



Glencarlyn Neighborhood Conservation Near-Term Priorities

GCA Meeting

October 1, 2018

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Tonight's Topics

- Background/Updates

- Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation Program
- Glencarlyn's Neighborhood Conservation Plan
- NC Program Funding Reduction
- Current status on Glencarlyn projects in NC pipeline
- Status of Actions from May 2018 GCA meeting

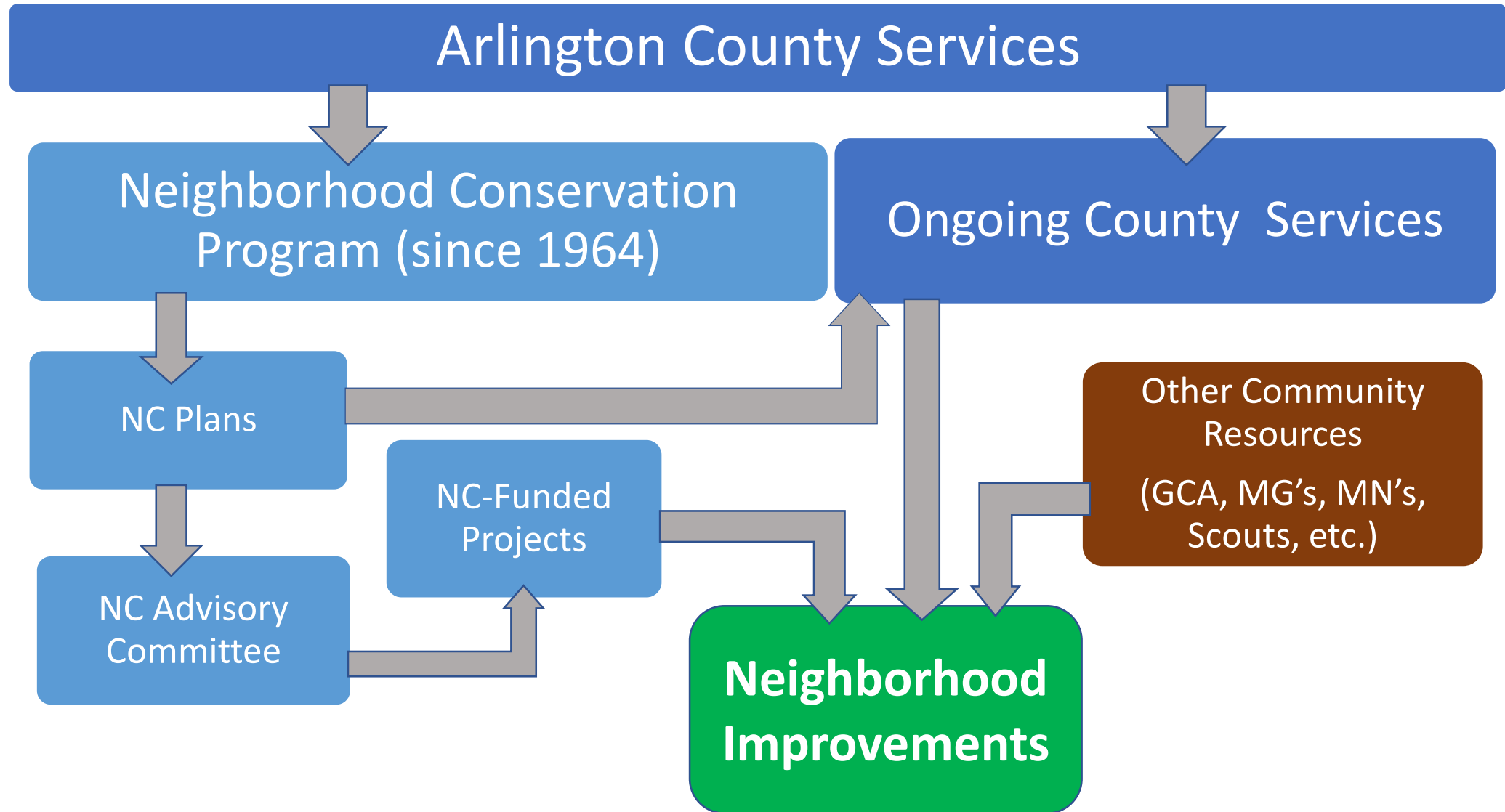
- Near-Term Priorities Questionnaire

- Proactive near-term approach
- Prioritize projects in plan and already identified by neighborhood
- Focus on priority, not funding, responsibility or implementation

