



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

County Board Agenda Item Meeting of July 19, 2008

DATE: July 8, 2008

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

C. M. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the use of a total of \$2,918,500 of Neighborhood Conservation bond funds for the priority neighborhood projects listed in Attachment A as approved by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) for spring 2008, 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 spring 2008 funding session.

SUMMARY: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) considered 25 first priority neighborhood projects from member neighborhoods at its June 12, 2008 meeting. Of these requests, 13 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 and final funding session of the 2006-2008 Neighborhood Conservation Bond. Historically, the NCAC has allocated 25% of each bond in four funding sessions. The 2006 - 2008 Neighborhood Conservation Bond was reduced in amount and in the number of funding sessions to allow the program to successfully complete a backlog of funded projects. Staff recommends approval of the amounts shown below for the NCAC Spring 2008 approval.

The NCAC continues to utilize a "Points Committee" process. The Committee has 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:

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

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

- Neighborhoods that have completed new plans or plan updates
- Projects ranked first in neighborhood priority
- Projects in queue for more than four funding cycles
- Neighborhoods with historically lower funding participation
- Projects with alternative funding sources to help share costs
- Phase of a large project/previous design funded
- Small projects (costing less than or equal to 80,000)
- Projects (costing less than or equal to \$150,000)
- Deferral of part of a project during a funding round

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 first priority neighborhood projects. All projects were chosen in priority ranking order and 13 were selected.

DISCUSSION: The combined value of all 13 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 13 first priority-projects at the amounts shown for Neighborhood Conservation funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: The \$2,918,500.00 for proposed and existing projects is recommended for allocation from the November 2006 voter-approved \$6,700,000 Community Conservation Bond. Funds will be appropriated to the projects at the time the bonds are sold.

2006 Bond:

	\$6,700,000.00	2006 Bond Amount
-	\$2,918,500.00	Recommended Projects (Spring 2008)
-	\$3,413,000.00	Fall 2007 Project Funding
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\$	368,500.00	Remaining for additional projects