

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: April 3, 2014

1. Update on Green Bowie March Events

The Environmental Advisory Committee held two environmental movie screenings at the Kenhill Center in the month of March. There were 12 attendees for the first film, Green Fire. For the second film, Symphony of the Soil, there were 35 attendees. Additionally, the Planning Department held a stargazing event on the evening of March 29th for Earth Hour using \$245 from a community grant awarded to the City by Constellation Energy. The event was titled “Turn Off Your Lights and Look at the Stars” and was planned to raise awareness about energy conservation by way of teaching kids and parents a fun activity to do without lights. The event, held at the Kenhill Center, included an inflatable planetarium and a telescope making presentation and was limited to 25 participants due to limited seating in the planetarium. All 25 that preregistered for the event were present at the event.

2. 13th Stream Cleanup

This Saturday is the City's Spring stream cleanup event, coordinated by the City's Watershed Manager. Approximately 30 volunteers have signed up to clean three different streams and stormwater ponds across the City. Although one additional site may be added later this week, the current sites are listed below. As always, Councilmembers are invited to join us at any of our sites. Look for preliminary results of the cleanup in next week's package.

Stream Name and Meet-up Site:

- Mill Branch - Town Center Boulevard near California Tortilla
- Millstream Branch - Belair Town II, Marquette Lane
- Upper Collington Branch – Stewarts Landing, Church Road

Attached is a flyer for the cleanup. Please forward to your constituents.

3. Bond Bills

The City Gymnasium will receive State funds of \$130,000, representing one-third of the roof replacement cost. The BBGC will receive \$100,000. The Knights of St. John will receive \$60,000 to complete their hall expansion/upgrade project.

Attachment

Earn SSL Hours

JOIN US for the

13th Bowie Stream Cleanup

Saturday, April 5, 2014

from 9 am to 12 pm



Stream Teams pick up trash in streams across the city in an effort to improve Bowie's water quality. **Student Service Learning** hours are available for Prince George's County students.

Multiple Locations will be cleaned, and teams will meet at their assigned streams.

For more information and to sign up, scan the QR code below or contact Tiffany Wright **301-809-3043** or **twright@cityofbowie.org**



NOTE: This event may involve strenuous physical activity. Participants should be able to climb and otherwise negotiate steep slopes. If you have a medical or other condition that requires reasonable accommodation, please contact staff by Wednesday, April 2, 2014, to determine if such accommodations can feasibly be made available.

www.cityofbowie.org/StreamTeams