



City of Bowie

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MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch, City Manager

SUBJECT: Update on Environmental Initiatives
Environmental Advisory Committee

DATE: February 1, 2012

The agenda for Monday night includes an item on environmental initiatives. The Environmental Advisory Committee agreed upon the attached set of topics to pursue with City Council in the year ahead. Chairman Allen will present these recommendations and discuss the future direction as outlined in the attachment.

It is important to note that many of these proposed actions will require further work by the EAC. The EAC's recommendation of these actions is both a work plan for the Committee and a commitment to provide to the Council in the months ahead detailed strategies for implementation of these actions.

Attachment



GREEN BOWIE

2012 Next ten steps toward a Green Bowie

1. Form Green team & initially certify Bowie in Maryland Sustainability Program
2. Launch Green Business Certification and Green Business recognition
3. Confirm city Canopy Goal, draft and Adopt community Greening ordinance
4. **EXPAND** Outreach to:
 - Launch Community Green Energy challenge
 - Encourage Household Certification program
 - Expand Habit certification program
 - Reduce Plastic bag use
5. Modify City Development Review Guidelines where appropriate to encourage energy efficiency and renewable energy
6. Frame city Bay Friendly Fertilizer Policy (framework identified)
7. Frame parameters for an invasive threats assessment of plants, insects and other non native species
8. Comprehensive review of integrated GI, open space policies, passive recreation sites, and trails plan.
9. Place assessment for construction of Nature Center in CIP for 2016
10. Sustainability Staffing—Create City staff position Environmental Programs Director. This action supports and enables all the others

Building on earlier Steps Progress

- Climate actions **adopted**
 - Renewal energy purchase
 - Set Fleet mileage average and 10 year reduction plan
- EECS strategies **ADOPTED TRACKED REPORTED**
- 2012 Green Expo **Launched- second is April 2012**
- Distribute remaining Recycling carts **FALL 2012**
- Register Bowie as Sustainable community—**Resolution Adopted**
- Budget element on environmental indicators **City Mgr Report 2011**
- City Habit Certification **Committee working**
- Rebate program for electric lawn mower and Reel type **Adopted**
- **Review progress** City's Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan (EI Plan) **scheduled actions**