



City of Bowie

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Mr. Thomas Thornton
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RE: Update on Watershed Implementation Plan II Milestones

Dear Mr. Thornton:

Please find below an update for the City's Watershed Implementation Plan Milestones. The first table provides a second update for the 2012-13 milestones that were listed as "Ongoing" in the previous update submitted by letter dated September 3, 2014. The second table provides the first updates on the City's 2014-15 milestones that were submitted in the same letter. The City's WIP is being implemented by the City's Planning Department with input from Public Works and cooperation from nearly every City department.

The City has set programmatic milestones for only the urban stormwater sector for reasons explained in previous correspondence. Upon submission of our 2016-17 milestones, we expect to have implementation/BMP milestones in addition to programmatic ones if the State has issued the new MS4 Phase II General Permit.

CITY OF BOWIE MILESTONE 2012-13 UPDATE

Milestone	April 2015 Update (Previously updated August 2014)
Evaluate current staffing levels on the basis of anticipated NPDES MS4 permit and WIP II implementation requirements through 2017.	Ongoing. The previous update noted contracting out construction of new BMPs and retrofits and noted the potential need for support staff. On April 6, 2015, City Council awarded an open-ended contract for design and construction of stormwater retrofits, and a kick-off meeting is scheduled for early May. To support this work, an additional FTE was requested in the FY 16 budget to support this contract and other capital projects.

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CITY OF BOWIE 2012-13 MILESTONE UPDATE

2012-2013 Milestone	April 2015 Update (Previously updated August 2014)
Identify changes needed to the City's Capital Improvements Program budget to reflect WIP II and MS4 permit implementation.	Ongoing. The 2016 CIP budget page has funding requested for design and construction of the priority retrofits. Additional funding may be needed once the MS4 permit is received, and the implementation plan for meeting its requirements has been approved. If needed, this would be proposed for the FY 17 budget.
Research grant opportunities to assist with implementation of the WIP II and MS4 permit.	Ongoing. Funds have been requested in the FY16 budget that will be used to complement grants funds available from NFWF's Technical Capacity grant program. If the budget request is approved, the City will apply for a grant to create a watershed plan meeting EPA's a-i criteria opening up 319 funds to implement capital projects.
Continue reviewing projects identified by DNR in the WRAS reports for the Upper Patuxent and Western Branch and in the City's Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan.	Completed/Ongoing. A contractor conducting the retrofit inventory did a limited stream walk and identified several restoration opportunities. If the City is successful in its NFWF grant request, this is expected to include a limited stream walk.

CITY OF BOWIE 2014-15 MILESTONE UPDATE

2014-2015 Milestone	First Update
Develop and adopt an illicit discharge ordinance.	Completed. City Council adopted an illicit discharge ordinance on January 20, 2015. It took effect on February 19, 2015.
Identify potential funding sources for a City-wide watershed management plan to identify additional WIP implementation projects.	Ongoing. Funds have been requested in the FY16 budget that will be used to complement grants funds available from NFWF's Technical Capacity grant program. If the budget request is approved, the City will apply for a grant to create a watershed plan meeting EPA's a-i criteria opening up 319 funds to implement capital projects.
Review the process of internal tracking, documentation, and interdepartmental coordination of citizen complaints about water quality, stormwater, and/or construction sites.	Ongoing. Data is currently managed in a GIS geodatabase. Staff are assessing the potential for using an enterprise system to manage multiple forms and types of data across all departments, and have identified a variety of proprietary and public domain programs specifically for managing MS4 data. Public complaints are made via the City's website and are not permanently logged. We expect to incorporate this into a new system.
Conduct analyses of City-owned maintenance and storage facilities to ensure best management practices for minimizing water pollution (both	Not Yet Started. This will begin in FY 16 after new Public Works staff are hired. Money has been allocated to draft a SWPPP for the Public Works Complex in the beginning of FY 16.

structural and programmatic) are in place. Develop Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP), as needed.

Expand public education and outreach and identify training needs among staff.

Ongoing. Staff have expanded public education and outreach efforts by taking the Enviroscope® model to several schools and at the Bowie Green Expo. Several other opportunities have been identified. The City's Green Team will be providing assistance with this goal.

Create an implementation plan for the upcoming stormwater permit that includes WIP milestones.

Not Yet Started. Upon receipt of the MS4 permit, this milestone will be addressed.

If you need additional information or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-809-3030 or Mr. Joe Meinert, the City's Planning Director, who is taking the lead on the City's WIP implementation at 301-809-3045 or jmeinert@cityofbowie.org.

Sincerely,

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