

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: July 19, 2018

Status Report

1. Heritage Trail Contract

The City contracted with E&R Services in late fiscal year 2017 to construct the 12th Street to 10th Street section of the Bowie Heritage Trail. Construction has been delayed due to unanticipated requirements to obtain approvals from CSX, whose property is adjacent to the planned trail. CSX has required changes to the contract documents including: additional fencing, additional insurance requirements for the contractor, and various documentation submittals by the construction contractor. Staff has negotiated a contract change order with the contractor to address these additional CSX requirements at a cost of \$18,764.55. This change will increase the overall contract value from \$479,117.75 to \$497,882.30. Staff will finalize the contract change order as soon as possible to allow construction to proceed. Funding for this change will be included in a future requested supplemental budget appropriation. This project is 80% funded by a MDOT grant.

2. Community Wildlife Habitat Recertification

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) has recertified Bowie as a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. The program requires recertification annually, in July. This is the City's first recertification since being initially certified in November 2016. A variety of educational and outreach activities are required to recertify. With staff support, the Bowie Gardens for Wildlife subgroup of the Green Team completed many of these activities such as the annual habitat tour, monarch waystation planting at Belair Meadows, monthly NWF conference call participation, and providing information about wildlife habitats such at public events such as Bowiefest and the Green Expo.

3. Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Leadership Award

The Maryland Green Registry Leadership Awards are presented each year to five organizations that have shown a strong commitment to sustainable practices, measurable results, and continual improvement. On June 28, 2018, the City sustainability planner and

Green Team chair accepted one of these awards, given by Secretary of the Environment Ben Grumbles, at an evening networking event held in partnership with One Montgomery Green at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland. We were awarded alongside Johns Hopkins University, The Pearlstone Center, Volvo, and the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Sciences (UMCES). The achievements noted are; Solar panels installed on City property and the forthcoming farm, a 15% reduction in emissions since 2005 (COG data), the Food Waste Program, and our work with the Green Team to become and stay a National Wildlife Federation nationally recognized Habitat City.

The official winner profiles can be found here:

<http://mde.maryland.gov/MarylandGreen/Documents/City-of-Bowie-Poster.pdf>
and the award is in the show area on the second floor.

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