

An update from Tom Korn:

I'm a New Yorker again. At least part time that is. Kathy and I after years of thinking we'd buy a Marthas Vineyard country cottage when that time came, have instead bought what we call our beach house on Central Park West. The excitement is not wearing off, and we still do our Vineyard rental.

Our two daughters, Jenny and Katie live together in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, but it's not to be close to them that we're there. We just wanted to be in on the fun after years of schlepping them to and from City colleges. They've had the gumption to both find good work in the arts in a tough job environment. It is nice to see them and NY friends on a casual cell phone staged basis. Living in new York is like walking into the Internet.

I've been involved in the successful urbanization of Arlington Virginia and promoting it's arts incubation since the early eighties. We're now a benchmark for Smart Growth which proves that sometimes incrementally doing the right thing is recognized for having the prescient big picture. My wife, Kathy Buto, was chief civil service wonk for Medicare for several years before retiring from the Feds after thirty. She's getting close to a second retirement from Johnson and Johnson that has a lot to do with our being in NYC. She will stay in the game after that and NYC/DC will be a good base. For me, after years of bringing home ideas from cities all over the world, I'm getting the chance to live in one that doesn't have to be invented. I still have a lot of place making projects on the front burner in Arlington.

Recently I've had the pleasure of hanging out with friends in Santa Fe, Franconia New Hampshire and Sarasota. There are a lot of nice places to be in the world and often there are old friends to be with there.