

# State Of Maryland

## 2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
West	Mangione	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore County	\$500,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center property		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Delegate Nino Mangione		nino.mangione@house.state.md.us
Jane LaMonica		(410)343-0101
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Genesee Valley is an independent not-for-profit experiential education facility specializing in ethical character development and social emotional learning. We utilize our extensive challenge course as an educational tool rather than simply a pay for play experience. Our nonprofit has been providing valuable outdoor and experiential education opportunities in the Baltimore community for decades. During its 42 years of operation, GVOLC has served over 1,000,000 participants from the surrounding region. Schools, corporate businesses, and various non-profit organizations from all across the state have chosen GVOLC as their destination. Participants grow by engaging in team building and character development programs that encourage individuals to take on leadership roles, develop communication skills, foster trust in their peers and step outside their comfort zone.</p>		

**11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)**

While GVOLC has access to outdoor spaces, it lacks a modern, multipurpose indoor facility to accommodate the diverse groups that we serve and better meet their needs. The Welcome Center will provide a new office space for GVOLC as well as private rooms to facilitate adventure therapy sessions. This new building will allow us to serve more participants each year and raise the participant cap for our summer camp. Most importantly, it will provide a space for various outside community groups to meet closer to home. There are few places in the Hereford Zone for community groups to meet, plan their programs or use as a base of operations. This new building not only supports GVOLC in their programs, but will serve as an easily accessible space that can serve the local population for decades to come.

*Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.*

**12. Estimated Capital Costs**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$2,000
<b>Design</b>	\$25,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$2,000,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,077,000</b>

**13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)**

Private Funding	\$1,000,000
Fundraising	\$477,000
Bond	\$500,000
Previous Bond	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,077,000</b>

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
1/30/2023	1/31/24	TBD	TBD
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>		<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
3000.00	30,000		45,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center Inc. 1717 Rayville Road, Parkton MD, 21120			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	42A - Baltimore County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Lawrence Schmidt	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-821-0070		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
600 Washington Ave. Towson MD. 21204			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
30	45	886000.00	900000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
Genesee Hedrick Corporation	50 Years	Yes	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	NA		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	NA		
<b>New GSF</b>	4,500		

**27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion**

NA

**28. Comments**

Since 1981 GVOLC has provided high-quality experiential education through team-building experiences that promote personal growth and nourish the development of individuals of all ages and backgrounds. GVOLC offers experiences that break down barriers, build trust, and foster personal responsibility. Participants develop new behaviors and insights when they are immersed with trained facilitators in a carefully designed environment of healthy risk taking. Students improve their ability to communicate, cooperate with others, take healthy risks, and solve problems. The skills they develop can serve as a basis for significant personal growth and change.

Programs like Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center play a critical role in the social emotional education of young people. By teaching valuable life skills such as resiliency, accountability, positive communication and creative thinking, students are given the opportunity to grow in ways that are often neglected in more traditional learning environments. We currently serve many Maryland Title One schools and various Maryland mentoring programs including but not limited to, Safe Alternatives, Harlem Lacrosse, and Upward Bound.

Our founder, Tom LaMonica, created these leadership programs that challenged traditional methods of education and encouraged success through shared outdoor experiences. "Our mission is to provide quality learning experiences that promote growth and nourish the development of individuals of all ages and backgrounds." The Genesee Valley Welcome Center will be an asset to the organization as well as supporting the Northern Baltimore County community. GVOLC will be able to accommodate more schools, colleges, mentoring groups, non-profit partners, scout troops and others. At the same time, we are inviting other mission driven organizations to use the space to meet their needs. This project will modernize our facility and help us continue our mission to help people grow.

Thank you for your consideration.