

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2095	SB454	2160	HB308	Talbot Agricultural Service Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Colburn			Haddaway	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Talbot			\$300,000	
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 the County Service Center for the collocation of federal, State, and local agricultural and natural resource conservation agencies.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. The fund may consist of real property.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone		Email Address
Craig Zinter		410-822-1583 (ext. 3)		craig.zinter@md.nacdn.net
10. 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, 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 function through a unique three-way partnership 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. The team is comprised of employees of the 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>				

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

The purpose of the project is to create the Talbot County Agriculture Center building of approximately 15,000 square-feet. This will enable all the agricultural agencies to be co-located in a single building. This Service Center will incorporate, in one location, the Farm Service Agency (FSA), the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the Soil Conservation District offices (SCD), and the Rural Development (RD); the University of Maryland Co-Operative Extension (CE) and the USDA- Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council. These agencies now have three office sites in separate locations within Talbot County.

The Service Center will integrate the diverse and multi-talented work force. Clients will be served more effectively and efficiently in a single center housing all the agencies.

This Talbot County Agriculture Service Center is needed to provide a ‘one-stop’ service for the citizens of the rural/suburban agriculture community of Talbot County, in keeping with Best Management Practices.

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	\$415,000
Design	\$94,000
Construction	\$2,100,000
Equipment	
Total	\$2,609,000

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

Source	Amount
Talbot Soil Conservation District	\$37,000
Talbot Bank	\$2,272,000
Talbot Agricultural Service Center Bond Bill	\$300,000
Total	\$2,609,000

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
11/06	4/07	8/07	7/08

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
\$37,000	5,200 +/-	10,000 +

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)	
Talbot Soil Conservation District		28557 Mary's Court, Easton, MD 21601	
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	Yes/No
Phone:	410-822-1122	Been Done?	Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
129 N. Washington Street		February 7, 2007	\$460,000
P O Box 1209			
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?			
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)			1,778
Talbot Soil Conservation District/Natural Resources Cons. Service (USDA-NRCS)			4,299
Resource Conservation & Dev. (USDA-RC&D)			1,806
Cooperative Extension (Univ. of MD)			2,209
Lease Space			1,881
Lease Space			1,576
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		14,848
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		2007-2008
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)		