

Glencarlyn Neighborhood Conservation Plan

Proposed Recommendations for NCP Based on Results from June 2007 Ballot and Review by the GCA NCP and Executive Committee

Revised September 23, 2007

The recommendations drafted for the Community Conservation Plan have been revised based on the residents' ballot results from June, 2007. Those *in italics* are recommended to be dropped, having scored low in the ballot.. The survey numbering of recommendation is shown in []s. Where recommendations were modified from the June survey, they are marked in yellow. We also made some effort to consolidated similar recommendations and in those cases both numbers are shown. After review some comments submitted in the 2007 ballot have been incorporated as into the appropriate recommendation or included as new recommendations.

There is another document on the website which lists the June Survey questions (in the order of the survey), has the comments from respondents and includes a numerical analysis of the responses.

In the June survey, there were 114 recommendations. After the deletion and consolidation, there are 82 recommendations, a 28% reduction.

We have highlighted in blue three places where we would like some further community clarification before we submit to NCP to the County, specifically 7-A, 7-F and 7-G . We will discuss those specific issues at the October meeting.

To ensure that we have a completely open process, we will provide time on the agenda at both the October and November meetings to answer any questions or accept any comments. You can also send comments to polivere@aol.com no later than November 2. Once we submit the plan to the County for review, we will not be making additional changes to the recommendations.

3 -- LAND USE, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

Recommendation for County Action:

3A: [NEW] Install trash cans along Manchester Street sidewalk to lower incidence of littering.

Recommendations for Non-County Action:

3B [3-2]: Request the owner of the 7-11 try to ensure deliveries are not made during morning rush hour and that dumpster servicing occur only during daylight hours. (new - Ideal delivery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

3C [3-3]: Request the owner of the 7-11 to periodically sponsor a clean-up crew (maybe Sheriff's community service workers) to clean up trash around the 7-11 and neighboring streets – and the eastbound entrance ramp to Route 50 -- as a neighborhood goodwill gesture. In the long-term, this property owner should develop a landscape plan for the store that enhances beauty but does not create sight line problems for motorists and pedestrians.

Recommendations not included in final version

***Delete** [3-1]: Form a citizen watchdog team, perhaps a GCA committee, to periodically inspect the neighborhood for compliance to zoning – especially along C-S Road, reporting back to the GCA to appropriate County offices to make sure the intent of the various zoning types supports the community’s over-all appearance and functioning.*

***Delete:** [3-4] Request the owner of the Woodlake Towers convenience store to control litter, especially on the walkway leading north to the bus stop on Manchester Street.*

4 – PARKS, RECREATION, and NATURAL RESOURCES

Recommendations for County Actions:

Storm Water Management and Watershed Enhancement

4A [4-1]: The Four Mile Run and Long Branch floodplains must be kept free of development.

4B [4-1 and 4-2]: Upstream paving and actions causing rain to form channels and erode the park and streams should be minimized. All future storm drainage projects must strive to achieve zero increase in storm runoff. Retrofit projects are also suggested to dampen down the hydrological curve of each of the neighborhood’s storm runoff lines. Where possible, alternatives should be sought for curbs and gutters that channel drainage into the park. All possible efforts must be made to lessen the impact of storm drainage on these waterways (See recommendation 9-CA - A).

4C [4-3 and 4-4]: Apply for Neighborhood Conservation (NC) funding to obtain professional consultants for a “Glencarlyn Park Four-Mile Run Tributary Restoration and Stabilization Study”. The severely eroded tributary streams leading to Four Mile Run through Glencarlyn Park should be studied with recommendations made for restoration and stabilization using current “low-impact development” techniques (bio-engineering and plantings, etc.). It should also make recommendations of ways that additional curb and gutter installations will not exacerbate runoff. The study will recommend projects in priority order, with each project sized to fit within normal NC funding limitations . Then use NC funding and other sources to implement these recommendations in as many phases as needed as funding is available.

4D [4-5]: Encourage the County to study local erosion problems and remediate them in ecologically-appropriate ways that conserve the natural communities, in close consultation with the GCA. Specific ideas include:

- Upstream and in-community storm water retention systems (e.g., “rain gardens” and cisterns at appropriate sites such as the Library and Carlin Hall).
- Removal of stream channelization along Long Branch in adjoining parts of Fairfax County.
- Green roofs for large-scale buildings, such as schools and hospitals.
- Permeable surface parking lots to encourage on-site percolation.

