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Film Screening and Discussion about Leopold and the “Land Ethic” in Bowie

Green Fire film provides viewers the opportunity to connect legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold’s ideas with their own thoughts about a “land ethic”

BOWIE, MD—On March 20th at 6:45PM, the City of Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee and the Bowie Gardens for Wildlife Habitat Team will host a free screening of the Emmy® award-winning film, *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time*, the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about the beloved nature writer and legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold. The film explores Leopold’s life in the early part of the twentieth century and the many ways people interpret and apply his “land ethic” ideas all over the world today. After the film, viewers are encouraged to stay to reflect on Leopold’s ideas.

Though Leopold died in 1948, his ideas are relevant today. *Green Fire* illustrates Leopold’s continuing influence by exploring current projects that connect people and land at the local level. Viewers will meet urban children in Chicago learning about local foods and ecological restoration. They’ll learn about ranchers in Arizona and New Mexico who maintain healthy landscapes by working with their neighbors in cooperative community conservation efforts. They’ll meet wildlife biologists who are bringing back threatened and endangered species, from cranes to Mexican wolves, to the landscapes where they once thrived. The film portrays how Leopold’s vision of a community that cares about both people and land—his call for a land ethic—ties all of these modern conservation stories together and offers inspiration and insight for the future.

Green Fire is a production of the Aldo Leopold Foundation, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Center for Humans and Nature. The non-profit Aldo Leopold Foundation distributes the film to community screeners. The Foundation’s mission is to inspire an ethical relationship between people and land through the legacy of Aldo Leopold. Learn more about the Foundation and *Green Fire* at www.aldoleopold.org.

March 20th (6:45 PM): Bowie, Maryland at the Multipurpose Room in Kenhill Center, 2614 Kenhill Drive, Bowie, MD. For more information, please contact Joe Meinert | jmeinert@cityofbowie.org | 301-809-3047

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