



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

### County Board Agenda Item Meeting of December 8, 2012

**DATE:** December 4, 2012

**SUBJECT:** U-3209-08-1 USE PERMIT REVIEW for a recycling facility for Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (DES), Solid Waste Bureau; located at 1021 N. Quincy St. (Quincy Park) (RPC# 14-030-017).

**Applicant:**

Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (DES)  
Solid Waste Bureau  
4200 29<sup>th</sup> St. S.  
Arlington, Virginia 22206

**C.M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Renew the subject use permit, subject to all previously approved conditions, with a County Board review in five (5) years (December 2017).

**ISSUES:** This is a three (3) year review for a recycling facility for Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (DES), Solid Waste Bureau located at Quincy Park, and no issues have been identified.

**SUMMARY:** The use permit was originally approved by the County Board in 2008 and last renewed in 2009. The use permit is consistent with relevant master plans of the County. The recycling facility complies with the regulations specified within the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance (ACZO) and the uses and zoning classifications identified within the General Land Use Plan (GLUP). The recycling facility is an asset to the community and provides an efficient, central location for the collection of recyclable materials. As of the date of this report, the Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association has not communicated a formal position regarding this use permit review. Since the last review, Staff has found that the hours of operation for the recycling facility had inadvertently not been posted at the site, as required by the conditions. However, a sign has now been made and will be installed within the next few days. Staff

County Manager:

*BMD/GA*

County Attorney:

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Staff: Marco Antonio Rivero, DCPHD, Planning Division  
Robert Gibson, DES, Transportation Division

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recommends that the subject use permit be renewed, subject to all previously approved conditions, and with a County Board review in five (5) years (December 2017).

**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, including the site of this recycling center. In December 2008, the County Board approved a use permit request made by the Department of Environmental Services (DES), Solid Waste Bureau to locate the North Arlington recycling facility at its present location in the northwestern portion of Quincy Park. This use permit was last renewed by the County Board in December 2009.

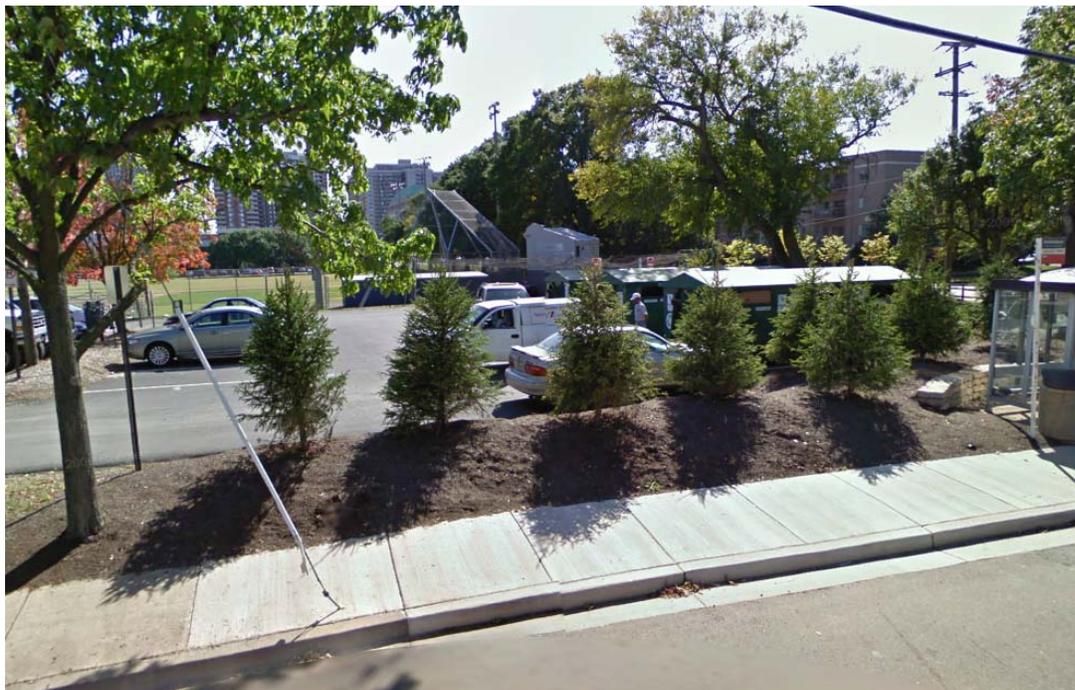
**The following graphics provide additional contextual information about the site:**



Source: Bing™ Maps

**Location of the Quincy Park Recycling Facility:  
1021 N. Quincy St.**

## Photograph of the Quincy Park Recycling Facility



Source: Google Street View

**DISCUSSION:** The recycling facility has been active at the Quincy Park location since early 2009. The property is zoned [“S-3A” Special Districts](#). This use is allowed as a conditional use under Arlington County Zoning Ordinance (ACZO) Section §3.A.10.j. The use permit is consistent with relevant master plans of the County. The recycling facility complies with the regulations specified within the ACZO and the uses and zoning classifications identified within the GLUP. The recycling facility has been operating at this site successfully for three years, and has proven to be not injurious or detrimental to the property or to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. The recycling facility serves as a central location for the collection of recyclable materials within North Arlington. Although staff found that the hours of operation for the recycling facility had inadvertently not been posted at the site, as required by the conditions, upon discovery of the problem, a sign is in the process of being installed.

