

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr0887	sb0034	lr0767	hb0106	Blandair Regional Park
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Robey				Howard County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Howard 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 County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the design, construction, and capital equipping of the Blandair Regional Park.</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	
Ned Cheston			ncheston@howardcountymd.gov	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Howard County, Maryland is the Grantee organization. The Department of Recreation and Parks manages over 8,000 acres of land and 49 developed recreation areas in Howard County. The Department, in consort with the Howard County Department of Public Works will secure an architectural and engineering firm to design the park based on the Blandair Master Plan. Park construction will begin in fiscal year 2011 upon completion of the design effort. The quality of the county's facilities and programs is a testament to the County's ability to manage and operate this regional park.</p>				

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

The design and construction of this 300-acre park will be in accordance with the revised/approved Blandair Regional Park Master Plan. The Master Plan includes an environmental education center, pathways and walking trails, court games, athletic fields, picnic facilities, an indoor sports hall, a children's garden, playgrounds, a maintenance facility, roads, parking and renovation of the Blandair Mansion and outbuildings, that are protected under a 28-acre easement granted to the Maryland Historical Trust.

A Regional Park of this magnitude will draw visitors from throughout the County as well as adjacent jurisdictions. The County population to be served is currently in excess of 280,000 people. This facility can host large festivals and athletic tournaments and will greatly benefit the local economy, particularly restaurants, hotels, sporting goods stores and small markets. This park is in the Planned Service Area (Smart Growth Area) of Howard County and will help reduce the current over-usage of Centennial Park. This project is identified in the 2005 Land Preservation,

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	\$6,538,000
Construction	\$46,602,000
Equipment	\$1,500,000
Total	\$54,640,000

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

Source	Amount
FY2010 State Bond Bill Request	\$500,000
FY2008 State Bond Bill Approved	\$300,000
FY2007 State Bond Bill Approved	\$125,000
Prior County Transfer Taxes	\$1,230,000
FY2011 and FY2012 Howard County Funds	\$8,964,000
Future County Funds and Bond Bills	\$43,521,000
Total	\$54,640,000

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 1, 2008	April 1, 2010	December 1, 2010	November 1, 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
		-0-	280,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
1990	550,000	Preservation of 4 Historic Properties	
1994	206,000	Ellicott City Colored School Restoration	
2004	500,000	Blandair Mansion Phase I	
2005	300,000	Blandair Mansion Phase II	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Howard County, Maryland 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043		Blandair Regional Park 6651 Route 175 Columbia, MD 21044	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	13 - Southern Howard County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Margaret Ann Nolan, County Solicitor	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-313-2100		N/A
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Howard County Government Office of Law George Howard Building 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043			

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-	\$250,000
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?			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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

11. (continued)

Recreation and Parks Plan as a "short range" need, and it will help address current shortages of athletic fields, court games, playgrounds and pathways in the Ellicott City, Elkridge, North Laurel and Columbia Planning Areas.

Blandair Park is an extensive project; therefore, Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks will design and construct this project in phases. The first phase proposed to be designed and constructed will be portions of the 100-acre South Side of the park.

18. (continued)

Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years:

FY2005 - \$454,000 North Laurel Community Center

FY2006 - \$300,000 North Laurel Community Center

FY2007 - \$125,000 Blandair Regional Park

FY2007 - \$350,000 Robinson Nature Center

FY2007 - \$200,000 North Laurel Community Center

FY2008 - \$300,000 North Laurel Community Center

FY2008 - \$300,000 Robinson Nature Center

FY2008 - \$300,000 Blandair Regional Park

FY2009 - \$150,000 Robinson Nature Center

FY2009 - \$150,000 Troy Regional Park

FY2010 - \$455,000 Troy Regional Park

FY2010 - \$ 75,000 Alpha Ridge Park