

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Pony Club Riding Surface Replacement		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Zucker	Mireku-North	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Pony Club Riding Surface		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Senator Craig J. Zucker		craig.zucker@senate.state.md.us
Gretchen Butts		240-401-4010
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
The Waredaca Eventing Education Foundation is a Maryland charitable entity and 501(c)(3) [pending] organization dedicated to supporting, enhancing, and expanding the education of horse and human athletes in the equestrian sport of eventing.		

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

This project will upgrade the indoor and outdoor riding surfaces for the health and welfare of the horses used in the Pony Club program. The riding surfaces ("footing") used by the Waredaca Pony Club is outdated and degraded. Proper footing protects the horse's musculoskeletal system from the repetitive stress of impact and minimizes falls and trips, which in turn reduces the incidence of rider falls.

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	\$75,000
Equipment	\$425,000
Total	\$500,000

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

Individual contributions	\$1,000
Total	\$1,000

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
1/20/2023		1/20/2023	12/31/2024
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
0.00		45-50	>300 (est.)
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
NA			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Gretchen Butts 4015 Laytonsville Road Damascus MD 20882		14	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	14 - Montgomery 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:	Gretchen Butts	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-401-4010		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
4015 Laytonsville Road Damascus MD 20882			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
11	11	500000.00	500000.00
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?			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 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	115,200 square feet		
Space to be Renovated GSF	115,200 square feet		
New GSF			

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

1979

28. Comments

Waredaca is a full service, year-round riding and recreational facility for all ages which has been providing quality riding opportunities since 1937. It is home to the Waredaca Pony Club, which is affiliated with the United State Pony Club, the largest non-profit equestrian educational organization in the world. The U.S. Pony Club asked Waredaca to establish a Pony Club Center, which would provide horses to children who did not have their own, because of Waredaca's longstanding reputation for providing quality equestrian education for children and adults. The Pony Club at Waredaca has 44 students who each take lessons 2 to 3 times a week.

The U.S. Pony Club is non-profit equestrian educational organization, the largest in the world. The program focusses on education, safety, sportsmanship, and animal welfare. Members learn about riding and horse care, which are skills and values that build character and translate to every day life.

Pony club horses must be sound, suitable, and safe enough for our young children to develop their horsemanship skills. The American Association of Equine Practitioners, the trade association for veterinarians in the U.S., calls footing the most important three inches in your horses career, and there is little that is more important to a horses health. Equestrian footing is designed to reduce the initial shock impact of the hoof hitting the ground and to support the entire leg structure of the horse to prevent ligament and tendon injuries. We have seen the potentially devastating effect that footing can have on the well-being of a horse in the recent racetrack closures at Laurel; injuries were occurring on the track because the track surface had not been properly winterized.

Equestrian footing is an art, however, and must be handled by a specialist. Ideal footing varies with the equestrian discipline involved, micro-climates, natural ground type and gradient, and location. Hard surfaces can injure the bones in the horses feet and cause a potentially fatal deterioration of the navicular bone. Sand and other soft surfaces, however, especially when deep and dry, require more muscle effort from the horse similar to running on a dry beach and which puts greater strain on the tendons and ligaments from the hoof up through the shoulder and through the horses back. The base layer must be carefully composed and properly graded, and the footing material itself is often a blend of rubber, geotextiles, wax coated fibers, dirt, sand mixes, bluestone, and sometimes wood chips. These specialized materials are costly.

Footing must also be carefully maintained -- graded, watered, aerated, raked, etc. -- for it to retain its efficacy as long as possible. Under ideal, laboratory conditions, most footing will last for no more than 15 years. Good footing does not last forever.

The horses that teach our Pony Club riders deserve the best possible care. New footing will go a long way towards keep them safe and healthy for years to come