

# State of Maryland

## 2013 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr3213	sb0909	lr2879	hb1041	Comet Booster Club Bleachers and Press Box
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Kasemeyer				Malone
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County			\$125,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$65,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Comet Booster Club, Inc. and the Board of Education of Baltimore County for the construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, installation, and capital equipping of bleachers and a press box.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Susan Plitt		410-615-8897	plitt@umbc.edu	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Comet Booster Club, a volunteer group of parents, works diligently throughout the year to support all of the athletic teams at Catonsville High School. In addition to selling Comet clothing, spirit items and concessions at home games to supplement the athletic budget for all of the teams and promoting Comet spirit, we have been spearheading a major fund raising campaign to renovate Comet Park, for use by high school and community athletic programs. Over the past several years, we have raised funds to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchase and install a new scoreboard for the stadium</li> <li>Purchase and install a new baseball scoreboard</li> <li>Purchase 2 new ticket booths at each stadium entrance</li> <li>Purchase and install a new softball scoreboard</li> <li>Purchase and install 3 new flagpoles for the American flag, State flag and a custom made Comet flag.</li> </ul>				

**11. Description and Purpose of Project** (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Catonsville High School Booster Club has been raising funds since 2007 to renovate the stadium to complement the turf field. Money has been raised by parent volunteers, alumni, community members and through donations from local businesses. The renovation project includes the installation of a new scoreboard (installed in 2009), a concession stand with rest room facilities (construction to begin Spring 2013), and a two phase plan for the installation of a new press box and spectator seating area that will increase available seating from 500 to 2,000 spectators.

Phase I of the stadium seating project will include the installation of Dant Clayton Alum-A-Stand Elevated Bleacher that will include fully-closed slip resistant decking, 40" elevated front walkway, anodized seat boards, powder coated risers, guard rails, vented chairs and handicap accessible seating, something we are currently lacking. There will also be a 10 x 24 press box with filming deck.

*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>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$221,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$221,000

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

Source	Amount
Comet Booster Club	\$110,500
State Grant	\$110,500
<b>Total</b>	\$221,000

<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>
March, 2013	March, 2013	July, 2013	July, 2013
<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>
\$125,000		100,000+	100,000+
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2011	\$65,000	Design and installation of concession stand with rest rooms	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Board of Directors Catonsville Community Foundation 924 Frederick Road Catonsville, MD 21228		Catonsville High School 421 Bloomsbury Avenue Catonsville, MD 21228	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	12A - Southwestern 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>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>			No
<b>Address:</b>	<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>		

<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>
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			BCPS
<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>			
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee and 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>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>			
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>			
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>			Early 1990's

## 28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

In February 2007, a turf field was installed on the grounds of Catonsville High School by Field Turf. In the spring of 2009 (3 year inspection) Field Turfs' opinion was that the surface appeared to have as much as 8 years of wear. Not a fault with the field, just an example of how often the facility is in use. The fact is, the stadium is in use approximately 300 plus days per year by organizations. The facility is open to the public, so additional community members are consistently utilizing the track surface and the turf field year round. The field is typically used daily for athletic play from 8:00 am until 11:00 pm throughout the year.

Catonsville High School uses the field for practice and games for 18 teams (approx. 675 student-athletes). Catonsville Recreation and Parks uses the field for practice and games for 9 youth programs, with numerous teams of various age levels participating. There are also 4 adult programs that utilize the facility. Estimated field use during a typical week:

August - November - Catonsville High: 55 hours; Recreation and Parks 50 hours  
December - February - Recreation and Parks 20 hours  
June - Mid-August - Catonsville High: 25 hours; Recreation and Parks 50 hours

Tournaments held at the facility include high school Fall Boys Soccer Tournament (4 schools); Fall Girls Soccer Tournament (4 schools); Spring-Boys Lacrosse Tournament (4 schools).

Rec & Parks: Fall Soccer Invitational Tournament (est. 20 teams); Fall Field Hockey Tournament (est. 40 teams); Spring Girls Lacrosse Tournament (est. 60 teams)

CHS Interscholastic Games: Boys Soccer-20; Girls Soccer-20; Field Hockey-15; Football-12; Boys Lacrosse-15; Girls Lacrosse-15; Track and Field-6; Region Playoffs- all sports listed above; Baltimore County Championships- all sports listed above

Catonsville Recreation and Parks Programs, unable to determine number of games: Boys Youth Soccer; Girls Soccer; Field Hockey; Football; Boys Lacrosse; Girls Lacrosse; Ultimate Frisbee-Youth; Ultimate Frisbee-Adult; Men's Soccer League

The reality is that Recreation and Parks programs use the stadium many more hours per week than the high school. R&P has well over 2,000 people using the stadium annually, multiplied by the number of times used. Take just the R&P football program. They have 16 teams with probably about 25 per team = 400 football players. Bryan Wynn who oversees the program estimates there are 2,500 people each Saturday for a 10 week period. CHS alone attracts spectators in the area of 2,000 per varsity football game. Add in an average of 150 to 200 per event for the other sports and the high school could exceed another 15,000 to 20,000. Now add in the number of spectators that attend special events such as high school and R&P championship games, playoffs, hosting additional games at the facility because of the turf, and the spectator numbers in the stands could easily exceed 100,000 annually.