



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of March 13, 2010**

DATE: February 26, 2010

SUBJECT: Funding Request for Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program Projects.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION

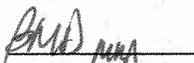
Approve the use of a total of \$2,033,706 of Neighborhood Conservation bond funds for the priority neighborhood projects listed in Attachment A as approved by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) for Fall 2009, and authorize the County Manager to proceed with implementation of these projects.

ISSUE: This is a request for approval of NCAC recommended projects from the Fall 2009 funding session.

SUMMARY: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) considered 26 first priority neighborhood projects from member neighborhoods at the December 10, 2009 meeting. Of these requests, seven are recommended for funding. Staff concurs with the NCAC, and recommends approval of the priority neighborhood projects listed in Attachment A.

BACKGROUND: This is the third and final funding session of the 2008 Neighborhood Conservation Bond. The NCAC continues to utilize a "Points Committee" process. This Committee has the responsibility for rating and ranking projects submitted for funding and reporting its recommendations to the NCAC as a whole. The points system used by the Committee is intended to provide guidance regarding project funding rather than strictly imposing limitations or setting up an inflexible ranking system. The points system assigns a numerical value to proposals based on the following criteria:

- Neighborhoods that have recently completed new plans or plan updates
- Number of rounds with an unfunded project
- First project after a newly-accepted NC plan
- Alternate funding source with a written commitment
- Follow-on projects identified at the outset of an initial project
- Implementation phase of a project previously funded for planning
- Small projects
- Park projects

County Manager: 

County Attorney: 

Staff: Angela Courtney, Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development,

- Sidewalk project which abuts any arterial(s)
- Sidewalk project within ¼ mile of any arterial(s)
- Sidewalk project where previously there is no complete sidewalk on either side
- Sidewalk project with no existing sidewalk on either side with traffic volume of 1500 cars per day

After neighborhood presentations, the NCAC considered its recommendations regarding the distribution of bond funds based on the following:

- The funding session information package
- Testimony and discussion
- The report of the Points Committee

The NCAC currently reviews only qualified first priority neighborhood projects. All projects were chosen in priority ranking order and seven were selected.

DISCUSSION: The combined value of all seven first-priority projects is within the acceptable limits defined by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, which requests full funding for these projects. The projects are listed in Attachment A, which shows the amount recommended to be allocated to the project from Neighborhood Conservation funds (NC Net Project Dollars), any alternate funding (from other County sources) that will be used, and the total estimated cost of the project. Staff concurs with this recommendation, and recommends that the County Board approve the seven first priority-projects at the amounts shown for Neighborhood Conservation funding. Attachment B provides a status update on projects that were approved in February 2009.

Of the seven projects recommended for funding at the December 10, 2009 NCAC meeting, 3 projects include street lights – tallying to a total of 75 new street lights. All NC projects that will be constructed after April 2010 will have LED lights, if lighting is included. These LED lights will be positioned to meet the illuminating standards given in our “Streetlight Policy and Planning Guide”.

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$2,033,706.00 for proposed and existing projects is recommended for allocation from the November 2008 voter-approved \$9,000,000 Community Conservation Bond. Funds will be appropriated to the projects at the time the bonds are sold.

2008 Bond:

	\$9,000,000.00	2008 Bond Amount
-	\$3,031,209.00	Recommended Projects (Fall 2008)
-	\$3,300,030.00	Recommended Projects (Spring 2009)
-	<u>\$2,033,706.00</u>	<u>Recommended Projects (Fall 2009)</u>
\$	635,055.00	Remaining for additional projects

