

State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr1269	sb0504	lr3654	hb0831	Northwest Trek Conservation and Education Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Hough				Frederick County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Frederick County				\$50,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Northwest Trek Conservation and Education Center				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Chuck Eicholz			301-271-4922	ceicholz@cwpxoo.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Since 1966, Catoctin Wildlife Preserve has been a beloved Frederick County attraction, seeing over 70 thousand visitors each year and hosting approximately 11,000 school children from around the area. Events like summer camps, family reunions and company picnics make the preserve an educational, community activity facility. Global Wildlife Trust, Inc. is a dedicated Non-Profit to broadening human understanding of the animal world. This is achieved through immersion in naturalistic habitat recreations and educational programs using live animals and instructional tools both on-site at The Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and through educational programming and special events in the greater community. We are committed to this mission because we believe promoting harmonious coexistence of all species is our duty as stewards of the Earth.</p>				

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

PHASE 2 of the Northwest Trek project is very crucial and important to the expansion of creation of new programming to attract many new tourists to the Frederick area. The New Education/Special events building will give a facility that tens of thousands of school children can attend and get an education on promoting the harmonious existence of all species. It will also give us a platform to host a variety of symposiums and meetings in a very unique environment bringing in guests that normally may not visit Frederick Maryland. The New Education/Special events building will give us the ability to host any event/wedding year-round. The facility will be heated and air conditioned expanding our calendar to year-round. The last wedding the facility hosted brought international guests and all guests stayed at minimum overnight in Frederick Hotels. Our goals is to go from 5 weddings to 30 a year by the end of 2020.

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	\$4,000
Construction	\$301,000
Equipment	\$7,000
Total	\$312,000

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

Membership Donations	\$48,000
Corporate Donations	\$19,000
2015 Maryland State Grant House Bill #71	\$50,000
Special Events	\$94,000
Programs	\$12,000
2018 Proposed State Grant	\$50,000
Facility Admissions	\$39,000
Total	\$312,000

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
3/1/2016	8/8/2017	7/9/2018	4/10/2019
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
58000.00	0		100,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2015 HOUSE bILL #	\$50,000	Phase One (Artic Wolf Exhibit) plus new pathways to	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Global Wildlife Trust, Inc. 13019 Catoctin Furnace Road Thurmont, MD 21788			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	3B - Frederick 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:	Rick Hahn	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-271-4922		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Global Wildlife Trust, Inc. 13019 Catoctin Furnace Road Thurmont, MD 21788			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
35	55	1500000.00	2250000.00
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	5408		

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

2018

28. Comments

Request for state funding in support of the mission of the Global Wildlife Trust, Inc. dba the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve.

I wish to thank the legislators for the matching funds extended to our trust in 2015 to get this project started.

The Catoctin Zoo has been part of the Maryland landscape and history since 1933 when it began as a seasonal attraction, specializing in reptiles, staffed in part by teachers on summer hiatus.

It has grown from two acres into one hundred acres, fifty of them developed into naturalistic habitats for over two thousand fish, reptiles, birds and mammals.

Our mission is Bringing people and animals closer together. We accomplish this by designing exhibits and experiences that either physically provide the feeling of closeness and/or mentally educate our visiting public about other animals and the mutual needs and challenges in the natural world which we share.

Our request today is for funding (\$50,000) to complete the development of a stellar example of a North American habitat for White Wolves including a new spectacular education building. This area will have as its central component a multipurpose use facility that combines a glassed viewing area overlooking two acres of open Wolf Woods next to the five-acre Bison paddock.

At this time in the development of human values it is eminently imperative to bring children and animals within our common environment even closer. The understanding, respect and valuation of wildlife and wild places becomes more and more important to all of our lives.

One of the most lasting ways that we can foster this understanding and love for our natural environment is through the love for animals, specifically wild animals. The Catoctin Wildlife Preserve in conjunction with the Board of Education of several central and western Maryland counties and beyond is a vital link in the education of our youth.

Respectfully submitted, Richard A. Hahn, Exec. Director, GWT, Inc. 2/19/18