State Of Maryland 2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project							
Garrett Park							
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor						
Ferguson	Lierman						
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount						
Baltimore City	\$250,000						
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative							
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Garrett Park, including the installation of playground equipment							
7. Matching Fund							
Requirements: Equal	Type: The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.						
8. Special Provisions							
[] Historical Easement	[X] Non-Sectarian						
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address					
Meredith Chaiken	617-388-2350	Meredith@greaterbaybrookallia nce.org					
10 Description and Purpose of Organiza	(T · · · · 1						

The Greater Baybrook Alliance emerged out of a year-long planning process across the Greater Baybrook peninsula. This process involved over 100 cross-jurisdictional stakeholders, including residents, developers, businesses, non-profits, religious institutions, government agencies, and elected officials. All of these partners will be directly involved in the programming of the Alliance and its agenda for the communities. The mission since the inception of Greater Baybrook Alliance is to act as catalyst and conduit for equitable development and reinvestment in the Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park, and Curtis Bay neighborhoods and empower our residents to strengthen the Baybrook community. Since our inception we have been able to raise over \$3 million in State and foundation funding to move our capital and programming projects and visions forward.

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

Requested funds will be used to fund Phase Two of the Garrett Park Action Plan, which includes: -An expansion of the existing playground to accommodate older children with more exciting, dynamic, and challenging equipment as well as social space. -Renovation of two existing basketball courts, and removal or repurposing of two unused courts that combine stormwater management practices with opportunities for alternate recreation - The creation of an official entrance, staircase, and ADA-compliant ramps to usher visitors in and improve visibility and perception of safety in the park. -Two exercise stations, which build on the projected success of the walking loop, to significantly expand usership, diversity, and hours of park activity. The final portion, Phase 3 includes significant green infrastructure work: narrowing 2nd Street by removing 2,100 square feet of impervious surface, installing rain gardens and street trees, and constructing a sidewalk.

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	\$48,200						
Construction	\$510,364						
Equipment	\$6,000						
Total	\$564,564						
13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)							
The Conservation Fund	\$250,000						
Bond Bill	\$250,000						
Chesapeake Bay Trust	\$60,000						
Greater Baybrook Alliance	\$4,564						
Total	\$564,564						

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)									
Begin Design	Complete Des		Design	Begin Constructio		n	Complete Construction		
2/25/2019	10/1	0/15/2019 10		10/15	10/15/2019		5/15/2021		
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		Se	16. Current Numbe Served Annually at Site		-	Serve	umber of People to be d Annually After the ct is Complete		
		12	200	20			000		
18. Other State	Capit	al Gra	ants to Re	cipien	ts in the Past	15 Yea	ırs		
Legislative Ses	sion	Aı	mount			Pur	Purpose		
FY 17			\$3,000	This w	was from BRNI funds from GBA that were re				
FY 18			\$25,000	This w	as from BRNI	[funds	from GBA that were regra		
19. Legal Name	and A	Addre	ss of Grai	ntee	Project Add	ress (If	f Different)		
 3430 2nd St. Baltimore, MD 21225 County: Baltimore City 20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located					Baltimore, MD 21225 City				
21. Legal Status			(Please C	heck C)ne)				
Local Govt. For Profit			Non Profit		Federal				
[]	[]		[]		[X]		[]		
22. Grantee Legal Representative			23. If Match Includes Real Property:						
Name:					Has An Appraisal Been Done?		Yes/No		
Phone:							No		
Address:			If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value						
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24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site								
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Project Budget			eted Operating Budget			
3	5		250000		300000			
25. Ownership of	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?								
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?								
C. Does the grante	thers?							
D. If property is o	wned by grantee any sp	pace is to	be leased, provid	e the follow	ing:			
Lessee			Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Leas	0			
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E. If property is le	ased by grantee - Prov	ide the fo	llowing:					
Name of Leaser			Length of Lease	Optio	Options to Renew			
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26. Building Square Footage:								
Current Space G								
Space to be Rend	ovated GSF							
New GSF								

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

28. Comments

Brooklyn has a long history of divestment that negatively impacts residents quality of life. 16% percent of the homes in the 21225 zip code are vacant, and violent crime rates are 66% higher than the rest of Baltimore City. The area is disproportionately exposed to environmental hazards: 80.9% of Brooklyn/Curtis Bay is zoned for industrial purposes (two coal-fired power plants, chemical manufacturing facility). The EPA tool, EJscreen, nationally ranks Brooklyn in the top 11% for air toxics and cancer risks. Causes of death in the area are directly related to air pollution, with chronic respiratory and cardiovascular disease ranked third and eighth in Baltimore City, respectively. Garrett Park is a 7.5-acre greenspace in Brooklyn, situated at the top of a hill with an outstanding view of the harbor and downtown Baltimore. Today, Garrett Park is a distressed public open space that does not provide adequate community benefits. It lacks safe, visible entranceways and functional recreational space, which severely limits positive activity and perceptions of safety. This project will transform the park into an inviting, accessible neighborhood amenity that serves as a gateway for revitalization for the community.

The Implementation of the Garrett Park Action Plan (GPAP) has three primary outcomes. First, the GPAP will increase greenspace access and usage by installing new ADA-compliant entryways and improving recreational opportunities to attract new multi-generational users. Garrett Park is bordered by steep hills, making it difficult to see or access from its main corridor: East Patapsco Ave. Despite its neglected state, the park is the only available greenspace for 3,000 Brooklyn residents. It is strategically positioned adjacent to a local public elementary/middle school, public library, and Boys & Girls Club which serves over 800 residents. By expanding the existing playground to accommodate older children, restoring two of the existing basketball courts, and adding new amenities like a walking path, exercise equipment and accessible entryways, Garrett Park has the potential to provide recreational and social resources to a large concentration of Brooklyn residents.

GPAPs second outcome is to improve environmental health by installing green infrastructure. By increasing tree canopy, green improvements will reduce heat island effect and directly improve air quality. Greenery also absorbs air pollutants that contribute to respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. Reduction in pavement will decrease volumes of stormwater runoff and improve water quality, which impacts the adjacent harbor. By creating a lush environment for both passive and active recreation, the park will serve as a mental and physical oasis for residents and visitors.

GPAPs final outcome is to improve safety in a neighborhood with a high crime rate. A study performed by the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies illustrates that recreation and community socializing in Californias park system reduced juvenile criminal offenses by as much as 40%. Phase 2 of the GPAP will fund the infrastructure necessary for residents to actively engage in recreational and social activity while increasing the active hours of park use.

In short, this request will fund the implementation of the GPAPs Phase 2, and will transform a blighted park into an inviting, usable neighborhood asset that will spur revitalization in Brooklyn.