Park Infrastructure

4E [4-10]: County Parks and Recreation will ensure that trail maintenance and improvements are conducted in a regular and ecologically-sensitive manner. We do not recommend any additional paving since additional impervious surfaces often add to existing runoff problems. However, natural surface trails must be built to minimize erosion and sedimentation downstream. All overgrowth and hazards (such as dead overhanging trees, poison ivy, blocked culverts, missing sewer tops, etc.) should be corrected as funds and staffing allow.

4F [4-9]: The County will conduct a study to assess the current condition of the Long Branch Nature Center facility and develop options for improvement, including renovation or use of part of the nearby Urgent Care property, and other appropriate options. The study will then be followed by consideration of the options and eventual adoption and implementation. In any capital parks campaign, such as the current Parks and Open

Space Master Plan, Arlington County should provide for the adequate funding of improvements to enable this Nature Center to continue operating in its unique setting.

4G [4-11]: County Parks and Recreation will commission a study (including interested neighborhood residents on the team) of ecologically-sensitive elements of the Nature Center and Glencarlyn Park tracts to keep them as natural as possible. Follow up will include an assessment of actions necessary to conserve these resources and appropriate stewardship actions.

4H [4-20]: The County (both APS and Parks & Rec.) will help in the rebuilding and opening of the footbridge across Long Branch, connecting from Campbell Elementary School to the Nature Center access road (to provide better access for teachers and students to nearby park amenities).

4I [4-12]: The County will assess opportunities to improve environmental connectivity or corridors connecting the open space and natural areas of large tracts such as the Carlin Springs and Campbell Elementary Schools, the Urgent Care Center site, and the existing parkland so as to benefit wildlife and critical plant habitats.

4J [4-7]: Given Glencarlyn Park's special and irreplaceable value, the County must make the greatest effort possible to address the problem of invasive exotic species, giving priority to the most troublesome species. These efforts will be carried out in a manner that safeguards and enhances the native vegetation of parkland. In addition, an aggressive urban forestry campaign will be undertaken to prevent potentially devastating tree diseases, such as Sudden Oak Death, from ruining these woodlands.

4K [4-6]: After major storms, where the tree canopy is severely damaged, new trees (a mix of local ecotypes of native species, **if at all possible**) will be planted where appropriate to assist in re-creating the tree canopy as quickly as possible.

4L [4.17]: Install a trash can at the 2nd and Jefferson Streets entrance of Glencarlyn Park.

4M New : **Fire safety signs should be posted in key spots in the Park to remind the public to be cautious when extinguishing matches and using grills. In dry weather, one mistake could destroy much of Glencarlyn Park. Signs should also be in Spanish.**

4N [4-13]: The County must provide widespread, advance notice of proposed actions that will affect the Park -- offering the community a chance to comment before work is commenced. At a minimum, bring notice of such projects to the meetings of the Glencarlyn Citizens' Association (GCA).

Historic

4O [4-19]: Install signs (maybe a wayside with photos) depicting the historic Carlin pavilion and nearby W&OD rail station. Additional waysides might highlight the George Washington survey marker, the W&OD Railroad, and other historic points of interest in the community.

4P [9.10]: Excavate and restore, as conditions allow, the historic Carlin Springs.

Park Usage including Kenmore Fields

4Q [4-8]: County police and park rangers will enforce that Glencarlyn Park not be used for car washing and repair.

4R [4-16]: **Shut down the Kenmore soccer fields and lights at 10:00 p.m. Re-align the Kenmore field lights so that light is limited to ball field grounds and spillover is minimized so as not to unnecessarily intrude on the neighbors.**

4S [4-15]: Clean up trash along the wooded west edge of the Kenmore sports fields, as well as around fields and playground. **Install appropriate trash receptacles.**

Recommendations not included in final version

Delete: [4.18] Add a neighborhood swimming pool, perhaps as part of park development of the urgent care center site.

Other Recommendations:

Preserving and Enhancing Natural Resources

4T [4-24]: Residents must cease all dumping (including yard wastes and leaves) on public land (it is illegal) and use the County's established mechanisms for the removal of yard and other waste. Residents must not release any pets, such as exotic fish, into the park.

