

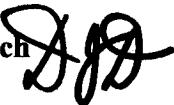


City of Bowie

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MEMORANDUM

TO: **City Council**

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

SUBJECT: **Presentation on Urban Tree Canopy Analysis for Bowie
Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDNR)**

DATE: **June 12, 2008**

At Monday night's City Council meeting, Mr. Don VanHassent of the Maryland Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources, will present an overview of the Urban Tree Canopy analysis project for Bowie. Last year, the City was among several municipalities invited to participate in a program sponsored by MDNR that would produce an urban tree canopy study of the City. The project involves acquisition of satellite imagery and subsequent interpretation of the data to produce statistics for the amount of tree cover in the City. It will help City Council to determine goals for future tree canopy expansion. As the study is currently underway, no results are available at this time. However, Mr. VanHassent will distribute background material about the project and explain the value of establishing urban tree canopy goals. This project, which is one of the recommendations of the approved Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan, is being coordinated through the City's Department of Planning and Economic Development.