




# City of Bowie

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** David J. Deutsch,  City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Environmental Worksession

**DATE:** January 23, 2008

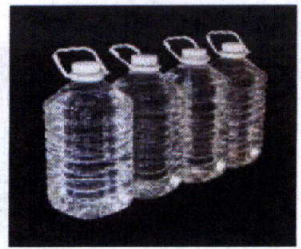
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On September 17, 2007, the City Council passed Resolution #R-57-07 approving the City's Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy (EI) Plan. The purpose of the EI Plan is to guide the City in undertaking future environmental projects in Bowie. The EI Plan specifically includes public education and outreach recommendations that will encourage residents to become more aware of current environmental issues and will encourage individual actions that will improve the environment.

The Environmental Worksession scheduled for Monday night is part of City staff's outreach efforts to promote environmental awareness and engage the community. At the worksession, staff from the cities of Annapolis, Gaithersburg, and Rockville will give presentations on their municipal policies and programs. City staff has invited local stakeholders, such as the Environmental Advisory Committee, church groups, community associations and members of the newly formed Bowie Stream Teams, to attend and participate in the meeting.

The presentation will take about an hour. Senior Planner Elizabeth Chaisson will introduce the four invited worksession speakers. The agenda with the speaker's names and affiliations are attached.

Attachments



## **Bowie City Council Environmental Worksession**

### **Agenda**

**Location:** Bowie City Hall

**Date:** Monday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**Time:** 8:00 pm

#### **I. Welcome Remarks and Introductions**

*Elizabeth Chaisson*  
*Bowie Senior Planner*

Ms. Chaisson will give a brief overview of the environmental programs being launched by the City this year in accordance with the approved 2007 Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan. She will introduce the four speakers for this evening.

#### **II. Annapolis, Maryland**

15 minutes

*Frank Biba, Chief of Environmental Programs*

Mr. Biba has been the Chief of Environmental Programs for the City of Annapolis since 2002, when the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs was created. From 1985 to 2002, he worked with the Annapolis Public Works and Planning and Zoning Departments. Mr. Biba is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has worked as an editor for M-NCPPC and as an oil consultant. He will discuss Annapolis' approach to Urban Forestry, Land Conservation, Stormwater Management, and Green Building and Energy Efficiency.

*Steve Carr, Carr Consulting*

Mr. Carr is the owner of Carr Consulting, an environmental consulting firm headquartered in Annapolis, Maryland. He worked for 15 years for the Forest Service as a surveyor and archaeologist at the Grand Canyon and has advised the City of Annapolis on environmental and recreational matters since 1994. Mr. Carr wrote the book "Water Views" about the Chesapeake Bay and regularly writes a monthly column on the environment in "Bay Weekly". He will discuss "An Environmental Perspective", a City of Annapolis document that highlights all of the environmental initiatives undertaken by Annapolis within the last 6 years.

#### **III. Rockville, Maryland**

15 minutes

*Mark Charles, Environmental Program Director*

Mr. Charles is the Chief of Environmental Management for the City of Rockville where he oversees compliance with state and federal environmental laws, spill responses, the production of drinking water, and Rockville's efforts to be as sustainable and environmentally friendly as possible. He has thirty years of professional and natural resource management experience and was a senior manager with the States of Arizona and Oregon and with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency prior to coming to Rockville. Mr. Charles will discuss Rockville's recently adopted five-year Sustainability Strategy as well as other environmental and energy initiatives currently underway in the City.

#### **IV. Gaithersburg, Maryland**

15 minutes

*Erica Shingara, Environmental Services Director*

Ms. Shingara is the Environmental Services Director for the City of Gaithersburg. She has over 10 years experience in local government and environmental consulting and is a member of the American Planning Association and the U.S. Green Building Council. Ms. Shingara will describe her role in coordinating city-wide environmental programs related to sustainability, green building, stormwater management, climate protection, environmental management systems, forest conservation and landscaping, stream assessments and restoration, public education and outreach, and the implementation of wildlife management and environmental protection regulations during the site plan review and development process.

#### **V. Question and Answer Session**

15 minutes

