

Chapter Nine

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

This Master Plan for the Kensington-Wheaton area is a plan that supports and reinforces the policy of maintaining an existing primarily residential area that is substantially built out. It is not a plan that is proposing major new development. It is a plan that encourages preservation of the residential neighborhoods, and the policies and recommendations that appear in this Plan are those that emphasize maintenance and improvement of existing facilities to serve the existing and future population in the current housing stock. This chapter discusses the potential effect of the Plan's recommendations on the County's Capital Improvements Program.

Fiscal considerations should not be the primary determining factor in assessing the appropriateness of the Plan

recommendations, because a master plan deals with a variety of worthwhile public policy goals and objectives that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. However, some indication of the magnitude of anticipated fiscal impacts is appropriate for public deliberation.

The Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

The Executive Branch of County government is responsible for planning, programming, and budgeting for the County's needs. It does this through two interrelated six-year programs. One is the annually updated Capital Improvements Program (CIP), which funds construction of all public buildings, roads, and other facilities planned by the County. The other is the Comprehensive Six-Year Public Services Program (PSP) and the Operating Budget, which funds County programs and coordinates them with capital expenditures.

Projects that are programmed in the FY 89-94 CIP for the Kensington-Wheaton planning area are identified in Table 9-1. The CIP assures that the projects necessary to fulfill the needs of the community and to provide for orderly growth and development are built at the appropriate time and in the proper location. Each project's status is reviewed annually, at which time projects can be



TABLE 9-1

CURRENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (FY 89)
Kensington-Wheaton Planning Area

PROJECT	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (000's)	START CONSTRUCTION
Transportation			
Layhill Road (MD 182) Widening	MDDOT	18,070	Under way
Capital Beltway (I-495) Widening	MDDOT	37,866	Under way
Connecticut Avenue (MD 185) Resurfacing	MDDOT	1,101	Under way
Veirs Mill Road (MD 586) Improvements	MDDOT	3,785	Under way
Randolph Road/Veirs Mill Road Intersection Improvements	MDDOT/MCDOT	400	FY 88
Intersection Improvements University Boulevard at Veirs Mill Road and Connecticut Avenue at Knowles Road	MDDOT	118	Under way
I-495 and Connecticut Avenue Park-and-Ride	MDDOT/MCDOT	--	Study Stage
Forest Glen Road (MD 192) Study	WMATA	--	Study Stage
Parking - Wheaton Garage 45 Reconstruction	MCDOT/WMATA	3,140	FY 88
Belvedere Place Extension	MCDOT	268	FY 89
Dewey Road	MCDOT	729	FY 92
Glenmont Park-and-Ride	MCDOT	973	FY 89
Glenallen Avenue	MCDOT	--	Study Stage
Glenmont Yard Access Road	MCDOT	--	Study Stage
Housing & Community Development			
Wheaton CBD Improvements	DHCD	9,937	FY 84
Rehab. for Housing - Pleasant View Elementary School	DHCD	3,500	FY 86
Colonial Veirs Mill Shopping Center	DHCD	841	FY 91

(Table 9-1 Continued)

PROJECT	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (000's)	START CONSTRUCTION
Water and Sewer			
Georgia Avenue Main Replacement	WSSC	1,815	FY 87
Rock Creek Storage Facilities	WSSC	12,833	FY 88
Stormwater Management			
Stormwater Management Retrofit	DEP	--	FY 89
Public Libraries			
Kensington Park Library Renovation	Pub.Lib.	1,310	FY 90
Parks			
Wheaton-Veterans	M-NCPPC	545	FY 89
General Getty	M-NCPPC	886	FY 91
Glen Haven	M-NCPPC	521	Beyond 6 Years
Glenfield	M-NCPPC	420	FY 88
Wheaton Community Center Rehab.	M-NCPPC	495	FY 87
Wheaton Regional Rehab.	M-NCPPC	12,161	Pre 1987
Kensington Jr. High Local Park	M-NCPPC	375	FY 91
Capitol View Homewood Local Park	M-NCPPC	205	FY 87
Newport Mill/Pleasant View Rehab.	M-NCPPC	265	FY 89
Public Schools			
Einstein H.S. Second Gym	Pub.Sch.	865	FY 89
Lee Intermediate Addition	Pub.Sch.	2,166	FY 90
Veirs Mill Elementary Modern.	Pub.Sch.	3,996	FY 91
Highland Elementary Modern.	Pub.Sch.	4,580	FY 89
Sligo Middle School Modern.	Pub.Sch.	8,895	FY 90

deleted, modified, or added. This procedure allows the flexibility needed to balance available resources and public priorities.

Programs and services listed in the operating budget and PSP are generally oriented toward service delivery rather than master plan recommendations. Furthermore, programs and services are designed for the County as a whole, or for large regions whose boundaries do not coincide with this Master Plan. Thus, this Plan does not list all County programs serving the Kensington-Wheaton area.

Projects recommended by this Master Plan but not programmed in the CIP are listed in Table 9-2. This Master Plan provides guidance on the land use patterns and siting of public facilities in the Kensington-Wheaton area at the time of its ultimate build-out. This Plan defers to the County Council to determine the timing for construction of needed CIP projects recommend by the County Executive. During annual review of the CIP, the Executive and Council



shall determine the level of fiscal commitment to a particular project for that year. Funding decisions necessarily will take place within the context of competing demand for finite resources.

TABLE 9-2

PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
Kensington-Wheaton Planning Area

PROJECT	IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES (1988 Dollars)
GREEN CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS		
Landscaping	County Department of Transportation/State Highway Administration	\$36/lin. ft.
Sidewalk Replacement	County Department of Transportation	\$11/lin. ft.
Multi-Use Trails (Class I)	County Department of Transportation/Parks Department	\$38/lin. ft.
COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION		
Veirs Mill and Randolph Roads	Department of Housing & Community Development	To be determined
TRANSPORTATION		
Rockville Facility	Transportation and/or Recreation use	To be determined
Park and Ride Lots	County Department of Transportation	\$3,000/space
Metro Station Bicycle Parking	County Department of Transportation	To be determined
New Sidewalk Construction	County Department of Transportation	\$35/lin. ft.
Curb Ramp Construction	County Department of Transportation	\$900-1,200/ramp
COMMUNITY FACILITIES		
Park Renovations	Parks Department	To be determined
Public Schools Modernizations	Montgomery County Public Schools	To be determined
Day Care in Public Facilities	Department of Family Resources and other agencies	To be determined
Sewer Replacement	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	To be determined

Source: Montgomery County Planning Department.