



# Did You Know?

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## Fairfax Sewerage Treatment Plant

Did you ever notice that the lots along the Red #2 Fairway at Fairfax are much larger than the lots in the rest of the development? Did you ever wonder why? There is a logical explanation.

When John Connolly developed “Fairfax Country Club Estates” (the original name of ANCC Fairfax course and the adjacent residential lots) in 1940, this site was not on the County (the City of Fairfax did not yet exist) sewerage system. As the result, all the residential lots needed to be large enough to incorporate a septic field. This changed in December 1953 when the County opened a sewerage treatment plant on the plot now occupied by the City of Fairfax Property Yard off Pickett Road (adjacent to Blue #2). Most of the houses along Red #2 were constructed in 1951, those houses on the smaller lots (along White #2, 3 and 4) were constructed after completion of the sewerage treatment plant. The Fairfax plant was closed in 1970 after the City of Fairfax reached an agreement with Fairfax County to share the new Norman M. Cole, Jr. sewerage treatment plant off Route 1 in Lorton. It is no coincidence that the Hechinger’s (now Home Depot) and 3451 office building located adjacent to the site of the Fairfax plant were opened in 1970, the year Fairfax closed.

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