

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3412	SB918	1493	HB446	Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County - Bell Branch Supplemental Field Lighting
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Astle				Del. Boschert
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Anne Arundel County				\$450,000.00
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing a grant to the Board of Directors of the Crofton Athletic Council for the planning, design, construction, reconstruction, installation and capital equipping of athletic field lighting at Bell Branch Park and Athletic Facility				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
No matching fund is required.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The Crofton Athletic Council actively partners with the Department of Recreation and Parks by providing the coaches and other volunteers to staff their programmatic offerings. In addition, CAC's volunteers partially fund and perform routine maintenance in the parks in their area, including Bell Branch Park, and fund modest infrastructure improvements as well.				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>This application proposes the funding of athletic field lighting for the practice square, a level area where multiple teams of various sports can simultaneously practice and scrimmage. The installation will consist of a new electrical service, a precast concrete utility building to house the lighting controls, twelve steel and or concrete poles located three on each side of the square and an approximate number of luminaries to provide adequate light levels to conform with current engineering standards.</p> <p>The park was created to serve the recreational needs of the rapidly expanding Crofton area, which has seen a major growth in housing stock because of its proximity to major highways. The site was selected because no suitably sized parcels of land with topography appropriate for the construction of an active recreational facility remained in Crofton. Since the opening of this facility, program registration for the Crofton Athletic Council, the umbrella youth sports organization serving Crofton and environs, has increased to the point where practices and games for all participants can no longer be accommodated during the daylight hours, particularly before and after Daylight Savings Time is in effect.</p>				
<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				
Construction				\$450,000.00
Equipment				
Total				\$450,000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4	4	\$500,000	\$502,000
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?			n/a
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?			n/a
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	81 acres		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	450 square feet		
New GSF	450 square feet		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			none
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
Bell Branch Park is a major park facility which primarily serves residents from Crofton and the southern portion of Gambrills. Some facilities, such as the Dog Park, attract users from even greater distances. Growth in the Crofton Small Area population between 1999 and 2020 is projected to be approximately 21%, versus 14% for the County as a whole. The provision of additional lighted facilities at Bell Branch Park will permit greater utilization of existing facilities, thus accommodating the population growth and increased park usage without land acquisition and new facility construction.			