

State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3305	sb0860	lr3304		Rash Field Improvement Project
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Ferguson				Clippinger
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$2,000,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Rash Field in the Inner Harbor				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Laurie Schwartz			443-743-3307	laurie@waterfrontpartnership.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Waterfront Partnership is a non-profit, business improvement district dedicated to improved maintenance, beautification, and visitor services for Baltimore's signature asset - the Inner Harbor- aiming to create an inclusive, active, and thriving attraction. The Inner Harbor serves Baltimore and Maryland as a top tourist attraction generating over \$102 million in annual tax revenue and over \$250 million in secondary economic activity in Maryland annually while supporting over 21,000 jobs throughout Baltimore and Maryland. Waterfront Partnership's initiatives include staffing hospitality, landscaping, and safety; programming our public spaces with free and low-cost events for tourists and locals alike; working towards a swimmable and fishable Harbor; and building and maintaining our public spaces. (cont. in Question 28)</p>				

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

The Rash Field Improvement Project's goal is to turn the underutilized space on the South Shore of the Inner Harbor into a park that can service the community directly surrounding the park and city-wide residents that gather for play and special occasion and to grow the number of tourists to the Harbor. Rash Field Park emerged as a priority project from the Inner Harbor 2.0 Master Plan, released in November of 2013. Originally designed as a high school football field, it has since been left underutilized, playing host to the back of house uses of large Harbor events and programmed only with a beach volleyball league. The updated design will provide active and spectator activities adding free and low cost amenities and programming that will draw new audiences to the Inner Harbor and extend the length of stay for visitors.
(cont. in Question 28)

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	\$0
Design	\$600,000
Construction	\$13,400,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$14,000,000

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

Committed State Funding	\$1,000,000
Committed City Funding	\$5,000,000
Committed Future City Funding	\$4,000,000
Requesting Private Funding	\$2,000,000
Requesting Bond Bill	\$1,000,000
Requesting Future City Funding	\$1,000,000
Total	\$14,000,000

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
12/1/2017	8/15/2017	1/1/2018	12/31/2018
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
0.00		30,000	200,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
MD			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore 650 South Exeter Street Suite 200 Baltimore, MD 21202		Rash Field Park 201 Key Highway Baltimore, MD 21230	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		45 - Baltimore City	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Laurie Schwartz	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	442-743-3308		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
650 South Exeter Street Suite 200 Baltimore, MD 21202			

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	5	0.00	100000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond 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 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	2,632		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2,632		
New GSF	4,720		

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

1976

28. Comments

Continuation of Question 1-5.

It is our intention to identically cross file with HB1098 for a request of \$1,000,000 for the Rash Field Park Improvement Project.

Continuation of Question 10.

...In November of 2013, we released the Inner Harbor 2.0 Master Plan. The updated Master Plan sets a vision for the improvement and maintenance of the Inner Harbor. The proposed projects respond to the changing demographics around the Inner Harbor while still focusing on the needs and wants of a Citywide and Statewide residents and visitors, 14 million of which visit the Harbor on an annual basis.

Continuation of Question 11.

...The final design of the park includes a large, multi-purpose field that can be used to house special events, active play, or organized sports leagues and sized for elementary and middle school sports games; beach volleyball courts; a running track; improved bleachers for sitting and exercise, a skate park, a nature play park, demolition of the berm along the Promenade, increased shade canopy, additional and expanded park entrances, and upgraded bathroom facilities. The new park layout will allow for increased programming, an improved set up for special events, and several additional features that will attract new and diverse audiences.

Continuation of Question 25.

The property is owned by Baltimore City. Waterfront Partnership is managing the project on behalf of the City and working in partnership with all relevant City agencies on design and construction of the project.