

**PROGRAM MISSION**

To provide for fair taxation of Arlington property.

The Real Estate Assessment program is responsible for making annual appraisals of all real property in Arlington County (except for state assessed public service corporation property, railroad and pipeline property); notifying owners of assessments; maintaining a record of property ownership; responding to inquiries concerning assessment procedures; conducting administrative reviews of assessments; defending assessments before the Board of Equalization; and providing assistance to the County Attorney for legal defense of assessments.

**PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Proposed	% Change '06 to '07
Personnel	\$1,574,694	\$1,684,176	\$1,742,296	3%
Non-Personnel	129,425	148,458	143,896	-3%
Subtotal	1,704,119	1,832,634	1,886,192	3%
Intra-County Charges	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>1,704,119</b>	<b>1,832,634</b>	<b>1,886,192</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,771</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Tax Support</b>	<b>\$1,701,348</b>	<b>\$1,829,634</b>	<b>\$1,883,192</b>	<b>3%</b>
Authorized FTEs	21.0	21.0	21.0	
Funded FTEs	21.0	21.0	21.0	

**SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

- ↑ The FY 2007 proposed budget reflects a two percent market pay line adjustment, a 10% increase in employer health insurance costs, and an increase in employer retirement contributions to maintain full funding of the retirement fund.
- ↓ Decrease in non-personnel costs (\$4,562) reflects an increase in contractual obligations (\$1,236) offset by a decrease in telephone charges for the agency (\$5,798).

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2007 Goal
Assessment/Sale Ratio	0.835	0.861	0.851	0.88	0.9	0.9	0.9
Coefficient of Dispersion	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Price related differential (PRD)	1.01	1.01	1.01	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.00
Percent of customer requests fulfilled within established timeframes	N/A	N/A	N/A	90%	90%	100%	100%
Percent of property information requests fulfilled within the same business day	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%	100%
Percent of ownership changes posted within 2 weeks of recording	N/A	N/A	N/A	95%	99%	99%	100%

**DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE**  
**REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT**

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2007 Goal
Real property tax base (in billions)	\$27.2	\$37.1	\$35.5	\$42.30	\$50	\$54	\$58
Number of parcels appraised	58,089	58,850	59,006	59,231	60,500	60,500	60,500
Number of parcels inspected	3,000	3,000	3,680	2,281	5,000	5,000	5,000
Number of Board of Equalization appeals	323	266	163	198	250	275	275
Number of parcels reviewed	851	648	620	753	850	875	875
Deeds and wills reviewed by Real Estate staff	7,249	7,970	7,960	7,178	8,000	8,000	8,000

- The price related differential (PRD) measures assessment equity between low-value and high-value properties. Acceptable values of the PRD range from 0.98 to 1.03.

**FUTURE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

- Integrating the real estate assessment data base with County information systems, installing contemporary document management technologies, and developing fully the computer assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) system to build a comprehensive computer assisted assessment system (CAAS) will require additional resources.
- The increasing complexity and volume of real estate assessments will create the need for additional staff resources.
- The department is serving as a County prototype for an electronic records management system which may require additional funds to fully implement over the next several years.