

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

PROGRAM MISSION

To identify, document and inspect historically significant architectural, archeological and cultural resources in Arlington County and strive to preserve, promote and protect those resources.

The program mission is achieved through a variety of activities including planning; resource identification; design review for designated properties; and district designation and technical assistance to homeowners on renovations to historic properties to facilitate increased participation in the federal and state tax credit programs. Arlington's first Historic Preservation Plan will be adopted in FY 2006 as a component of the County's Comprehensive Master Plan. Plan implementation will commence in FY 2007 and will focus on increasing public awareness and support, integrating preservation values into land use and other policies and practices, and protecting priority resources. The on-going Countywide Historic Resources Survey is near completion and staff will continue the analysis and evaluation of historical, architectural and cultural resources in order to make appropriate recommendations for designation, preservation and interpretation. Work on new nominations to the National Register of Historic Places will continue as will the development of text and installation of historic markers. Additionally, in FY 2007, staff will develop updated publications on preservation activity and increase presentations to neighborhood groups on preservation. The staff supports the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board.

PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Adopted	FY 2007 Proposed	% Change '06 to '07
Personnel	\$294,320	\$302,673	\$322,164	6%
Non-Personnel	84,458	111,710	109,910	-2%
Total Expenditures	378,778	414,383	432,074	4%
Total Revenues	3,179	-	-	-
Net Tax Support	\$375,599	\$414,383	\$432,074	4%
Authorized FTEs	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Funded FTEs	4.0	4.0	4.0	

SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ↑ The increase in personnel costs (\$19,491) 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.
- ↓ The decrease in non-personnel (\$1,800) reflects the elimination in FY 2007 of one-time FY 2006 funding for the purchase of a display case for the Courts Building lobby.
- Revenue received in FY 2005 was a one-time gift from the Arlington County Fair Board to purchase two historic markers.

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PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Estimate	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2007 Goal
Sites locally designated as historic landmarks	313	313	313	314	314	314	314
Cumulative number of County historic resources surveyed	5,726	6,305	7,415	8,424	8,424	9,424	9,424
Percentage of County historic resources surveyed	60%	70%	80%	89%	94%	100%	100%
Percent of favorable responses from applicants on satisfaction with Certificate of Appropriateness process	N/A	N/A	85%	87%	95%	95%	95%
Percent of favorable responses from applicants on satisfaction with tax credit assistance	N/A	N/A	88%	100%	95%	95%	95%
Percent of favorable responses from HALRB members on satisfaction with program support	N/A	N/A	70%	88%	85%	85%	85%
Monthly inspections completed	N/A	N/A	N/A	606	610	610	615
Monthly inspections percent in compliance	80%	80%	80%	95%	95%	95%	95%
Ratio of pickups to complaints for code enforcement cases	3.8	4.6	1.5	2	3.5	4	4
COA applications approved	50	50	60	43	60	60	60
COA percent approved	95%	95%	95%	95%	98%	98%	98%

- Numbers for sites locally designated as historic landmarks reflect a correction to earlier figures given for number of locally designated sites over time.
- For monthly inspections completed, each single-property district (25 in total) is inspected each month, while multiple-property districts (Maywood, Buckingham, and Colonial Village) require 4 inspections per month. Number reflects all properties in each multiple-property district.
- The number for ratio of pickups to complaints for code enforcement cases is calculated by dividing the number of pickups (violations identified by the inspector during systematic inspections) by the number of citizen complaints. Its intent is to indicate the extent to which code enforcement is done proactively. Pickup rate is affected by workload demands for the inspector – a lower number of pickups in 2004 reflects work on other program priorities.

FUTURE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

- Completion of the resource survey, additional district and landmark designations, completion and implementation of a historic preservation plan, development of priority criteria to evaluate those historic resources identified in the resource survey, and growing support for National Register Listings and tax credit projects will put additional pressure on limited staff resources.