

Response to Questions on the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor Bulova

Question: What is the status of landscaping and maintenance services at the 9/11 Memorial Garden at the Government Center?

Response: The 9/11 Memorial Garden was constructed with donated material and labor from a number of community businesses. Landscaping services were to be provided by the Park Authority through the Government Center Landscape program. This program was responsible for planting annual flowers, care and maintenance of shrubbery around the buildings and in the parking lots, care of trees throughout the site, and management of the formal turf areas. No additional funds were allocated to the Park Authority for the landscaping services provided at the Garden. In response to the Board of Supervisors' request for additional budget reductions, the Government Center Landscape program was eliminated in FY 2004.

Today, the Park Authority manages the contract mowing of the Government Center, including the 9/11 Memorial Garden, and the Office of the Sheriff is responsible for landscaping services through the Community Labor Force program. Landscaping services include, but are not limited to, pruning, weeding, mulching, planting and watering. County staff will work with the Office of the Sheriff to ensure the continued maintenance of the Garden.