



Ford's Colony: An Award-Winning Community

Ford's Colony is nationally recognized as a premier planned community having been named to the Community Associations Institute (CAI) Hall of Fame and voted Number One Master Plan in the Continental U.S. by the American Resort Development Association. We have strived to continuously maintain this standard of excellence and were delighted to be recognized with the 2018 Community Association of the Year Award by CAI's Central Virginia Chapter. Two major areas in which Ford's Colony has earned recognition are conservation leadership and community association best practices.

Conservation Leadership

Ford's Colony is located in a 3,200-acre park-like setting situated in Virginia's Historic Triangle offering scenic woodlands, ponds and wetlands. More than half of our total acreage has been set aside as open space. We are designated as an official Audubon Bird Sanctuary and, as part of our Historic Tree Preservation Program, we have six off-shoots of the historic Jackson White House Magnolia lining one of our main thoroughfares. We take great pride in the numerous federal, state, county and local conservation awards we have received over the years.

- **First Place and National Finalist, Take Pride In America** for outstanding effort on behalf of America's public lands and natural and cultural resources. Awarded by the U.S. Department of Interior and the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- **Commendation for the Preservation of Endangered Plants and Species** awarded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- **Certificate of Excellence** for conserving America's natural and cultural resources awarded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- **Successive Merit Awards** for advocating the conservation of soil, water and related natural resources from the Soil and Water Conservation Society and Commonwealth of Virginia Colonial Soil and Water Conservation District.
- **Commendation for preserving our historical resources** by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.
- **Community Beautification Award** from the Williamsburg Area Council of Garden Clubs.

Community Association Best Practices

- In 2018, Ford's Colony Homeowner Association (FCHOA) communications were featured in a national Community Association Institute communication best practices webinar. In addition to our official fchoa.org website, we have a monthly magazine, *Talk of the Colony*; a weekly e-newsletter, *What's Happening in Ford's Colony*; and a Facebook page.
- Ford's Colony was featured in the **Best Practices Report on Community Harmony and Spirit** published by the Community Association Institute and the Foundation for Community Association Research. The 2014 report highlighted the FCHOA Caring Neighbors program staffed by resident volunteers offering a variety of services to residents as needed, such as transportation to doctor's appointments; meals to residents recovering from illness and handyman assistance. It also cited the community's extensive support for local charities and schools and its strong self-governance through its elected Board of Directors and Standing Committees.

For more information about Ford's Colony, visit fordscolonyliving.com