

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Background

Capital Improvements Programming is a method of planning for the effective and efficient provision of public facilities, infrastructure improvements, major maintenance requirements, and acquisition of property and equipment. The first year of the Recommended Capital Improvements Program represents the County Administrator's recommendations to the County Council as the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget.

A ten-year CIP allows the County Council and the citizens an opportunity to view both the short-term capital construction and the acquisition needs of Lancaster County. Viewing the short-term needs enables the County to better plan its financing strategy for capital improvements and annual operating requirements.

What is a Capital Improvements Project?

Capital improvements are major construction or acquisition efforts, which are non-recurring in nature. Pursuant to Lancaster County Ordinance #573 adopted December 1, 2003, capital improvements projects must meet the following thresholds:

- Building and building improvements, \$50,000
- Land improvements, \$25,000
- Furniture and equipment, \$5,000
- Vehicles, \$5,000

Conclusion

The CIP is a document dedicated to a process designed to identify both the capital improvement needs and priorities of Lancaster County over a ten-year period in concert with projected funding levels and the County's *Strategic Plan* and *Comprehensive Plan*. Actual programming of projects is dependent upon the fiscal resources available. Funding constraints may preempt the actual inclusion of projects in the current CIP but may be listed as priorities for funding should resources become available.

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