

State of Maryland

2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project	
lr1686	sb0195	lr3102	hb0697	Catonsville Rails to Trails	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
Kasemeyer				DeBoy	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount		
Baltimore County			\$50,000		
6. Purpose of Bill					
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Catonsville Rails to Trails, Inc. for the planning, design, site-development, construction, and capital equipping of the Short Line Trail.</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	
Maureen Sweeney Smith		443-326-5474		sweeneysmith@comcast.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>Catonsville Rails To Trails (CRTT), a 501c3 non-profit organization, was formed in 1999 by a group of residents with the goal of converting abandoned rail lines into recreational bike/hike trails and creating a non-motorized Catonsville trail system. CRTT first project was a 1/3 mile trail in west Catonsville, the #8 Streetcar Path, which was completed in 2008 for \$150,000. It is the vision of CRTT to connect Ellicott City with Baltimore City by networking a series of original railway tracks transformed into hiking/biking trails. Additionally, these trails will be connected to the Gwynn Falls Trail in Baltimore City, and the BWI and B&A trails in Anne Arundel County. Connection of UMBC to the Catonsville business district is an ongoing activity, with CRTT and UMBC working together as partners. In order to accomplish that vision, CRTT will need a combination of public and private funding and strong support from county and state government.</p>					

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

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The Catonsville Short Line Railroad Trail project is an effort to build a 2.2 miles recreational trail along an abandoned railroad route that extends from the city/county line behind Charlestown Retirement Community to the center of the Catonsville business district. providing a recreational bike/hike route for a dozen neighborhoods bordering the trail. In a grass roots effort, volunteers have performed the hands-on clearing of over one mile of the trail, putting the project mile ahead of schedule. Specifically, bond funding is needed to grade, prepare, and surface the Mellor Ave. portion of the trail (1/4 mile) leading to the center of the business district near Frederick Road. Additionally, design funding is needed for proposed tunnel under Bloomsbury Avenue to connect to UMBC and for a drainage pipe and walkway at the entrance to trail.

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	\$20,000
Construction	\$80,000
Equipment	
Total	\$100,000

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

Source	Amount
PUD Community Benefit - Whalen Properties	\$25,000
Local Grants	\$5,000
Private donations/memberships	\$5,000
2012 Bond Bill (if granted)	\$50,000
Volunteer hours	\$15,000
Total	\$100,000

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
November 2011	June 2013	July 2012	December 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
225,000		50/day	300/day
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Catonsville Rails To Trails c/o Tom Ajluni 32 Holmehurst Avenue Catonsville, MD 21228		131 Mellor Avenue Catonsville, MD 21228	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	12A - Southwestern Baltimore 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:	Lisa S. Spitulnik, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-576-4161		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Gordon Feinblatt The Garret Building 233 East Redwood Street Baltimore, MD 21202-3332			

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	18	77,500	466,250
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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
Baltimore County Recreation and Parks	10 years	None specified	
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)