

FUND 108 LEAF COLLECTION

AGENCY MISSION

To provide vacuum leaf collection service at the streetline for all customers within designated residential leaf districts on three separate occasions during the leaf collection season (the period from October through December) in order to enhance the aesthetic environment.

AGENCY SUMMARY					
Category	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2000 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2001 Advertised Budget Plan	FY 2001 Adopted Budget Plan
Authorized Positions/Staff Years ¹					
Regular	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Expenditures:					
Operating Expenses	\$878,408	\$1,081,951	\$1,081,951	\$1,051,556	\$1,051,556
Capital Equipment	37,320	120,600	120,600	0	0
Total Expenditures	\$915,728	\$1,202,551	\$1,202,551	\$1,051,556	\$1,051,556

¹ No positions are established in Fund 108, Leaf Collection. Personnel for program operations is provided in Fund 109, Refuse Collection and Recycling Operations, and other Division of Solid Waste funds which charge Fund 108 through intra-agency billings, for the amount of staff costs incurred.

This fund is included within the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) reorganization. Please refer to the discussion in the Solid Waste Operations Overview.

Board of Supervisors' Adjustments

The following funding adjustments reflect all changes to the FY 2001 Advertised Budget Plan, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 24, 2000:

- The Board of Supervisors made no changes to the FY 2001 Advertised Budget Plan.
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County Executive Proposed FY 2001 Advertised Budget Plan



Agency Overview

The Division of Refuse Collection and Recycling provides for leaf collection and disposal within 23 Fairfax County approved refuse collection districts. In FY 2001, Leaf Collection operations will provide collection services on three different occasions to an estimated 18,786 residential and commercial units in these districts. They include Braddock 2; Dranesville 1A11, 1A21, 1A61, 1B1, 1E, and 3; Lee 1B, 1C, and 1D; Mason 1, 1A, 2, 4, and 7A; Mount Vernon 1A and 1B; and Providence 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, and 8. Leaf districts are established and/or de-established through a petition process approved by the Board of Supervisors. This process could result in an increase or decrease in the number of residential or commercial units within a specific collection district, or a district could be totally eliminated. Petition approvals affect the number of units serviced in a given year.

All leaves collected are either transported to the composting facility in Prince William County as part of a refuse exchange agreement between Prince William and Fairfax counties, or mulched and provided to citizens. Revenue is derived from a collection levy (service fee) that is charged to homeowners and businesses within the districts. The current levy is \$0.01 per \$100 of assessed real estate value for property within leaf districts. Based on the current assessment, the levy will generate \$593,439 in FY 2001. The variance between FY 2001 revenue and expenditures results in a shortfall that will be satisfied through the use of the fund balance.

During FY 2001, the program will continue to provide efficient service within the scheduled collection period to all qualified districts and collection units. The FY 2001 funding level includes funding for the transfer of leaves to the Prince William County Composting Facility as agreed upon in the solid waste trade agreement between Fairfax and Prince William counties. It should be noted that weather and other external factors could lengthen or shorten the leaf season. The fluctuations in expenditures are addressed during scheduled quarterly reviews, and the agency's funding level is adjusted if necessary.



Funding Adjustments

The following funding adjustments from the FY 2000 Revised Budget Plan are necessary to support the FY 2001 program:

- A net decrease of \$30,395 in Operating Expenses is due primarily to a reduction of \$30,415 in the Division of Vehicle Services (DVS) charge based on prior year actuals.
- A decrease of \$120,600 in Capital Equipment reflecting no requirement in FY 2001 for the replacement of leaf equipment.

The following funding adjustments reflect all approved changes in the FY 2000 Revised Budget Plan since passage of the FY 2000 Adopted Budget Plan. Included are all adjustments made as part of the FY 1999 Carryover Review and all other approved changes through December 31, 1999:

- There were no adjustments required for this fund as part of the FY 1999 Carryover Review.



Objectives

- To remove at least 95% of the leaves placed at the curb by citizens, within each leaf collection district, during the specified leaf collection period.

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Performance Indicators

Indicator	Prior Year Actuals			Current Estimate	Future Estimate
	FY 1997 Actual	FY 1998 Actual	FY 1999 Estimate / Actual	FY 2000	FY 2001
Output:					
Homes within districts	18,211	18,589	18,599 / 18,655	18,686	18,786
Cubic yards of leaves collected	65,220	66,380	73,755 / 64,675	67,500	69,000
Efficiency:					
Net cost per home collected ¹	\$43.15	\$56.51	\$55.53 / \$38.72	\$56.29	\$51.96
Hours per cubic yard collected	0.33	0.31	0.29 / 0.27	0.27	0.27
Service Quality:					
Percent of customers rating service very good or excellent	NA	65.0%	NA / 83.8%	85.0%	87.5%
Outcome:					
Percent of customers' leaves removed from curb	NA	91.0%	NA / 93.8%	95.0%	95.0%

¹ The actual FY 1999 cost per home was low compared to the FY 1998 actual and the FY 2000 estimate due to the receipt of large interest on investment revenue (offsetting costs) and to much lower Capital Equipment expenditures in FY 1999.

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FUND STATEMENT

Fund Type G10, Special Revenue Funds

Fund 108, Leaf Collection

	FY 1999 Actual	FY 2000 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2000 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2001 Advertised Budget Plan	FY 2001 Adopted Budget Plan
Beginning Balance	\$3,187,055	\$2,787,859	\$3,034,517	\$2,553,479	\$2,553,479
Revenue:					
Interest on Investments	\$170,547	\$111,060	\$111,060	\$106,349	\$106,349
Rental of Equipment	22,893	25,378	25,378	23,340	23,340
Sale of Equipment	28,884	6,900	6,900	0	0
Reserve ¹	16,063	37,505	37,505	80,060	80,060
Leaf Collection Levy/ Fee	524,803	540,670	540,670	513,379	513,379
Total Revenue	\$763,190	\$721,513	\$721,513	\$723,128	\$723,128
Total Available	\$3,950,245	\$3,509,372	\$3,756,030	\$3,276,607	\$3,276,607
Expenditures:					
Operating Expenses	\$878,408	\$1,081,951	\$1,081,951	\$1,051,556	\$1,051,556
Capital Equipment	37,320	120,600	120,600	0	0
Total Expenditures	\$915,728	\$1,202,551	\$1,202,551	\$1,051,556	\$1,051,556
Total Disbursements	\$915,728	\$1,202,551	\$1,202,551	\$1,051,556	\$1,051,556
Ending Balance	\$3,034,517	\$2,306,821	\$2,553,479	\$2,225,051	\$2,225,051
Equipment Replacement Reserve ²	279,482	298,109	298,109	326,033	326,033
Unreserved Balance	\$2,755,035	\$2,008,712	\$2,255,370	\$1,899,018	\$1,899,018
Leaf Collection Levy/Fee per \$100 Assessed Value	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01	\$0.01

¹ For accounting and reporting purposes, revenue from leaf collection districts that is required for additions to the Capital Equipment Replacement Reserve is shown as receipts to the Capital Equipment Replacement Reserve.

² Funds reserved for equipment replacement are not encumbered based on normal accounting practices; however, they are allocated for future equipment replacement purchases.