

## State Of Maryland

### 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #            Bill #		House LR #            Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr0943	sb0040	lr2502	hb0621	Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Kasemeyer				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, 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 type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Ph#	Email Address	
Meg Boyd		4104658877	meg.boyd@hcconservancy.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>The Howard County Conservancy is a local, non-profit environmental education center and land trust. Founded in 1990, 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 hosts more than 15,000 students per year for educational experiences and service learning. As a land trust, the Conservancy protects land through co-held conservation easements on more than 1,600 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 our programs have grown in popularity and number there has been a parallel increase in staff. The need for more education and administrative space is now evident. Expanded education space will allow us to accommodate the growth in our program attendance. With the size of schools continuing to grow, we now must be able to accommodate larger groups, often concurrently. Currently seven staff members share two small offices in the education center and staff needed to implement programming are unable to utilize office space onsite. The project includes two phases: planning/remodeling existing space and construction of new additions. This bond bill will focus on construction of the new addition which is planned to begin in November 2016 and take 6 months.

*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>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$500,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$500,000

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

Howard County Government	\$250,000
2016 State Bond Bill	\$250,000
<b>Total</b>	\$500,000

<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>
3/1/2015	8/1/2016	11/1/2016	4/1/2017
<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>
		25,000+	35,000+
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2015	\$250,000	the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair,	
2011	\$125,000	the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equi	
2001	\$150,000	Planning, design, construction and capital equipping o	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
The Howard County Conservancy 10520 Old Frederick Road PO Box 175 Woodstock, MD 21163			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>		9A - Howard and Carroll Counties	
<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>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Gina Zawitoski, President	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410/465-8877		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<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>
8	12	490290.00	600000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond 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>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee 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>
<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>	8,700		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	5,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	1,500		

**27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion**

2005

**28. Comments**

The first state bond to the Conservancy was in the year 2001 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 15,000 annually, a 2,500% increase. The Conservancy also celebrated our 25th Anniversary in 2015.