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In June 2009, City Council passed a resolution to register Bowie as a Certified Community Wildlife Habitat. At the time, G. Frederick Robinson, Mayor, noted “development, invasive species and global warming” as some of the threats to wildlife habitat. To combat this, a dedicated group of volunteers, Bowie Gardens 4 Wildlife, has worked tirelessly over the past seven years recruiting residents, schools, businesses, and houses of worship to provide critical habitat infrastructure to support pollinators and other wildlife.

In November 2016, the City became the 95<sup>th</sup> community in the country and only the 5<sup>th</sup> in the State of Maryland to achieve Certified Community Wildlife Habitat status. This achievement required individual certification of 219 homes, 12 schools, and 8 community sites (one house of worship, one community garden, two businesses, four City facilities) plus a variety of education and outreach work. These habitats provide shelter, food, water and places to raise young for a variety of birds, butterflies, bees and other wildlife.

We will celebrate this achievement at a reception on **Monday, December 5, 2016, at 7 p.m. at Bowie City Hall**. The community is invited to join us and to stay for an official presentation to Council of the City’s certificate.

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