

## State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name Of Project
		lr3730	hb1577	American Indian First Contact Waterfront Heritage Park
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
				Lisanti
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Harford County				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the American Indian First Contact Waterfront Heritage Park, including site improvements to the park's grounds				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:  Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
John Van Gilder			410-939-1800 (x1116)	JVG@havredegracemd.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>The City of Havre de Grace serves a population of approximately 14,200 residents. It is the second oldest municipality in the State. It provides full services to those situated in the City limits to include water &amp; sewer, police, volunteer fire and EMS. The City strives to provide a very high quality of life to its citizens and visitors. The City is located on the Susquehanna River making it a natural place to have waterfront attractions such as historic and heritage city parks. Many of our economic development initiatives focus on our natural resources and historic sites, many of them being located on our water front.</p>				

**11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)**

This Project provides a unique opportunity to create a Park to commemorate the "First Contact" between Captain John Smith and the Susquehannock Indians. This site will be one of the most unique American Indian Heritage Park Sites anywhere. The purpose of this park and related water trails are to recognize and celebrate local American History and document Captain John Smith and his first contact with the Susquehannock Indian. A bronze statue will be erected reenacting this first physical meeting. The National Park Service has been one of the very first supporters in this Heritage Park Project. This project integrates 7 waterfront parcels totaling approximately 4.58 acres for the purpose of providing public access to the waterfront and also creating an Upper Bay Heritage Gateway to the Captain John Smith, Chesapeake, and Star Spangled Banner National Historic Trails and Scenic Byways.

*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>	\$3,470,000
<b>Design</b>	\$294,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$5,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,779,000</b>

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

City of Havre de Grace	\$700,000
Harford County Government	\$1,400,000
National Park Service	\$50,000
State of Maryland	\$500,000
Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway	\$50,000
Program Open Space	\$1,079,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,779,000</b>

<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>
8/1/2015	12/1/2016	6/30/2017	7/30/2018
<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>
1000000.00	25		25,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2015	\$100,000	Regional Fire and Rescue Boat	
2014	\$50,000	Havre de Grace Opera House	
2013	\$250,000	Havre de Grace Opera House	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
City of Havre de Grace 711 Pennington Road Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078		627-649 Water Street Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	34A - Harford 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>
[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Paul Ishak	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-939-1800		Yes
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
711 Pennington Ave. Havre de Grace, Md., 21078		8/2012	694000.00
		1/2013	770000.00
		2/2012	1850000.00
		2/2012	2700000.00
		2/2012	2700000.00

<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 purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee 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>	N/A		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>			

**27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion**

Vacant Lot

**28. Comments**

Historic significance:

Captain John Smith was the first documented European to explore this area of the lower Susquehanna and Upper Chesapeake Bay that incorporated the City of Havre de Grace. He was searching for the elusive Northwest Passage to Asia for Englands trade. In 1608 Smiths party ascended the river about as far as the present-day village of Lapidum (part of the Susquehanna State Park in Havre de Grace) and to the town of Port Deposit on the Cecil County shore of the Susquehanna. He labeled his stopping point, due to rocks and waterfalls on his map as Smith Fayles. This first contact by John Smith and the local Indians is what this projects is going to commemorate.

The first English settlement in this area was Palmers Island, later called Watsons Island, and now called Garrett Island, named for B&O Railroad President John Work Garrett, who owned the island where the railroad bridge was built, and later the Thomas J. Hatem Bridge carrying US Route 40. This island is visible from Heritage Park. It was called Palmers Island for Edward Palmer who was granted a patent of land there about 1631 and planned to open a University thereon.

Ferries operated as early as 1695 (documented) at Havre de Grace with a public ferry linking the land portions of the Post Road across the Susquehanna. This was the only ferry across the river for some time but in about 1727 Thomas Cresap, known as the Rattlesnake Colonel in Western Maryland and the Maryland Monster in Pennsylvania, established another ferry service from Port Deposit to Lapidum (part of Havre de Grace). Wrote Thomas Twining in 1795, we reached the banks of the Susquehanna where we found a boat ready to take us over to Havre de Grace, on the opposite side. As we pulled the rope stretched across this rapid stream, I contemplated with peculiar pleasure, the ancient woods which still threw their broad shadow upon its surface.

In 1773 the Maryland General Assembly created Harford County and a little over a decade later Havre de Grace would be born (1785).

War of 1812 many of the structures in the growing town of Havre de Grace were burned to the ground by the British in their assault on the city on May 3, 1813 led by Read Admiral George Cockburn. A surviving structure was the home of Commodore John Rodgers the Rodgers House. Commodore Rodgers and his father before him, operated the ferryboat across the Susquehanna River at Havre de Grace.

Prior to the Civil War in Havre de Grace local African Americans built churches, schools and other institutions to meet religious and social needs. The first black church and educational institution was the result of members of the Peaco family in 1849.

The most famous Maryland runaway slave to escape using the ferry boat that carried the rail cars over the Susquehanna River at Havre de Grace was Frederick Douglass who escaped in 1838. A little over 10 years later Henry Box Brown shipped himself to Philadelphia using the same exact route.