4U [4-25]: Residents are encouraged too make a particular effort to pick up all litter on and near their residences to help prevent littering in the park and streams. Particular care should be exercised to prevent materials like foam packing peanuts and plastic bags from getting loose and being carried into the woods and streams by wind and water. **Timely (ongoing) removal of construction trash is especially appreciated.**

4V [4-29]: The GCA should establish a stream clean-up committee that would coordinate regularly scheduled stream clean-up teams and remove trash from the woods. It could draw on the services of Arlington for a Clean Environment (ACE) and the Virginia Cooperative Extension as needed. This group could become the primary citizen group associated with the tributary stabilization and restoration watershed .

4W [4-14]: **GCA will work with Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment and the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service to increase the awareness in the community about the proper use of pesticides and herbicides and their harmful effects on the quality of the County's streams and watersheds if they are misused or dumped. (revised 9/20)**

4X [4.26]: Residents are encouraged to participate in the National Wildlife Federation's Certified Wildlife Backyard Habitat Program. (Not a high score, but only suggest residents consider participation)

Pets

4Y [4-22]: Residents should always clean up after their dogs, even in the woodlands. Dog feces are a major source of contamination in the streams, harbor diseases, and are a major food resource for rats.

4Z [4-21]: Residents are encouraged to heed Arlington's leash law and keep their dogs on leash when they are on public property other than the designated Dog Park. Unleashed dogs can be a threat and source of intimidation to other people and to wildlife.

Recommendations not included in final version

Delete [4-23]: The Nature Center naturalists have observed cats preying on the flying squirrels and other creatures of the park. Therefore, residents should not allow their cats to run loose outside their yards, where they can kill birds and other small wildlife.

Delete: [4-27] Community residents are encouraged to sign up as volunteers and also make greater efforts to involve the Nature Center in events like Glencarlyn Day.

Delete: [4.28] The GCA should consider organizing a group to solicit ideas, such as better fencing or slight re-grading, to improve the Dog Park.

5 -- INSTITUTIONS

Recommendations for County Actions:

Urgent Care Facility (revised to reflect sale to Virginia Hospital Center.)

5A [5-3]: The Urgent Care Center (611 S. Carlin Springs Rd.) is a major facility in the neighborhood and adjoins the park. Its ownership has changed and its usage will also be changing. The County should ensure that the Glencarlyn community has an active role in the process of determining the way the property is used. (Revised 9/20 based on acquisition by Virginia Hospital Center.)

5B [5-1 and 5-2]: As part of any redevelopment or modifications of the structures at 611 S. Carlin Springs Rd. the County staff needs to seek opportunities to conserve open space and natural land areas, preserve historical features, and improve environmental quality by reducing or minimizing impervious surface area and increasing native vegetation. (Revised 9/20 based on acquisition by Virginia Hospital Center.)

Schools

5C [5-4]: Install additional security lights on the grounds of the Carlin Springs Elementary School – it is dark in the back corners, encouraging graffiti.

5D new: Widen the entrance from the Arlington Blvd service road onto the “dogleg” behind Kenmore Middle School. The original design assumed only one way traffic westbound from Carlin Springs Rd. would be on that section. The schools now permit entry to the dogleg from the Arl. Blvd service road. Also add a “One Way” sign to make it clear that you cannot exit the dogleg to CSR; the current signage is ambiguous.

5E [5-5 parking part]: Ensure the staff handling booking of Kenmore, Carlin Spring Elementary and the Sports Division of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources work together to ensure the stabilized turf overflow parking on the south side of Kenmore fields are open to take the strain of overflow parking off nearby residential areas when there are major events at Kenmore or concurrent events at two or more of the facilities.

Other Recommendations:

5F [5-6]: The GCA must establish and maintain a strong, supportive relationship with both Carlin Springs Elementary and Kenmore Middle School to make them integral to this neighborhood and ensure student safety. An ongoing dialogue with Kenmore staff should address occasional student misbehavior while walking home through the neighborhood. Residents on 5th Road do not appreciate shortcutting on private yards. Students need to be told that Glencarlyn Park is closed at dark. Sometimes noisy groups after evening activities (9-10 pm) disturb residents.

