

State of Maryland

2015 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2158	sb0341	lr2155	hb0467	Josiah Henson Park
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Lee				Frick
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County			\$275,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Josiah Henson Park, including site improvements and landscaping				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Nina Aplebaum		3014952519	nina.aplebaum@montgomeryparks.	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Montgomery County Department of Parks is a key agency of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the proud steward of over 35,000 acres of parkland. Our mission is to protect and interpret the county's valuable natural and cultural resources; balance the demand for recreation with the need for conservation; offer a variety of enjoyable recreational activities that encourage healthy lifestyles; and provide clean, safe, and accessible places for leisure-time activities.</p> <p>The Department's Cultural Resources program exists to preserve historic buildings and archaeological sites on parkland that best indicate the history of Maryland's rich heritage according to county, state and federal preservation laws; to find them a viable use when vacant; and to interpret the best of those buildings and sites to the public through accessible programming. Restoration and construction of Josiah Henson Park is in support of the mission of M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks and its Cultural Resources program.</p>				

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

The Josiah Henson Park is an under-utilized historic resource of local, state, national, and international significance because of its association with Reverend Josiah Henson, whose 1849 autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowes landmark novel, Uncle Toms Cabin, which ultimately changed forever Americas view of slavery. The Riley/Bolton House in Rockville, Maryland, known today as Josiah Henson Park, was where Henson spent most of his youth and is now part of the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program.

The project is to build a complete park with a modern visitors center and restored historic house to tell the story of slavery as experienced by Henson and will ultimately have a profound impact on the community for generations to come. The park and museum will feature interior and outdoor exhibits, a film, multimedia exhibits, and a research library. Funds are needed to begin detailed design and take the concept from 30% to 100% and for construction.

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

Acquisition	\$3,520,000
Design	\$820,000
Construction	\$5,510,000
Equipment	
Total	\$9,850,000

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

Source	Amount
Montgomery County Government	\$4,460,000
State Program Open Space Funds	\$1,925,000
State Program Open Space Funds (FY16 and FY17)	\$520,000
Private Capital Campaign	\$850,000
Montgomery County Legacy Open Space Funds	\$1,595,000
Josiah Henson Park Bond Bill	\$275,000
Josiah Henson Park Bond Bill (2016)	\$225,000
Total	\$9,850,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
September 2015	December 2016	TBD	TBD
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
75000.00		2,000	15,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
424-G089	75000.00	Design, Construction, Repair, Renovation, and capital equipping of West Fairland Local Park	
G077	100000.00	Planning, Design, Demolition, Renovation of Warner Manor	
483-G069	275000.00	Planning, Design, Demolition, Renovation of Warner Manor	
444-G078	50000.00	Design, Construction, Repair, Renovation, and Rehabilitation of Woodlawn Barn Visitors Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Department of Parks 9500 Brunett Avenue, Silver Spring MD 20901		11420 Old Georgetown Road North Bethesda, MD 20852	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Adrian Gardner	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-495-2460		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Dept. of Parks 9500 Brunett Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901 Attn: Nina Aplebaum, Grants Manager		10/27/2014	875000.00
		8/6/2013	925000.00
		7/9/2009	720000.00
		1/13/2006	1000000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	8	5000.00	200000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (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	2,000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	2,000		
New GSF	3,000		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		1800-1850	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The recommended facility plan for this project includes converting the historic Riley/Bolten House to a public museum that celebrates the story of Josiah Henson's life. The primary project work will construct a new visitor orientation building, a bus-drop off area and small parking lot, convert the existing historic house to a museum, and rehabilitate associated landscape sitework that will make the park more accessible for visitors. The narrative of Henson's life will unfold in an orchestrated manner through way-finding exhibits, an introductory film and exhibit inside the new building, outdoor museum exhibits, and primary exhibits in the rehabilitated historic house and living-history in the log kitchen.

To provide transition from the indoor visitors center of Josiah Henson Park to the outdoor portion and museum of the park, a portal with the dimensions of a slave quarter that would have once stood on the property would be designed to evoke an emotional connection for visitors. This walkthrough experience would offer visitors an opportunity to make the cognitive switch between the present day and the past before starting on the journey through the remainder of the park museum. A series of outdoor exhibit clusters will be set in the landscape to promote learning about plantation life. These outdoor exhibit stations could feature plantation crops known to have been grown, archaeological discoveries found on the site, other reconstructed outbuildings, kitchen gardens, etc.

The portal and outdoor exhibits are shovel-ready portions of the project.