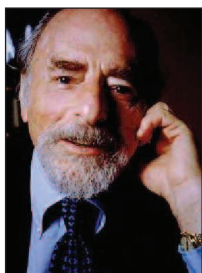


You Won't Want to Miss the Opportunity to Hear Two Great Speakers in One Morning!

Robert E. Simon, Jr.
Founder of Reston

Richard Louv
Bestselling Author, [Last Child in the Woods](#)

The Virginia Chapter of the American Planning Association (VAPA) is excited to announce that two inspiring speakers, Robert E. Simon and Richard Louv, will kick off its Annual Conference March 26 at the Reston Hyatt Regency located in the beautiful Reston Town Center. Due to great interest throughout the community to hear these from these two revolutionary thinkers, VAPA is offering special Opening Day registration rates that are open to all!



Robert E. Simon, Jr. is the visionary founder of Reston. In 1961, Mr. Simon purchased 6,750 acres in Fairfax County to create the planned town he envisioned to be the antithesis of suburbia in Washington, DC's western suburbs. Mr. Simon looked to world-class cities like London, Paris and Milan for the inspiration of Reston's villages and public spaces. Recognized as the foremost planned community and a "new town" in the United States, Reston emphasizes quality of life by providing a sense community and places for residents to live, work, and play. In 2002, the American Planning Association awarded Mr. Simon with the prestigious AICP National Planning Pioneer Award. Simon's Reston is a living example of land use planning that resulted in a community that serves many ages and income groups and that made diversity integral to the community from its inception. Simon's tenacity in developing a residential planned community in Fairfax County was outside of the box and resourceful, creating a new American model for community development.



Richard Louv is a journalist and author focused on family, nature and community. He is chairman of the Children & Nature Network and the author of seven books. His most recent, [Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children From Nature Deficit Disorder](#) (Algonquin), has stimulated an international conversation about the future relationship between children and nature. In January, the National Audubon Society will present Richard Louv the Audubon Medal. Past recipients have been Rachel Carson, E.O. Wilson, Robert Redford, Jimmy Carter, and the Rockefeller Family. The medal will be awarded for Louv's "exceptional contributions promoting the importance of connecting people to nature, especially children." He has written for The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Christian Science Monitor and other newspapers and magazines. Mr. Louv has appeared on the CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, the Today Show, CBS Evening News, NBC Nightly News, NPR's Morning Edition, Fresh Air, Talk of the Nation, and many other programs. Between 1984 and 2007, he was a columnist for The San Diego Union-Tribune; he was also a columnist and member of the editorial advisory board for Parents magazine.

Wednesday, March 26
Reston Hyatt Regency



Registration Form 2008 Virginia Planning Conference

**Wednesday, March 26
9:30 a.m. - Noon
Reston Hyatt Regency**

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear Robert Simon discuss his original vision for Reston combined with Richard Louv's discussion on the "Leave No Child Inside Initiative."

A Morning with Robert E. Simon and Richard Louv \$30

Includes morning attendance to Keynote Speeches and book signing opportunity of the March 2008 edition of Last Child In the Woods.

Morning Speeches plus Lunch \$75

Includes the above plus a sit down luncheon at the Hyatt

All Day Conference Participation \$150

Includes full access to the day's events at the VAPA Conference, including all breakout sessions and mobile tours.

(Other morning speakers will include the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly and VAPA President Denise M. Harris, AICP)

Online Registration Available at www.vaplanning.org

Name _____ E-Mail _____

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Dietary Restrictions: Special Diet/Food Allergies _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

Interested in learning more about VAPA and the entire conference?

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