

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2815	SB561	2556	HB568	Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Miller			Proctor	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's			\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Alice Ferguson Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, acquisition, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of improvements to the Potomac River Habitat Study Complex at Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. 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. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Tracey Bowen, Executive Director		202-518-7415	tbowen@fergusonfoundation.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>Our mission is to provide experiences that encourage connections between people, the natural environment, farming and the cultural heritage of the Potomac River Watershed, leading to personal environmental responsibility. Located in Accokeek, the Alice Ferguson Foundation (founded in 1954) is a unique environmental education organization 501(c)(3) operating Hard Bargain Farm, a 330-acre working farm on the shore of the Potomac River south of Washington, D.C. It implements its mission through educational programs at Hard Bargain Farm and in area national parks, the annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup, Trash Initiative, and other community outreach programs. At Hard Bargain Farm Environmental Center, credentialed educators using experiential learning techniques annually teach thousands of pre-K through 12th grade students in both day and overnight programs. Students have experience-based opportunities to explore the local watershed and to learn about food production in a family farm setting as well as being encouraged to think about the meaning of sustainability. Professional development opportunities for teachers include environmental education, curricula and instruction methods through summer institutes. For further information, please see our website: www.fergusonfoundation.org.</p>				

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

This Complex will actively demonstrate sustainable and renewable energy design and practices. The Foundation has contracted national leaders in Green Building to collaborate on the design and development of an innovative project that will operate as a net zero energy, carbon neutral facility and incorporate design solutions and technologies that will serve as a teaching model for energy conservation, water quality, resource stewardship, and public health for the State of Maryland. The Complex will consist of:

1) New Day-Use Education Building (1900 sq.ft.) - urgently needed to house weekday and summer education programs and teacher trainings. Without indoor facilities, educational day-programs currently are offered only during warm weather. An onsite day-use educational center will increase flexibility of our education and training programs and accommodate students year-round.

2) The design and construction of new Overnight Lodge (7000 sq. ft.) - needed to meet ADA and other safety requirements; reconstruct dormitory facilities and accommodate expanding student & teacher programs. More than one-half of our students are urban children with a high proportion of at risk Maryland youth. Immersion in the farm activities and natural environment is enhanced with overnight visits. The new lodge will improve accommodations for these children and provide much-needed space appropriate for our expanding teacher training programs.

3)Wetland Study Boardwalk (1800 ft.)- A raised boardwalk is planned through an emergent wetland area. Beaver dams downstream from the farm reclaimed the floodplain pastures as wetland. These new wetlands add biodiversity, provide habitat for many aquatic and semi-aquatic species and offer students an intimate view of emerging wetland ecology.

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	525,000
Construction	2,775,000
Equipment	100,000
Total	3,400,000

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

Source	Amount
Federal Government - Interior Department	700,000
Private Fund Raising & Grants	2,200,000
State of Maryland	500,000
Total	3,400,000

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
8/06	9/07	10/07	9/08
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
12,000		7000	7500
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2000	300,000	design, renovation, repair, construction & equipping of Hard Bargain Farm	
2006	225,000	planning, design, acquisition, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction & capital equipping of improvements to Potomac River Habitat Study Complex	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Alice Ferguson Foundation 2001 Bryan Point Rd. Accokeek, MD 20607			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			27A
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:	Todd K. Pounds	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-292-3300		yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
11414 Livingston Rd. Ft. Washington, MD 20744		3/7/2000	3,200,000
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
25	25	1,300,000	1,400,000
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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	36,800		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			