

## OPEN SPACE SUMMIT

In June, more than 150 attendees at the City's Open Space Summit began formulating the City's master plan to preserve and add open space. In spring 1999, City Council approved \$1 million in capital funding to implement the master plan over a six year period.

## INFLOW AND INFILTRATION PROGRAM

This summer, City staff began surveys of sanitary sewer conditions in the Four Mile Run and Commonwealth sewer service areas (including the Arlandria, Beverly Hills, Del Ray, Warwick Village, Lynhaven and Hume Springs neighborhoods) looking for storm and ground water intrusion and assessing the condition of the aging sewer system.



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## WASTE-TO-ENERGY PLANT

The Alexandria/Arlington Waste-to-Energy plant has completed a \$46.1 million retrofit designed to help the facility meet federal regulations, reduce odor, limit air emissions, and monitor such emissions.

## RECYCLING

The City's recycling program generated over 15.5 million pounds of newspaper, aluminum, glass and old appliances last year, including a record 700 tons of appliances and debris during the City's annual spring clean-up and 2,000 cubic yards of fall leaves turned into mulch for reuse in flower beds and gardens. This year, "Robbie," the recycling squirrel, introduced the City's recycling program to younger Alexandrians.

\* The City now accepts household hazardous waste on a weekly basis. Every Monday at 3540 Wheeler Avenue from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.(703-751-5872), Alexandria residents can dispose of antifreeze, gasoline, motor oil, car batteries, auto cleaning supplies, household cleaning products and pesticides.

\* Contract crews working with the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services installed approximately 3,000 feet of sewer liners into existing sanitary sewers in FY 2001.

## **WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

In January, City Council adopted the Water Quality Management Supplement to the Master Plan and this spring, approved \$300,000 for environmental restoration in the FY 2002-2007 Capital Improvement Program budget. The master plan supplement will help the City meet the requirements of the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

## **WEST NILE VIRUS**

In June, the Health Department implemented a comprehensive West Nile Virus prevention program, which includes identifying mosquito breeding areas and species of mosquitoes, laboratory testing of

mosquito pools for the virus, eliminating larvae from standing bodies of water, applying larvicide in catch basins and on City property, developing educational materials, and testing dead birds for the virus.

