



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, June 16, 2022
Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM,
City Manager

STATUS REPORT

- Parks and Grounds Contract Tree Trimming

In the June 9th Status Report shared last week, it was incorrectly stated that a purchase order in the amount of \$105,000 would be issued to Lewis Tree Services for tree trimming and removal service. The City is piggybacking on an existing Prince George's County contract. The correct amount of the purchase order to be issued is \$100,000 as the City contract is stated as not to exceed \$100,000.
- Stakeholders Meeting - Revision to Detailed Site Plan 07031-05 (Melford Pod 6)

On June 13th, City staff conducted a Virtual Stakeholders Meeting regarding the proposed revision to the approved Detailed Site Plan for Pod 6 (DSP-07031). The proposal substitutes 59,640 square feet of research and development/flex space instead of office use within the remaining undeveloped areas of Pod 6. Two people attended the meeting, but they did not ask any questions. The City's upcoming public hearing schedule includes a Bowie Advisory Planning Board public hearing on June 28th and a City Council public hearing on July 5th. Both meetings will be held at City Hall.
- Millstream Branch Stream Restoration Stakeholder Meeting Results

On Thursday, June 9, 2022, staff from Public Works and Planning held a virtual stakeholders meeting for an upcoming stream restoration project in Millstream Branch (behind Belair Town II). A meeting notice was sent to each property owner within 500 feet of the stream parcel, and six signs were posted in adjacent neighborhoods (Belair Town II, Victoria Heights, and Idlewild). The meeting was also advertised on the City's website and social media. The project includes removing invasive vegetation, re-grading the eroded streambanks, and replacing an exposed sanitary sewer line.

After a powerpoint discussing the details of the project and how it fits into the City's stormwater permit requirements, staff answered all attendee questions (shown below), and attendees were encouraged to contact staff with any additional questions or problems. The design phase should be completed by December 2022, and construction is expected to finish by October 2023.

Will the trees that are removed be replaced? Yes. Native vines and bamboo will be removed along with select trees, and upon construction completion, native trees, shrubs, and ground cover will be planted.

There's a stream behind my house on Millstream Drive. Will this be addressed as well? No. Millstream Branch runs from east of Race Track Rd (the river) almost all the way to MD 197. There are two areas of Millstream Branch on the City's list of priority projects, but at this time only the 1,200 feet of stream behind Belair Town II will be under construction (not near Millstream Drive). The other area with planned restoration is several years out.

How will the access path and staging areas be restored? A native riparian ground cover mix, shrubs and trees will be planted. There will be no trees planted near the sewer line.

Will erosion control fabrics be used? Yes, coir fiber matting will be placed along the stream bank with plantings and held in the ground with wooden stakes. The stakes and matting will eventually biodegrade.

Will construction be on weekends as well as weekdays? No. The City has strict requirements for contractors as to when construction activities can take place. The specific hours for this project will be worked out with the contractor that is selected. The standard hours are 7am to 4pm, though in residential areas, work typically cannot begin before 8am. There is no work on evenings or weekends unless an urgent issue or emergency requires it.