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR NC FUNDING – FALL 2009

Rank	Location	Neighborhood	Points	Alternate Funding	NC Net Project \$	Description	Risk Factors*
0	Neighborhood Sign	Boulevard Manor	-	-	\$12,500	Project steps include – location and design by the community with staff assistance. Sign fabrication, sign installation and landscaping	N/A
1	S. Irving St/Arlington Blvd Phase I – S. Irving St – Arlington Blvd to 2 nd St S	Arlington Heights	50	-	\$696,519	Street Improvement - Sidewalk, curb, gutter, streetlights, & beautification	Possible coordination issues of storm drain infrastructure improvements
2	N. Frederick St – 9 th St N to Wilson Blvd	Bluemont	45	-	\$349,290	Street Improvement - Sidewalk, curb, gutter & pedestrian safety	None
3	8 th Street S – S. Monroe St to S. Quincy Street	Alcova Heights	35	-	\$694,937	Street Improvement – Sidewalk, curb, gutter & beautification	Ability to get signed Temporary Easements. Unexpected soil conditions from test hole results may increase cost
4	11 th Rd N – N. Rochester St to 12 th St N.	Madison Manor	30	-	\$68,804	Street Lighting - New streetlights	N/A
4	26 th St N & 27 th St N – N. Underwood St to Washington Blvd	Arlington East Falls Church	30	-	\$73,289	Street Lighting – New streetlights	N/A
5	N. Abingdon St – 16 th St N to Washington Blvd, 15 th St N, 14 th St N, and 13 th St N – N. Glebe Rd to Woodlawn Park	Waycroft Woodlawn	5	-	\$138,367	Street Lighting - New streetlights	N/A

*Risk Factors – Project characteristics that are likely to impede targeted completion of street improvement project 100% designs within a 12-month timeframe.

