

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2920	SB850			St. Mary's Agriculture Service Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Dyson				
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
St. Mary's			\$750,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Supervisors of the St. Mary's Soil Conservation District for the construction of the St. Mary's Agriculture Service Center.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. The fund may consist of real property.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Bruce A. Yound, District Manager		301-475-8402 (ext. 3)	Bruce.Young@md.nacdn.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>The St. Mary's Soil Conservation District is an independent sub-unit of state government. The District's original and primary function is to work with the agricultural community to install best management practices (BMPs) to reduce sediment and nutrient runoff from agricultural lands. This can be accomplished through management BMPs such as cover crops and no-till to structural bmps such as ponds and agricultural waste storage structures.</p> <p>Another important function of the District is our urban program. The District reviews and approves erosion and sediment control plans for all residential, commercial, and industrial projects that propose disturbances greater than five thousand square feet. In October 2006, the District also entered into an agreement with the Maryland Department of the Environment to perform pre-construction meetings with developers and contractors prior to any earth disturbance.</p> <p>We also provide many educational and outreach programs for the citizens of St. Mary's County. Educational programs include the Envirothon which is a national competition for high school student teams which exposes the students to natural resources professionals in soils, aquatics, forestry, and wildlife. Outreach activities vary from year to year but include core activities at the St. Mary's County Fair, Earth Day on the Square in Leonardtown, and our Annual Cooperator's Dinner.</p>				

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

The project is to build an Agricultural Services Center for St. Mary’s County which would combine all of the Agricultural agencies into one location to better serve our constituents. The purpose is to provide office space for the Soil Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency, Maryland Cooperative Extension Service, and St. Mary’s County Ag and Seafood Commission.

Plans also include meeting room space for fifty people and a demonstration kitchen. Both of these items are critical to the Maryland Cooperative Extension Service and allow for small cooperator meetings and trainings. Currently, none of the Agriculture agencies have meeting room space and we constantly search for locations when we schedule meetings.

The Agricultural Service Center will provide a “one stop shop” where the agricultural community can come take care of all their business without having to drive to three or more locations. It will also allow for better communication and resource sharing between all of the agencies.

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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	50,000.00
Construction	1,500,000.00
Equipment	
Total	1,550,000.00

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

Source	Amount
St. Mary's SCD	\$400,000.00
State Legislature	750,000.00
Loan	balance of project costs
Total	1.5 to 2 million dollars

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
July 2007	December 2007	January 2008	September 2008

15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$400,000.00	10,000	20,000

18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years

Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose

N/A	N/A	N/A	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			
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:	Bruce A. Young	Has An Appraisal	Yes/No
Phone:	301-475-8402 ext. 3	Been Done?	No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
PO Box 810			
22660 Washington Street			
Leonardtwn, MD 20650			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
12	23	\$224,815.00	\$400,000.00
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?			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
Farm Service Agency			1122
Natural Resources Conservation Service			817
Maryland Department of Agriculture			1075
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	3,381 square feet
Space to Be Renovated GSF	
New GSF	10,000 square feet, includes meeting room
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)	