Delete [5-5]: Near the Kenmore sports fields, install better control of parking during soccer games, better trash control, and better control of vehicle speeds on S, Madison and 2nd Sts. (Fields, trash and parking are covered in other recommendations)

6 -- VILLAGE CENTER

Recommendations for County Actions:

Infrastructure

6A [6-1]: Curbs, gutters and sidewalks should be installed around the core Village Center block, thereby enhancing its accessibility, pedestrian safety, and identity. However, careful consideration should be given to these sidewalks in this historical context so that they are not visually intrusive. (deleted reference “e.g. brick sidewalks” based on comments)

6B [6-7]: Screening the dumpster in the Glencarlyn Library parking lot to keep with a Village Center look and feel. (Note – Modified to delete remove dumpster. Dumpster is library’s. They tried large cans, but they were not sufficient. Current dumpster is significantly smaller than previous)

6C [6-6 and 6-9]: Install and maintain permanent covers on the gutters of the Library and repair seam leaks in the gutters so that water does not overflow with each major rainstorm. Add ice/snow cleats to the Library roof to prevent snow from squashing plantings beneath.

Historic

6D [6-8 and 6-3]: Install an interpretive display on the library grounds, describing the history of the Glencarlyn Library, its donor, its original collection, and later replacement. Install other interpretive signs and displays in select locations within the Village Center; these could be similar to displays on the W&OD Four Mile Run trail at Bluemont Junction, explaining the historical significance of each landmark, thereby helping to establish the Village Center as a place in which neighborhood residents can take pride.

6E [6-4]: Create artistic, perhaps mosaic, plaques, inset into new sidewalks and curbs that would identify the year each historical Village Center landmark was built. (edited to removed specifics)

Recommendation not included in final version

Delete: [6-5] Add original historic street names to street signs bordering the Village Center, to give the core neighborhood a distinctive historic flavor and promote a sense of place. Street signage should follow same design elements and vintage of decorative street lights.

Other Recommendations:

Community

6F [6-12]: The GCA should establish a Glencarlyn planning group to ascertain ownership of the cemetery and suggest ways to improve the grounds of the Village Center, including the library, Carlin Hall, the Carlin cemetery, and parking lot. Explore ways to make it function better as an outdoor community center, perhaps with more benches, picnic tables, better playground equipment, etc.. Recommendations being referred to the planning group include:

- [6-10 and 6-14]: Enlist the County, Arlington Historical Society and/or a local university to conduct an archeological study that would identify the locations of cemetery graves, as well as the residents and their connection to Arlington County and Glencarlyn. In the case of headstones and/or footstones that cannot be located, new simple markers may be used to mark the gravesites.
- [6-15]: Install interpretive displays near burial sites to educate residents and the general public about who is interred in the cemetery and their historical significance
- [6- 11]: Create a new, alternate entrance to the cemetery. The new entrance or gate would be located within the rear of the cemetery near the Community Garden, behind the library, so it would only be accessible through the garden and thereby discourage inappropriate uses.
- [6-16]: Explore the feasibility extending the community garden to include landscaping the cemetery grounds, its proposed new entrance and existing 4th Street entrance.
- [6-17]: Install a brick garden path on the cemetery grounds connecting to the community garden path

- [6-13]: Add several garden benches inside the cemetery.

(The seven specific recommendations from the survey related to the cemetery were brought under this overall recommendation to work out a clearer overall integrated approach rather than a number of unconnected ideas some for the County and some for others. The seven recommendations to the committee were edited for clarity.)

6G [6-19]: Set up a recreation and fellowship committee of the GCA to plan community events and activities at least once a quarter, such as gatherings for young people, community-wide yard sales, potlucks and picnics, a games night, semi-annual potluck suppers, Glencarlyn Art Day, lectures, readings, workshops, perhaps a weekly ‘coffeehouse’ at the Library, and a desert party and/or caroling on Luminaria Night. (The reference to basketball court was dropped based on comments)

Recommendation not included in final version

Delete: [6-18] Provide recommendations and/or guidelines for local residents on memorials within-the Village Center and cemetery grounds.

7 -- TRAFFIC, PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Recommendations for County Actions:

Carlin Springs Rd

See discussion below for survey recommendations 7-1 and 7-2 and the replacement recommendation.

The question 7-1 had 53% #3 or #4 support and 28% #1 dislike.

Delete and see new A below [7-1] Along Carlin Springs Road, consider installing traffic calming measures to reduce speeds, including (1) Narrowing traffic lanes to slow down traffic, (2) Widening sidewalks and/or utility planting strips to enhance pedestrian traffic and safety, (3) Creating a landscaped median, like North Carlin Springs Road, to help the appearance of the road and to slow down traffic with narrower lanes, (4) Reducing the speed to 25 miles per hour given the three schools and the residential nature of the neighborhood, and (5) Raising cross-walks at 3rd Street and Route 50 intersections to improve the safety of pedestrians as these are the two places where most residents and school children cross Carlin Springs Road.

