

State of Maryland

2015 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project	
lr0401	sb0236	lr0402	hb0204	Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
Howard County Senators				Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount		
Howard County			\$250,000		
6. Purpose of Bill					
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, expansion, and capital equipping of the Environmental Education Center					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements: Equal			Type: 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone		Email Address	
Meg Boyd		4104658877		meg.boyd@hconservancy.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>The Howard County Conservancy is a local, non-profit environmental education center and land trust. The Conservancy was founded by a group of local citizens in 1990 to help preserve the natural environment, agricultural farmland, and unique historic sites in Howard County. Our mission is to educate children and adults about the natural world, preserve the land and its legacy and model responsible stewardship of the environment. The Conservancy provides environmental education programs at two locations - our home base at Mt. Pleasant Farm in Woodstock and at Howard County's Belmont Manor and Historic Park in Elkridge. The Conservancy offers year-round educational programs for children and adults, hosts special events, and provides numerous volunteer opportunities. The Conservancy is a county-wide partner with the Howard County Public School System and hosts over 10,000 students per year for educational experiences and service learning. As a land trust, the Conservancy protects land by acquiring it through gift or by obtaining a conservation easement and currently holds easements on more than 1,500 acres in Howard County.</p>					

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

Since its construction in 2005, the Gudelsky Environmental Education Center at the Howard County Conservancy has served as the center of environmental educational programs for children and adults in Howard County. As these programs have grown in popularity and number there has been a parallel increase in Conservancy staff. The need for more administrative and education space is now evident. Currently seven staff members share two small offices in the education center. Due to a lack of office space, another two staff members are located in the farmhouse on our grounds. The need to expand our space includes the need for expanded programming space to accommodate the growth in our program attendance.

The project includes two phases: planning/remodeling existing space and construction of new additions. Phase One, the focus of this bond bill request, will involve space and growth planning, design of the new addition, and evaluation and repair of the current structure. Phase Two (2016) will focus on construction of the new addition and equipping the new nature center and offices. We expect this project to take three years to complete.

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	\$35,000
Design	\$70,000
Construction	\$395,000
Equipment	
Total	\$500,000

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

Source	Amount
Real Property	\$35,000
Private Donors	\$135,000
In-Kind Services	\$25,000
Previously Expended Funds	\$55,000
State Bond Bill	\$250,000
Total	\$500,000

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
3/1/2015	8/1/2016	10/3/2016	3/1/2017
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
100000.00		20,000+	25,000+
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2000	150000.00	Planning, design, construction and capital equipping of an education facility.	
2011	125000.00	the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Mount Pleasant Farm House, including updating	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Howard County Conservancy 10520 Old Frederick Road PO Box 175 Woodstock, MD 21163			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	W. Craig Engelhaupt, President	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-964-6827		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
8	12	417820.00	475000.00
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	8,700		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	5,000		
New GSF	1,500		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2005

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The first state bond to the Conservancy was in the year 2000 to provide funding for construction of our Gudelsky Environmental Education Center. This was a milestone project for our organization's growth. Since 2000, staffing and programs have grown significantly. Staffing has increased from one staff person to nine and program participation has increased from 500 to 13,000 annually, a 2,500% increase. The Conservancy also celebrated our 25th Anniversary this year.