

State Of Maryland

2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Rash Field Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Clippinger	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$1,000,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Rash Field Park, including the installation of playground equipment		
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
Laurie Schwartz	443-743-3307	laurie@waterfrontpartnership.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded in 2005. Our mission is to create and manage Baltimores Waterfront as a world-class destination while inspiring a cleaner, greener future for our neighborhoods, streams, and harbor. We oversee the Waterfront Management Authority (WMA), a business improvement district dedicated to improved maintenance, beautification, and visitor services for Baltimores signature assetthe Waterfront.		

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

Your support will help fund the construction of Phase I of Rash Field Park, a 7 acre public park in the Inner Harbor neighborhood of Baltimore. The park is designed to serve families from across the city. Features of the park will include a nature play space, skatepark, kinetic playground and a waterfront cafe with a park overlook. Baltimore remains in many ways a segregated city, with few places for residents from all walks of life to come together. Our commitment is for Rash Field Park to be a place where Baltimoreans, no matter their race, age or income, can and will come together comfortably in the same space, playing, relaxing or just enjoying a wonderful park at the Inner Harbor.

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	\$390,000
Construction	\$13,810,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$14,200,000

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

City of Baltimore (committed)	\$9,000,000
State of Maryland (committed)	\$2,000,000
State of Maryland (pending)	\$1,000,000
Private funding (committed)	\$1,495,000
Private funding (pending)	\$705,000
Total	\$14,200,000

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
6/4/2018	9/24/2019	12/30/2019	12/23/2020
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	
1495000	5,000	1,000,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2017	\$1,000,000	Rash Field Improvement Project	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. 650 S Exeter St, Suite 200 Baltimore, MD 21202		300 Key Hwy Baltimore, MD 21202	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - 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:	Mark Pollak, Ballard Spahr	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410.528.5563		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
300 East Lombard Street, 18th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202-3268			

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	2.5	0	111000	
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?			Lease	
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?				
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		0		
Space to be Renovated GSF		2,000		
New GSF		2,000		

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

2020

28. Comments

Built in 1977, Rash Field was designed to be used as ballfields for a local high school. However, the school soon built its own and the park has been largely deserted ever since. As the Inner Harbor and surrounding neighborhoods have thrived over the past 40 years, Rash Field remained an eyesore - one of the last underused parcels in the Inner Harbor.

Our plan for Rash Field Park builds on feedback we heard during our community listening sessions, surveys and focus groups of citywide residents. We commissioned an independent opinion research survey to interview more than 300 Baltimore City randomly selected residents between July-October 2018. 77% of respondents who have visited the Inner Harbor in the past year came for free activities and events. However, more than two thirds of all city residents surveyed would come to the Inner Harbor more often if there were outdoor cafes in our parks and more than half requested cited the lack of free activities for children as a reason that they dont come more frequently. Our plan is responsive to that feedback. At Rash Field Park, we will create regular, free and low-cost programming for children and families and open the citys first cafe in a public park.

Given its central location and proximity to mass transportation, Rash Field Park is designed to serve families from across Baltimore. According to the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance 2016 Vital Signs report, approximately 65,000 families live in Baltimore, more than 26% of all households in the city. One in three children live below the federal poverty line. We will serve these families by providing free and low-cost programming through state of the art play areas for children and adults of all ages in a convenient, accessible location.

Rash Field Park will be a place for all of Baltimore. All amenities in the park will be free to enjoy, and its central location makes it a convenient destination for all of Baltimores neighborhoods. City-wide families will enjoy easy access to the park by hopping on any of eight buses that provide direct service from Baltimore neighborhoods.

Waterfront Partnership has led a deliberate, community-focused design process for more than three years. In 2015, building on the recommendations of Inner Harbor 2.0, we issued an RFP to hire a team to redesign the park. A coalition of community leaders, city officials and Waterfront Partnership staff and board members selected Mahan Rykiel from among 14 submissions. Founded in 1983, Mahan Rykiel Associates is an internationally-recognized 42 person landscape architecture, urban design, and planning firm headquartered in Baltimore Maryland. Mahan Rykiel and Waterfront Partnership conducted months of community stakeholder meetings in 2016. The feedback we received from our neighbors has formed the foundation of our vision for Rash Field Park. Phase II will be further developed following the conclusion of the Phase I capital campaign. In Phase II, we will demolish the bleachers on the southern edge of the site, replacing them with undulating walking and jogging paths, a bird lab and the relocation of the Pride of Baltimore memorial. Well also build youth recreational fields that can be converted into an outdoor concert venue, a butterfly lab, game lawn and fitness areas.