



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of September 17, 2011

DATE: August 19, 2011

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

C. M. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the use of a total of \$2,809,566.00 of Neighborhood Conservation bond funds which is entirely for the priority neighborhood projects listed in Attachment A as approved by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) for spring 2011, and authorize the County Manager to proceed with implementation of these projects.

ISSUE: This is a request for use of Neighborhood Conservation bond funds for five neighborhood projects approved by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee for spring 2011. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) considered 29 First--priority neighborhood projects from member neighborhoods at the June 9, 2011 meeting. Of these requests, five 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 second 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
- Number of rounds with an unfunded project
- First project after a newly-accepted NC plan
- Alternate funding source with a written commitment

County Manager:

County Attorney:

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

- 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 five were selected.

DISCUSSION: The combined value of all five 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 five projects recommended for funding at the June 9, 2011 NCAC meeting, three are street improvements, one median/pedestrian safety, and one beautification/pedestrian safety.

Staff concurs with this recommendation, and recommends that the County Board approve the five 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.

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$ 2,809,566.00 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.

<u>2010 Bond:</u>	
\$9,000,000	2010 Bond Amount
\$1,000,000	Paving Program
\$ 600,000	Stormwater Management Program
(\$1,373,611)	Recommended Projects (Spring 2010)
(\$3,302,559)	Recommended Projects (Fall 2010)
<u>(\$2,809,566)</u>	<u>Recommended Projects (Spring 2011)</u>
\$3,114,264	Remaining for additional projects

PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR NC FUNDING – SPRING 2011

Rank	Location	Neighborhood	Points	Alternate Funding	NC Net Project \$	Description	Risk Factors*
1	Yorktown Blvd – Little Falls Road to 30 th St N	Yorktown	60	-	\$202,599	Beautification, pedestrian safety with raised medians	None
2	4 th St S – S. Lexington St to S. Kensington St, S. Lexington St – 3 rd to 4 th St. S.	Glencarlyn	50	-	\$653,033	Street Improvement – Sidewalk, curb, gutter, street lighting	None
3	N. Piedmont St – 5 th St N to 6 th St N	Ashton Heights	45	-	\$519,345	Street Improvement – Sidewalk, curb, gutter, street lighting	Utility pole with a complex relocation
3	Patrick Henry Dr – 18 th St N to 20 th St N	Tara Leeway Heights	45	-	\$717,897	Beautification, pedestrian safety with curb and median extensions	Incorporation of bio-retention elements could delay the final design
3	N. Illinois St – 22 nd St N to Lee Hwy	Leeway	45	-	\$716,692	Street Improvement – Sidewalk, curb, gutter	High cost of project will likely require a separate bid process

