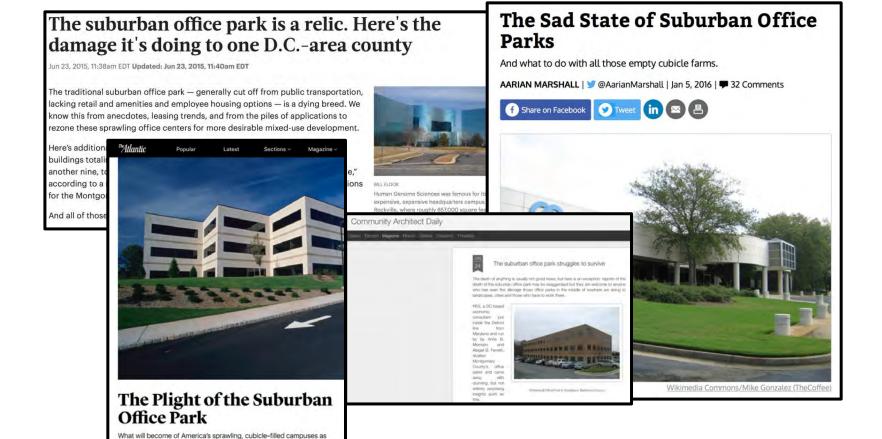


Westfields at a Cross Roads

A New Vision Required

What is happening to the Suburban Office Park?

they go out of fashion?



Net Domestic Migration Slowing? Impact on our tax base?





The slowdown in population growth has been driven by a shift in net domestic migration. In 2011, 22,979 more people moved into the region from elsewhere in the U.S. than moved out, a rate of 4.0 residents per 1,000 residents. In the following two years, net domestic migration was subdued but remained positive, adding 5,525 residents in 2012 (a rate of 0.9) and 3,827 residents in 2013 (a rate of 0.6). In 2014, more residents in the Washington region migrated to other parts of the U.S. than moved in, resulting in a loss of 26,360 net residents (a rate of -4.4). Net domestic migration has continued to decline and the region lost 31,010 residents in 2016 because domestic outmigration (a rate of -5.1).





Source: The Stephen S. Fuller Institute

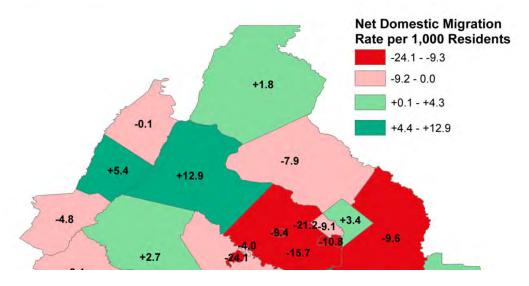
Population starts to shift?





as a result of this component. Falls Church City had a rate of 9.4 and Montgomery County had a rate of 9.2, ranking second and third highest, respectively.

Net domestic migration was negative for 13 of the 24 jurisdictions in the Washington region. The largest absolute loss occurred in Fairfax County, which had 17,820 more residents move to other parts of the region or the U.S. than move in. The largest absolute gained was in Loudoun County, which added 4,902 residents as a result of net domestic migration. After normalizing for population size, the largest losses were in Manassas City, Falls Church City and Fairfax County. The largest relative gains were in Loudoun, Culpeper and Stafford counties.



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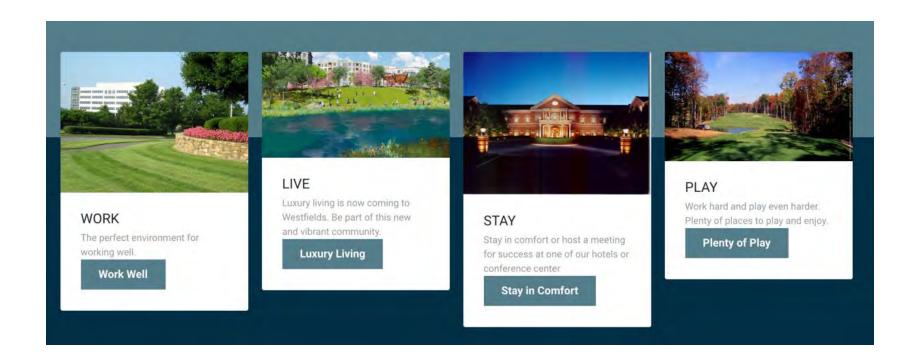


A Positive Change Has Begun

Actions taken by the

Westfields Business Owners Association

An Important New Direction for Westfields and the Community





Headline Say's it All...

