Fund 306
Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority

FY 2008 Adopted Budget Plan	
Fund 306, Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority	
Total Expenditures:	$2,500,000
Revenue:	
General Fund Support	$0
Bond Revenue	$2,500,000
Other Revenue	$0
Total Revenue	$2,500,000

► Summary of Program

This fund supports Fairfax County's annual capital contribution to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA). The NVRPA was created in 1959 under the Virginia Park Authorities Act to provide a system of regional parks in the Northern Virginia area. The NVRPA currently operates 21 regional parks and owns more than 10,000 acres of land, of which more than 7,700 acres are in Fairfax County. Parklands within the system include: Bull Run, Bull Run Marina, Fountainhead, Sandy Run, Pohick Bay, Carlyle House Historic Park, Potomac Overlook, Upton Hill, Algonkian, Red Rock, the W&OD Trail, Occoquan, Hemlock Overlook, Cameron Run, Gateway, Meadowlark Gardens, Ball's Bluff, Temple Hall, Brambleton, Blue Ridge, and Aldie Mill. In addition, the NVRPA administers extensive regional historic and conservation properties throughout Northern Virginia. These community resources are supported primarily from the annual contributions of its six member jurisdictions: the counties of Fairfax, Loudoun and Arlington, and the cities of Fairfax, Alexandria and Falls Church. Each member jurisdiction's contribution is in proportion to its share of the region's population of approximately 1.6 million residents.

The primary focus of NVRPA's capital program is to continue the restoration, renovation and modernization of existing park facilities, many of which were developed or constructed more than 20 years ago. Additional elements of the capital program include land acquisition, the development of interpretive and educational displays, and the adaptation of park features to meet the needs of the disabled. In its conservation efforts, NVRPA is also involved in implementing portions of the Environmental Quality Corridors concept, which defines an open space land system designated for long-term protection in the County. In this role, NVRPA continues to place emphasis on the acquisition of shoreline properties along the Potomac, Bull Run and Occoquan Rivers, while the Fairfax County Park Authority concentrates on acquiring land along the County's interior stream valleys.

Significant 2007 capital improvements that expanded service to the public include a redesigned water park at Upton Hill Regional Park, a remodeled meeting center at Algonkian Regional Park, campground improvements at Bull Run and Pohick Bay Regional Parks, improved boat ramps and/or docks at Pohick Bay, Sandy Run and Bull Run Marina, and historic preservation work at Pohick Bay, Carlyle House and Red Rock. Other accomplishments in recent years have included mini-golf and shelters/picnic area renovations at Algonkian Regional Park, a light show at Bull Run Special Event Center, and pool renovations at Cameron Run Regional Park. Work in progress includes the expansion of the Algonkian Meeting and Event Center Parking lot, additional campground renovations at Fountainhead Park, and garden development and expansion at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Needed maintenance and safety improvements include renovations

to the entrance area of the Potomac Overlook, an irrigation system at Meadowland Botanical Gardens, HVAC and roof renovations at the historic Carlyle House, and continuing W&OD trail improvements.

▶ Funding Availability and Future Considerations

In the fall of 2004, the voters approved a $10 million Park Bond Referendum for Fairfax County's capital contribution to the NVRPA. This referendum supported a level of $2.5 million per year for four years through FY 2008. In FY 2008, General Obligation Bond funding in the amount of $2,500,000 was included for several capital project initiatives, including: mini-golf renovations at Bull Run Regional; HVAC, fire suppression and roof renovations at the historic Carlyle House; expansion of the Algonkian Meeting and Event Center Parking lot; additional campground renovations at Fountainhead Park; garden development and expansion at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens; expansion of Boat/RV Storage at Occoquan Park; replacement of the miniature golf course at Bull Run Park; and continued trail improvements on the W&OD.

The next Park Bond referendum with a NVRPA component is scheduled for fall 2008.

▶ Status of Program

This program is managed by the NVRPA. Payments are made to the NVRPA on a quarterly basis.

▶ Mandate Information

There is no federal or state mandate for this LOB.