

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**PROGRAM MISSION**

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

A number of the County's land use policies, including the County's Vision Statement reflect a strong commitment to the concept of the urban village. Better integration of preservation with planning is one way to achieve and protect Arlington's urban village character and its associated quality of life. The historic preservation program mission is achieved through planning, resource identification, and design review for locally designated properties, historic district designation, and technical assistance to homeowners. Implementation of Arlington's first Historic Preservation Plan will begin in FY 2008 and will focus on increasing public awareness and support, integrating preservation values into land use decisions and other County policies, and protecting priority resources. The on-going County-wide Historic Resources Survey is in its final year and staff will continue the evaluation of architectural, archaeological, 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 installation of historic markers. The staff also supports the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board, and the Arlington Committee on Jamestown 2007.

**PROGRAM FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Proposed	% Change '07 to '08
Personnel	\$319,151	\$325,884	\$352,092	8%
Non-Personnel	133,426	149,910	149,910	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>452,577</b>	<b>475,794</b>	<b>502,002</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net Tax Support</b>	<b>\$432,577</b>	<b>\$475,794</b>	<b>\$502,002</b>	<b>6%</b>
Authorized FTEs	4.0	4.0	4.0	
Funded FTEs	4.0	4.0	4.0	

**SIGNIFICANT BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

- ↑ Personnel expenditures include normal salary increases and corresponding increases to overtime pay, an increase in employer retirement contributions to maintain full funding of the retirement fund, and a 15 percent increase in employer health insurance rates. The increase also reflects staff turnover and new employees hired at higher salary levels, as well as the reclassification of a position to a higher salary.
- Revenue received in FY 2006 was a matching grant from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources for year nine of the County-wide historic resources survey.

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**PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

Critical Measures	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2008 Goal
Total number of County historic resources surveyed per year	1,010	1,129	1,110	810	1,000	1,000	1,000
Percent of favorable responses from applicants on satisfaction with the Certificate of Appropriateness process	N/A	85%	87%	93%	95%	95%	95%
Monthly inspections completed	N/A	N/A	50	50	50	50	50

Supporting Measures	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Estimate	FY 2008 Estimate	FY 2008 Goal
Locally designated historic landmarks and districts	313	313	313	313	314	314	314
Percentage of County historic resources surveyed	70%	80%	73%	80%	90%	100%	100%
Percent of favorable responses from applicants on satisfaction with tax credit assistance	N/A	88%	100%	93%	95%	95%	95%
Percent of favorable responses from HALRB members on satisfaction with program support	N/A	70%	88%	85%	85%	85%	85%
Monthly inspections percent in compliance	80%	80%	95%	94%	95%	95%	95%
National Register nominations submitted for listing	5	2	6	6	6	6	6
Certificate of Appropriateness applications approved	50	60	43	53	65	60	60
Certificate of Appropriateness percent approved	95%	95%	95%	98%	98%	98%	98%

- 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 four inspections per month.
- A Certificate of Appropriateness (CoA) is required for all proposed exterior alterations, new construction, and demolition within a locally-designated historic district, except for painting and routine maintenance. The CoA process involves two separate, though related, meetings that are open to the public. Both of these meetings occur monthly to allow the applications to be reviewed and decided upon in a timely manner.

**FUTURE BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

- With the adoption of the Historic Preservation (HP) plan as part of the County's Comprehensive Plan, the HP plan will require implementation. The most important element within the HP plan is the implementation and completion of the Historic Resources Inventory (HRI). Implementation of the HRI and other elements of the HP plan would require additional funds.