

Arlington Neighborhoods Program

(formerly the Neighborhood Conservation Program)

Updating the Program

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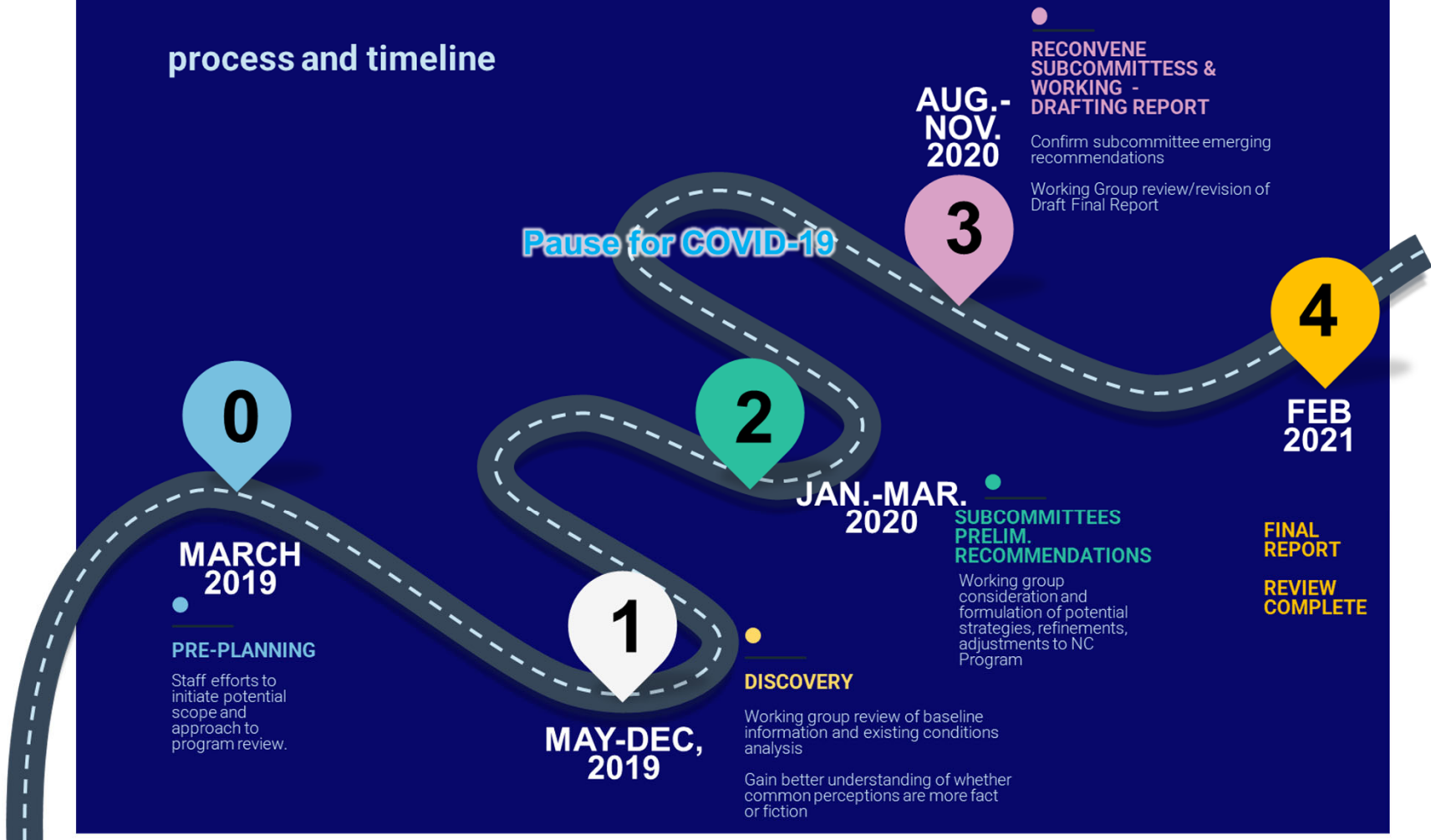
Impetus for the Program Review

July 2018

- **July 2018** | County Board desired a thorough assessment of the program in the face of budget constraints and CIP funding pressures
- Desire to better understand the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program, focusing on project costs, timing, spatial distribution trends, and engagement
- First known comprehensive evaluation in NC's 55-year history
- This was CPHD's pilot to evaluate a policy/program through a racial equity lens

Neighborhood Conservation Program Review

process and timeline



Neighborhood Conservation Program Review (NCPR) Report

Completed in February 2021

“Its bottom-up nature is distinct from and complements other Arlington programs.”

“It effectively delivers physical improvements to neighborhoods and is a strong example of Arlington's commitment to community development and resident engagement.”

NCPR Report Recommendations

4 Categories

Process:

Simplify time-consuming requirements for civic associations and increase the relevance of their work.

People:

Offer NCAC Rep's opportunities to leverage talents and experience, expand community outreach, and provide a bridge to other neighborhood planning efforts

Vision & Policy:

Clarify the County's priorities for neighborhoods and their infrastructure, ensure priorities are supported in policies & plans

Funding:

Expand financial resources to the NC Program

Implementation Framework (IF)

Objectives:

- Update and make changes to the Program to **meet the needs and interests of Arlington County** in the 21st century
- Maintain the program as an effective and meaningful **Local Government & Community Collaboration**
- Consider each of the NCPR Report's **13 Recommendations**
- Make improvements for better **“Equitable” access** & use of the program by all Arlington County residents.

(IF) Focus Areas



Questions?

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