

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: December 10, 2015

1. Sustainability Plan Update

The creation of a City Sustainability Plan is underway. From December 14th to January 31st, the Sustainability Plan team (City staff, M-NCPPC, and Doo Consulting) will be asking local members of the community to complete a quick survey about existing community resources and the things they value most about our City in order to help us plan for its future. A link for the online community survey is posted at www.cityofbowie.org/greenbowie. Printed copies of the survey will also be distributed to City facilities, libraries, community centers, etc. Additionally, members specifically of the business community will be contacted to fill out a separate business survey that can be found at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GreenBowieBusiness>.

2. Bowie Retail Centers at International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)

Staff this week attended the ICSC National Deal Making session at the Javits Convention Center in New York City. With almost 10,000 attendees this is the second largest gathering of retail center owners, developers, and tenant representatives held in the U.S. (the largest is the widely reported annual meeting in Las Vegas). Eight of Bowie's nine shopping centers were represented at this event. Staff met with many of Bowie's property representatives including WP Glimcher – Bowie Town Center; Seritage Growth Properties – Sears; and Rappaport – Pointer Ridge.

3. Test Pits

A subcontractor for WSSC, CV Inc., is doing soil borings and test pits at various locations throughout Pointer Ridge today. This work is being done to aid the WSSC in the design and planning of its future water main replacement effort. The work has been permitted and will be inspected by Public Works.