



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of February 12, 2011**

DATE: January 21, 2011

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

C. M. RECOMMENDATION

1. Approve the use of a total of \$3,302,559.00 of Neighborhood Conservation bond funds of which 3,002,559.00 is for the priority neighborhood projects listed in Attachment A, \$200,000 is for missing link projects and \$100,000 is for micro projects as approved by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) for fall 2010, and authorize the County Manager to proceed with implementation of these projects.

2. Appropriate \$300,000 from Community Conservation bond funds (316.72301) to Pay-As-You-Go Neighborhood Conservation (313.72301)

ISSUE: This is a request for approval of NCAC recommended projects from the fall 2010 funding session.

SUMMARY: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) considered 33 first priority neighborhood projects from member neighborhoods at the December 9, 2010 meeting. Of these requests, 7 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 first funding session of the 2010 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

County Manager:

County Attorney:

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Staff: Angela Marshall, Department of Community Planning, Housing & Development, NC Planner

- 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
- 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 eight selected.

DISCUSSION: The combined value of all 7 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. Of the 7 projects recommended for funding at the December 9, 2010 NCAC meeting, one is a neighborhood sign, one park, 2 street improvements, and 3 beautification/ pedestrian safety.

Staff concurs with this recommendation, and recommends that the County Board approve the 7 first priority-projects at the amounts shown for Neighborhood Conservation funding. Attachment B provides a status update on projects that were approved in September 2010.

As part of the Adopted FY 11 – 16 CIP, funds from the paving program (\$1M over two fiscal years) and storm water fund (\$0.6M over two fiscal years) were allocated over FY11 and FY12 for Neighborhood Conservation related projects. As part of FY2010 closeout, the first year of storm water allocations of \$0.3M were appropriated from the Storm water Fund 321 to the Community Conservation Bond (Fund 316). This was an error and should have been allocated to the General Capital Fund for Neighborhood Conservation (Fund 313). The recommended board action appropriating the \$0.3M from Community Conservation to PAYG will correct this error. The transfer of the remaining \$0.3M of storm water funds for NC projects will be incorporated into the FY12 budget. The paving program will pay for NC related expenses (up to \$1.0M) directly out of the paving funds; therefore, no transfer of funds is required.

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$ 3,302,559 is recommended for allocation from the November 2010 voter-approved \$9,000,000 Community Conservation Bond. Funds will be appropriated to the projects at the time the bonds are sold.

2010 Bond:

\$9,000,000	2010 Bond Amount
\$1,000,000	Paving Program
\$ 600,000	Stormwater Management Program
(\$1,373,611)	Recommended Projects (Spring 2010)
<u>(\$3,302,559)</u>	<u>Recommended Projects (Fall 2010)</u>
\$5,923,830	Remaining for additional projects

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR NC FUNDING – FALL 2010

Rank	Location	Neighborhood	Points	Alternate Funding	NC Net Project \$	Description	Risk Factors*
0	Neighborhood Sign	Rock Spring	-	-	\$12,500	Project steps include – location and design by the community with staff assistance. Sign fabrication, sign installation and landscaping	N/A
1	Williamsburg Blvd – N. George Mason Dr to N. Kensington St – PH I	Rock Spring	55	\$214,000	\$732,245	Beautification, pedestrian safety & street lighting	None
2	S. Irving St/Arlington Blvd – PH II – Arlington Blvd – S. Fillmore St to S. Irving St	Arlington Heights	50	\$473,000	\$381,478	Beautification, pedestrian safety & streetlights, small sidewalk, curb & gutter area	Ability to obtain VDOT permit, ability to obtain temporary easements
3	Doctor's Run Park	Douglas Park	45	-	\$495,000	Park Improvements, lighting & trail upgrades	None
3	Kirkwood Rd – Lee Hwy to 14 th St N	Ballston Virginia Square	45	\$206,342	\$719,956	Street Improvement – Sidewalk, curb, gutter, beautification & pedestrian safety	None
3	Patrick Henry Dr – 9 th St N to Wilson Blvd – PH III	Dominion Hills	45	-	\$269,678	Beautification, pedestrian safety, sidewalk, curb & gutter	None
4	11 th St S – S. Edgewood St to S. Cleveland St	Columbia Heights	40	-	\$391,703	Street Improvement – Sidewalk, curb, gutter & street lighting	None

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

ATTACHMENT A

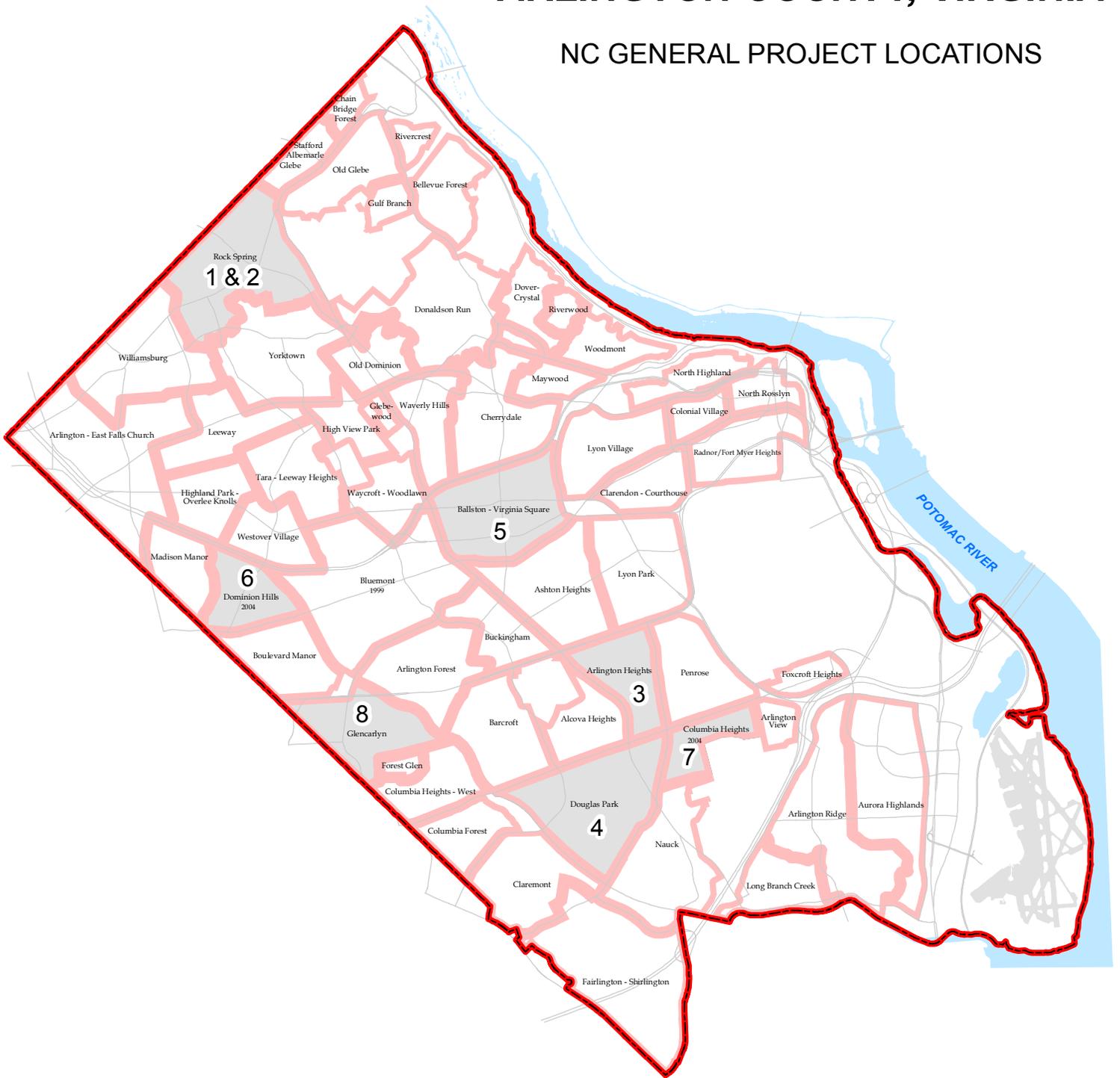
September 2010 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE (September 2010 Approvals)

Location	Neighborhood	NC Net Project \$	Description	Design Complete?
Boulevard Manor – Neighborhood Sign	Boulevard Manor	\$12,500	Four neighborhood signs and landscaping	Project Complete
S. Irving St/Arlington Blvd Phase I – S. Irving St – Arlington Blvd to 2 nd St S	Arlington Heights	\$696,519	Beautification, sidewalk, curb, gutter & streetlights	Yes. Design 100% complete
N. Frederick St – 9 th St N to Wilson Blvd	Bluemont	\$349,290	Sidewalk, curb, gutter	Yes. Design 100% complete
8 th Street S – S. Monroe St to S. Quincy Street	Alcova Heights	\$694,937	Beautification, sidewalk, curb, gutter	Yes. Design 100% complete
11 th Rd N – N. Rochester St to 12 th St N.	Madison Manor	\$68,804	Streetlights	New designs underway to reflect LED transition
26 th St N & 27 th St N – N. Underwood St to Washington Blvd	Arlington East Falls Church	\$73,289	Streetlights	Same as above
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	\$138,367	Streetlights	Same as above

ATTACHMENT B

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NC GENERAL PROJECT LOCATIONS



Recommended NC Projects Key

NEIGHBORHOOD	LOCATION
1 Rock Spring	Neighborhood Sign
2 Rock Spring	Williamsburg Blvd - N. George Mason Dr to N. Kensington St - PH I
3 Arlington Heights	S. Irving St/Arlington Blvd Phase II - Arlington Blvd - S. Fillmore St to S. Irving St
4 Douglas Park	Doctor's Run Park
5 Ballston - Virginia Square	Kirkwood Rd - Lee Hwy to 14th St N.
6 Dominion Hills	Patrick Henry Drive - 9th St N to Wilson Blvd. - PH III
7 Columbia Heights	11th St S - S. Edgewood St to S. Cleveland St
8 Glencarlynn	4th St S - S. Lexington St to S. Kensington, S. Lexington St - 3rd to 4th St S

Legend

Neighborhood Conservation Areas

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Feet

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