

# Next Steps for Glencarlyn Neighborhood Conservation Projects and Plan

GCA Meeting

May 7, 2018

# Objectives for tonight's presentation

- Provide current status on projects in NC pipeline
- Review Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Plan goals
- Review next steps - short-term
- Set stage for long-term planning

# Current Status on projects in NC pipeline

- **2<sup>nd</sup> St S (Lexington to Kensington)/Kensington St (2<sup>nd</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> S)**
  - Last update (March) - construction to start no earlier than the Fall.
- **4<sup>th</sup> St S (Kensington to Illinois)**
  - Final deadline is tomorrow, May 8 (following 2 certified mailings)
  - 11 properties (of 35) have not responded yet
  - No response counts as a “Yes” vote
  - So far, “Yes” votes far outnumber “No” votes

# 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.
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- 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.

# Short-term Plan – 2018 and 2019 NC Projects

1. GCA Executive Committee to identify top two priorities from April 2014 GCA list.
2. Submit Exec Comm highest priority by May 15, 2018 deadline (Fall 2018 funding round).
3. Review “environmental” list with Parks Area Manager in May.
4. Pursue broader GCA input on remaining items during October (questionnaire, GCA meeting).
5. Submit broader GCA highest priorities for next two-three deadlines:
  - a. November 15, 2018 (Spring 2019 funding round)
  - b. May 15, 2019 (Fall 2019 funding round)
  - c. November 15, 2019 (Spring 2020 funding round)
6. In October VV and GCA meeting, ask for volunteers to work on longer-term update to Glencarlyn NC Plan.
7. Communicate progress on NC projects that are in the pipeline or underway.

# “Glencarlyn Enhancements” from April 2014 GCA Meeting

1. Build a screen around the library dumpster.
2. Build a shed for use by GCA, community gardeners and preschool.
3. Develop a gathering area at Carlin Hall with benches and tables.
4. Additional street lighting all around the block including Carlin Hall and the library.
5. Historical signs around Glencarlyn.
6. Develop a walking tour centered on the signs, and include the information in a brochure and on our website.
7. Get signage around the George Washington marker in the park.
8. Build a sand box for the preschool.
9. Develop a cemetery walkway.
10. Replace chain link fencing around Carlin Hall.
11. Build a new gate between the library and Carlin Hall.
12. Develop a planting area near the library dumpster.

# Potential Environmentally-Oriented NC or Parks Projects for Glencarlyn – *draft from Steve Young*

1. North end of Kensington - remove invasive bamboo, clean up, replant with natives, provide access to east-west path along south side Route 50
2. East end of First St - eyesore, clean-up, replace with attractive landscaping
3. East end of Second St - storm water management, erosion control, revegetation, make attractive (*resident recently raised issues with roadway*)
4. South end of Kensington - invasives management, replant with natives, make attractive, help headwaters of Salamander Creek
5. South side of Sixth St - eliminate eyesore guardrails, improve storm water/erosion, replant with natives (*largely complete; replanting still needed*)
6. “Parking lot” east end of Fourth and Fifth - re-imagine; environmental enhancements
7. Island in Harrison cul-de-sac - Replant with natives, improve appearance, help storm water management?
8. East end of Sixth St - neighbor expressed storm water management concerns to Steve Young.

# 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.
3. Create priority list of NC Projects for next two-year funding period.
4. As street improvement projects are suggested by GCA residents, evaluate against other priorities.