

January 8, 2010

Dear Resident:

On September 18th, I sent you a letter informing you about proposed tree cutting the week of September 28th in the area behind your property adjacent to Mitchellville Road in conjunction with the Bowie Electric Reliability Action Plan. Obviously, this cutting did not occur as planned the week of September 28th. This cutting is now proposed to occur the week of January 25th.

As communicated earlier, this cutting will primarily occur from Arbor Hill Lane north behind the following properties:

- 16203 to 16209 Alson Way
- 16101 to 16109 Audubon Lane

It is proposed that this area will be clear cut of trees. The stumps would not be removed, but would be cut close to the ground.

Earlier we communicated that since this is a utility easement, the area will not receive routine tree maintenance, but will be allowed to grow naturally. The area along the east side of Mitchellville Road south of Alderwood Lane received a similar cutting late in 2008. We have since modified our approach on the maintenance of this area after discussions with the City Council, BGE and Prince George's County.

We now propose the replanting of trees in portions of this area. BGE has committed to providing 34 trees for replanting and Prince George's County has indicated that they will provide additional trees as well. Prince George's County is preparing a tree planting sketch plan that will shortly be reviewed by the City. We would anticipate this replanting to occur this spring. The City will provide heavy bush hog type mowing several times per year, depending on growth, to keep these areas under better control and not allow them to grow naturally as we proposed previously.

In addition to the above cutting, BGE also proposes cutting down the Bradford Pear trees that have been partially disfigured from previous pruning on the east side of Mitchellville Road south of Arbor Hill Lane toward the Mitchellville electrical substation. This will impact the Mitchellville Road right of way area in front of the following properties:

- 1901 Arbor Hill Lane
- 1913, 1925, 1933 Mitchellville Road

City staff supports this proposed action. Should you have any questions about this proposed cutting, please contact Rick Kellner, the City of Bowie Forester at 240-216-1134 or myself at 301-809-3075.

Sincerely,

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