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

ATTACHMENT A

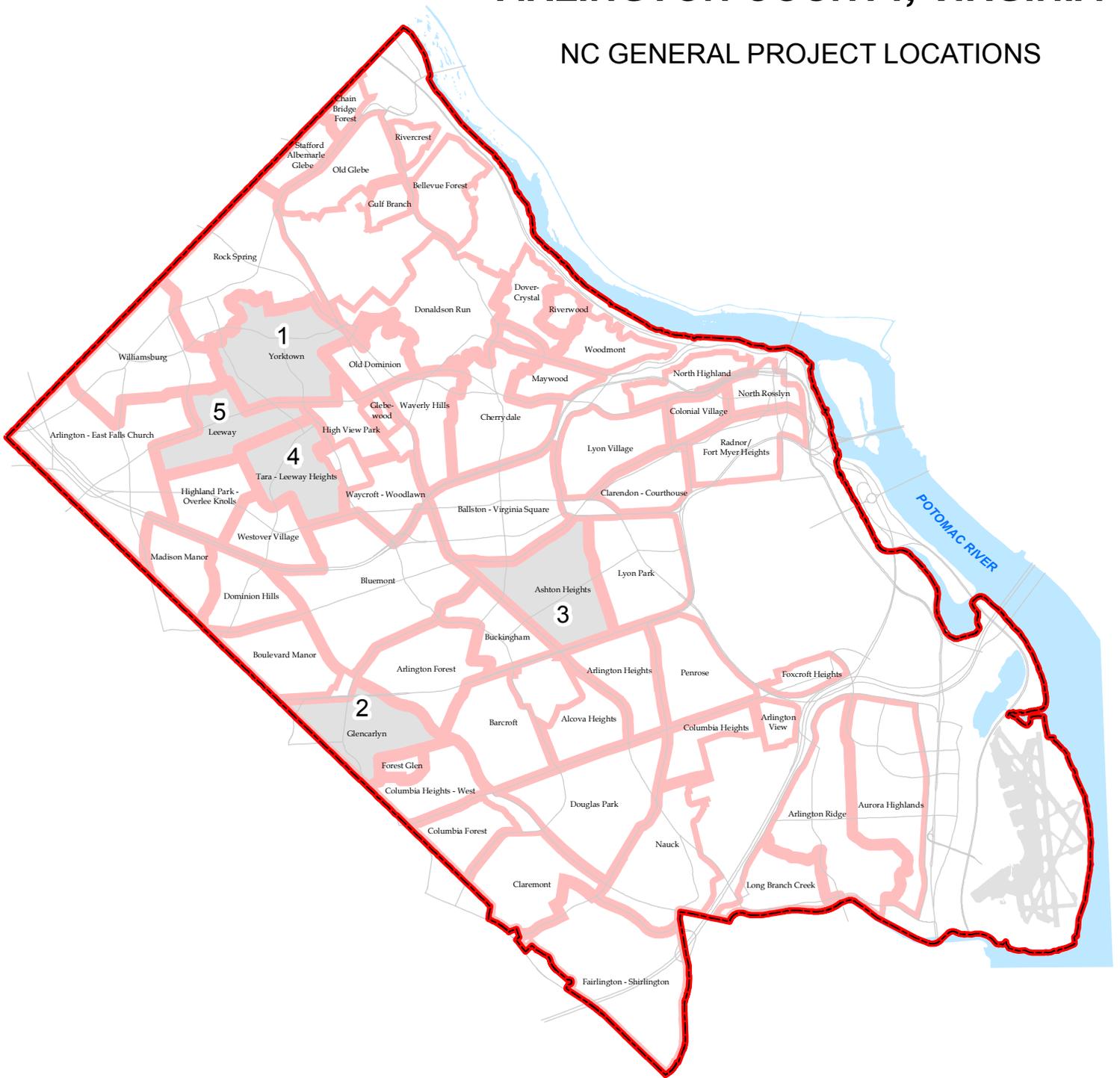
September 2011 PROJECT STATUS UPDATE (September 2010 Approvals)

Location	Neighborhood	NC Net Project \$	Description	Design Complete?
Columbia Heights – Neighborhood Sign	Columbia Heights	\$12,500	Four neighborhood signs and landscaping	Project Complete
Foxcroft Heights – Neighborhood Sign	Foxcroft Heights	\$12,500	Four neighborhood signs and landscaping	Project Complete
Rocky Run Park – PH I – Park	Clarendon Courthouse	\$487,000	Park upgrades	In Design
Ft. Ethan Allen – Park	Old Glebe	\$485,100	Historic Preservation/ Park Interpretation	In Design
N. Nottingham St – 22 nd St N to Lee Hwy	Leeway	\$554,538	Street Improvement	100% Design Complete
N. Daniel St/9 th St N – Washington Blvd to 10 th St N	Lyon Park	\$498,000	Street Improvement	100% Design Complete
S. Ives St – 20 th St S to 23 rd St S	Aurora Highlands	\$597,458	Street Improvement	100% Design Complete
1 st St N – N. Montague St	Boulevard Manor	\$353,887	Street Improvement	100% Design Complete
N. Carlin Springs Rd – N. Thomas St to N. Park Dr	Buckingham	\$498,538	Street Improvement	100% Design Complete
N. Kenmore St – South of Lee Hwy to 20 th St N	Cherrydale	\$374,090	Street Improvement	100% Design Complete

ATTACHMENT B

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NC GENERAL PROJECT LOCATIONS



Recommended NC Projects Key

NEIGHBORHOOD	LOCATION
1 Yorktown	Yorktown Blvd - Little Falls Rd to 30th St N
2 Glencarlyn	4th St S - S Lexington St to S Kensington, S Lexington St - 3rd to 4th St S
3 Ashton Heights	N Piedmont St - 5th St N to 6th St N
4 Tara Leeway Heights	Patrick Henry Dr - 18th St N to 20th Inglewood St
5 N Illinois St - 22nd St N	N Illinois St - 22nd St N to Lee Hwy

Legend

Neighborhood Conservation Areas

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Feet

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