



City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

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**To:** Planning Committee  
**From:** Terry Crowe  
Manager, Policy Planning  
**Date:** October 10, 2003  
**File:** 0100-20-AADV1  
**RE: AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM**

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### Staff Recommendation

That the 2003-2004 work program of the Agricultural Advisory Committee be approved, subject to the 2004 budget process.

Terry Crowe  
Manager, Policy Planning

Att. 1

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<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>

## Staff Report

### Origin

The purpose of this report is to request Council approval of the 20043 - 2004 Work Program of the City's new Agricultural Advisory Committee.

### Analysis

#### Criteria for AVS Implementation Work Program

The Work Program implements the 2003 approved Agricultural Viability Strategy (AVS).

The AVS criteria for work program items includes:

- Relevant, important and timely to agricultural viability and the recommendations of the AVS.
- Work has been started by the City or other government agencies.
- Achievable within work program timeframe or capable of being achieved over a reasonable timeframe.
- No costs to the City or funding available for any costs required.

#### Proposed AAC Work Program

The proposed AAC work program for the remainder of 2003 and for 2004 is presented in **Attachment 1**.

#### Financial Impact

For 2003: No cost

For 2004: Approximately \$60,000.00, which will be reviewed as part of the 2004 budget process.

#### Conclusion

It is necessary to implement the Richmond Agricultural Viability Strategy. Staff have consulted with the AAC on the attached work program.

A work program for 2003-2004 is recommended for approval, subject to the 2004 budget process.



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PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM

Remainder of 2003 – Projects	Results Expected	Objectives and Deliverables
Major development proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide agricultural perspective and advice to Council, Staff and applicants.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review proposals and provide comments.</li> </ul>
Flood Protection and Management Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide agricultural perspective and input.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor progress.</li> <li>Review and comment on reports &amp; proposals.</li> </ul>
City-Farmer Drainage Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish improved and regular communications.</li> <li>Provide agricultural perspective and input.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish terms of reference.</li> <li>Monitor progress.</li> <li>Review draft plan.</li> <li>Provide comments to staff and Council.</li> </ul>
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Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide agricultural perspective and input.</li> <li>Improved sensitivity of farmers to importance of ESAs.</li> <li>Better management of ESAs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and clarify inventory and functions of existing ESAs.</li> <li>Assess interaction between farming &amp; the ESAs.</li> </ul>
Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better capacity to assess land use and development impacts on agricultural viability.</li> <li>Improved communications among City departments about agricultural issues.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop criteria for the AIA.</li> <li>Use the AIA for all proposed projects involving land use changes or developments within or adjacent to the ALR.</li> </ul>
Public Awareness and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved awareness and understanding of agriculture and its role in the community among Council and City staff and the community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and organize a farm tour.</li> <li>Initiate construction of a City web page on agriculture.</li> </ul>
Agricultural Data System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update the system for monitoring changes in the agricultural sector.</li> <li>Provides information for ensuring implementation of the RAVS.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor changes in the agricultural sector to determine issues of concern and changes in overall viability.</li> <li>Update and maintain the Agricultural profile.</li> </ul>
Buffer Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved edge conditions between agricultural and urban land uses.</li> <li>Minimize urban-rural conflicts.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish guidelines for agricultural buffers in development adjacent to the Agricultural Land Reserve.</li> </ul>