How to breathe life into a suburban office park, Westfields edition

Jun 26, 2015, 2:54pm EDT

Montgomery County, take heed: It is possible to breathe life into the staid suburban office park.

Akridge's proposed Preserve at Westfields, the first introduction of residential to the 1,100-acre Westfields Corporate Center located seven miles south of Dulles International Airport, has earned a positive review from Fairfax County planning staff ahead of a scheduled July 8 Planning Commission hearing.

D.C.-based Akridge proposes 650 multifamily units in two buildings fronting

Stonecroft Boulevard, 155 townhomes closer to Sully Road, 20,000 square feet of retail on two pads, walking trails, a performance area for summer concerts, a community commons, and an enhanced stormwater wet pond (it appears more like a lake).



DAVIS, CARTER SCOTT LTD/LANDDESIGN INC.

Just in case you were wondering about the recommendations for Montgomery County

The study's recommendations:

- Diversify existing office parks with a mix of uses
- Invest in transit
- Use tax-increment financing to fund parking garages that eliminate surface parking lots, freeing up land for infill development
- Create and upgrade public spaces and the "walkable environment"
- Remove "any zoning impediments" to redevelopment



The Preserve at Westfields

Example 1

Akridge, Elm Street and Northwood Ravin Development

Multifamily, Retail and Townhomes



The site plan for The Preserve at Westfields shows the retail and multifamily buildings fronting Stonecroft Boulevard and the townhomes fronting Sully Road.

Source: Akridge, Elm Street Development, Northwood Ravin

Retail, Apartments and Townhomes



Source: Akridge, Elm Street Development, Northwood Ravin (Preliminary Renderings Only)

A Great Gathering Place and Amenity



Source: Akridge, Elm Street Development, Northwood Ravin (Preliminary Renderings Only)

Landscaping, Parks and Greenspace



Source: Akridge, Elm Street Development, Northwood Ravin (Preliminary Renderings Only)



Commonwealth Centre at Westfields

Example 2

Wegman's Coming to Westfields!



Upscale Retail and Amenities that will help create a more vibrant community



Retail, Services and Shops



Plaza's and Meeting Places



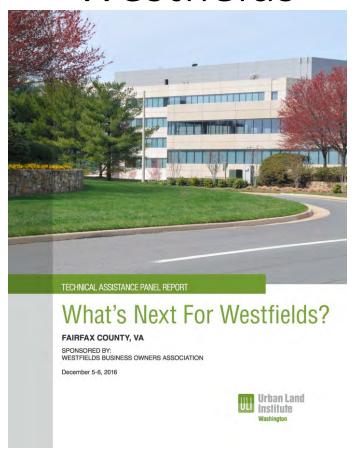




ULI Westfields Study

Confirmation of a New Vision

The Urban Land Institute Study of Westfields



The Changing Face of Office Space

- Office spaces becoming more efficient with fewer square feet per employee
- Urban amenities more important regardless of location
- Suburban office parks are victims of this trend, with parks around the country struggling
- Westfields has an advantage...



Westfields: What's Working

- Niche office tenants clustering around an unparalleled "secure hub"
- Park-like setting
- Proximity to highways and Dulles Airport
- Fairfax County Public Schools
- Adjacent to healthy residential neighborhoods



Challenges at Westfields

- Working off outdated vision; have not evolved into bestin-class for 2016
- Surplus of available office space, some obsolete
- Need to broaden focus to include retail and residential
- Lack of cohesion, community, and brand
- Traffic congestion and lack of transit access
- Newer competitors offer modern amenities and increased access

Policy/Regulatory: Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan

- Permit residential in the 60 dBA corridor
 - Consider similar restrictions to the P3 uses in the 65 dBA contour (noise attenuation)
 - May need to allow increased density to compensate for the cost of noise attenuation.
- Permit data centers in mixed use areas that include industrial

Phased Actions: Low Hanging Fruit

- Update Dulles Suburban Corridor Plan (Incorporate Mixed Use)
- Regulatory changes
- Detailed marketing plan
- Branding
 - Banners
 - Wayfinding
 - Events
- Small area transportation plan/explore TDM Strategies
- Complete connections between shared use path network
- Critical pedestrian improvements

