

State Of Maryland 2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Beacon of Hope		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
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4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$75,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Beacon of Hope project at Sparrows Point High School		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Equal	Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Keith Taylor	410-913-4161	ktaylor72@verizon.net
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The grantee of this bond bill is the Sparrows Point/North Point Historical Society whose mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the rich history of the community for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations. This organization was established in March 2018 as a 501(c)(3) non profit in good standing with the State of Maryland, and has embarked on many projects within the community. The Historical Society has formed several partnerships with local businesses and with the Sparrows Point High School, all working in tandem to preserve the history of the area and to protect the Chesapeake Bay. Sparrows Point High School has embraced the project for its historical and environmental educational value.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

The Beacon of Hope project creates an historical working exhibit at the Sparrows Point High School that preserves the heritage of the Community, and Bethlehem Steel, while providing educational opportunities to complement the Sparrows Point Education Center in the Environmental Studies (S.P.E.C.I.E.S.) program. The project includes the installation of the historic lamp posts that have been restored and operated by solar power, to light a newly elevated concrete path leading to the fields. The project vision expands to include a living classroom for the S.P.E.C.I.E.S program at the high school that the students will have a share in building. This will be the first Baltimore County public school solar project. It is through the education of the students, as they increase their knowledge of the Chesapeake Bay and current environmental issues, that meaningful outcomes for increased environmental awareness, and changes in behavior and attitudes will occur.

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	
Design	
Construction	\$152,000
Equipment	
Total	\$152,000

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

Legislative Bond Initiative	\$75,000
Go Fund me	\$1,300
Private Donations	\$10,000
In-Kind Donations	\$65,700
Total	\$152,000

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
12/14/2018	2/7/2019	6/22/2020	8/21/2020
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
10000.00	>5000 plus		>5000plus
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Sparrows Point/North Point Historical Society Inc. 7218 River Drive RD. Sparrows Point, MD. 21219		Sparrows Point High School 7400 North Point Rd. Baltimore Md. 21219	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	6 - Baltimore County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Keith Taylor	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-913-4161		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
7218 River drive RD. Sparrows Point, MD. 21219			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			
D. If property is owned by grantee 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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>The catalyst for the Beacon of Hope project was the recent sale of the Sparrows Point Steel Mill property to Trade Point Atlantic. The Historical Society, in an attempt to preserve part of the history of the steel mill, was able to acquire several historical cast iron lamp posts from the grounds of the former Bethlehem Steel plant. Through fund raising efforts, and community involvement, the lamp posts were removed and restored for future use. The question then became, what is the most viable location for the lamp posts so that its history can be preserved and its use of value to the community.</p> <p>Sparrows Point High School serves not only as an educational facility in the community but is also the center for activities. It is not uncommon to see neighbors using the track for walking and running, sports teams competing on the fields and community members hosting meetings within the school. Sparrows Point High School often serves as the heart of this small-town setting. The main area where all of this activity takes place is behind the school where the sports fields are located. The community and Historical Society recognized that the entry to the fields of the school was poorly lit. Water frequently ponded over the sidewalks to the fields and there was limited permeable surface. Since Sparrows Point High School is located on 35 acres of land that is within walking distance to Bay tributaries and tidal wetlands, it made sense to make this the setting for the lamp posts, further enhanced by a living classroom to support a learning platform for the preservation of the history of the community and the environment. Hence the conception of the Beacon of Hope project.</p> <p>The project includes the installation of the historic lamp posts that have been restored and operated by solar power, to light a newly elevated, ponding-free concrete path leading to the fields. The project vision expands to include a living classroom for the S.P.E.C.I.E.S program at the high school that the students will be part of building. The classroom is designed for an exterior style signage (interpretive signs) to show erosion, rain barrels, rain gardens, and water cycle systems and the history of the area. Additionally, the project includes solar panels, the first Baltimore County public school solar project. Students will have an opportunity to learn about electrical theory, Ohms law, ac/dc conversion, plant habitats and buffers, as well as the history of industry and labor unions. It is through the education of the students, as they increase their knowledge of the Chesapeake Bay and current environmental issues, that meaningful outcomes for increased environmental awareness, and changes in behavior and attitudes will occur.</p> <p>The partnership with the Sparrows Point High School is vital to the conservation efforts to improving the Bay. It is through continued education that science-based solutions to Bay pollution can be developed and sustained. Many of the members of the Sparrows Point community share a common interest in protecting the Bay and have offered their expertise to assist in the Beacon of Hope project.</p> <p>The Historical Society has reached out to the community members, businesses and organizations to share the plan to elicit interest and engagement. Sparrows Point High School has embraced the project for its historical and environmental educational value.</p>	