

Williamsburg Civic Association – Arlington County

Solicitation for Neighborhood Improvement Ideas and Issues

October 2009

Overview

Arlington County's Neighborhood Conservation ("NC") program allows residents to receive back a portion of the taxes that they pay to Arlington County to use in their own neighborhoods as they choose, within County guidelines. NC projects can include park improvements, sidewalk/curb/gutter construction, street lighting, tree planting, traffic calming, civic association signage, or on any project that helps to build a sense of neighborhood.

In order to qualify for such funding, a civic association must first develop a neighborhood conservation plan that describes the neighborhood and reports its residents' collective priorities for both physical projects and quality-of-neighborhood issues. Williamsburg Civic Association's last plan is out-of-date. A conservation plan must go through a several step County approval process, and it can take several years to gain final approval. We are at the beginning of the process.

The first step in this process is to do a survey of residents in order to establish their priorities and concerns for the neighborhood. This is not that survey. As your new representative on the County's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee, I ask for your input so that the survey we develop incorporates unrealized project ideas from the past, project ideas identified by newer residents, and up-to-date descriptions of quality-of-neighborhood issues.

Please provide your name and address so that we can verify input comes from Williamsburg Civic Association residents:

Please see reverse side to give your input →

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PLEASE GIVE YOUR INPUT ON THE FOLLOWING:

1) Physical Infrastructure Projects

What physical infrastructure projects would you like to see built in our neighborhood? (i.e. installation of traffic calming measures, building medians on our broader boulevards such as Sycamore Street, construction of missing sidewalks, installation of street lighting, creation of a parks or playgrounds, bike lanes, street drainage, and installation of street or neighborhood signage...etc.) Please be as specific as you can in describing the location and the need for such a project.

2) Quality-of-Neighborhood Issues

What quality-of-neighborhood issues do you believe the Williamsburg neighborhood is facing now or will face in the foreseeable future? The neighborhood conservation plan must be approved, and therefore, will be read by many officials in the county, including the Arlington County Board. Therefore it is an opportunity for all 1100 families to speak as one voice on important issues. This may include, for example, the expected commercial development around the East Falls Church Metro Stop, school overcrowding, zoning rule changes, transportation, parking, and other county services. Please be as specific as possible as to how the issue you describe specifically impacts or will impact the Williamsburg neighborhood.

Please contribute your ideas in writing tonight or at a later time by email to ncacRep@wca-arlington.org, or mail to or drop them by my house at 3624 John Marshall Drive. Thank you for your time and input! –Paul Cullen