

State of Maryland

2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr1092	sb0100	lr2900	hb0375	The Wharves at Choptank Crossing Heritage and Welcome Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Colburn				Cane
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Caroline County			\$192,000	
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 Denton Development Corporation for the construction of the Wharves at Choptank Crossing Heritage and Welcome Center.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of 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	
Glenn Collins		(410) 479-4305	gcollins@dentondevelopmentcorp.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Denton Development Corporation (DDC) is a 501c(4) non-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide long term collaborative leadership towards the economic and community revitalization of the Denton Central Business District (CBD) and the surrounding environs through education, proactive planning, tourist promotion, neighborhood revitalization and economic development, business district management and project implementation. The goal of the DDC is to return the historic CBD to its place as the thriving and vital heart of the community that it was before the Route 404 Bypass was built and diverted traffic around the CBD. To achieve this goal the DDC, in conjunction with Town leaders, devised a 12 project re-vitalization strategy that capitalized on the the assets and strengths that the Town possessed - its citizens, its rich cultural heritage (in particular its connection to the underground railway), and its under-utilized waterfront. The two anchor projects of this strategy are the Arts & Entertainment District at the eastern end of the CBD and the Wharves at Choptank Crossing development on the Choptank River at the western end of the CBD.</p>				

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

The Wharves at Choptank Crossing Heritage and Welcome Center is a key component of the DDC's Central Business District re-vitalization strategy. Built on the banks of the Choptank River, the Heritage and Welcome Center will be a 2,492 sf piling-supported building. Additional project elements will consist of roadway improvements, a parking lot, landscaping, and a stormwater management system. The Heritage Center will contain exhibits highlighting the region's cultural and historical heritage from the Native American period to the Underground Railroad to the Civil War; as well as exhibits that illustrate the importance of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Caroline County is currently the only county in the state of Maryland that doesn't have a welcome center and the Heritage and Welcome Center, sited on both the Harriet Tubman National Scenic Byway and Michener's Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway, will serve as not only an educational center, but also as a jumping-off point for visitors to explore the other cultural and heritage attractions that the region has to offer. It is expected that visitors to the Heritage Center will visit and patronize the businesses in the adjacent CBD. The Heritage Center will be staffed by 2 members of the Caroline County Office of Tourism as well as six persons from the Maryland Senior Employment Program.

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	\$58,000
Construction	\$1,185,000
Equipment	\$75,000
Total	\$1,318,000

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

Source	Amount
SHA-TEP Grant	\$976,000
DHCD Community Legacy Grant	\$150,000
MD Legislative Bond Bill Legislative Grant	\$192,000
Total	\$1,318,000

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
N/A	March, 2012	August, 2012	August, 2013
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		5,000	14,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2008	\$50,000	Renovation of the Old Caroline HS	
2003	\$100,000	Renovation of the Old Caroline HS	
2000	\$150,000	Denton Armory Rehabilitation	
1999	\$150,000	Denton Armory Rehabilitation	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Denton Development Corporation PO Box 548 Denton, MD 21629		Crouse Park Gay Street Denton, MD 21629	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	37B - Dorchester, Talbot and Caroline Counties		
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:	N/A	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
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
0	8	0	\$20,000
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?			N/A
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			N/A
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			N/A
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	0		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	2492		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			N/A

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Planning is 90-95% complete on this project.