- Participation in Glencarlyn NC Plan Update

Background

Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation Program



Glencarlyn's Neighborhood Conservation Plan

- Available online at Glencarlyn.org (Neighborhood Conservation tab)
- Last updated in 2011
- 59 recommendations for county/schools; 23 for neighborhood/others
- Short-term focus: for 2018-2019, from already-suggested lists
- Long-term focus: review plan and update by March 2020
- Volunteers are needed for the plan update!

NC Program Funding Reduction

- For FY19 and FY20 timeframe
 - 2-Year budget reduced from \$12M to \$4M*
 - NC Program will be reviewed by task force now through 2019
 - NC Advisory Committee assessing its processes given the reduction/review

*Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: additional \$1M added, so now \$5M 2-year budget

Current Status on projects in NC pipeline

- 2nd St S (5700 block)/S Kensington St (100 block)
 - Contractor terminated
 - Project will be rebid
 - Construction start expected in 2019
- 4th St S (5600 and 5500 blocks)
 - Project not yet funded; December 2018 funding round deferred
 - Next funding round is June 2019; will depend on costs of already funded projects

Short Term Plan Status (in red) – from May 2018 GCA Mtg

1. GCA Executive Committee to identify top two priorities from April 2014 GCA list. **Limited input**
2. Submit Exec Comm highest priority by May 15, 2018 deadline (Fall 2018 funding round).
Submitted library dumpster; became 2nd priority when 4th St project funding round deferred.
3. Review “environmental” list with Parks Area Manager in May. **Completed walking tour and spreadsheet; Parks Area Manager provided feedback; spreadsheet being maintained**
4. **Pursue broader GCA input on remaining items during October (questionnaire, GCA meeting).
Tonight’s discussion**
5. Submit broader GCA highest priorities for next two-three NC deadlines:
 - a. November 15, 2018 (Spring 2019 funding round) – **TBD based on October questionnaire**
 - b. May 15, 2019 (Fall 2019 funding round) – **TBD based on October questionnaire**
 - c. November 15, 2019 (Spring 2020 funding round) – **TBD based on October questionnaire**
6. In October VV and GCA meeting, ask for volunteers to work on longer-term update to Glencarlyn NC Plan. **On October questionnaire**
7. Communicate progress on NC projects that are in the pipeline or underway – **ongoing**

Short-Term Priorities Questionnaire

Questionnaire: NC-Funded Projects

Please enter below any suggestions you have for NC Program Funded Projects.

1. Street Improvement Projects

(Generally include curb/gutter; a sidewalk on one side of the street; a grass utility strip; landscaping within utility strips; storm water management and sometimes streetlights)

2. Glencarlyn Park Improvement Projects

(Not intended to radically change the uses within a park but rather to add to, replace or upgrade existing amenities. Generally includes improvements to trails, benches, trash receptacles, picnic tables, athletic courts, playground equipment, fencing, beautification, landscaping and improvements that benefit the natural environment.)

3. Beautification Projects

(Typically focused on planting design in parks or county open space areas with minimal hardscape elements.)

4. Streetlight Projects

(Goal is to improve illumination and enhance community safety.)

Please note: Arlington County is currently developing a comprehensive Streetlight Management Plan, including guidelines and standards for the county based on the latest technology. The plan is scheduled to be presented to the County Manager this fall. Until the new plan is finalized, streetlight projects may take a back seat to other NC projects.

