

State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2542	sb0462	lr2552	hb0441	Natural History Society of Maryland
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Klausmeier				Bromwell
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore County				\$390,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the collections and learning center at the Natural History Society of Maryland facility				
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
Joe McSharry			443-520-5219	jmcsharry@marylandnature.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Founded in 1929, the Natural History Society of Maryland (NHSM) collects objects from the natural environment and educates Marylands citizens and students in the natural sciences. Its goal is to establish a Natural Science Museum in the State of Maryland. In 2007, NHSM purchased a vacant building in Overlea, Baltimore County and turned it into a natural science educational facility. This 9,000 sf facility houses over 75,000 artifacts and specimens of fossils, minerals, plants, insects, reptiles, birds and mammals collected from the 1880s to present. It provides two rooms for classroom instruction, lectures, programs and display space. Over the past 5 years NHSM has offered over 500 programs to more than 10,000 participants. NHSM collaborates with and serves as home to several educational and community groups.</p>				

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

The final stage of NHSMs transition to its new collections and learning center in Overlea is the redesign of 4,000 sf of public space into flexible galleries that will display collection items in a museum-like setting for projected audiences exceeding 15,000 visitors per year. Museum consultant, M Donovan Associates, is leading this project. These new galleries will provide teaching space for STEM-based, hands-on, immersive educational programming. Located on Belair Road just one block north of the Baltimore City line, the new facility will make the NHSM a focal point of the neighborhood, as well as a magnet for business growth. The NHSM was called an institutional anchor in the Urban Land Institutes report Revitalizing the Belair Road Corridor. The project will also include advanced collection storage systems, exterior signage/identity and a new entry to the family attraction.

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	\$600,000
Design	\$60,000
Construction	\$420,000
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$1,180,000

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

Bond Bill	\$390,000
Cash in Hand	\$105,000
Real Property	\$600,000
Volunteer Match	\$85,000
Total	\$1,180,000

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
5/1/2018	9/30/2018	11/1/2018	6/1/2019
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
105000.00		2,250	15,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
n/a			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Natural History Society of Maryland, Inc. P.O. Box 18750 6908 Belair Road Baltimore, MD 21206			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		8 - Baltimore 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:	Richard Stanley	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-514-4682		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
P.O. Box 18750 6908 Belair Road Baltimore, MD 21206		May 22, 2013	700000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
2 part-time	5 full-time	85000.00	420000.00
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
n/a			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
n/a			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	9,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	9,000		
New GSF	0		

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

1908

28. Comments

The long-term goal of the Natural History Society of Maryland (NHSM) is to inspire students to pursue careers in the natural sciences, collect and preserve Maryland's important natural science specimens, and provide a center for informal learning where professionals, students and families work together to become stewards of our natural world.

The NHSM is more than a static museum - it is a place where Marylanders come to study nature, to learn from natural history collections, and to connect with others. A place to learn more about what is in their own backyards. A place where they gain knowledge to make better decisions today, so all Marylanders have a brighter future.

NHSM has been around since 1929. It developed and managed a natural history museum in Druid Hill Park from 1931 to the mid-1970s. The museum was closed when the Baltimore Zoo decided to use the building as an educational facility. With the closing of the museum, some of its collections were relocated to state universities, nature centers, and government agencies, some actually went out of state to other institutions. Most of the collections, however, were crammed into the organization's office in Charles Village.

The 2007 acquisition of the Overlea property offers NHSM many features that their previous properties did not: parking; a location easily accessed from either the Baltimore Beltway or Baltimore City; and more space.

The renovated Overlea facility will benefit all Marylanders, but it will have an exceptional impact on the Overlea area. Baltimore City and County have been working to revitalize the Belair Road corridor. The Urban Land Institute's report *Revitalizing the Belair Road Corridor* called the NHSM a node; an area with a unique character that serves as an existing hub of activity. Its two suggestions for supporting this hub were clearly centered around the NHSM: "setting a distinct identity and branding opportunity to the node that pulls from the NHSM, strong cultural anchor and; transforming the museum's parking lot into a long-term development opportunity to provide a revenue stream for the museum and its operations as well as serve the community with new and modern uses." This renovation will be the jumping point for that revitalization.

With its renovated facility, NHSM will grow its volunteer program; begin the cataloging, evaluation, and conservation of its current collections including the library; play a leading role in several high-profile research programs; build support around their journal *The Maryland Naturalist* and increase the number of subscriptions; expand its outreach and programming, increasing the number of professional naturalists creating signature programs with specific funding and sponsorship opportunities; and further develop our relationship with the Overlea community.