

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr1866	sb0427	lr1966	hb0569	Girl Scouts Conowingo Water System
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Jacobs				James
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Cecil County			\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, and renovation of the waterlines and waste water treatment system at Camp Conowingo.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, 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	
Maria Johnson			mjohnson@gscm.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM) is one of the largest Girl Scout Councils in the United States with a membership of nearly 29,000 girls supported by 10,000 volunteers all residing in the state of Maryland. The council area encompasses Baltimore City and the counties of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford and Howard. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland operates from offices in Baltimore City and is the only Girl Scout Council headquartered in the state of Maryland. The Girl Scout program is the nation's premier leadership development program dedicated to the development of the full potential of girls and young women from all racial, ethnic, religious and socio-economic groups. In Girl Scouting, girls are taught leadership and life skills that include goal-setting, service to the community, anti-violence, anti-bullying/cyber-bullying and drug education, healthy living and self-acceptance. We are proud of the fact that 11% of all girls in central Maryland, ages 5 through 17, are Girl Scouts. Nationally, only 9% of all girls are Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts of Central Maryland owns its Baltimore City headquarters and four camp properties in Anne Arundel (2 camps), Howard (1 camp) and Cecil Counties (1 camp).</p>				

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

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (GSCM) has capital infrastructure needs at Camp Conowingo, a 600-acre camp located in Cecil County, on the Susquehanna River. GSCM needs to replace and repair water lines as well as the Waste Water Treatment System. This project is critical to the camp and to the health of the environment. Camp Conowingo's water lines are nearly 50 years old and have deteriorated significantly over time. This project includes the removal of outdated tanks, pipes and galvanized lines to be replaced with new bladder tanks, a winterized water system and new wells that can handle the high volume of use. The project will eliminate "dead spots" that are currently keeping water from circulating and it will place cut-off points in the waste water system to isolate and drain the system if there is a water line failure. Additionally, upgrades are needed for the Waste Water System because this aging system no longer meets the current state codes. One additional tank will be added for sediment and distribution into the pit, will install a fast flow pump to flood sandpit area for even distribution, and lastly, clean and add gunite (cement-sand mortar) to the rock wall to stabilize and secure the pit area.

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	
Construction	\$600,000
Equipment	
Total	\$600,000

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

Source	Amount
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland (already expended)	\$50,000
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland	\$250,000
2011 Bond Bill	\$300,000
Total	\$600,000

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
Sept, 2010	December, 2010	Sept, 2011	December, 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
\$300,000		6,532	8,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
1998	\$200,000	Restoration of Bell Manor Program Facility	
2005	\$227,000	Restoration of Bell Manor Program Facility	
2008	\$200,000	Girl Scout Urban Program & Environmental Training Center	
2009	\$150,000	Girl Scout Urban Program & Environmental Training Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Girl Scouts of Central Maryland, Inc. 4806 Seton Drive Baltimore, MD 21215		378 Bell Manor Road Conowingo, MD 21918	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	34B - Northern Cecil 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:	Marian Hwang, Partner Miles & Stockbridge, P.C.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-385-3604		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
10 Light Street Baltimore, MD 21202		December 2008	\$10,200,000

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
52	52	\$6.8 million	\$7.3 million
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	N/A		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	N/A		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1960's

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Girl Scouts of Central Maryland served 24,765 girls and 10,013 adult volunteers in FY10. At Camp Conowingo, 5,679 Girl Scouts participated in troop camping, outdoor programs, trainings and day camps; 874 community residents utilized the camp facilities as well.

Overview of Camp Conowingo

Camp Conowingo is 600 acres of forest and fields adjacent to the Susquehanna River in Conowingo, Cecil County, Maryland. The property is composed of nine parcels acquired by Girl Scouts of Central Maryland between 1955 and 1973, including Bell Manor, a historic Victorian home from the 1860's which is currently being renovated to return it to its original 1867 charm. Camp Conowingo is also the home of Girl Scouts of Central Maryland's summer Resident Camp program.

Camp Conowingo Facilities

While the camp is primitive in some aspects, it allows campers to reconnect with their natural surroundings. Campers stay in yurts, glen shelters, platform tents, teepees, covered wagons, or lodges. Within each unit are sleeping facilities, kitchen shelters, latrines, cold-water hand-washing stations, and a campfire area. Most units do not have electricity. The air conditioned dining hall, bathhouse and swimming pool areas boast modern facilities. In addition, the camp has a horse stable area, fields, health care center and a fresh water stream.