

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1129	SB241	1130	HB151	Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City - Herring Run Watershed Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. McFadden				Del. C. Davis, et al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$350,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Herring Run Watershed Association, Inc. for the acquisition, construction, repair, renovation and capital equipping of the administrative offices and education center for the Herring Run Watershed Association.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund which 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 (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>The Herring Run Watershed Association (HRWA) began in 1978 as the “Friends of Northeast Parks and Streams” through the advocacy of such illustrious Baltimore citizens as former Baltimore City Councilmember Jody Landers. As Jody Landers explains, “neighbors, communities, and elected officials recognized the value of streams and parkland as community assets to be tended to and restored to good health.”</p> <p>Originally a park-focused organization, HRWA has directed its attention and action to watershed restoration for more than ten years. HRWA is one of only five watershed organizations in the greater Baltimore area and serves approximately 150,000 people in northeast Baltimore City and parts of Baltimore County. Of Baltimore City residents, approximately 129,149 people or 20% of Baltimore’s residents live within the watershed. Population breakdown is reflective of Baltimore City’s population—65% African American, 31% White, and 6% other. Tree canopy in the watershed is slightly above Baltimore’s average of 19.9 at 22.5%.</p> <p>HRWA received its 501 (c) 3 status in 1994 with the following mission to: “improve the environmental quality of the Herring Run Watershed for the mutual benefit of its communities and the Chesapeake Bay. We do this by mobilizing volunteers for advocacy, restoration, and education.”</p> <p>HRWA intends to continue making demonstrable improvement in our urban watershed by engaging citizens in learning about environmental issues and taking personal action for the preservation and restoration of the watershed. While we work in the entire watershed, currently we are paying special attention to our home community of Belair-Edison, which we hope will become one of the “greenest” urban neighborhoods in Baltimore.</p>				

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

HRWA already occupies the 2,875 square foot building, a former commercial bakery, located at 3545 Belair Road. While we have been able to make incremental improvements to the building that include a new heating and air conditioning system and have received funding to upgrade our telephone system, the building still requires extensive renovation to meet organizational and community needs. The renovation will be accomplished utilizing and modeling green building techniques that can be applied to classic Baltimore rowhouse construction. These techniques will save money during construction, minimize future operating costs, provide a healthy office for our staff, volunteers, and visitors, reduce our impact on municipal infrastructure, and provide a community friendly learning laboratory for techniques that support sustainable building practices.

For example, we want to share information about energy efficiency as reflected in our choice of heating and air conditioning equipment, and energy-efficient windows and doors—examples for low-moderate income households that expend a significant portion of their disposable income on energy costs. By combining a plant-covered “green” roof with a stormwater cistern, and low-flow toilets and faucets, we will be able to recycle stormwater and significantly reduce water use in the building. We will also choose interior finishes that reduce exposure to VOC’s that are implicated in the current asthma epidemic faced in urban areas.

The badly needed handicapped accessible community meeting space will enable us to include a new group of potential stewards in our efforts and we are looking forward to sharing our handicapped accessible meeting space with fellow non-profit organizations and community groups. Our building will present an improved appearance to the Belair-Edison Main Street District that we hope will inspire community pride and encourage participation in our work.

Our project will complement existing nature and outdoor education centers in the Baltimore area, including Irvine Nature Center, Carrie Murray Outdoor Education Center, and the Living Classrooms Foundation. Currently, northeast Baltimore does not have any facilities like these that offer experiential learning opportunities to children and families within the watershed.

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.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$119,000
Design	\$50,000
Construction	\$525,000
Equipment	\$25,000
Total	\$719,000

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
State of MD	\$350,000
Foundation grants	\$200,000
Private fund raising	\$50,000
Mortgage (\$94,000) and equity (\$25,000)	\$119,000

Total		\$719,000	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
Underway	January 2006	May 2006	January 2007
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006	15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site		16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$213,000	2,000 volunteers, students, staff, visitors		3,000 volunteers, students, visitors, staff, plus serving over 150,000 residents of the watershed
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)	
Herring Run Watershed Association, Inc. 3545 Belair Road Baltimore, MD 21213			
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Mary Sloan Roby, Executive Director		410-254-1577	mroby@herringrun.org
Sarah Bur, President		410-426-9584	sarahbur@verizon.net
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			45
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Terry J. Harris	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-576-0800		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
301 N. Charles Street Suite 902 Baltimore, MD 21201		June 2004	\$119,000
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
3	5	\$260,000	\$310,000

25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (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 and 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			2875
Space to Be Renovated GSF			2875
New GSF			0
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1950
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			