

## Response to Questions on the FY 2007 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Supervisor Kauffman

**Question:** What is the status of the County's effort to add an animal shelter to the South County area?

**Response:**

Currently, the South County Animal Shelter is included in the FY 2007 - FY 2011 Advertised Capital Improvement Program (With Future Fiscal Years to 2016). The project is included in the "Beyond 5-Year CIP Period" and projects listed in this section are given a priority ranking of 1 through 4 (a ranking of "1" being the highest priority). The South County Animal Shelter project has been given a ranking of "4" which indicates that it is a future anticipated project, but is not scheduled in the next five-year period.

The Police Department has indicated that a South County Animal Shelter would provide residents with a location that is more convenient and accessible to redeem lost animals, adopt pets, or use the other services currently available at the existing shelter located on West Ox Road in the western portion of the County. An analysis of data conducted by the Police Department showed that approximately 40 percent of stray animals received at the existing shelter between 7/1/2005 and 12/31/2005 were from the South County area (Alexandria, Annandale, Fort Belvoir, Franconia, Kingstowne, Lorton, Mt. Vernon, and Springfield). In addition, as the projected population of the South County area is expected to increase, the South County Animal Shelter would serve an even greater number of residents.