Comments were there are too many issues and several identified specific pieces they liked or didn't.

The question 7-2 had 58% #3 or #4 support and 20% #1 dislike.

Delete [7-2] In order to alleviate the current problem of traffic stoppages, a left turn lane down the middle of Carlin Springs Road should be installed to accommodate traffic turning into 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th, and 5th Streets from the north and into Kenmore Middle School for those traveling from the south.

Comments were related to space for additional lanes.

Delete Incorporate specific into A below[7-4] Beautify and upgrade Carlin Springs Road as it is the gateway into our community. Include appropriate landscaping and attractive bus stop shelters with benches. (Benches are now included in the 7- K)

After reviewing the comments, we went back and carefully looked at the ATM study which a number of neighbors spent a lot of time working with the County. The ATM study is online <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Commissions/tc/study/EnvironmentalServicesAtm.aspx> - the link “Corridor Design Studies.pdf “ has several sections on Carlin Springs Road.

Need additional feedback on 7 - A

7A Revised replacement for [7-1, 7-2 and 7-4] Carlin Springs Road (CSR) is one of the major traffic arteries in Arlington. The recommendations from the 2004 Arterial Traffic Management study for Carlin Springs Rd included:

1. Slow traffic on (CSR)
 - a. Decrease the speed limit to 25
 - b. Install a speed activated signal like one near Wilson Boulevard and Lexington Street.
 - c. Slightly narrow lanes to encourage slower speeds; considerable narrowing can be done along the hospital property.
2. Increase safety for pedestrians
 - a. Widen narrow sidewalks and install a planting strip to buffer pedestrians from the street – (see narrow lanes above.)
 - b. Reducing the corner radii to slow traffic and to shorten the crossing distances at the interchange.
 - c. Improve lighting under the Arlington Blvd overpass
3. Improve the appearance of CSR by moving utility poles to one side of the street.
4. Left turns into Glencarlyn from CSR southbound - although not specifically in the ATM study– using excess space from Kenmore to create a center turn lane for 3rd street (and possibly 1st or 2nd)

7B [7-15]: Provide more police presence along Carlin Springs Road during rush hour to reduce speed and ensure compliance with the existing signs. In addition, where warranted, install “Do not block intersection” signs.

Safety in Neighborhood

7C [7-7]: Because this neighborhood has a number of narrow streets and many children who play outdoors, a suggested speed limit reduction to 20 miles per hour is proposed within “the village” to promote pedestrian and children’s safety.

7D [7-5 and 7-6]: To slow down traffic on residential streets, install four-way stop signs at the intersections where Kensington and Jefferson Streets cross 3rd and 4th Streets (the streets that lead to Glencarlyn Park.) Upon entering the neighborhood at each Lexington Street intersection, put up signs that say something like ‘This is a family neighborhood, PLEASE SLOW DOWN.’ (7-5 Recommendation for Lexington stop signs, was not well supported, including by residents living in that immediate area.)

7E [7-11 and 7-22]: The County should remove trees and shrubs in the street right-of-way that obstruct driver sight lines at intersections – especially along Carlin Springs Road. If the plants originate on private lots, residents should be notified about the pruning.

Recommendation 7-19 - NEED TO RECONSIDER – This recommendation had 77% 3 or 4 and only 5% 1 so it is included. However, requesting this may have some unintended consequences. There are a number of blocks with streets less than 28ft (?) wide which could end up with signs for parking only on one side. Do we really want to request the county to do this review of all Glencarlyn?

7F [7-19]: The County should evaluate all the neighborhood’s streets to determine where parking on both sides prevents emergency access. (Specifically evaluate whether or not a fire truck could reach the east end of 3rd St., South, when cars are parked on both sides between Jefferson and Illinois -- a regular car can barely get through.)

7G [7-14]: We did not have a clear mandate for this, but we did get a number of comments on too many parts lumped together. To get a better reading, we want to get some feedback on each separately.

Install a variety of additional signs to help give direction and provide better emergency access:

- 1) A sign on Jefferson Street pointing to ‘5601-5621 S. 6th St.’ for emergency access.
- 2) ‘No Outlet’ signs at the beginning of all dead-end streets.

