

## Court Facilities

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The current focus of the County's criminal justice system is to provide adequate court facilities and update aging jail facilities and security systems.

### LINK TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Plan has established a number of objectives and policies in order to:

- ✓ Meet all State standards for incarceration space, including the expansion of adult detention facilities if required.
- ✓ Plan and construct additional or expand existing facilities necessary to maintain the efficient and expedient processing and adjudication of cases, maintain a central location for the main court system for the County to be convenient to all County residents.
- ✓ Maintain adequate levels of service at existing or new Court and Central Court Service facilities, pre- and post-dispositional juvenile facilities, and for community intake and probation services.
- ✓ Provide supervised residential living/educational centers for selected non-violent male and female offenders referred to the Community Diversion Program from the District or Circuit Court.

Source: 2017 Edition of the Comprehensive Plan, Area III (amended through 9-26-2017), and the Policy Plan Element, Public Facilities (amended through 7-25-2017) and Human Services Sections (amended through 3-4-2014), as amended.

### PROGRAM INITIATIVES

The Judicial Center is used by over 2,500 people daily and experiences significant wear to the public spaces and building systems. There are 26 courtrooms within the original portion of the Courthouse which were in need of renovations including improved lighting, ductwork realignment and technology upgrades to keep the rooms operational. Funding for the first four courtrooms was provided and the modifications are complete. An additional \$20 million for the remaining 22 courtrooms was approved as part of the fall 2012 bond referendum. However, an amount of \$4.0 million was redirected to the Jennings Courthouse Data Center to support critical and immediate requirements at the Courthouse. Additional funding to complete all courtroom renovations will be required in the future.

A new Public Safety Headquarters (PSHQ) to replace the Massey Building was recently completed and opened to staff in fall 2017. Once all personnel have been relocated, the Massey Building and Massey Annex will be demolished. Funding has been provided for a Massey Complex Master Planning project to evaluate potential land use alternatives for the future of the entire Massey Complex. The master planning effort will include assessment of priority County uses for the site, including future criminal justice, public safety and human services' needs, as well as City of Fairfax and George Mason University interest in the site. Major areas of consideration will include the site of the Massey Building, the Old Courthouse, and existing surface parking lots. The disposition of other County-owned real estate assets within the City of Fairfax at and near the Massey location, may also be evaluated for opportunities, and the potential for public private partnerships redevelopment will be assessed.

The Adult Detention Center (ADC), in the same complex, is a three-building compound with beds for 1,343 inmates constructed in 1978, 1988 and 1998. The buildings are interconnected, but many of the building systems, including the security, were not integrated as a single facility or updated when the second and third buildings were added. While some upgrades and replacements have been completed in recent years, the majority of the systems and equipment have served beyond their expected useful lifetime.

## **CURRENT PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

1. **Courtroom Renovations-Bond Funded - 2012** (Providence District): \$21,000,000 to renovate most of the existing courtrooms within Jennings Judicial Center building which were not renovated as part of the Judicial Center Expansion Project. These courtrooms require improved lighting, ductwork realignment and technology upgrades. Four of the 26 courtrooms were fully funded by the General Fund in the amount of \$3,530,000 and the work is complete. The remaining 22 courtrooms were approved for funding in the amount of \$20 million as part of the fall 2012 Public Safety Bond Referendum. However, an amount of \$4.0 million was redirected to the Jennings Courthouse Data Center to support critical and immediate requirements. Of the 22 bond funded courtrooms, a total of 7 courtrooms are complete, 4 are in construction and the construction of the next 6 courtrooms will begin in fall 2018. An additional \$5.0 million is proposed as part of the fall 2018 Courts/Detention Bond referendum to support remaining courtroom renovations.
2. **Courtroom Renovation Equipment/Furniture** (Providence District): This is an on-going project to provide loose furniture in the courtrooms as renovation work is complete. There are 26 courtrooms in the Jennings Judicial Center which are scheduled to be renovated over several years. Equipment and furniture requirements include: attorney seating, juror seating, judge's chairs, clerk's chairs, court reporter's chairs, deputy's chairs, witness chairs, non-technical podiums, jury deliberation room tables and chairs, and victim/witness room tables and chairs.
3. **ADC Security/Renovation – 2018** (Providence District): \$62,000,000 is currently estimated for the renovation and security system replacement at the Adult Detention Center in addition to \$510,000 which was previously approved for study/pre-design work. This facility has three wings (North, East and West), each constructed at different times. The North Wing is approximately 93,000 square feet and was constructed in 1989. The East Wing is approximately 106,000 square feet and was constructed in 1978 and the West Wing, the largest wing at approximately 310,000 square feet, was constructed in 1995. A mechanical, plumbing, and building systems assessment of each wing was conducted by a contracted engineering firm and the results indicate that most of the major building systems including plumbing, electrical, HVAC, fire protection systems and the elevators require replacement and/or upgrades. In addition, some exterior work is required including weather stripping and roof repairs. Based on the magnitude of the space, as well as the infrastructure upgrades and repairs required, this facility is being considered for full renovation. In addition, the security systems were assessed in 2006 and again in 2016 with both studies concluding that the systems are outdated and no longer meet industry standards. System equipment repairs and maintenance have become nearly impossible as manufacturers no longer support the equipment and replacement parts are not available through standard vendors. Proposed improvements would integrate and upgrade mechanical and electronic security systems to enable Sheriff Deputies to be more proactive and avoid security issues. In order to minimize disruption to the inmates, the implementation of the security system is being considered as part of the overall renovation project. Staff is currently working to develop a phased approach to the project and determine what aspects of the project will require General Fund support or General Obligation Bond financing. It is anticipated that General Fund support of approximately \$17 million will be required for the security system software, cameras and equipment and General Obligation Bonds of approximately \$45 million will support the capital improvement requirements. This project is scheduled as part of the 2018 Public Safety Bond Referendum.