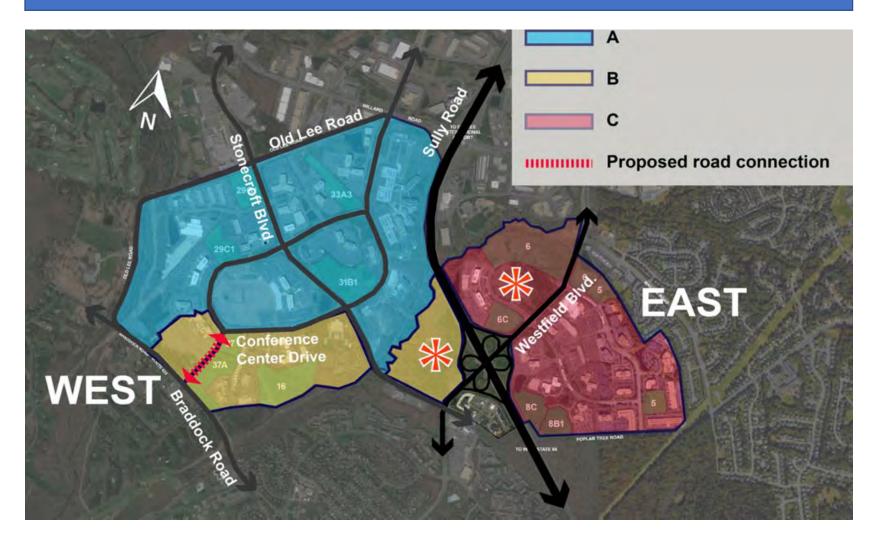
Overarching Marketing Strategy

- Market outward-facing uses to potential retail and residential investors/developers
 - Focus on creating a sense of community via retail, residential and social interaction
- Market inward-facing uses to brokers as a secure, connected office environment utilizing existing office space
- Recognize that retail and residential uses are the future of Westfields; their success will drive office leasing

Proposed Changes to Land Use

- Neighborhoods
 - A: Secure / office concentration
 - B: Low density residential / community serving retail
 - C: Pedestrian oriented mixed-use. Community heart. Need better connectivity with redevelopment.

ULI Recommendations



Source: Urban Land Institute, Washington, Westfields Presentation December 6th, 2016

Major Takeaways

- Strong assets lead to opportunities
- Transition from a business park to a community within a park
- Think like a town
 - 1100 acres is a big place
 - Deserves diversity
 - Internal connectivity
 - Organic growth and change
 - Flexibility

Major Takeaways

- Three neighborhoods, each with its own distinct character
- Need for data to better understand market
- Data + understanding = branding opportunity

ULI Washington News

Release: New Report Recommends Transforming Westfields From Business Park Into a Community Within a Park

Posted on April 11, 2017 by ULI Washington









A new Technical Assistance Panel – or TAP – report sponsored by the Westfields Business Owners Association (WBOA) and released by ULI Washington has concluded that Westfields has a niche position in the office marketplace and with the right redevelopment holds a promising future in the Washington DC region.

The report, titled "What's Next for Westfields?, <insert hyperlink>" documents the findings of a panel of ten ULI members who were convened December 5-6, 2016 to offer recommendations on how Westfields can – once again – thrive as best in class.

Final Report can be found here:

http://washington.uli.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/56/2017/04/Westfield-TAP-Report_FINAL.pdf

What Does Westfields Think?

 WBOA Board of Directors endorses the overall ULI recommendation with appropriate flexibility to address individual property characteristics.

 "The Westfields Board of Directors and Community are very pleased with the outcome of the ULI Westfields TAP study. This is a significant confirmation of our continuing efforts to move Westfields to the next level as a more vibrant, successful and sustainable mixeduse community. We look forward to working with the County and community to make this vision a reality." -

Bill Keech, Jr., President -Westfields Business Owners Association



What do we ask of you?

Important consideration for the future of Westfields, this Community and Fairfax County

How can you make a positive impact on the future of Westfields?

- Allow Westfields to continue the positive momentum in creating an improved Westfields that will attract, retain valued employees and companies and create a more vibrant community.
- Allow the flexibility so needed to create a compelling place that people want to Work, Live, Stay and Play
- Allow the consideration of a revised noise policy to permit the ULI Westfields vision to be realized
- Support the ULI Westfields Study as a framework for future development in Westfields.
- THANK YOU!