



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Planning Committee
From: Terry Crowe
Manager, Policy Planning
RE: **AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAM**

To Planning - Oct 21, 2003
Date: October 10, 2003
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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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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"> Provide agricultural perspective and advice to Council, Staff and applicants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review proposals and provide comments.
Flood Protection and Management Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide agricultural perspective and input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor progress. Review and comment on reports & proposals.
City-Farmer Drainage Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish improved and regular communications. Provide agricultural perspective and input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish terms of reference. Monitor progress. Review draft plan. Provide comments to staff and Council.
2004 - Projects	Results Expected	Objectives and Deliverables
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City-Farmer Drainage Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide agricultural perspective and input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review draft plan. Provide comments to staff and Council.
Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide agricultural perspective and input. Improved sensitivity of farmers to importance of ESAs. Better management of ESAs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and clarify inventory and functions of existing ESAs. Assess interaction between farming & the ESAs.
Agricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Better capacity to assess land use and development impacts on agricultural viability. Improved communications among City departments about agricultural issues. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop criteria for the AIA. Use the AIA for all proposed projects involving land use changes or developments within or adjacent to the ALR.
Public Awareness and Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved awareness and understanding of agriculture and its role in the community among Council and City staff and the community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and organize a farm tour. Initiate construction of a City web page on agriculture.
Agricultural Data System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the system for monitoring changes in the agricultural sector. Provides information for ensuring implementation of the RAVS. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor changes in the agricultural sector to determine issues of concern and changes in overall viability. Update and maintain the Agricultural profile.
Buffer Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved edge conditions between agricultural and urban land uses. Minimize urban-rural conflicts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish guidelines for agricultural buffers in development adjacent to the Agricultural Land Reserve.