Reduce Parking, Diversify Transportation, Save Millions

Q: How can TOD developments thrive under suburban car-oriented parking rules?

A: Expand transportation options while educating tenants via a TDM program.

Modera Avenir Place is a Mill Creek Residential-owned mixed use, transit-oriented development in car-oriented, suburban Northern Virginia. Local parking requirements did not take into consideration mixed-use TOD, and would have required Modera to add over \$3.6 million worth of unneeded parking spaces. At a fraction of this cost, a transportation demand management (TDM) program for Modera promoted the use of biking and transit and reduced the need for parking. With local bike lanes and trails only recently installed, nonauto options were not highly valued at the time of development.

Results:

\$3,625,000 in parking space costs avoided

10% of tenants valued Modera TDM program as an amenity

Non-driving

residents increased from 46% to 54% over 4 years

Reduced parking capacity was more than adequate for tenants

"Avoiding paying for 145 parking spaces saved us \$3,625,000. Our current annual TDM program [Go Modera Avenir] budget is \$125,000."

- Peter Melmed, Managing Director, Mill Creek Residential

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