

# HOUSE BILL 1548

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By: **Delegates Rudolph, James, and Riley**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Cecil County – Lower Susquehanna Heritage**  
3 **Greenway**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000,  
5 the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lower  
6 Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc. for certain development or improvement  
7 purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a  
8 requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing  
9 a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and  
10 providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on  
14 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Cecil County  
15 – Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Loan of 2010 in a total principal amount  
16 equal to the lesser of (i) \$125,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in  
17 accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale,  
18 and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board  
19 of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117 through  
20 8–124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

21 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold  
22 as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds  
23 under § 8–122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

24 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer  
25 and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and  
26 delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the  
2 Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable  
3 architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lower  
4 Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the  
5 grantee") for the construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital  
6 equipping of the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway, located in Perryville.

7 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in  
8 rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and  
9 when due and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years  
10 after the date of issuance of the bonds.

11 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the  
12 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a  
13 matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either  
14 directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or  
15 unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of funds expended prior to the  
16 effective date of this Act. The fund may consist of real property or in kind  
17 contributions. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what  
18 money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall  
19 determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1,  
20 2012, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching  
21 fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this  
22 fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of  
23 the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes  
24 provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching  
25 fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further  
26 effect.

27 (6) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board  
28 of Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2017. If any  
29 funds authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2017,  
30 the amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and  
31 be of no further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of  
32 unexpended or unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in  
33 § 8–129 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
35 June 1, 2010.