

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2222	sb0591	lr2864	hb1200	Battle of Bladensburg Visitor Center and Monument
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Ramirez				Niemann
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County			\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc. for the construction and renovation of the Battle of Bladensburg Visitor Center and Monument.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Odette T. Ramos		443-801-8137	oramos@strategicmgmt.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc. (ATHA, Inc.) is the Management Entity for the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, a heritage area in northern Prince George's County. The Heritage Area encourages visitors to experience the "Evolution of a Nation" and the mission of ATHA, Inc. is to advocate for, organize, and promote heritage tourism in a way that fosters economic development while revealing and protecting the cultural, historic, and natural resources in each community within the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area. Of the many programs and initiatives lead by ATHA, Inc., the organization is also the lead coordinator for planning and implementing the Battle of Bladensburg Commemoration as part of the Battle of Bladensburg Commemoration Task Force assigned by the mayors of Colmar Manor, Bladensburg, and Cottage City,</p>				

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

The Battle of Bladensburg Task Force is committed to tell the story of the military history, and history of the arts and culture that was prominent in the area during that time. More importantly, through events, programs, tours, signage and other features, the Task Force is working with partners across the area - including the county, state and federal governments - to ensure that everyone understands that without the Battle of Bladensburg, the Star Spangled Banner and the US eventual victory against the British in the War of 1812, would not have occurred.

The Visitor Center will be part of the overall visitor experience, providing displays, information, and a starting point for tours.

The Monument is one of several markers that will highlight the battle lines and honor the importance of the Battle of Bladensburg in the eventual US victory of the War of 1812.

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	\$150,000
Construction	\$1,323,963
Equipment	
Total	\$1,473,963

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

Source	Amount
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (property)	\$446,400
Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.	\$30,000
Aman Memorial Trust	\$50,000
Town of Bladensburg	\$20,000
Town of Colmar Manor	\$20,000
Town of Cottage City	\$20,000
War of 1812 Commission	\$40,000
Capital Bond Bill from the State of Maryland	\$500,000
National Parks Service	\$40,000
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commissi	\$57,563
Other private investors	\$250,000
Total	\$1,473,963

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
4/20/2011	8/30/2011	2/20/2012	10/30/2011
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
\$500,400		75,000	75,000
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)	
4310 Gallatin Street Hyattsville, Maryland 20781		Bladensburg Public Library 4820 Annapolis Road Bladensburg, Maryland 20710	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	47 - Eastern Prince George's County		
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:	Odette T. Ramos	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-801-8137		yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
34 E. 27th Street, Baltimore, MD 21218		8/24/2010	\$446,400

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	3	0	\$80,000
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?			lease
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	
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission	50 years	yes	
Bladensburg Library	50 years	yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2,500		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	same		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1964

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Monument will be placed on MNCPPC land already committed to the monument.

The Visitor Center will be at the Bladensburg Library which is owned by Prince George's County library. Our back-up plan is to have the Visitor Center at the firehouse on Bladensburg Road, and there will be a 50 year lease with the owner. Costs for rehab are the same.