

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2939	SB559	2555	HB565	Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Miller			Proctor	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's			\$275,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt the proceeds to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc. for the repair, restoration, and reconstruction of the roof and windows of Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
Requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.				
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone		Email Address
Bianca Floyd, Museum Director		301-856-0358		director@poplarhillonhlc.com
John M. Walton, Jr., Foundation President		301-704-3811		JSWaltonFndPres@aol.com
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The mission of the John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc. is to preserve and interpret this National Historic Landmark by maintaining its buildings, grounds, and collections; by promoting its unique architecture and its family histories through public programs and by sponsoring research to broaden understanding of its role in national and regional history. Adhering closely to the mission of the Foundation, the story of both colonists of European descent and African-American slaves are fully-integrated into the interpretation of this historic site. The history of Maryland and Prince George's County, and the early colonial development of this region are an important part of the interpretive activities at Poplar Hill, along with significant historical events, the relationships between the Native Americans, early white colonists, and enslaved African-Americans, and how these historic processes helped shape the county, the state, and the nation we live in today.				

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

This project is intended to restore the roof, windows and associated exterior woodwork of the main house and wings at Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness. The primary work to be done is to replace the existing deteriorating asbestos shingle roof, which is approx. 75 years old, with an historically authentic slate roof. Associated costs include scaffolding and lift equipment, removal of the current asbestos shingles, copper flashing fabrication and installation, a lower-standing seam copper roof installation, copper gutter and downspout removal and installation, installation of black Canadian slate, and additional woodwork. The project will also include the restoration and repainting of the mansion's windows and exterior woodwork associated with its roof and windows.

Restoration architect James Wollon, Jr. prepared a historic structures report for the Foundation that examined the immediate needs of the mansion; suggested tasks for further study; and the impact to the mansion as result of public use. As part of that report, Mr. Wollon wrote that replacement of the asbestos shingles on the roof should be considered for immediate action. Mr. Wollon suggested the use of slate with "extra-heavy copper flashings and roof draining components."

Each family that purchased and resided in the home has obviously taken great care. Most of the structure is original, from the floor boards and many of the window panes, to the fine craftsmanship that went into the moldings over the doorways, around the ceilings, and along the main staircase.

Over the course of its nearly 220 years of existence, the historic structure of "Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness" has survived in remarkably good physical condition. Nevertheless, the effects of more than two centuries of natural weathering have taken their toll on the mansion's exterior and resulted in noticeable deterioration. During inclement weather, heavy rain or snow settles in between a "valley-like" space on the main roof between two dormer windows which face the garden terrace side of the main house. An accumulation of snow or rain presents a "flooding" problem in the attic. This then precipitates leaks in the ceiling of the second floor. If this is not repaired, it holds the potential for the roof to collapse. If the roof and windows continue to go un-restored, the processes of natural weathering and climatic changes will increase and accelerate the deterioration and eventually threaten the structural integrity of this National Historic Landmark and its very survival.

Restoration of the roof , windows and associated wordwork are important and vital to the ongoing preservation of this National Historic Landmark. The proposed project is therefore very necessary at this time in order to meet its most critical preservation needs, before they become severe and many times more costly to address.

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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	\$50,000
Construction	\$350,000
Equipment	
Total	\$400,000

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

Source	Amount
Bond Bill (Reference HB565/SB559) Proceeds	\$275,000

Funds Expended to Date for Major Restoraton Work on Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness by the John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc. (Soft Match)		\$150,000	
Fund's Provided by the Walton Foundation from Its Investment Fund at Ferris Baker Watts (Hard Match)		\$25,000	
Funds to Be Raised by the Foundation's Fundraising Steering Committee for 2007 -2008 (Hard Match)		\$100,000	
Estimated Value of Real Property Owned by The John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc. (Soft Match)		\$1,500,000	
Total		\$1,750,000	
14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
January 2009	March 2009	April 2009	December 2009
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
	3,000	6,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc., 7606 Woodyard Road, Clinton, Md. 20735			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		27A	
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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
		12/21/1995: 7.7 Acres	\$749,000
		09/27/2000: 127 Acres	\$652,000
		Total Acreage: 134.7	Total: \$1,401,000

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4	4	\$198,000	\$210,000
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?			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	Approx. 5,481 GSF		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	Approx. 5,481 GSF		
New GSF	0 GSF		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		1784-1787	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness (a.k.a. just simply "His Lordship's Kindness"), located at 7606 Woodyard Road in Clinton, Maryland, is widely recognized as one of the finest examples of 18th century five-part Georgian architecture in America.

It was primarily because of its extraordinary architectural significance that the United States Department of the Interior designated Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness as a National Historic Landmark in 1970 – the highest form of recognition that a historic property or monument can receive in the United States. Designation as a National Historic Landmark is sometimes confused with being listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which is a lesser form of recognition. It should be noted, however, that Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness is also listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To date, Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness is one of only three (3) historic structures in Prince George's County, Maryland to receive the prestigious honor of being designated a "National Historic Landmark."

In addition to its architectural significance, Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness is also extremely important to county, state and national history.

It was the home of the Darnall, Sewall and Daingerfield families, who in turn were closely aligned and related to the historically significant Calvert, Carroll, Digges and Hill families, among others.

Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness has been the residence of a number of historically significant individuals and their families, including Robert Darnall, a justice of the Prince George's County Court, Robert Darnall Sewall, a justice of the Prince George's County Levy Court, John Strode Barbour, a United States senator from Virginia, and David K. E. Bruce, a United States ambassador to France, Germany, the United Kingdom and the People's Republic of China.

Since 1995, Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness has been solely owned, operated and maintained as a publicly accessible historic house museum and educational facility by the John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc.

The John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) private foundation that was created in 1988 by the late John M. Walton, Sr. and his wife Sara R. Walton for the expressed purpose of providing for the perpetual preservation of Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness and for its ongoing operation as an educational museum facility.