

Neighborhood Conservation Program

**Civic Federation
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What is Neighborhood Conservation?

- A mechanism for improving, maintaining, and preserving neighborhoods
- Capital improvement projects
- Citizen participation



Types of Projects

- Street Improvements
- Beautification
- Park Improvements
- Street Lights
- Pedestrian Safety
- Bio-Retention Basins
- Tree Planting
- Neighborhood Signs



NC Program Since 2000

<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Bond	\$71.70 M
PAYG	\$7.63M
Other Programs	\$ 1.60M
Total	\$80.93M

<i>Projects</i>	<i>Quantity</i>
Funded	253
Completed (of the 253)	218
Active Projects	35

FY14-FY15 Accomplishments

Projects Completed	Quantity
Street Improvement	11
Street Light	4
Parks	5
Total	20



Before



After



4th Street South (Glencarlyn)



Before



After



11th Street South (Columbia - Heights)



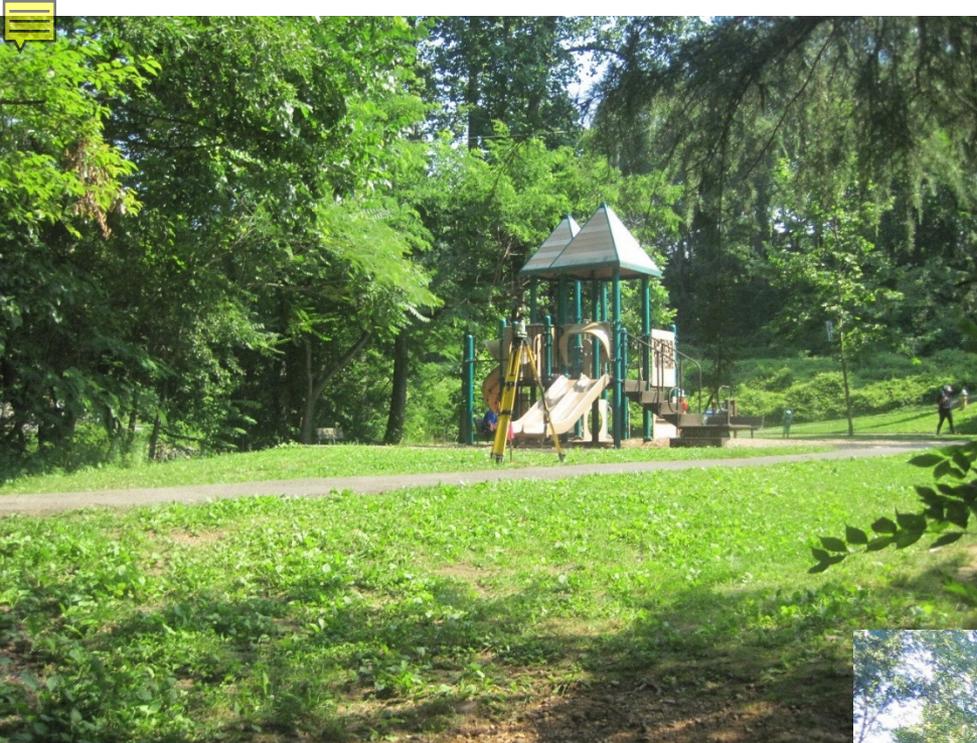
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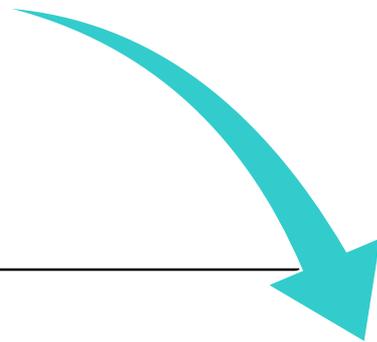
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N. Piedmont St (Ashton Heights)



Before



After



Glencarlynn Park (Arlington Forest)

9th Street North (Bluemont)





How are projects chosen?

- Civic Associations join NC by conducting a survey, writing a plan and having that plan approved by the County Board. Neighborhood plans can be updated.
- Neighborhoods choose priority projects and submit them to NC.
- Choices are based on a point system. We make these selections twice every year.



Process changes in NC under consideration

- Over the past year a committee met to propose changes in the NC process to create greater fairness, particularly in sidewalk projects.
- The proposal eliminated the clipboard approval process to create a balance between the needs of individual frontage owners and the larger neighborhood. To date there has been NO DECISION and we will move forward to consider options.



Why were the changes proposed?

- We need a better balance between the needs of individual homeowners versus the needs of the larger neighborhood.
- The clipboard process is outdated. It was created at a time when homeowners had to pay for half of the improvements. Today the County pays for the project.
- There is real need for sidewalks, particularly as Arlington becomes more urban. Some streets are accidents waiting to happen!



What is the focus of our work over the coming year?

- The group will reconvene a subgroup of members to consider process issues.
- We are moving forward with a new construction season with a new Arlington contractor. We have a number of projects that are “shovel-ready.”
- We are creating greater efficiency in delivering engineering work on projects that have already been approved.