



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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

STATUS REPORT

1. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The EDC met on Wednesday, May 14, and heard from the Presidents of the Maryland Chamber, the Bi-County Business Roundtable, the Prince George's Chamber, the Hispanic Chamber of Prince George's, and the Greater Bowie Chamber about their organizations and the business issues their memberships are concerned about. The EDC also continued their discussion about re-envisioning the Town Center area and is on-track to report their progress and deliver one or more graphic depictions of what the future could look like in September.

2. BV-1-25, Variance Application Withdrawn

The BAPB heard BV-1-25 on April 22, 2025, and continued it to their May 13th meeting. However, the applicant withdrew their request on May 12th.

3. Bike to Work Day 2025

Cyclists from all around the city and county came out to celebrate National Bike to Work Day at the pit stop behind City Hall on Thursday, May 15th. The event was a great success with 25 enthusiastic participants joining to promote sustainable commuting and healthy transportation choices. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing interest in future bike and pedestrian initiatives and advocacy efforts. A special "Thank You" goes out to Harris Teeter, State Farm Agent Cinaway D. Elivert, and Family Bike Shop for helping to sponsor the event.

4. WB&A Trail Bridge over the Patuxent

Anne Arundel County has just announced the WB&A Trail Patuxent River Bridge is now officially open. All inspections have been completed, and conditional acceptance has been granted. This long-awaited addition enhances access to scenic trails and strengthens multi-modal transportation options between Prince George's and Anne Arundel counties. Officials have indicated that a grand opening ceremony will be announced soon to commemorate this achievement and celebrate the increased accessibility this bridge provides.

5. Midwood Lane Stormwater Pond Certifications

Over the past two years, the Environmental Advisory Committee and staff have been converting the turfgrass at this pond into a native meadow-like landscape in an effort to support pollinators and reduce maintenance. As of May 9, 2025, the pond is now a Certified Wildlife Habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. It is also registered as an official Monarch Waystation. The [Monarch Waystation program](#) provides guidance on how to provide habitat for monarch butterflies, specifically thinking of their annual flight between their spring and

summer grounds in the US and Canada and their winter grounds in Mexico. This is one of the longest (3,000+ miles for each butterfly!!) and most fascinating animal migrations, and these waystations provide places to eat, rest, and 'sleep' along the way. We are pleased that Midwood Pond is part of the solution for these critical pollinators (along with four other City properties). For additional information, contact Tiffany Wright in the Planning Department (twright@cityofbowie.org / 301-809-3043).