**PROJECT COST SUMMARIES  
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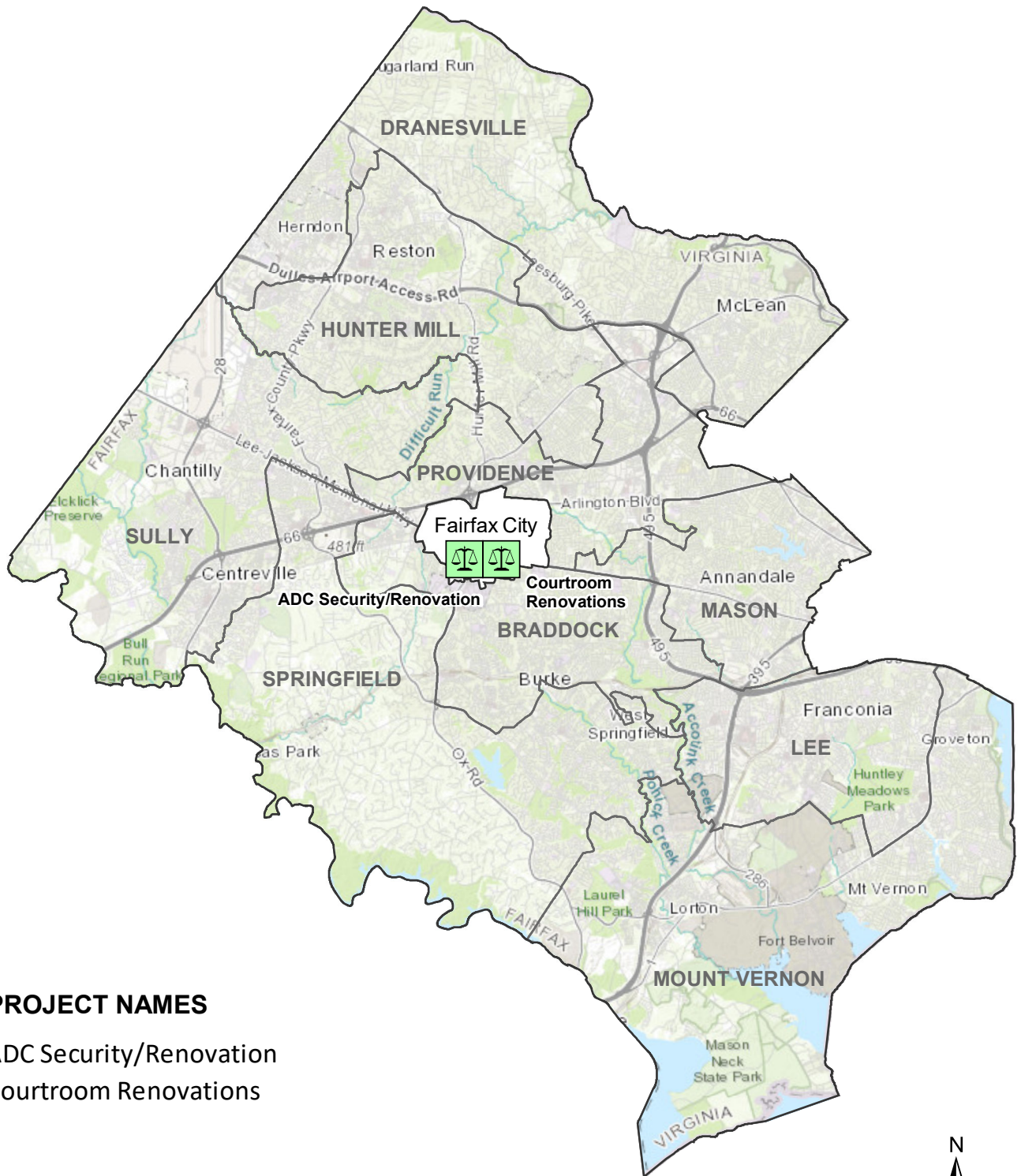
Project Title Project Number		Source of Funds	Budgeted or Expended Through FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total FY2019- FY2023	Total FY2024- FY2028	Total Project Estimate
1	Courtroom Renovations-Bond Funded - 2012 CF-000003	B	<b><i>\$9,900</i></b>	<b><i>\$4,800</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,300</i></b>	\$5,000			\$11,100		\$21,000
2	Courtroom Renovation Equipment/Furniture 2G08-017-000	G	<b><i>\$489</i></b>						\$0		\$489
3	ADC Security /Renovation - 2018 2G91-001-000	G, B	<b><i>\$510</i></b>		\$5,000	\$10,100	\$5,700	\$8,800	\$29,600	\$32,400	\$62,510
<b>Total</b>			\$10,899	\$4,800	\$6,300	\$15,100	\$5,700	\$8,800	\$40,700	\$32,400	\$83,999

Notes: Numbers in ***bold italics*** represent funded amounts. A "C" in the 'Budgeted or Expended' column denotes a continuing project.

Key: Source of Funds

B Bonds  
G General Fund  
S State  
F Federal  
X Other  
U Undetermined

# COURT FACILITIES PROJECT LOCATIONS



## PROJECT NAMES

ADC Security/Renovation  
Courtroom Renovations



Distance in Miles  
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