



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

<p><b>County Board Agenda Item Meeting of December 9, 2006</b></p>
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**DATE:** December 9, 2006

**SUBJECT:** Buckingham Neighborhood Conservation Plan.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the attached resolution to accept the Buckingham Neighborhood Conservation Plan with staff comments specified in the plan.

**ISSUE:** None.

**SUMMARY:** The Buckingham Community Civic Association began work on this plan in 2004. A written survey was distributed to every household in the neighborhood. Neighborhood Conservation (NC) staff worked extensively with volunteer plan writers to complete and review this updated plan, which was approved by the Association in May of 2006. The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee reviewed the updated plan on October 12, 2006 and recommended it be forwarded to the Planning Commission and County Board for acceptance. Therefore it is recommended that the County Board accept the updated plan with staff comments specified in this report.

**BACKGROUND:** The Buckingham neighborhood is located in the heart of Arlington. U.S. Route 50 and North Glebe Road make up the south and east sides of the neighborhood and North Carlin Springs Road is the northern boundary. The border heads south down North Park Drive from North Carlin Springs then along North George Mason Drive to North Henderson Road. The neighborhood consists of condominiums, apartments (both market-rate and affordable units, and single family homes. Bluemont, Ashton Heights, Alcovia Heights, Barcroft, and Arlington Forest neighborhoods all surround the Association.

In 2004, a survey was sent out to over 1,000 households in the community and 322 responses were received. The survey response rate for the neighborhood was around 30 percent, well above the average response rate of 10 percent for civic associations in Arlington. Survey results were completed by the end of 2004 and then presented to the Civic Association. In May of 2006, the Buckingham Community Civic Association voted to adopt the updated plan. On March 9, 2006, the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) reviewed and approved the

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<p>Staff: Tim McIntosh, CPHD, ONS</p>
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Buckingham Neighborhood Conservation Plan and recommended that the Planning Commission and the County Board accept this updated plan.

Staff has provided comments on a number of recommendations to clarify issues and provide additional information. Staff generally supports the Buckingham Neighborhood Conservation Plan and recommends County Board acceptance of the updated plan, subject to staff comments attached to this report.

**DISCUSSION:** The Buckingham Neighborhood Conservation Plan makes 49 recommendations covering a broad spectrum of topics. County staff will work to implement the community projects as initiated by the neighborhood, subject to funding availability and NCAC approval. For non-capital recommendations, NC staff will act as a liaison between the community and other County agencies. Attached is the plan, along with staff comments, organized around various sections in the Buckingham Neighborhood Conservation Plan. This report and staff comments will be printed and bound with the Neighborhood Conservation Plan when it is published.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The acceptance of the Buckingham Neighborhood Conservation Plan does not have any immediate fiscal impact upon County operations. If recommendations from this updated plan requiring funding or staff resources outside of the NC bond allocation are brought forward for implementation, they will each be analyzed as part of the County budget process.