



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of April 22, 2006**

DATE: March 28, 2006

SUBJECT: Updated Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt the attached resolution to accept the Updated Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Plan with staff comments specified in the plan.

ISSUE: None.

SUMMARY: The Yorktown Civic Association began work on this updated plan in 2003. A written survey was distributed to every household in the neighborhood. Neighborhood Conservation (NC) staff worked extensively with volunteer plan writers to complete and review this updated plan, which was approved by the Association in February of 2005. The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee reviewed the updated plan on March 9, 2006 and recommended it be forwarded to the Planning Commission and County Board for acceptance. Therefore it is recommended that the County Board accept the updated plan with staff comments specified in this report.

BACKGROUND: Yorktown neighborhood is located north of Lee Highway in the area surrounding the intersections at North Harrison Street and George Mason Boulevard. The neighborhood is bordered on the north by Little Falls Road and Rock Spring Road. The neighborhood consists of over 2,500 residents living in over 1,000 predominately single-family homes. Rock Spring, Donaldson Run, Old Dominion, High View Park, and Williamsburg neighborhoods all surround the Association.

In 2003, a survey was sent out to all 1,065 households in the community. The survey response rate for the neighborhood was an impressive 40 percent, well above the average response rate of 10 percent for civic associations in Arlington. Survey results were completed in February of 2004 and then presented to the Civic Association. In December of 2004, the Executive Committee finalized the draft of the updated plan and in February of 2005 the Association voted to adopt the updated plan.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Tim McIntosh, CPHD, ONS

On March 9, 2006, the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) reviewed and approved the Updated Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Plan and recommended that the Planning Commission and the County Board accept this updated plan.

Staff has provided comments on a number of recommendations to clarify issues and provide additional information. Staff generally supports the Updated Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Plan and recommends County Board acceptance of the updated plan, subject to staff comments attached to this report.

DISCUSSION: The Updated Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Plan makes 37 recommendations covering a broad spectrum of topics. County staff will work to implement the community projects as initiated by the neighborhood, subject to funding availability and NCAC approval. For non-capital recommendations, NC staff will act as a liaison between the community and other County agencies. Attached is the updated plan, along with staff comments, organized around various sections in the Updated Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Plan. This report and staff comments will be printed and bound with the Updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan when it is published.

FISCAL IMPACT: The acceptance of the Updated Yorktown Neighborhood Conservation Plan does not have any immediate fiscal impact upon County operations. If recommendations from this updated plan requiring funding or staff resources outside of the NC bond allocation are brought forward for implementation, they will each be analyzed as part of the County budget process.