

# State of Maryland

## 2015 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr2557	sb0858	lr3060	hb1250	Phillips Wharf Aquaculture Jobs Training Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Eckardt				Mautz
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Talbot County			\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Phillips Wharf Aquaculture Jobs Training Center				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Kelley Cox		4103100312	info@pwec.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>PWEC is bringing Maryland's seafood economy into the 21st Century by providing cutting-edge aquaculture job training to young people and established watermen. Working with high schoolers, college students, and professional watermen, we provide hands-on experience in sustainable aquaculture, preparing a new generation for successful maritime careers.</p> <p>PWEC brings together watermen, business people, conservationists, educators, and community leaders around a new vision for seafood. We recently saved Talbot County's last waterfront oyster house from being sold for condos. Now we are filling the site with innovative programs that serve everyone from experienced watermen, to young people who want a career in sustainable seafood, to school children, to visitors of all ages who want to learn about the Bay's working waterfront.</p>				

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

PWEC will build a workforce development, education, and conservation center on Tilghman Island, replacing the existing Oyster House that it currently owns. This facility will continue to purchase and process seafood from local watermen, as has happened on the site for more than a century, but it will also be anchored by a state-of-the-art oyster aquaculture program, where young people are trained for careers in sustainable, economically viable oyster production. Members of the general public, including school children, will be invited to visit the Oyster House to learn more about Maryland seafood and conservation efforts, and will experience a world-class environmental education program housed within an active seafood operation.

As an economic and community development engine, the Oyster House will rescue the declining seafood industry on Tilghmans Island, build a new generation of watermen equipped to succeed in a 21st Century marketplace, prove the economic viability of sustainably harvested seafood, educate school children and the general public about environmental conservation, and provide a critical link in the Talbot County tourism economy. This Bond Bill will partially fund of the first of two phases of construction.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$500,000
<b>Design</b>	\$250,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$3,000,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	\$3,850,000

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

Source	Amount
FY 2016 Bond Bill (Proposed)	\$250,000
Governor's Capital Budget (Proposed)	\$1,000,000
Private Fundraising for Site Acquisition (Secured)	\$500,000
Foundation Grants (Secured)	\$250,000
Private Donations for Construction (Pending)	\$1,283,000
USDA Small Business Loan (Anticipated)	\$250,000
MHAA Heritage Area Grants (Secured)	\$182,000
Cheaspeake Bay Trust (Secured)	\$26,000
National Park Service (Secured)	\$70,000
SHA Recreational Trails Grant (Secured)	\$39,000
<b>Total</b>	\$3,850,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
Underway	9/1/2015	8/1/2016	7/31/2017
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>		<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
600000.00		10,000	50,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
FY 2015 Bond Bill	100000.00	Bulkhead repair	
2014 MHAA Grant	92000.00	Design and Construction	
2015 MHAA Grant	90000.00	Design and Construction	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Inc. 21606 Chicken Point Road, Tilghman, Maryland 21671		6129 Tilghman Island Road, Tilghman, Maryland 21671	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>			
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Kelley Cox	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	(410) 310-0312		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
21606 Chicken Point Road, Tilghman, Maryland 21671			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
4	10	400000.00	1000000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			Yes
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
Seafood purchasing contractor currently being selected through competitive bid process	In Negotiation		In Negotiation
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	4,770		
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>	16,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	16,000		
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>			1997

**28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)**

For too long, watermen and conservationists have found themselves at odds with one another. But in Talbot County, Phillips Wharf Environmental Center has found a way for these groups to work together with common purpose.

Bringing together watermen, conservationists, business leaders, tourism officials, and civic leaders, PWEC is building a new economy for the Shore. By harnessing the power of the Shore's distinguished maritime heritage, PWEC will build a 21st Century seafood industry that is founded upon environmental stewardship, serves as a leading voice for conservation, and drives a robust and dynamic tourism economy.

By acquiring the last waterfront shucking house in Talbot County, PWEC has proved that it is capable of action and able to raise private funds. Since that time, PWEC has emerged as a new regional leader, pointing the way towards a cleaner bay filled with abundant, sustainably-harvested seafood. Our education programs are producing a trained maritime workforce that is prepared for the future, as well as a new generation of children who see the Bay as both a treasure and a pathway to livelihood.

We will also use the site to build the Maryland heritage tourism economy, providing an unprecedented behind-the-scenes view of a working waterfront, stimulating hands-on environmental education, and the rare chance to purchase fresh-from-the-boat seafood.