

State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3599	sb1044	lr2819	hb0901	Interfaith Watershed Restoration and Outreach Project
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Lee				Frick
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County				\$60,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a watershed and conservation green space				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of 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
Jessica Pelt			3012797010	jpelt@bethsholom.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Both Beth Sholom and St. James reflect a faith-based perspective that incorporates inclusive community engagement, respect for the environment, and commitment to our community to create and sustain projects that reflect our values. Both institutions have been integral parts of the Washington Metropolitan Area. Both have served not only the local community but have contributed greatly to the surrounding areas. For example, Beth Sholom's Social Action Committee has, for many years, provided meals and coats to the Rockville homeless shelters, conducted drives for Montgomery County Foster Care for birthday gifts, diapers and wipes, and donated comfort packages.</p>				

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

The primary objectives of the Interfaith Watershed Restoration and Outreach Project are to (1) Address the rainwater runoff that floods the space between St. James Episcopal Children's School and Beth Sholom Congregation. (2) Remove overgrown invasive plants and create a walkway and small garden to be used as a community space for children and families to enjoy and learn about the environment. (3) Create a shared space open to the general community to learn about watershed restoration efforts. Through the project, there will be experiential and sensory based learning opportunities through the colors, fragrances, sounds, visuals of the new park space, with interpretive signage subject to approval by Montgomery County. (4) Develop new relationships with organizations like Friends of Cabin John Creek who have more extensive experience in developing workshops on education for the community.

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	\$0
Construction	\$110,000
Equipment	\$10,000
Total	\$120,000

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

Montgomery County Rainscapes	\$60,000
Bond Bill	\$60,000
Total	\$120,000

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
Complete	Complete	4/3/2017	5/17/2017
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	500-600
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Beth Sholom Congregation and Talmud Torah 11825 Seven Locks Rd, Potomac, MD 20854 &			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		16 - Montgomery County	
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:	Jessica Pelt	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301.279.7010		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
1-2	1-2	0.00	11500.00
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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>The Interfaith Watershed Restoration and Outreach Project also advances the broader goals of Montgomery County. First, this project advances the promotion of healthy and sustainable communities and a strong and vibrant economy. It does so because all of the design, implementation, procurement of goods and services, maintenance, workshops, and outreach materials are Montgomery County-based resulting in the creation of local jobs in the community and support for local economies. The project promotes community understanding of local environmental and educational project goals and outcomes.</p> <p>The community engagement effort will work hand-in-hand with our existing Social Action Committee efforts and will seek to include community stakeholders in the immediate surrounding neighborhood, congregants at Beth Sholom and St. James, Friends of Cabin John Creek, and other faith-based communities along the Seven Locks corridor. Some of these stakeholders are already involved in various watershed stewardship efforts. For example, St. James has developed a RainScapes garden for its property. Friends of Cabin John Creek has experience in developing workshops for communities and will be working with us to have a workshop for our congregation. We will also work towards developing relationships with the Geneva School and Community and Seven Locks Baptist Church which are both immediately north of Beth Sholom and St. James. Through this project, we will be reaching a critical child and youth demographic in our communities in an area where nearly 40% of the population is under the age of 18. This will include weekly visiting and utilization of the park space as both a place to learn, and also to experience the life cycles of plants. By educating children and youth about the importance of watershed restoration, this is a long-term investment in a generation of informed community members.</p> <p>The Interfaith Watershed Restoration and Outreach Project also has an important outreach component, specifically focusing on the children and youth of Beth Sholom and St. James and the broader community. Currently, there is no watershed restoration project in the immediate area that has signage to explain the need and impact of these projects. The intended message will be to inform children and youth about what is a watershed restoration project based on direct experience of the impact of the RainScapes and native plants on the land and how it connects to the protection of water and the cycle of life. The methodology will be to create basic teaching materials for the children and youth, signage approved by Montgomery County, and a living classroom in the project space with interactive art and music materials. The evaluation plan will include statements from teachers and educators of how they have incorporated these materials into their learning objectives for the children and youth, and, when age appropriate, visual or written statements by children and youth themselves. These materials and the project itself will become part of the communities of Beth Sholom and St. James impacting potentially 200 children.</p>	