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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1462  
Appropriations

(Delegate Bohanan)

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Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2005 and 2006 - St. Mary's  
County - Sotterley Plantation

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This bill changes the name of the grantee to the Board of Directors of Historic Sotterley, and alters the purpose of the grant to include planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, and capital equipping of the existing facilities for Sotterley Plantation as specified in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2005 and 2006. The bill also extends the deadline to June, 1 2011, for the grantee to present evidence of matching funds for the project.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2009.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Extending the deadline does not materially affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not affect the finances or operations of St. Mary's County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Chapter 445 of 2005 authorized up to \$50,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Sotterley Foundation for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, and capital equipping of security upgrades for Sotterley Plantation, located in Hollywood. Chapter 445 specified that matching funds could consist of in-kind contributions. The grantee was required to convey an historic easement

to the Maryland Historical Trust. Chapter 85 of 2007 extended the deadline for the grantee to present evidence of matching funds for the project.

Chapter 46 of 2006 also authorized up to \$50,000 in matching funds to the grantee for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and demolition of outbuildings at Sotterley Plantation. Chapter 46 also required the conveyance of an historical easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

Chapter 153 of 2003 established a seven-year limitation on the authority to spend an appropriation for a capital expenditure and a seven-year limitation on the authorization for State debt.

**Background:** Sotterley Plantation is located on 95 acres in St. Mary's County. The plantation, with structures dating to 1703, is designated as a National Historic Landmark. The State has appropriated \$1.0 million to Sotterley Plantation since 1997 for restoration of the site, accessibility modifications, site stabilization, and security improvements.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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