Are you interested in helping update the Glencarlyn Neighborhood Conservation Plan? Yes_____ No_____

Questionnaire: Past GCA Meeting Suggestions

1	Build a shed behind Carlin Hall for shared use by GCA, community gardeners and preschool. Shed would replace current shed, provide additional storage space and be historically consistent with Carlin Hall design. Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: Paul Nuhn confirmed community gardeners are interested; Kathy following up with preschool program.
2	Develop a gathering area at Carlin Hall with benches and tables.
3	Additional street lighting all around the block including Carlin Hall and the library.
4	Historical signs around Glencarlyn.
5	Develop walking tour centered on the historical signs and include the information in a brochure and on our website.
6	Get signage around the George Washington marker in the park. Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: erosion around marker may be due to this summer's heavy rainfall.
7	Build a sand box for the preschool. Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: suggested prior to Carlin Hall renovation; sand wasps were identified by county as issue; without cover there is concern about becoming an animal litter box.
8	Develop a cemetery walkway.
9	Replace chain link fencing around Carlin Hall. Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: This may have been suggested to make it more historically consistent with renovated Carlin Hall. Wooden fence on west side has replaced chain link fence on that side only.
10	Build a new gate between the library and Carlin Hall. Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: see note on 9. above.

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Questionnaire: Recently Suggested Environmental Projects

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2	S Kensington St –south end- invasive plant management, replant with natives, make attractive, help headwaters of Salamander Creek
3	First St S – dead end at east end by park – eyesore, clean-up, replace with attractive landscaping
4	Second St S – east end by park – storm water management, erosion control, revegetation, make attractive
5	Fourth and Fifth St S – parking lot at east end – re-imagine; environmental enhancements Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: formerly was often used for overflow parking at time when picnic pavilion at that entrance was used for pancake breakfast; also was a social gathering spot when cars parked there on weekend nights.
6	Sixth St S – south side - replant with natives along fence and guard rail; improve Nature Center trailhead appearance
7	Sixth St S – east end - neighbor expressed storm water management concerns
8	Harrison St - island in cul-de-sac – replant with natives, improve appearance, help storm water management
9	Kenmore fields – wooded area at west end –non-native and overgrown vegetation, insect infestation, “social path” for students, dumping of trash and soil, drug-related items, questionable activity due to limited visibility
10	Fourth St S – entrance road into park – illegal dumping and trash
11	Near Second St S/Jefferson St park entrance – Carlin Springs historic site – 2 springhouses - trash accumulation around site; one springhouse largely filled in with flood debris, trash; historical marker looks eroded/vandalized on one side Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: not sure how much water is coming from springs; history of structure over spring is uncertain
12	VHC Urgent Care Center grounds - Moses Ball Spring site - ensure spring is appropriately maintained Update from 10/1/18 GCA meeting: Steve Young & Jerry Martineau visited spring recently; did some clean up; Jerry contacted local scouting organization about possible involvement. Site has “scenic easement.”

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Long-term Plan – Beyond 2019 NC Projects

1. Update 2011 Glencarlyn NC Plan
 - a. Determine if completely new plan is needed, or if update will work.
 - b. Create committee that can work on various sections.
 - c. Ensure priorities from October 2018 questionnaire are addressed if feasible.
 - d. Review county plans for 4-mile run, Carlin Hall (facilities upgrades), street light upgrades, Parks responsibilities, etc. to determine what might be accomplished outside of NC process.
 - e. More specifics TBD
2. Complete update and approval NLT March 2020, sooner if possible.

Questions?

Glencarlyn NC Plan Goals (from 2011 Plan)

- To cherish the quiet, small-town feel that makes Glencarlyn unique in Arlington County.
- To perpetuate the neighborhood's sense of welcome.
- To enhance community values and neighborhood spirit by encouraging interaction, family networks, and community events—as well as perpetuating the neighborhood's single-family residential character.
- To preserve and protect the natural resource values of the adjoining streams and woodlands.
- To improve pedestrian and motorist safety.
- To continue and enhance the many County-operated amenities, such as Carlin Hall, Glencarlyn Park, the library, and the schools, that the neighborhood enjoys and from which its residents benefit.
- To ensure that the current low levels of crime are kept low or even further reduced.