



Response to Questions on the FY 2010 County's Line of Business & Schools Program Review Processes Fall 2008

Request By: Supervisor McKay

Question: Discuss the possibility of the Sheriff's Office taking on additional landscaping responsibilities from the Park Authority. Are there potential cost savings? Does Sheriff have the capacity to take this work on?

Response: Although the Office of the Sheriff does not have the deputy staff capacity to add the Park Authority landscaping to the existing Community Labor Force (CLF) inmate work schedule, nonessential bus shelter-related work could be scaled back significantly to assume some of the Park Authority's landscape and mowing workload. The essential work for the bus shelter program includes: mowing each site, replacing dilapidated and damaged shelters, and removing graffiti.

It should be noted that if the decision is made to redirect CLF resources to cover a portion of the Park Authority landscaping, then reductions in the bus shelter program would include nonessential services such as the removal of trash cans, weekly trash collections and routine cleaning of bus shelters.

One option discussed with the Park Authority would be to perform landscape and mowing work for Area 1 (McLean), which includes 95.35 acres and 35 different parks. In this scenario, the Park Authority would save an estimated \$56,766, which reflects the amount they currently budget for a contractor to provide this service in Area 1; however this would result in reductions in nonessential bus shelter services as noted above.