

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3434	SB987	3400	HB1591	Creation of a State Debt – Talbot County - Talbot Agricultural Service Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Colburn				Del. Haddaway and Eckardt
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Talbot County				\$1,000,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Supervisors of the Talbot Soil Conservation District for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a new building.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The bill requires a standard match.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>In Maryland, each of the 23 counties is incorporated into a conservation district bearing the name and conforming to the physical boundaries of the county. Districts are made up of landowners and land occupiers, called cooperators, who join together voluntarily with the district in planning for and controlling soil erosion, sedimentation, flooding, and managing animal waste, fertilizers, and agricultural chemicals to protect farmland and water quality.</p> <p>Districts function independently under the supervision of the district board of supervisors which may receive the guidance of the State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC) as provided by the Annotated Code of Maryland. Districts are usually funded through a variety of sources including federal, state, and county appropriations, grants, fees for special services, and contributions from local sources. All income is used to promote conservation.</p> <p>District offices illustrate the unique three-way partnership which enables districts to function. Employees of a district are usually a mixture of federal, state, and local (district) employees all working together toward one common goal. They share office space, are supervised by the board of supervisors and perform their duties as a team. The team is usually made up of USDA's-Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), and district employees funded by local and/or state government, or grants.</p> <p>In addition to the unique three-way partnership that makes up the conservation district, there are several other federal, state, and local agencies and groups that are vital members of the conservation team.</p>				

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

Due to the unique three-way partnership that makes up the conservation district, and the close working association and cooperation with several other federal, state, local agencies and groups that are involved in conservation and water quality issues and programs, it is a common goal to have all of the agricultural agencies co-located. This is clearly supported on the USDA website (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app>) stating that USDA Service Centers are designed to be a single location where customers can access the services provided by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and the Rural Development (RD) agencies. Although Talbot County does not have a RD office, it does have other supporting federal, state, and local agencies that would benefit from co-location. Both the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension (CE) and USDA-Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council have offices within Talbot County, but are not co-located.

A combination of the agencies' missions might read that collectively they are customer-driven agencies with a diverse and multi-talented work force, dedicated to achieving an economically and environmentally sound future for American Agriculture while protecting and preserving America's private lands through conserving the soil, water, air, and other natural resources. This carries on through to the local county level by having the unique partnership co-located.

Such lofty goals are accomplished through the many education efforts and the agricultural programs that are offered and administered by the collective agencies. Once again, it is clear to see that this delivery would be enhanced by having as many of the agencies co-located as possible.

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.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$415,000
Design	\$45,000
Construction	\$2,100,000
Equipment	
Total	\$2,560,000

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
Talbot SCD	\$65,000
Talbot Bank	\$2,495,000
Total	2,560,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
6/06	12/06	3/07	12/07
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006	15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
\$65,000	5,200+-	10,000	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Talbot Soil Conservation District		28577 Marys Court , Easton MD 21601	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Craig S. Zinter, District Manager		410-822-1577	craig.zinter@md.nacdn.net
John Swaine III, Chairman		410-745-9611	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			37B
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Willard C Parker, II	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-822-1122		Yes-Land Only
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
129 N. Washington Street		December 8, 2004	\$416,000
P O Box 1209			Land Only
Easton MD 21601			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
15	30		\$50,000
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?			Yes
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
Farm Service Agency(USDA-FSA)			1,970
Natural Resources Cons. Service(USDA-NRCS)			2,162
Resource Conservation & Dev.(USDA-RD&D)			1,484
Cooperative Extension (Univ. of MD)			1,538

MD State Regional Fire Marshal's Office			2,238
Maryland Dept. of Agriculture-Resource Cons.			1,140
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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	12,800		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		2007	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			