DAN REED

URBAN PLANNER & WRITER

Dan Reed represents the smart, creative next generation of smart growth leader. He began the blog Just Up the Pike in 2006, chronicling his experiences as an urbanist in eastern Montgomery County. In addition to his blog, he is a senior editor at Greater Greater Washington, writes for Washingtonian magazine, and is a professional urban planner.

Dan's family came to the Washington area from Guyana and North Carolina. This native of Montgomery County has brought a fresh perspective to smart growth, urbanism, transportation and education in our changing suburbs. He uses his writing and speaking talents to explain issues to a broad audience, to engage the community, and to persuasively advocate for sustainable and inclusive urban communities.

Among his achievements as an activist, Dan has helped advocate for the Purple Line and Bus Rapid Transit on Route 29; highlighted issues of segregation and inequality in Montgomery County Public Schools; and led a community effort to reuse a vacant Art Deco movie theatre. Dan has worked for Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, and today he is an urban planner at Toole Design Group and an agent at Living In Style Real Estate. Dan sits on the board of the Action Committee for Transit, and lives with his partner in downtown Silver Spring.