- 3) To minimize confusion having three 5th Roads so close to each other, install at the entry to 5th Rd. off Carlin Springs a sign saying 'For 5600 block of 5th Rd., use 5th St. and turn right two blocks.'
- 4) At Route 50 at Manchester St. install a sign that says 'No turn on red when pedestrians are present.'
- 5) Add a "Do Not Block Intersection" sign on southbound Carlin Springs Road at 4th Street.
- 6) At the Carlin Springs Rd. entrance behind Kenmore Middle School, place a sign that says "one Way only" coming in and "No exit" to keep cars from going out onto Carlin Springs Road at that juncture (See 5-4 above).

(Deleted no right turn on red for 5th Rd from CSR southbound.)

7H NEW: Add additional time to the green light at for persons exiting 5th Street onto Carlin Springs road. The current light is too quick for the number of cars often waiting. .

Parking

7I: [7-17] Establish permit parking on the north side houses on 2nd Street South from 5863 to 5949 (between Kenmore and Manchester) because of the large number of vehicles associated with the playing fields. (The issue has been more serious on the 5900 block.)

(The County did a preliminary survey and agreed that there is a basis for permit parking. Although the question did not do well overall, the responses from the neighbors in the immediate area responding to the survey were very high.)

Recommendations not included in final version

Delete: [7-3] *Enforce the law which does not permit cars from turning from southbound Carlin Springs Road across a double yellow line into the 7-11; require that they enter only from 1st Street. Vehicles exiting would leave either by 1st Street or Carlin Springs Road.*

Delete: [7-8] *Because the neighborhood has seen an increase in outsiders parking close to Carlin Springs Road, install neighborhood permit parking on all neighborhood streets between Carlin Springs Road and S. Lexington Street, including the length of Lexington Street from Arlington Boulevard to 4th Street.*

Delete: [7-9] *Improve the intersection at Manchester Street and Route 50, including beautification. Install a raised crosswalk on S. Manchester St. where kids go to school fields, near the blind curve.*

Delete: [7-10] *Prohibit parking on the east side of Manchester St. directly in front of entrance to Manchester Square Court.*

Delete: [7-12]: *Build a bike path or lane along Carlin Springs Road to the Ballston Metro and Washington & Lee High School, the home high school for this neighborhood*

Delete: [7-13] *Build a bike path or lane along Carlin Springs Road to Columbia Pike to allow cyclists access the many shops and opportunities on that South Arlington "main street."*

Delete: [7-16] *Consider having the ART 75 buses stop at the Glencarlyn Library, especially, at rush hour.*

Delete: [7.18:] *Limit parking to one side of the first block of the numbered streets east of Carlin Springs Road and the Arlington Blvd. service road.*

Other Recommendations:

7J [7-22]: Residents should prune back vegetation at all corners where visibility is obstructed.

7K [7-20 and 7-21]: WMATA and ART buses are encouraged to provide more frequent bus service on the 25 and 75 lines, at least at rush hour. **Please, a bench at each bus stop.**

8 -- STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Recommendations for County Action:

8A NEW The County will ensure that all street surfaces, especially those excavated for water line or other utility replacement, are smoothly paved and attractive.

8B [8-1]: The County Manager and County Board need to open mindedly consider requests for waivers to the current Sidewalk Policy permitting street improvement projects (the construction of curb and gutter, drainage systems, and repaving) without requiring a sidewalk on at least one side of the street under the recently approved waiver process.

8C [8-2, 8-3]: Street improvement projects (curbs, gutters, and sidewalks where appropriate) will be undertaken on a block by block basis as requested by the residents on the affected block (through the Neighborhood Conservation petition process). This recommendation also applies to those blocks that have existing curb and gutter on part of the block. As part of the review of such projects, the County needs to consider the recommendations of the 2006 Glencarlyn Neighborhood Street and Sidewalk Master Plan that established a comprehensive approach to sidewalks in Glencarlyn after analyzing such factors as pedestrian patterns, street widths, existing street trees, drainage, historic character, handicapped accessibility, and expense. The County needs to ensure that all curb and gutter projects drain properly. (8-2 and 8-3 were blended to eliminate the seeming inconsistency)

8D [8-11]: Clear sidewalks of all over-grown vegetation, especially that which blocks bus stops and signs on the west side of Carlin Springs Rd. between 7th Rd. and Route 50. Coordinate with Fairfax County for a full, free and clear barrier-free access. (People using wheelchairs cannot now easily use this sidewalk.)

