

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr0888	sb0035	lr0731	hb0243	Mount Pleasant Farm House
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Robey				Howard County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Howard County			\$125,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Mount Pleasant Farm House, including updating building systems.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Marianne Alexander		443-416-0804	Marianne_Alexander@yahoo.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Howard County Conservancy is a local, non-profit environmental education center and land trust. The Conservancy was founded by a group of local citizens in 1990 to help preserve the natural environment, agricultural farmland, and unique historic sites in Howard County. Headquartered at the 300 year old, 232-acre Mt. Pleasant Farm in Woodstock, Maryland, the Conservancy offers dozens of year-round educational programs for adults and children, hosts special events, and provides numerous volunteer opportunities. The Conservancy is a county-wide partner with the Howard County Public School System and hosts 5,000 students per year for field trips and service learning. As a land trust, the Conservancy protects land by acquiring it through gift or by obtaining a conservation easement.</p>				

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

The proposed project is intended to increase the energy efficiency of the Farm House at Mount Pleasant with improvements that include upgrading its heating, cooling and plumbing systems.

This project is important for the Howard County Conservancy because of 1) financial savings that can be redirected to its education programs and 2) its value as a demonstration/education model for the community.

The Conservancy will use the project and the resulting improvements to educate school children and adults on how building improvements like these proposed for the Farm House can help the environment as well as the pocketbook.

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	\$50,000
Construction	\$175,000
Equipment	\$25,000
Total	\$250,000

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

Source	Amount
Private Donors	\$75,000
Foundation Grants	\$25,000
In-Kind Contributions	\$25,000
State Bond	\$125,000
Total	\$250,000

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
July, 2011	December, 2011	January, 2012	June, 2012
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
\$75,000		8,400	10,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2000	\$150,000	Planning, design, construction and capital equipping of an education facility.	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Howard County Conservancy 10520 Old Frederick Road PO Box 175 Woodstock, MD 21163			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		9A - Northern Howard 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:	Ann Jones, President	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-461-6917		n/a
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
5	5	336,300	333,897
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?			Own
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	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2908		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	2908		
New GSF	2908		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		Before 1900	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Mt. Pleasant property is held under Maryland Environmental Trust Easement which restricts development, requires a woodland management plan and limits industrial and commercial uses in perpetuity.

The reduced budget projection for 2011 is due in part to reduced energy costs that would be realized from this project as well as existing solar energy panels at our facility.

The last state bond to the Conservancy was in the year 2000 to provide funding for construction of an environmental education center. This was a milestone project for our organization's growth. Since 2000 staffing and programs have grown significantly. Staffing has increased from one staff person to five and program participation has increased from 500 to 8,400 annually, a 16-fold increase. The Conservancy also celebrated our 20th Anniversary this year