

State of Maryland

2015 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr1012	sb0039	lr0735	hb0289	Culler Lake Stormwater Management Project
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Young				Krimm
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Frederick County			\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Baker Park, Inc., for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of projects at Culler Lake</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Kathy Fay		3016949686	kathyfay@verizon.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Friends of Baker Park, Inc. is an incorporated non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer-staffed community service organization dedicated to fostering community involvement with Frederick City Government in the preservation, restoration, use and maintenance of Baker Park located in Frederick, Maryland.</p>				

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

Baker Park is an urban park encompassing Culler Lake, created in the 1930s from 3 existing ponds and used for a recreational area and as a storm water management pond for the 66.2 acre residential neighborhood surrounding the park. The lake is used intensively by visitors and residents but has fallen into disrepair and neglect over the last few years.

Phase 1 of the Culler Lake Renaissance project will construct a storm water mitigation system to protect the lake, Carroll Creek, Monocacy River and Chesapeake Bay from stormwater runoff. This phase has been funded and will go out to bid in February.

Our current request for state bond funds is for Phase 2 which encompasses recreational, educational, transportation and historical enhancements including:

Creating an entrance plaza to feature the historic Culler Memorial Bench; Adding, resurfacing and widening walkways to mixed-use and handicap compliant paths; Creating a lake-side promenade to allow visitor access to the lake; Adding educational signage to highlight water treatment, natural habitats, and historic features; Adding a pavilion completing the original design from the '30s calling for a structure at the west end; Upgrading the Skater Hut bathrooms to be ADA compliant; Planting additional native trees and shrubs; Adding seating areas and upgrading lighting.

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	
Design	\$30,000
Construction	\$1,700,000
Equipment	
Total	\$1,730,000

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

Source	Amount
State bond	\$250,000
Grants - corporations and foundations	\$600,000
In kind support - Frederick City	\$300,000
Government transportation funds	\$100,000
Business, civic donations	\$200,000
Citizen donations	\$200,000
FOBP reserve funds	\$80,000
Total	\$1,730,000

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
10/1/2014	2/20/2015	11/1/2015	05/30/16
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
90000.00		50,000	75,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2014 - HB0267	125000.00	Culler Lake Stormwater Management Project	
2013 - HB0121, SB0323	125000.00	Culler Lake Stormwater Management Project	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Friends of Baker Park, Inc. PO Box 4146 Frederick, MD 21705		Culler Lake West Second Street Baker Park Frederick, Maryland 21701	
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:	Kathy Fay	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-694-9686		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
302 North College Parkway Frederick, Maryland 21701			

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Since its development in the 1930's, Culler Lake has acted as the de facto storm water management system for the residential and Hood College area north of the lake, with the original plan calling for a 10-year cycle of draining and dredging to keep the water clean. Storm water dumps directly into the lake which then empties into Carroll Creek, which runs through downtown Frederick and eventually joins the Monocacy River and the Chesapeake Bay. Because of expense and other factors, the cleaning has not been done for more than 30 years and is not likely to be resumed. As a result, the lake's water quality has deteriorated to an alarming degree, and features such as a crumbling fountain and lake borders are in dire need of attention.

Culler Lake is also a heavily used recreational feature in Frederick County, attracting tens of thousands of residents and visitors a year to enjoy a natural respite in the middle of Frederick City. Unfortunately, because of neglect, the site falls far short of its possibility to be a regional draw for nature enthusiasts, cyclists, walkers, picnickers, school children and all who look to experience the recreational, transportation and educational features it has to offer.

As Phase 1 of the project, with a grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and in partnership with the City of Frederick Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments, the Friends of Baker Park has funded a design for construction of an effective storm water mitigation system. The design is complete and will go out to bid in February, with construction completion estimated for fall of 2015. Funds for construction of Phase 1 are in place.

Phase 2 includes the rehabilitation of the lake area including restoration/rebuilding of historic features, pathway and stream improvements, and reforestation. Friends of Baker Park, again in partnership with Public Works and Parks and Recreation, as well as with the support of Frederick's Mayor and Board of Alderman, has funded design of the recreational, educational, transportation and historic enhancements. This design is in the final phases of vetting and will be complete by mid February.

It is expected that construction of Phase 2 can begin when Phase 1 is complete by the fall of 2015. Friends of Baker Park is implementing fundraising strategies to support Phase 2, to include government, corporate and foundation awards as well as citizen, civic groups and business participation.