8E [8-7 and 8-9]: Each street improvement project must include new street tree plantings in the public right-of-way to the greatest extent possible. Where overhead utility lines do not interfere, large deciduous shade trees (especially oaks, hickories, ash, yellowwood, and even disease-resistant American Elms) may be used. Otherwise, smaller flowering trees that can grow underneath the utility lines (such as kousa dogwood, saucer magnolia, redbud, and crabapples) should be installed. The long-term goal is 50-60% canopy cover, even in residential areas. Along streets with curb and gutter installed, NC funds may be sought for remedial plantings. Special priority should be given to blocks with few or no street trees, such as Larrimore St., 1st and 3rd Sts. west of Carlin Springs Rd., 5th Rd. west of Carlin Springs Rd., Harrison Street Circle, Jefferson and Kensington Sts., and the 5600 block of 4th Street. Additional NC landscaping projects should be undertaken to improve the appearance of street ends and the Harrison Street circle island.

8F [8-8]: Where right-of-way space is not available for street tree plantings as part of street improvement projects, the County is encouraged to request permission (easements if necessary) to plant trees on private property adjacent to the right-of-way. Owners are encouraged to allow street tree plantings on their properties as part of street improvement projects.

8G - NEW: Install additional lighting at the west end of the 5900 block of 2nd St., adjacent the County fence adjacent Manchester and the wooded area at the west end of the Kenmore fields. Although there is a cobra light fixture between the 2nd and 3rd house from the end, the fence is a regular target for graffiti.

Recommendations not included in final version

Delete: [8.10] *In the traffic planning for the entire length of Carlin Springs Road within this neighborhood, especially alongside the new Kenmore Middle School, a coordinated street planting plan will greatly help create a dignified, majestic “look” to this, our “Main Street.”*

Other Recommendations:

Community

8H [6-2, 8-4, 8-5, and 8-6]: A GCA committee should be appointed to develop a comprehensive approach to street lighting for the entire community. It would compare various fixture types, including the new “Carlyle” model, and high efficiency bulbs. It would conduct a metered survey to determine dark spots and recommend new lamp installations, with an emphasis on improving safety. For Carlin Springs Road, its recommendations need to be considered as part of the Arterial Transportation Management Study. As ongoing watchdogs., this committee could contact appropriate authorities to replace and upgrade lights as needed.

THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE – Rather than charging ahead with a total revamp of the lighting this revised recommendations would allow us to develop a more considered approach. The June 2007 survey asked about changing all lights to Carlyle – both in the Village (6-2) and in other areas (8-4 and 8-5). Recommendation 8-6 recommended the use of the “white” metal halide everywhere, which apparently is not as efficient as the sodium vapor (orange-pink lights). There were a number of comments on safety, efficiency, Carlyle fixtures etc. It also appears that County apparently only uses the Carlyle style lights for new stand alone.

8I [8-14]: Property owners must ensure that sidewalks are shoveled within 24 hours of a snowfall – especially sidewalks along Carlin Springs Road used by school children. Since there are a number of residents who are physically unable to shovel their walk or may be away on business, the GCA should undertake–

- Maintain a list of volunteers willing to shovel snow for residents physically unable to shovel;
- Maintain a list of young adults who are willing to be paid for shoveling
- Work with the County to determine if their program to make snow blowers available to be used on “key” sidewalk is still available. (added based on comments)

VDOT

8J [9-8]: Work with VDOT to restore the plantings along the Route 50 corridor to the landscaping design which followed the widening of the Route 50 bridge in the mid 1980s. This includes a number of missing or dying trees and as well as plantings near the Carlin Springs Rd. overpass and screening for the new Kenmore Middle School building. (Change wording so as not to imply a new landscape design)

8K [8-12]: The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is encouraged to remove invasive vines and sprouts (especially *Ailanthus altissima*) from plantings along US Route 50, remove dead and dying trees, and thicken tree rows alongside the new Kenmore Middle School. More frequent mowings are encouraged for safety and better visibility.

9 -- OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE

Recommendations for County Actions:

9A [9-1]: Develop a comprehensive neighborhood-wide drainage plan that will be incorporated in the individual block by block conservation projects.

