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**PROGRAM:** Land and Facility Acquisition

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**DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation and Community Resources

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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** Parks and open space have long been included as part of the County's General Land Use Plan. In addition, the Open Space Master Plan, one element of the County's Comprehensive Plan, provides recommendations to acquire land adjacent to existing parks, along the Metro corridor, and unique parcels as they become available. Land acquisition funds may also be used for the acquisition of conservation easements. In purchasing real estate for recreational purposes it is, at times, in the County's interest to purchase land that includes existing facilities that may be amenable for long-term recreational and community uses.

**PLANNING RELATIONSHIP:** The Park and Recreation Commission and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources are currently in the process of updating the Open Space Master Plan. Numerous public meetings have been held and a survey has been completed that solicited input from residents regarding issues and opportunities for Arlington's open space system. The updated Open Space Master Plan is expected to be completed in the winter of 2002.

**OPERATING IMPACT:** Until the ultimate use of acquired parcels is decided by neighborhoods, civic associations and commissions, an estimated \$1,200 annually per acre in mowing and litter collection costs may be incurred.

**CIP PROJECTS:**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (\$ in 000's)	FISCAL YEAR	FUNDING SOURCE
1. Land and Facility Acquisition	8,500	2003	Bond
	4,000	2005	Bond
	8,000	2007	Bond

**PROGRAM TOTALS:**

	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	FY2008	TOTAL
Bond	8,500	-	4,000	-	8,000	-	20,500
PAYG	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Less Other Financing Sources</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net Tax Support</b>	8,500	-	4,000	-	8,000	-	20,500