



**ARLINGTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY
PLANNING HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM**



March 4, 2009

Residents of N Harrison St.
1700 Block
Arlington, VA 22205

Dear N. Harrison St. Residents:

This letter is to inform you that based on the results of the recent Neighborhood Conservation (NC) clipboard petition and a recent ruling by the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Executive Committee, the 1800 and 1900 block of North Harrison Street will move forward in the planning process for a proposed Neighborhood Conservation streetscape improvement project. However, the 1500 block and the 1700 block of North Harrison Street have been removed from the proposed project scope.

Concept drawings for the 1800 and 1900 block will be developed for citizen review at a future block meeting. Residents of the 1800 and 1900 block of N Harrison Street will be informed of the time and location of the citizen meeting to review the streetscape improvement concept design in the coming months.

Additional citizen approval - in the form of a second, formal petitioning effort based on a streetscape improvement concept design - will be required prior to any final project approval or funding.

If the second petition passes, the process to obtain County Board funding, complete final design, and build Neighborhood Conservation streetscape improvement projects occurs over a long-term time frame – potentially two years to obtain funding and an additional 18 to 24 months to reach final design and construction.

Background

In January 2009, you received a petition requesting your support for the following proposed neighborhood improvements:¹

North Harrison Street from 17th St. North to 20th St. North

Concept for Improvements: Install sidewalk and new curb and gutter on either the west or the east side of the street. The ultimate decision will be made regarding sidewalk location once County surveys have been completed. New/replacement concrete driveway aprons to be installed where necessary. Installation of new Carlyle street lights on the west side of the street may also be considered. This is also being considered in conjunction with exploration of installation of a sidewalk on N. Harrison St. from 15th St. N. to 16th St N through a separate petitioning effort.

If support was shown through this petitioning process (60 percent of the total linear frontage of the proposed project area), concept drawings would be developed for citizen review at a future block meeting.

¹ This petition was presented to residents of the 1500 block and 1700, 1800, and 1900 blocks of N. Harrison Street to gauge interest in pursuing a proposed County Neighborhood Conservation streetscape improvement project on their blocks (the 1500, 1700, 1800, and 1900 blocks). For cost considerations, the 1600 block was not included in the proposed project scope and thus did not receive the petition.

Petition Results

The petitioning process has determined that there is support to proceed with development of concept drawings for citizen review from 80 percent of the total linear frontage on the 1800 and 1900 block of N Harrison Street and from 84 percent of the total linear frontage on the 1500 block of N Harrison Street.²

There is insufficient support on the 1700 block to proceed with development of concept drawings, and thus the 1700 block of N Harrison Street has been removed from the proposed project scope.

The 1500 block of N Harrison Street has been removed due to a Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) Executive Committee ruling that projects must consist of contiguous blocks and an ensuing vote by the Tara Leeway Heights Civic Association board to move forward with the 1800 and 1900 block so as to maximize neighborhood impact.

County and Neighborhood Contacts

I will be the County staff primary point of contact for the proposed project on the 1800 and 1900 block of N Harrison Street. Please do not hesitate to contact me or your civic association with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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