

State of Maryland

2013 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2614	sb0530	lr2606	hb1047	Patterson Park Audubon Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Ferguson				Hammen
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City			\$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 Board of Directors of Audubon Maryland DC, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Patterson Park Audubon Center.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Jacquelyn Bonomo		410-558-2473	jbonomo@audubon.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Audubon Maryland-DC is one of 22 statewide organizations of National Audubon Society. Established in 2000, Audubon Maryland-DC's purpose is to protect Maryland's and the District of Columbia's most ecologically significant habitat for birds and other wildlife using science, community engagement and advocacy. We provide over 900 environmental education programs to students, and nature-based outdoor programming to the public at Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton, and in Baltimore City's Patterson Park, and make over 20,000 program contacts with individuals annually. We have identified 42 statewide Important Bird Areas in Maryland to guide land use decisions made by a diversity of stakeholders.</p>				

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

Audubon Maryland-DC proposes to rehabilitate, repurpose and restore a site in Patterson Park, Baltimore City. The site is currently used as a maintenance facility by the Department of Recreation and Parks, who approached Audubon with this idea in Spring 2012. The site is enclosed in chain link fence and includes two buildings and large parking area for vehicles. The buildings on site will become Patterson Park Audubon Center and contain indoor classroom, community gathering and office space. The project will be LEED certified (as a green building with energy and water efficiencies). The outside area will be restored and managed as demonstration wildlife gardens, for purposes of creating wildlife habitat and managing stormwater. Creating an urban conservation center will enable Audubon to expand programming with a year-round facility. The need we will fill with a new facility is assisting City Schools to fulfill new state-mandated environmental literacy requirements for student graduation. Our programs presently focus on elementary and high schools. For literacy to be created, systematic interaction through a student's academic career is essential. As such, we will add middle school programs and double the number of schools we serve from ten to twenty-one in our indoor space. Public programs will expand also.

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	\$240,000
Construction	\$3,000,000
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$3,340,000

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

Source	Amount
Exelon	\$2,500,000
In Kind	\$100,000
Abell Foundation	\$100,000
France-Merrick Foundation	\$100,000
National Audubon Society	\$250,000
To be determined	\$290,000
Total	\$3,340,000

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 2012	July 2013	January 2014	October 2014
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		7000	15000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
National Audubon Society, dba Audubon Maryland/DC, 2901 East Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21224		Patterson Park, Baltimore, MD	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - Eastern Baltimore City		
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:	Lorraine Sciarra	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	212 979 3163		
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
225 Varrick Street New York, NY 10014			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
6	8	\$1.1 million	1.4 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?			lease
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?			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	
Baltimore City Dept. of Recreation and Parks	unknown		
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	4000		
New GSF	0		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		1890 appx.; 1970 appx.	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Audubon Maryland-DC will renovate and restore a Baltimore City-owned site in Patterson Park, Baltimore, Maryland. Through a cooperative relationship with Baltimore City, and in close coordination with school officials, Audubon has provided curriculum aligned, environmental education programming to students since 2002. We provide 380 programs, and make over 7,000 program contacts annually in Baltimore City. Audubon utilizes Patterson Park as an outdoor classroom, but has no actual indoor facilities. Renovation of the former stable site will provide these community benefits: Enable Audubon to create an indoor location for classes and community gatherings, especially during inclement, colder winter and hotter summer months, allowing us to double our reach; Create a building that models environmental sustainability; Landscape the outside of the building for restoration and demonstration purposes on how home gardens in an urban setting improve environmental health for people and wildlife; Facilitate Baltimore City Public Schools Systems' ability to achieve state-mandated environmental literacy graduation requirements; and Create a new public space in Patterson Park from a previously unattractive and off-limits section, enhancing the Parks attractiveness and family-friendly reputation. Audubon is securing support from key stakeholders and we have met with: Friends of Patterson Park, Southeast Community Development Corporation, members of Maryland State and Congressional delegations; Patterson Park Public Charter School; Hampstead Hill Academy; Butcher's Hill Association; Hampstead Hill Association; Patterson Park Neighborhood Association; Fells Prospect Community Association; and Baltimore City Public School System and several philanthropies. Baltimore City will long-term lease the facility to Audubon. There are three integral components to the site - two buildings and the exterior areas. Current designs are scale-able and phase-able. Since establishing a presence in Patterson Park ten years ago, Audubon has documented 180 species of birds that utilize the Park, especially as a stopover during spring and fall migration. Audubon's science points to the Park as an urban oasis along the Atlantic Flyway where birds can rest and feed, and where people can learn about them. We promote the Park as a unique green space, that if managed well, improves the air and water quality of Baltimore.