

Response to Questions on the FY 2015 Budget

Request By: Supervisor Gross

Question: Please provide a summary of the square footage of County facilities and School facilities.

Response: Below is a table including approximate square footage at both County Government and County School facilities:

Department	Approximate Square Feet	Notes
County Facilities Management Department	8,600,000	193 facilities and structures
County Park Structures	1,400,000	374 structures
County Housing and Community Development	3,000,000	75 housing sites with more than 7,281 bedrooms
Total County Estimate	13,000,000	
Fairfax County Public Schools	27,000,000	196 schools/administrative buildings, 990 temporary classrooms
Total FCPS Estimate	27,000,000	
Grand Total Estimate	40,000,000	

The General Obligation bond program supports the square footage noted above; however, County bonds also support other capital programs that are not measured by square footage. For example, the current County bond program supports capital contributions to WMATA and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA), as well as road construction and stormwater flood control improvements. In addition, Park bonds support facility renewal and construction as well as land acquisition, athletic fields and trails. Since 1991, the voters have approved County referenda totaling \$1.36 billion. Of this amount, \$601 million or 44 percent is related to projects that do not contribute to the total County square footage above. In addition, in most cases, land acquisition, development of athletic fields, and trails have accounted for between 20 and 100 percent of recent Park bond referendum. For example, in fall 2006, the voters approved \$25 million for Parks of which \$10 million was for land acquisition, \$10 million for athletic field development and \$5 million for trails and stream crossing. Assuming at least 50 percent of Park bonds over the years have supported non-square footage related items, an additional \$156.5 million in Park bonds would bring the total of non-square footage related bonds to \$757.5million or 56 percent. Therefore more than half of the County program is dedicated to infrastructure that is not included in the total County square footage numbers above. In the same period, School bond sales have totaled \$2.89 billion.

It is important to note that the County maintains over 23,000 acres of park land, 274 athletic fields, 5 major commercial revitalization areas, over 300 bus shelters, 13 park and ride surface lots, 40,000 public street signs, 229 miles of asphalt trails, 425 miles of concrete sidewalk, 64 pedestrian bridges, 17 miles of roadway service drives and 4 miles of County maintained roads that do not meet the standard for acceptance into the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) maintenance system. None of this infrastructure and land is included in the County square footage numbers above.

The attached chart from the [FY 2015 – FY 2019 Capital Improvement Program](#) includes the entire 20 year history of all Bond Referenda.

TABLE F
20-YEAR HISTORY OF REFERENDA
(\$ in millions)

Date	Schools	Trans./ Roads	Public Safety	County Parks	Regional Parks	Adult Deten.	Juv. Deten.	NIP/ CRP	Comm. Revit.	Storm Drain.	Library	Human Services	County Total
2013	\$250.00												
2012			\$55.00	\$63.00	\$12.00					\$30.00	\$25.00		\$185.00
2011	\$252.75												
2010		\$120.00											\$120.00
2009	\$232.58												
2008				\$65.00	\$12.00								\$77.00
2007 ¹	\$365.20	\$110.00											\$110.00
2006			\$125.00	\$25.00									\$150.00
2005	\$246.33												
2004		\$165.00		\$65.00	\$10.00						\$52.50	\$32.50	\$325.00
2003	\$290.61												
2002			\$60.00	\$20.00									\$80.00
2001	\$377.96												
2000													
1999	\$297.21												
1998			\$99.92	\$75.00	\$12.00								\$186.92
1997	\$232.85												
1996													
1995	\$204.05												
1994													
1993	\$140.13												
1992		\$130.00											\$130.00
1991													
Total	\$2,889.67	\$525.00	\$339.92	\$313.00	\$46.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$77.50	\$32.50	\$1,363.92

¹ The 2007 School Referendum totaled \$365,200,000 of which \$315,200,000 was for school improvement needs and \$50,000,000 was for a County vehicle maintenance facility for school buses and other County vehicles. The maintenance facility will be funded from the County's capacity allocation, as approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 7, 2007.