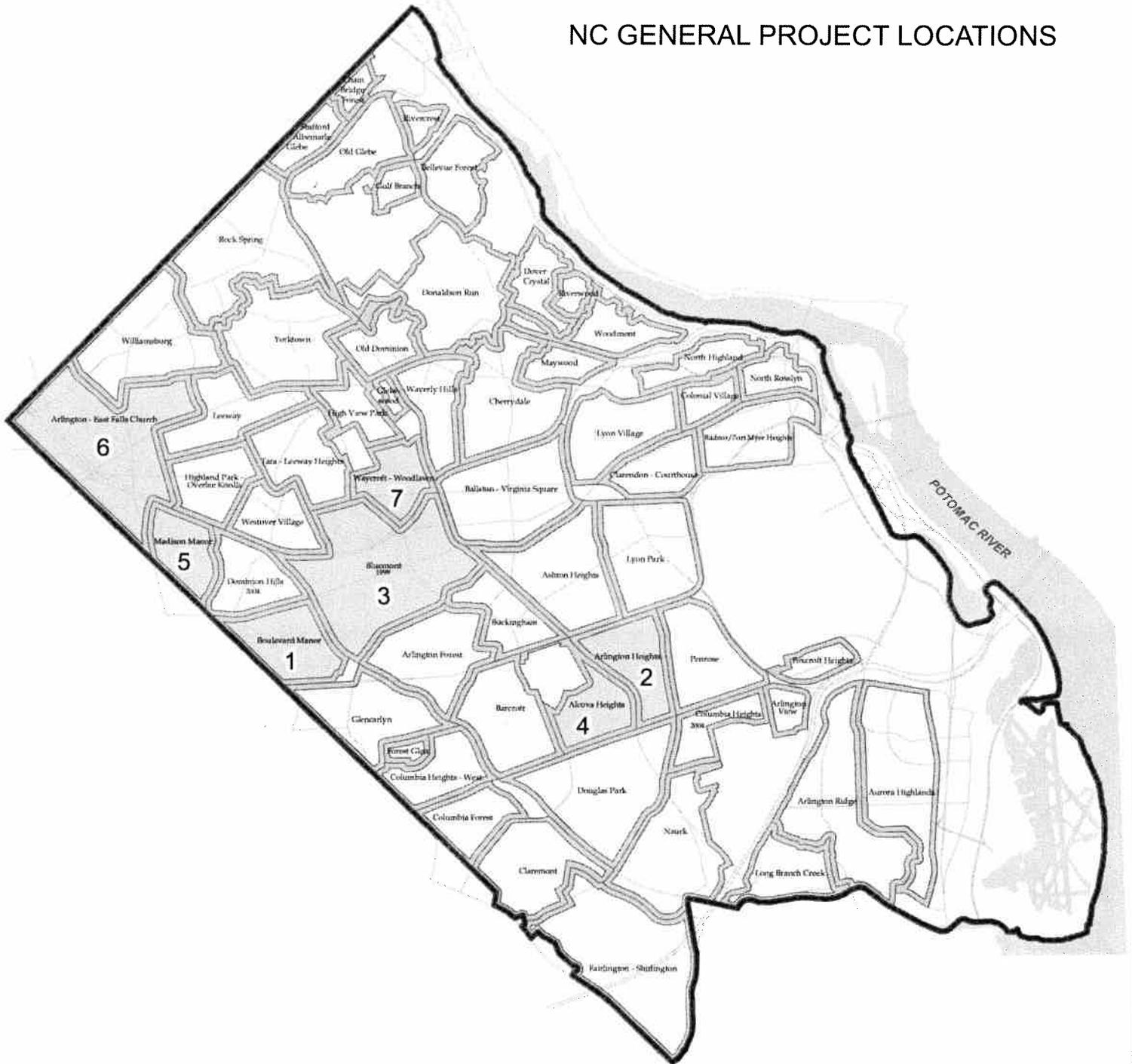
ATTACHMENT A

February 2010 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE (February 2009 Approvals)

Location	Neighborhood	NC Net Project \$	Description	Design Complete?
19 th St S. – S. Fern St to S. Hayes Street	Aurora Highlands	\$581,498	Sidewalk, curb, gutter & streetlights	Yes. Design 100% complete, waiting for final signatures
27 th St N. – N. George Mason Dr to N. Florida Street	Yorktown	\$467,343	Sidewalk, curb, gutter & streetlights	Yes. Design 100% complete and signed. Waiting for final block meeting. Citizen interaction (5' versus 4' sidewalk) caused 6 month delay.
12 th St N. – N. Barton St to N. Danville Street	Clarendon Courthouse	\$347,864	Sidewalk, curb, gutter & streetlights	Yes. Design 100% complete, waiting for final signatures
S. Fenwick St – Arlington Blvd to 2 nd St S.	Arlington Heights	\$655,504	Sidewalk, curb, gutter & streetlights	Yes. Design 100% complete and signed.
N. Ohio St – Washington Blvd to 18 th St N. – Ph II	Highland Park	\$144,000	Beautification & streetlights	Yes. Project constructed.
Butler Holmes Park	Overlee Knolls Penrose	\$450,000	Park Project – new park sign, benches, picnic tables, bike racks, grills, drinking fountain and trash receptacles	In design. Parks projects are on a 24 month completion schedule.
Big Walnut Park	Tara Leeway Heights	\$385,000	Park Project – new retaining walls, new terrace, paved pathways, new park signs, picnic tables, trees.	In design. Parks projects are on a 24 month completion schedule.

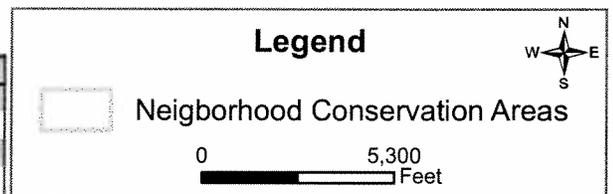
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NC GENERAL PROJECT LOCATIONS



Recommended NC Projects Key

NEIGHBORHOOD	LOCATION
1 Boulevard Manor	Neighborhood Sign
2 Arlington Heights	Phase I - S Irving St - Arlington Blvd to 2nd St S
3 Bluemont	Phase II - N Frederick St - 9th St N to Wilson Blvd
4 Alcovia Heights	8th St S - S Monroe St to S Quincy St
5 Madison Manor	11th Rd N - N Rochester St to 12th St N
6 Arlington East Falls Church	26th & 27th St N - Underwood St to Washington Blvd
7 Waycroft Woodlawn	N Abingdon St - 16th St N to Wash Blvd & 15th, 14th, 13th St - N Glebe Rd to Woodlawn Park



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