



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, October 20, 2022
Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM,
City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Stream Cleanup Results

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, 109 residents gathered at several streams across the city to collect trash from along and around streams. The Public Works stormwater maintenance crew picked up and weighed everything collected from the five sites listed below. The total trash removed for the day was 980 pounds and included a half dozen assorted shoes, two shopping carts, countless glass beer bottles, lawn furniture, and sofa cushions. The Planning Department extends a big thank you to everyone who joined, including the Tasker Middle School Leo Club, Prince George's Community College biology class, many Girl Scouts, and the University of Maryland College Park chapter of Tzu Ching.

The cleanup ended with the sight of a bald eagle soaring above the woods adjacent to Tasker Middle, highlighting the importance of having a clean and Green Bowie. The next cleanup will be on Saturday, April 1, 2023.

Stream	Location	# Vols	Trash Removed (lbs)
Collington Branch	Tasker Middle School	48	100
Mill Branch	Everst Drive	21	240
Mill Branch	Glen Allen	15	265
Millstream Branch	Free State Shopping Ctr	22	325
Saddlebrook Branch	Rockledge Drive	3	50
TOTALS:		109	980

2. Replacement of Two (2) Police Department Vehicles (#570 and #626)

Replacement of Police Vehicle #570

On February 13, 2022, a Police Department vehicle was involved in a non-preventable accident. As a result, vehicle #570 (2014 Ford Explorer) was deemed a total loss by LGIT. The total cost to replace the vehicle is \$67,362.00. The new vehicle # is 661, a marked K9 vehicle.

- \$44,551.00 for the purchase of a replacement vehicle, a 2022 Chevrolet Tahoe from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., which is based in Milford,

DE. We are piggy-backing on State of Maryland Contract/BPO #001B9400184.

- \$22,841.00 for the purchase of upfitting costs and services provided by Front Line Mobile, based in Jessup, MD. We are piggy-backing on Howard County, MD Contract #4400003685.

Replacement of Police Vehicle #626

On February 22, 2022, a Police Department vehicle was involved in a non-preventable accident. As a result, vehicle #626 (2016 Ford Interceptor Sedan-unmarked) was deemed a total loss by LGIT. The new vehicle # is 662, an unmarked vehicle. (We are awaiting Ford's next manufacturer's order cycle. The below is based on the current Ford contract pricing.)

- \$36,602.00 for the purchase of a replacement vehicle, a 2022 Ford Police SUV, from Hertrich Fleet Services, Inc., which is based in Milford, DE. We are piggy-backing on Anne Arundel County, Maryland Contract #5785.
- \$18,151.40 for the purchase of upfitting costs and services provided by Front Line Mobile, based in Jessup, MD. We are piggy-backing on Howard County, MD Contract #4400003685.

Section 62 of the City Charter allows for cooperative bidding between COG members. This notice will serve as the seven-day notice to City Council of the intention to make such purchases.

3. Verizon Small Business Digital Ready \$10,000 Grant Event Held

The Maryland Women's Business Center (MWBC) teamed up with Verizon and the City of Bowie Economic Development Office on October 18, 2022, for an in-person event designed for small businesses to network and connect with MWBC consultants, City of Bowie Economic Development staff and Verizon representatives to learn about the Verizon Small Business Digital Ready platform.

The platform offers FREE online training and personal coaching with experts from your business field to enhance your business's success in the digital market. Participants must register and take two 'business-ready' courses to unlock the opportunity to apply for a \$10,000 small business grant. The grant is not industry-specific and has no revenue cap and income base requirements. Grant recipients can use the funds how they best see fit. The grant application deadline is November 14, 2022, so register now to unlock this fantastic opportunity to move your business into the digital economy.

For more information click here <https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/digital-inclusion/small-business-training>

4. Sewer Repair at Violetwood PI

An 8" sewer line at the end of Violetwood PI unexpectedly collapsed which

caused sanitary sewer overflow into an adjacent stream, a tributary to the Patuxent River. Although a temporary bypass pumping system has been installed on September 22, 2022, permanent sewer repair should be completed as soon as possible due to the concerns about potential damages to the bypass pumping by the upcoming winter weather, which would cause a second sanitary overflow. The Public Works Department has obtained sewer repair proposals from two contractors, Ross Contracting, Inc. at a fee of \$154,000, and Humphrey & Son, Inc. at a fee of \$162,500. A memo and resolution are being prepared to request the Council to waive the competitive bidding requirement and authorize a negotiated purchase with Ross Contracting, Inc. Due to the urgency of this issue and high volatility in the supply chain, Public Works has moved forward to order critical materials for the repair under the authorization from City Manager.