

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3239	SB893	0643	HB229	Creation of a State Debt – Howard County - Blandair Regional Park
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Howard County Senators				Howard County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Howard County				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the planning and design of a recreational park at Blandair Regional Park located in Columbia.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a standard match.				
8. Special Provisions				
The bill requires the grantee to convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its interest in the property.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
Howard County, Maryland is the Grantee organization. The Department of Recreation and Parks manages 8000 acres of parkland in Howard County. The Department, in consort with the Howard County Department of Public Works will secure an architectural and engineering firm to design the park based on the Blandair Master Plan. The park will be constructed in fiscal year 2009 upon completion of the subject design effort. The quality of the County's facilities and programs is a testament to the County's ability to manage and operate this proposed regional park.				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
A master plan for this park was developed by the 22-member Blandair Planning Committee in 2003. The Master Plan was presented at three public meetings and was approved with various modifications resulting from those meetings. The Master Plan includes a nature center, pathways and walking trails, court games, athletic fields, picnic facilities, an indoor sports hall, a children's garden, playgrounds, roads and parking.				
<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				
Design				\$1,000,000
Construction				
Equipment				
Total				\$1,000,000
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)				
Source				Amount
State Bond Bill				\$500,000
Howard Co. General Obligation Bonds or Transfer Tax				\$500,000

Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	3	0	250,000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance 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 and 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		8000	
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
<p>This 300-acre park was purchased with County funds and State Program Open Space funds, thereby assuring its permanent use for recreation and preservation purposes. A Regional Park of this magnitude will draw visitors from throughout the County as well as adjacent jurisdictions. The County population to be served is currently in excess of 270,000 people. This facility can host large festivals and athletic tournaments and will greatly benefit the local economy, particularly restaurants, hotels, sporting goods stores and small markets. This park is in the Planned Service Area (Smart Growth Area) of Howard County and will help reduce the current over-usage of Centennial Park. This project is identified in the 2005 Land Preservation, Recreation and Parks Plan as a "short range" need, and it will help address current shortages of athletic fields, court games, playgrounds and pathways in the Ellicott City, Elkridge, North Laurel and Columbia Planning Areas.</p>			