### **Since the previous review (December 12, 2009):**

Use Permit Conditions: During the review, staff found that the hours of operation for the recycling facility had inadvertently not been posted at the site, as required by the conditions. However, upon discovery of the problem, DES Solid Waste Bureau has addressed the issue and a sign will be installed within the next few days.

Community Code Enforcement: Community Code Enforcement has not expressed any concerns regarding the continuation of this use permit.

Civic Associations: The Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association was contacted about this use permit review. The president of the civic association reported that he will share

information about this review with members of the civic association. As of the date of this report, the civic association has not communicated a formal position regarding this use permit review.

**CONCLUSION:** The recycling facility is an asset to the community and provides an efficient, central location for the collection of recyclable materials. Staff recommends that the subject use permit be renewed, subject to all previously approved conditions, with a County Board review in five (5) years (December 2017).

PREVIOUS COUNTY BOARD ACTIONS:

December 13, 2008

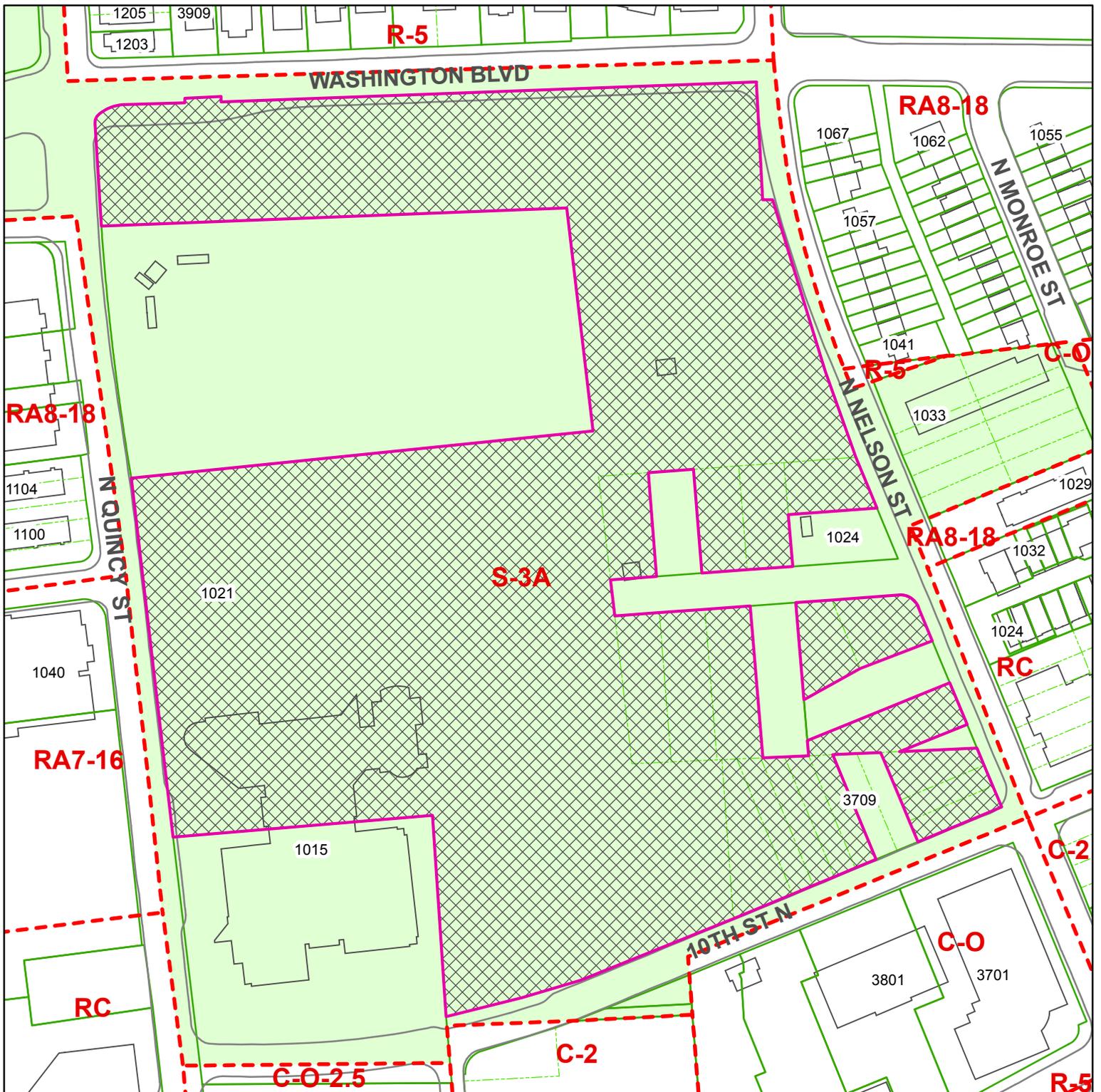
Approved U-3209-08-1 for a recycling center at a site on the northwest portion of Quincy Park.

December 12, 2009

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

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



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1021 N. Quincy St.

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Note: These maps are for property location assistance only.  
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Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development



 Case Location(s)  
Scale: 1:1,800

Planning Division