



# City of Bowie

2614 Kenhill Drive  
Bowie, Maryland 20715

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Council

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

**SUBJECT:** Naming of Future Bridge  
WB&A Trail

**DATE:** May 1, 2008

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### **I. Background**

Morris J. Warren, a long time Bowie resident, was a well-known bicycling and trail advocate throughout Prince George's County and the State of Maryland, and was the driving force behind the completion of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis (WB&A) Trail in the Bowie area. Morris passed away in January of this year, before seeing the Trail cross the Patuxent River into Anne Arundel County. The trail and bicycling communities have suggested to County and State authorities that the future bridge crossing the Patuxent River be dedicated to, and named after, Morris Warren. In that regard, staff has prepared the attached letter offering the City's support and encouragement officials at various levels of government to name the bridge after Morris (Attachment 1).

Additionally, a memorial service for Morris is planned for Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Laurel (Attachment 2).

### **II. Recommendation**

It is recommended that the attached letter be sent to the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation offering the City's support to name the future bridge across the Patuxent River after Morris J. Warren.

### Attachments

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May 6, 2008

Mr. Ronnie Gathers, Director  
Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation  
6600 Kenilworth Avenue  
Riverdale, Maryland 20737

**RE:** Naming of Future Bridge  
WB&A Trail  
Bowie, Maryland

Dear Mr. Gathers:

As you may know, Mr. Morris J. Warren was an outstanding advocate of the bicycling and trails communities, and was instrumental in the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis (WB&A) Trail becoming a reality. At the time Morris passed away in January of this year, he was still an active, vocal supporter of trails in Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties and throughout the state of Maryland. Unfortunately, Morris did not live to see the completion of his dream of the WB&A Trail crossing the Patuxent River and extending into Anne Arundel County. In the years leading up to the design and construction of the Trail, Morris worked closely with members of your staff.

Morris was a Bowie resident for many, many years, a community activist and a friend to hundreds of Bowie residents. The Bowie City Council, City staff and residents of the City have lost a special person. To honor Morris, the City Council is recommending that the future WB&A Trail bridge across the Patuxent River be named after Morris J. Warren.

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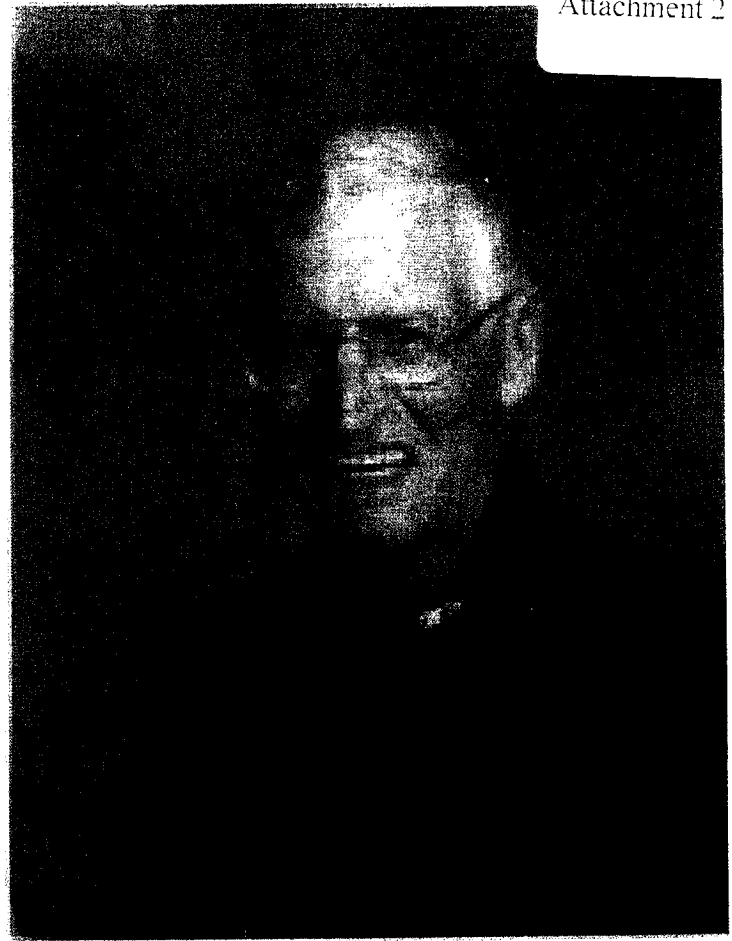
Thank you for your favorable and careful consideration in this regard.

Sincerely,

Bowie City Council  
G. Frederick Robinson  
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Martin O'Malley, Governor, State of Maryland  
The Honorable Douglas J. J. Peters, State Senate  
The Honorable Marvin E. Holmes, Jr., State House of Delegates  
The Honorable James W. Hubbard, State House of Delegates  
The Honorable Gerron Levi, State House of Delegates  
The Honorable Jack Johnson, County Executive, Prince George's County  
The Honorable Ingrid Turner, Prince George's County Council  
Mr. John D. Porcari, Secretary, MD Department of Transportation  
Mr. Neil Pederson, Administrator, MD State Highway Administration  
Mr. David Dionne, Department of Parks and Recreation, Anne Arundel County  
Mr. Michael Jackson, Director of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access, MDOT  
Mr. Bill Kelly, Chairman, College Park Area Bicycle Coalition  
Ms. Sylvia Ramsey, MD Department of Transportation

**Morris J. Warren  
Memorial Service  
Saturday May 17  
2008 2:00PM  
Laurel, Maryland**



**Morris J. Warren 1926 to 2008**

Morris Warren of Bowie, Md. passed away in Fort Myers, Florida on January 4, 2008 of a Heart Attack. He was 81 years young. Morris was an Outstanding Bicycle Advocate and was the Founder and Driving Force behind the WB&A Hiker Biker Trail in Bowie. Morris's wife, Marge and his family will be holding a Memorial Service on Sat. May 17, 2008 at 2:00 PM at the Ivy Hill Cemetery 8103 Old Sandy Spring Rd in Laurel, Md (Just north of Route #198) A Reception is to follow after the cemetery service at the Warren Bowie Homestead for folks from the DC Area to stop by and pay their respects and remember Morris. Morris was well known and respected and did great work to advance Bike/Ped Travel in the DC Area. We will get more info out to you when they become available. Hold this date open for Morris J. Warren. For more Details contact Bill Kelly at 410-488-1909 or E-mail [billkelly@wb&a.org](mailto:billkelly@wb&a.org)