

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr1723	sb0424	lr2813	hb1055	Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Colburn			Eckardt	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Dorchester County			\$80,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$80,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors for Ducks Unlimited, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and repair of a structure and pools at the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		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	
Bernie Marczyk		41022246620	bmarczyk@ducks.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Ducks Unlimited is a nonprofit conservation founded in 1937 that is dedicated to the protection and restoration of wetlands—one of nature’s most productive ecosystems. For more than 70 years, we have conserved more than 12 million acres of wetland habitats across North America. While our primary purpose is to help waterfowl, the wetland ecosystems we protect and restore also benefit fish, other wildlife, and people. Since 1989, Ducks Unlimited has restored over 50,000 acres of critical wildlife habitat in Maryland. These projects have helped not only waterfowl but over 900 species of wildlife, including many endangered species. Finally, Ducks Unlimited has more than 780,000 members, including nearly 13,000 in Maryland.</p>				

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

Ducks Unlimited will use this funding for two projects at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge in Dorchester County. The Refuge consists of over 25,000 acres of tidal salt marsh, freshwater ponds, forest and cropland. The Refuge supports a diversity of wildlife including the endangered Delmarva Fox Squirrel, American Bald Eagle, and migrant Peregrine Falcon. The Refuge is also a crucial wintering area for waterfowl in the Atlantic Flyway and has been identified as an area of high priority conservation concern by the Atlantic Coast Joint Venture Mid-Atlantic conservation region. The requested funding is for the survey and design of a restoration project that will enhance two existing wetlands currently totaling 12 acres. This will be done by sculpting surrounding hydric soils, allowing the flooding of an additional 33.4 acres of wetland habitat. In addition to increasing the acreage available to flood, this project will partially fill in existing drainage ditches, in turn decreasing the amount of water needed to flood each wetland. The second project will replace a faulty water control structure, which controls the water flow into a 75 acre wetland on the refuge. The proposed project will allow Refuge personnel to more efficiently manage a 75-acre wetland and enhance the value of this wetland to wildlife.

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	
Design	\$25,000
Construction	\$80,000
Equipment	\$55,000
Total	\$160,000

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

Source	Amount
State of Maryland	\$80,000
Chesapeake Bay Trust	\$39,000
Friends of Blackwater	\$20,000
Ducks Unlimited	\$11,000
Waterfowl Festival	\$10,000
Total	\$160,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
3-1-10	3-30-10	8-1-10	1-1-11
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
\$20,000		200,000 visitors	200,000 visitors
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Ducks Unlimited, Inc. 34 Defense Street, Suite 200 Annapolis, MD 21401		Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge 2145 Key Wallace Drive Cambridge, Maryland 21613	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			37
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:	Jim Flood	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	901-758-3712		
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
Ducks Unlimited One Waterfowl Way Memphis, TN 38120			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4	9	\$160,000	\$160,000
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?			See #28
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			See #28
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			See #28
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			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			The water control structure being replaced is 30 years old.

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is owned and operated by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Ducks Unlimited frequently partners with the Service as well as numerous other state and federal agencies on habitat restoration projects.