



Holmes Run Acres, a suburban housing development constructed between 1951 and 1958 in Fairfax County, was dramatically different from most other housing developments of the 1950s in Northern Virginia. It differed in two vital ways—the modern-style dwellings and the design of the neighborhood. The developers, brothers Gerald and Eli Luria, created a subdivision with affordable houses that was in harmony with nature and took advantage of the natural terrain and surroundings. The Lurias hired architects Nicholas Satterlee and Donald Lethbridge to design small, inexpensive, houses consisting of standardized building features and modules that made the buildings adaptable to fit the needs of the architects and the homeowners, as well as the landscape and building codes. Influenced by the principles of Frank Lloyd Wright's Usonian dwellings, the architects designed the houses in a modern style, at a time when the Ranch and Colonial Revival styles were much more popular in most suburban communities of the 1950s in the area. These qualities make Holmes Run Acres a locally significant example of post-World War II community planning and architecture.



## Holmes Run Acres Historic District

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