

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1798	SB397	1927	HB458	Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County - Irvine Nature Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Hollinger				Del. Cardin, et al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore County				1,000,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Irvine Nature Center for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the new administration, classroom, and laboratory building for the Irvine Nature Center.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund that may consist of real property and funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. No part of the fund may consist of in-kind contributions.				
8. Special Provisions				
None				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The Irvine Nature Center is a non-profit education organization dedicated to the preservation and conservation of natural resources in the Baltimore region of the Cheapeake Bay Watershed. Its mission is to inspire appreciation and respect for the natural world, increase awareness of environmental issues, and to encourage individuals to sustain Earth's ecosystems. Irvine offers over 500 environmental education program sessions annually. These programs serve 16,000 students, teachers, and members of the public; attendees are primarily from Baltimore County and Baltimore City. One of Irvine's more significant programs is our annual Project Clean Stream; In partnership with Cheapeake Bay Trust, last year, over 1,200 volunteers removed 64,000 pounds of debris from local stream sites. Irvine operates a no entrance fee natural history museum with live exhibits that features 24 species of animals. Except for major holidays, the museum is open to the public year-round				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
Since 1975, Irvine has operated out of leased facilities located on the grounds of St. Timothy's School in Stevenson, Maryland. Due to the sale of approximately 1/3 of the outdoor classroom space and the expansion needs for the school, Irvine must relocate. The State of Maryland provide 116 acres for a new facility on Garrison Forest Road in Owings Mills, Maryland. Plans for the new Center include the construction of a 16,600 square foot facility with classrooms and exhibit space to accommodate a variety of educational program for children and adults. The facility will be built using recyclable materials and environmentally sustainable construction techniques that can serve as a model for home and business construction. The new facility will allow Irvine to significantly increase services to children and adults.				
<i>Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (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.</i>				
11. Estimated Capital Costs				
Acquisition				-0-

21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Robert A. Hoffman, Esq. Venable, Baetjer and Howard, LLP	Has An Appraisal	Yes/No
Phone:	410-494-6262	Been Done?	No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
210 Allegheny Avenue			
Post Office Box 5517			
Towson, MD 21285			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
21	29	\$1 Million	\$1.5 Million
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	N/A		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	N/A		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			New Construction
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

Irvine Nature Center is a leading provider of environmental education to the citizens of Maryland. The new 16,600 sq. ft. facility in the Caves Valley, in Baltimore County will provide Irvine with adequate space to advance its mission to inspire and teach average citizens to be good stewards of earth's ecosystems. Irvine is very grateful to the State of Maryland for donating the beautiful 116-acre parcel of land on which this new facility will be constructed. We believe that the State's generous gift of the land and subsequent support of the project is a vote of confidence in the quality of the educational programs and services we offer Maryland's children and adults.

A State grant of 1,000,000 for planning, design, construction, capital equipping, site preparation, and landscaping for trails and exhibits will assure completion of Irvine's new facility and new home, and it will provide the means to all Irvine to continue as a leading provider of environmental education for the citizens of this region.