9B new : Re-structure the storm drain at the southwest corner of 3rd St and Harrison, where it runs under the street and into the Park. It constantly clogs, leaving a puddle that attracts mosquitoes. Homeowners solved some of the problem affecting their lots, but more is needed. Also - The 300 block of Harrison St. has badly crumbling asphalt that is a serious hazard to bike riders and pedestrians as they approach the park entrance. It should be stabilized and re-paved.

9C 9-2 [also 9-4 added as F]: Coordinate beautification projects outlined in Table B.

TABLE B – Suggested Beautification Projects (not covered in other chapters)

- ~~– A 7-11 area, including adjoining apartments. (Dropped not public property)~~
- B Route 50 right-of-way, including the Carlin Springs Rd. underpass and surrounding area, the service road behind Kenmore School, the bus stops, and the intersection with Manchester Street
- C County property at the South end of Kensington St. (at 5th Rd.) and for about 100 ft. west on the County right of way should be re-planted as needed and maintained on a regular basis. [10-8]
- D Clean up of wooded area at west end of Kenmore fields.
- ~~– E 4th St., 5400 block south side – new curb (Dropped not beautification)~~
- F 6th St., 5600 block – railing at the dead-end is in bad shape and the dead fallen trees are ugly (was 9-4)
- ~~– G The Carlin Springs in the park needs renovating (Listed under parks 4-P was 9.10)~~
- H Entry driveway to Long Branch Nature Center
- I Trailhead above the Nature Center at the end of Jefferson St.

Other Recommendations:

9D [9-6]: Set up within the GCA a task force to look at safety hazards and related eyesores. This committee would develop strategies to work with landowners to correct dangerous situations. Include small beautification projects, especially around the 7-11 area, park entrances, and at unsightly street ends. Safety hazards include the drains at 4th St. (between the church and Carlin Hall with large unsafe openings), Carlin Hall’s handicapped accessibility, various sites listed where rats have been found, and unoccupied houses.

9E [9-5]: Work with Dominion Virginia Power Company, the telephone companies, and cable TV companies to bury some or all of the overhead utility lines to enhance visual quality, reduce conflicts with trees, and reduce power outages.

10 -- COUNTY SERVICES

Recommendations for County Actions:

Safety

10A [10-6]: Patrol for gang activity in and around the park, especially after dark. Encourage more police presence around the park – or some way to cut off vehicle traffic into the park at night.

10B [10-4]: Provide more random police patrols in the afternoons to monitor middle school students passing through neighborhood streets.

10C [10-1]: Reconstitute a Neighborhood Crime Watch program. (90% of the 2004 survey respondents said “yes” or “maybe” to re-instituting community Crime Watch.)

10D [10-5]: Patrol 5th Rd. (by the Urgent Care Center fence) where non-residents park extra cars. Watch elsewhere look for commercial vehicles licensed in D.C.

10E New Provide more police enforcement to discourage of people running through stop signs within the neighborhood.

Environment

10F [10-2]: Schedule two or three more leaf pick-up dates in the fall and two or more additional yard waste pick ups in the spring. Adjust the period the leaf pickups occur to the time the need exists due to the weather conditions each year.

10G [10-12]: Foster a County-wide anti-litter campaign, especially at exits and entrances to Route 50.

10H [10-3]: Schedule more frequent litter pick up by County crews, especially along major roadsides. More frequent street cleaning would also be welcome.

Historic

10 I [10-11]: Identify historic houses (esp. those over 100 years old) with plaques. (Related to 6-E above.)

Winter

10J new There are several steep hills in Glencarlyn which are difficult to get up when icy or snowy. Provide more sanding and/or salt on these locations. (e.g. 5400 block 3rd St., S. and 500 block of South Harrison)

Delete: [10.9] *Periodically inspect the neighborhood for illegal multi-family occupants.*

Delete: [10.10] *Add historic street names to street signs (much more interesting than numbers), to give neighborhood a distinctive historic flavor.*

Other Recommendations:

10K [10-13]: Ensure the U.S. Postal Service maintains a mailbox at the Library and posts pick up times on it. In fact, we'd prefer is as a drive-up type installed in the Library parking lot.

10L NEW To increase safety for people using the W&OD Trail, encourage the County and Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to increase bike-mounted patrols

10M [10-7]: The GCA will aid in providing better access to information to residents about disposal of hazardous wastes.

Delete - [10-14]: *The owner of 5814 Arlington Boulevard should beautify this small apartment building since it is a highly visible structure at the entrance to the neighborhood. (Although this scored fairly well, it is really outside of the scope of a 10 year NCP)*