

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
SB890	HB1505	Southern Maryland Stadium
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
Senator Thomas McLain Middleton		Delegates Sally Jameson, Murray Levy and Wm. Daniel Mayer
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Charles County		\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill		
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, subject to a matching fund requirement, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Commissioners of Charles County for the planning and design of a 4,500-seat multi-purpose stadium facility on a suitable site in Charles County that will provide a venue for professional minor league baseball games, local and regional community events, and youth sports championships and athletic competitions.		
7. Matching Fund Requirements		
This bill requires an equal match. No part of the matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.		
8. Special Provisions		
None.		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
The County Commissioners of Charles County are the governing body of Charles County, Maryland, a general purpose unit of local government.		
10. Description and Purpose of Project		
This project would create a 4,500-seat multi-purpose stadium facility in Southern Maryland, the fastest growing region of the State, providing a much-needed focal point for the community, a venue for regional activities and events, youth-oriented sports competition, and wholesome family entertainment. The stadium will be designed to accommodate the full range of sports--football, soccer and lacrosse, for example--in addition to minor league professional baseball, and provide a professional-quality facility for local and regional playoffs and championships. In addition to providing recreational opportunities for young people and families, a minor league stadium in Southern Maryland would deliver significant economic and fiscal results for the State, according to an economic impact study prepared by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. Based on the experience of other Maryland communities, a stadium will likely bring new business and private sector investment to Charles County and the area. This is the only region of Maryland where the State has not yet invested in creating an asset of this kind.		
<i>Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (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.</i>		
11. Estimated Capital Costs		
Acquisition	(Stadium site being considered is on donated and County-owned land)	
Design	(Planning,A/E,Civil Design) \$1,000,000	
Construction	14,425,000	
Equipment	3,000,000	
Total	\$18,425,000	

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)			
Source		Amount	
State Bond Bill (FY 2006)--Requested		\$500,000	
State of Maryland--Capital Budget		5,808,000	
Charles County		6,059,000	
Maryland Baseball LLC		6,058,000	
Total		\$18,425,000	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
July, 2004	December, 2005	April, 2006	October, 2007
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2005		15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$6,000,000		0	*280,000 estimated attendance at minor league baseball games
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None.			
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
County Commissioners of Charles County P. O. Box 2150 La Plata, Maryland 20646		72-acre site being considered is on Piney Church Road, one half mile south of Billingley Road, south of Waldorf.	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Eugene T. Lauer, County Administrator		301-870-3000	LauerE@charlescounty.org
Gary V. Hodge, Project Advisor		301-873-3150	GaryVHodge@aol.com
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			District 28
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Roger L. Fink, County Attorney	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-645-0555		No
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
Charles County Attorney's Office P. O. Box 2150 La Plata, Maryland 20646			

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	30 Full-Time, 200-300 Part-Time	0	\$1.5 million
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease 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?			Yes
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
Maryland Baseball LLC	20 Years	TBD	All
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	0		
New GSF	106,260		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			Not applicable.
28. Comments:			
<p>*The number of people to be served annually after the project is complete is based upon an estimate of attendance at minor league baseball games developed by the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, in their February, 2004 report entitled, "Economic Impact of a Proposed Minor League Baseball Stadium in Southern Maryland." The DBED projection only covers attendance at the 70 minor league baseball games played at home each season. In addition to professional baseball, this multi-purpose stadium facility will be specifically designed to accommodate other local and regional community events, youth sports championships, and athletic competitions during the remainder of the year, such as football, soccer, and lacrosse. This will significantly increase the projected number of people who will be served each year, above the estimate of 280,000.</p>			

