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**Arlington County, Virginia**

**Proposed General  
Obligation Bond  
Referenda**

**to be voted on at the  
November 5, 2002 Special Election**



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Arlington County, Virginia  
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## Arlington Community Projects

**QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$67,428,500 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects for:

- A. Community Conservation, \$17,161,500
- B. Parks, Land and Facility Acquisition, Open Space Development, \$20,569,000
- C. Public Safety Facilities, \$5,619,000
- D. Pedestrian Systems, Streets, Highways, Transit, Traffic Engineering Infrastructure and Pedestrian Signals, \$10,033,000
- E. Metro, \$12,541,000
- F. Storm Drainage, \$1,505,000?

**EXPLANATION:**

A. Community Conservation

This proposal would make funds available for Arlington County's ongoing community conservation efforts. Since the beginning of the Neighborhood Conservation Program in 1964, the County has promoted joining private funds with public funds and resources to improve, upgrade, and conserve older residential and commercial areas of Arlington. Coordinated construction and improvements for community conservation could include all or some of the following: construction of roadways, curbs, gutters, and pedestrian ways; lighting; drainage improvements; landscaping; acquisition of land; and relocating utilities above or underground. Projects would include those in commercial and multi-family areas as well as single-family neighborhoods.

B. Parks, Land and Facility Acquisition, Open Space Development

Arlington has been conducting a program to acquire open space, develop recreation and community facilities. This program would, as its primary goals, continue the ongoing policy of acquiring additional land for parks and open space and recreation center development. Funds are intended to be used to finance: land acquisition, easements and other interest in land, and related demolition of existing structures, where necessary; renovate recreation centers and make improvements to new and existing outdoor passive and active recreation facilities, including constructing, equipping, and improving related structures and jointly-used land and facilities shared between the County and other

public or private non-profit entities, such as the County schools.

C. Public Safety Facilities

Arlington County is in the process of improving many of its fire station facilities. The CY 2002 bond includes funding for the replacement of Fire Station No. 5. This replacement station will include enhancement response capacity, decontamination facilities to support the operation of Hazardous Materials Response Team. Funding is also included for planning and potential land acquisition costs for the relocation of Station No. 10. Relocation of this station will provide for enhancement response within the growing Rosslyn-Ballston commercial corridor.

D. Pedestrian Systems, Streets, Highways, Transit, Traffic Engineering Infrastructure

Pedestrian systems, transit, and transportation projects are intended to include the construction, rehabilitation or replacement of, and improvements to, pedestrian systems, streets, highways, transit, bridges, curbs and gutters, bike-ways, sidewalks, and other pedestrian ways including residential traffic management efforts. The funds could also be used for the installation of traffic controls, street lights, acquiring land, landscaping, and for other improvements to the transportation system.

E. Metro

In addition, funds will be also available to cover Arlington County's contribution to Metro Capital Programs.

F. Storm Drainage

Projects include improving or replacing storm drainage systems

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### Utilities

**QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$12,342,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the cost of various capital projects to finance the cost of designing, expanding, improving, and renovating Arlington County's Water Pollution Control Plant and the Sewer System?

**EXPLANATION:** The Plant expansion capital program consists of the 2001 Update to the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) Master Plan and the Sewer System Master Plan. The WPCP has undertaken an extensive process to develop the 2001 update to

the Master Plan to create a wastewater treatment facility that is attractive, sustainable, and a model facility.

The Water Pollution Control Plant and the Sewer System's non-expansion capital program provide annually for the repair and replacement of current plant equipment and infrastructure at the Plant and lift stations. Major components of the program include refurbishing or replacing equipment to prevent premature failure, completing infrastructure improvements, and automating treatment processes to increase operational efficiency. Non-expansion capital, in conjunction with daily Plant operations and on-going expansion programs, ensures continued operations and compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) Operating Permit.



## Arlington Public School Projects

**QUESTION:** Shall Arlington County contract a debt and issue its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$78,996,000 to finance, together with other available funds, the costs of various capital projects and land for Arlington County public school and community purposes?

**EXPLANATION:** This proposal would make funds available for the Arlington Public Schools' ongoing capital improvement program. This funding would be a primary part of the next major phase of the Public Schools' multi-year capital program initiatives.

The Schools' capital proposal was developed after a review of the physical conditions at school facilities, an analysis of existing and future facility needs of the public school system, and debt affordability analysis. The bond issue is intended to finance the following components of the Schools' capital program: (1) reconstruction of a middle school; (2) construction of school classrooms and support spaces to address crowding throughout the County; (3) renewal and rehabilitation of existing space to preserve the capital assets, meet changing program requirements, and provide for future sustainability; (4) compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, including provisions for accessibility to accommodate the disabled.