

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 2006 Actual | FY 2007 Revised | FY 2008 Proposed | % Change '07 to '08 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Personnel | \$1,604,851 | \$1,741,616 | \$1,798,361 | 3% |
| Non-Personnel | 133,533 | 163,896 | 165,942 | 1% |
| Subtotal | 1,738,384 | 1,905,512 | 1,964,303 | 3% |
| Intra-County Charges | - | - | - | - |
| Total Expenditures | 1,738,384 | 1,905,512 | 1,964,303 | 3% |
| Total Revenues | 2,771 | 3,000 | 3,000 | - |
| Net Tax Support | \$1,735,613 | \$1,902,512 | \$1,961,303 | 3% |
| Authorized FTEs | 21.0 | 21.0 | 21.0 | |
| Funded FTEs | 21.0 | 21.0 | 21.0 | |

SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ↑ Personnel expenditures include normal salary increases, an increase in employer retirement contributions to maintain full funding of the retirement fund, and a 15 percent increase in employer health insurance rates.
- ↑ Non-personnel expenditures include an adjustment in the maintenance and fuel cost of County vehicles.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

| Critical Measures | CY 2003 Actual | CY 2004 Actual | CY 2005 Actual | CY 2006 Actual | CY 2007 Estimate | CY 2008 Estimate | CY 2008 Goal |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Assessment/sale ratio | 0.861 | 0.851 | 0.88 | 0.94 | 0.94 | N/A | N/A |
| Coefficient of dispersion | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | N/A | N/A |
| Price related differential (PRD) | 1.01 | 1.01 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | N/A | N/A |

| Supporting Measures | CY 2003 Actual | CY 2004 Actual | CY 2005 Actual | CY 2006 Actual | CY 2007 Estimate | CY 2008 Estimate | CY 2008 Goal |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Percent of customer requests fulfilled within established timeframes | N/A | N/A | 90% | 95% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Percent of property information requests fulfilled within the same business day | N/A | N/A | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

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| Supporting Measures | CY 2003 Actual | CY 2004 Actual | CY 2005 Actual | CY 2006 Actual | CY 2007 Estimate | CY 2008 Estimate | CY 2008 Goal |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Percent of ownership changes posted within 2 weeks of recording | N/A | N/A | 95% | 95% | 99% | 99% | 99% |
| Real property tax base (in billions) | \$31.68 | \$35.57 | \$42.28 | \$50.63 | \$54.06 | N/A | N/A |
| Number of parcels appraised | 58,850 | 59,006 | 59,231 | 60,056 | 60,500 | N/A | N/A |
| Number of parcels inspected | 3,000 | 3,680 | 2,281 | 2,838 | 5,000 | N/A | N/A |
| Number of Board of Equalization appeals | 266 | 163 | 198 | 299 | 275 | N/A | N/A |
| Number of parcels reviewed | 648 | 620 | 753 | 835 | 875 | N/A | N/A |
| Deeds and wills reviewed by Real Estate staff | 7,970 | 7,960 | 7,178 | 8,128 | 8,000 | N/A | N/A |

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.