



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of December 12, 2009**

DATE: November 24, 2009

SUBJECT: U-3209-08-1 USE PERMIT RENEWAL for a recycling facility located at 1021 N. Quincy Street (RPC #14-030-017).

Applicant:

Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (DES)
Solid Waste Bureau
4200 29th Street South
Arlington, Virginia 22206

C.M. RECOMMENDATION:

Renew use permit U-3209-08-1 for a recycling facility at 1021 N. Quincy Street subject to all previously approved conditions, with a County Board review in three (3) years (December 2012).

ISSUES: This is a renewal of the use permit for the County's North Arlington recycling facility and no issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: This is a renewal of the use permit for the recycling facility located at Quincy Park. The County's North Arlington recycling center was relocated from its previous site in Ballston in January 2009, and since that time has operated in compliance with the conditions of its use permit. Staff has not identified any issues with the use of the facility at Quincy Park. The Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association has expressed to staff that they have no issues with the renewal of the subject use permit. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the use permit for the Quincy Park recycling center subject to all previously approved conditions, and a County Board review in three (3) years (December 2012).

BACKGROUND: Under Section 15.2-2232 of the Code of Virginia, the County must show the location of existing or proposed recycling facilities as an element of its adopted Comprehensive Plan. To comply with this requirement, the County Board adopted the Recycling Program Implementation Plan (RPIP) and map showing the location of existing and proposed recycling centers as an element of the Comprehensive Plan in December 1990. In August of 2000, the County Board approved U-2983-00-1 for a recycling facility located on the west side of North Quincy Street, between Wilson Boulevard and North Glebe Road. In July of 2008, Site Plan

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#413 for the Founder's Square project was approved by the County Board. The Founder's Square site, located at 4000 Wilson Blvd, included the North Quincy Street Recycling Center's parcel. As part of the negotiations for the Founder's Square project, the County agreed to a land swap whereby the developer would exchange a piece of land on the east side of North Quincy Street which the County would use to expand Mosaic Park, and in turn the County would provide the developer with a piece of land on the west side of North Quincy Street that contained the recycling facility. Upon approval of this project, staff was directed by the County Board to find a new site for this facility, and to prepare a use permit application for its relocation. In December, 2008, the Department of Environmental Services – Solid Waste Bureau applied for a use permit to relocate the North Arlington recycling facility to a site in the northwestern portion of Quincy Park. The County Board approved the request, and the facility was relocated to its present location.

DISCUSSION: This is a renewal of the use permit for the Quincy Park recycling center, which was approved by the County Board in December, 2008. Since approval, the recycling center has been relocated to Quincy Park, and the former site in Ballston cleaned and vacated.

Since County Board approval (December, 2008):

Use Permit Conditions: The use permit has operated in compliance with the approved conditions.

Community Code Enforcement: The Community Code Enforcement office has not reported any issues or violations with this use.

Civic Associations: The Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association has reported to staff that they have no issues with the renewal of the use permit for the Quincy Park recycling center.

CONCLUSION: Since approval of the use permit for the establishment of the North Arlington recycling center at Quincy Park, the Department of Environmental Services has complied with all approved conditions, and there have been no issues identified resulting from its use. The Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association has expressed that they have no issues with the renewal of the subject use permit. Therefore, staff recommends renewal of the use permit for the Quincy Park recycling center subject to all previously approved conditions, with a County Board review in three (3) years (December, 2012).

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

December 2008

Approved U-3209-08-1 for a recycling center at a site on the northwest portion of Quincy Park.

Approved Conditions:

1. The applicant agrees to name a recycling center manager who will maintain a record of hours, maintenance activity, type and tonnage of recycled materials and any additional information as determined by the Director of the Department of Environmental Services. Contact information for the manager as well as hours of operation for the center, should be posted on the Arlington County website and at the recycling center.
2. The applicant agrees to develop and implement a site operation plan. Such plan will be available for review and comment by the public upon five (5) working days notice. The site operation plan should include:
 - a. The hours of operation and a schedule for emptying the receptacles, as well as the location of receptacles
 - b. The route taken by maintenance vehicles into and out of the site
 - c. A site development and landscape plan

