



# City of Bowie

2614 Kenhill Drive  
Bowie, Maryland 20715

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Council

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution R-48-10  
Supporting Community Investment Tax Credit Application  
Patuxent Riverkeeper

**DATE:** July 29, 2010

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The City received a request from Mr. Fred Tutman, Patuxent Riverkeeper, for assistance in making application to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for the Riverkeeper organization to participate in the Community Investment Tax Credit (CITC) Program. This program is open to non-profit organizations where tax credits are allocated to business entities that contribute to projects recognized by the Program. The Patuxent Riverkeeper is already actively engaged in many beneficial projects serving residents of the Bowie area (some examples are noted below). The City Council's endorsement via Resolution R-48-10 will assist the Riverkeeper in obtaining standing in the CITC Program which will, in turn, serve to attract more corporate partners and sponsors for the Riverkeeper organization's activities.

Some examples of the Riverkeeper's numerous ongoing projects include:

- 1. Education and Youth Services (The Patuxent Riverkeeper talks at schools, teaches youngsters (scouts and others) how to test water and conducts public outreach activities related to the environment-- a number of existing water testers live and work in Bowie. The Riverkeeper hopes to recruit more.)**
- 2. Enhancing Neighborhoods and Business Districts (The Patuxent Riverkeeper organizes trash cleanups and tree plantings and other things to beautify and protect the natural and inbuilt character of communities along the river. The Riverkeeper organization has provided supplies and organizational support to Bowie residents who conduct stream and river clean-ups. The Riverkeeper is also actively seeking funding for fish blockage removal, wetlands enhancement and similar projects in the City.)**

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3. **Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation (The Patuxent Riverkeeper provides interpretive programs to help people better appreciate the rich history and cultural attractions along the river and build citizen stewardship, and endeavors to protect historic landmarks and designations and build collaborations between the environment and the arts. The organization's drum circles, kayak trips and other community building activities are already attended by Bowie citizens and add to the cultural life of the region.)**
4. **Economic Development and Tourism Promotion (The Patuxent Riverkeeper is involved in drawing eco-tourism and paddle tourism to certain areas of the river; the fusion with river related tourism offers deeper recreational value to the area and enhances its value as a destination for sightseeing, anglers, paddlers, hikers and other outdoor enthusiasts.)**
5. **Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (The Patuxent Riverkeeper helps empower neighborhoods and to build their capacity to respond to environmental threats and to get better neighborhood outcome in zoning, and use and community preservation. The Riverkeeper collaborates with Bowie activists and clean water advocates and links the efforts of Bowie environmentalists to others elsewhere in the same watershed. The Riverkeeper testifies and comments on environmental matters in the City and the County where such matters intersect with its pro-Patuxent mission.)**
6. **Services for At-Risk Populations (The Patuxent Riverkeeper provides environmental justice services and ombudsman assistance to people suffering from environmental disparities usually created by race and class.)**

Because the Patuxent Riverkeeper provides important activities and services which help address the need for environmental improvement and because this mission is consistent with the City's own environmental objectives, it is recommended that Council endorse the request by approving the attached Resolution.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve R-48-10.

Attachment

**RESOLUTION  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND  
SUPPORTING THE PROJECTS AND PARTICIPATION OF THE  
PATUXENT RIVERKEEPER IN THE STATE OF MARYLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S  
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT PROGRAM (CITC)**

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland (“the Bowie City Council”), a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland, received a request from the Patuxent Riverkeeper for a showing of support for the Riverkeeper’s participation in the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development’s Community Investment Tax Credit Program (“the Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Patuxent Riverkeeper has applied to the Department of Housing and Community Development for approval and allocation of tax credits for business entities that contribute to the organization’s projects, under the Department’s Community Investment Tax Credit Program; and

**WHEREAS**, many of the projects sponsored by the Patuxent Riverkeeper are already underway and City residents have benefited from a wide range of services, including:

- Education and Youth Services
- Enhancing Neighborhoods and Business Districts
- Arts, Culture and Historic Preservation
- Economic Development and Tourism Promotion
- Technical Assistance and Capacity Building
- Services for At-Risk Populations

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bowie City Council, in legislative session assembled, hereby expresses its support for the projects undertaken by the Patuxent Riverkeeper and its support for the Riverkeeper's participation in the Program, as described above.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the Bowie City Council at a legislative session on August 2, 2010.

**WITNESS:**

**THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**

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Pamela A. Fleming  
City Clerk

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G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor