

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr3561	sb1093	lr1634	hb0389	Maydale Nature Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Kramer				Taylor
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County			\$55,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$55,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Friends of Maydale Nature Center, Inc. for the reconstruction of the Maydale Nature Center.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Unequal \$10,000		The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Marvin Raufi			marvinraufi@msn.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Friends of Maydale, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization was established in 1994 to preserve community activities in the building located on the grounds of Maydale Conservation Park. The group was formed at the request of the late Montgomery County Councilmember Marilyn Praisner after the Parks Department indicated that it was no longer interested in using the building for parks department activities. The Friends of Maydale subsequently leased the building from the Parks Department and subleased it to Montgomery County Public Schools; MCPS then established and operated an Early Childhood Environmental Education Program. The Friends of Maydale also allowed community groups to use the building; regular users included various scout troops and civic groups. The Friends of Maydale raised funds from individuals in the surrounding communities and used those funds to purchase tables and chairs, filing cabinets, and computer equipment for the convenience of the user groups. Funds were also used to pay for liability insurance.</p>				

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit Length to Visible area)

Although Montgomery County Public Schools expended funds for repairs to the roof and furnace, the Parks Department closed the building in the fall of 2008 following an assessment that identified a number of needed repairs and improvements. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide funding for the replacement of carpeting, doors, windows, and floor and ceiling tiles; to renovate the rest rooms and replace gutters and downspouts; to do necessary plumbing and furnace repairs; and to update the fire alarm and security systems. Due to severe budgetary constraints, neither M-NCPPC nor MCPS has funds available for the capital improvements necessary to allow the building to be used again by MCPS. MCPS has indicated its willingness to contribute to the operational costs of using the facility if the CIP repairs are made.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (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	0
Design	0
Construction	\$65,000
Equipment	0
Total	\$65,000

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

Source	Amount
The Friends of Maydale (fundraising & in-kind)	\$10,000
State of Maryland	\$55,000
Total	\$65,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
not required	not applicable	unknown	unknown
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
0 (will be done after we have State funding)		0	4,000 - 5,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
none	none	n.a.	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Friends of Maydale, c/o/ Marvin Raufi, 14812 Fireside Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20905			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			District 14
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:	none	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
none	unknown	approximately \$1,000	\$25,000 annually
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?			lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
Montgomery County Public Schools	unknown	unknown	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2500		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	1500		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1930s

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

With the active support and involvement of the late Montgomery County Councilmember Marilyn Praisner, the Early Childhood Environmental Education Program at Maydale Conservation Park began in 1994 and operated through the fall of 2007 for Pre-K through 3rd graders from seven East Montgomery County elementary schools. It accommodated two classes per day (about 4,000 children each year) and provided a unique opportunity for small groups of young children to be introduced to a variety of environmental features - a meadow, stream, ponds, wetlands, animal and bird habitat, and forest - within a very short walking distance. The building itself was an integral part of the program, providing space for orientation and instruction when the children first arrived, an activity room where they could sit at desks and do projects after they explored the outside environment, and rest rooms and hand-washing facilities (there are two bathrooms in the building, including one that is ADA-compliant). The program was widely praised and appreciated by the children, parents, and teachers from the participating schools. Several parent volunteers served as group leaders and chaperones and were also involved in extracurricular weekend activities related to the program.

In the spring of 2008, the children began going to the Smith Center, a heavily used large facility located several miles west of the East County elementary schools. Since that time, there have been ongoing conversations about returning the program to Maydale. Both the Director of the Montgomery County Parks Department and the MCPS Superintendent of Schools have indicated their support for reinstating the program at Maydale. Also, the Montgomery County Conservation Corps has indicated its interest in providing an in-kind contribution of labor that would reduce the cost of the repairs. However, both the Parks Department and MCPS have also cited the lack of funds needed for the building repairs that must occur prior to reinstating the program. The Friends of Maydale would use the proceeds of the State grant to facilitate those repairs. If the State funding is forthcoming, the Friends will conduct a fundraising drive and will begin conversations with the Conservation Corps to meet the \$10,000 matching funds requirement.

Additional supporting documents are attached.