

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Folden	Pippy	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Frederick County	\$100,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Rachel Shipley		717-634-7802
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Global Wildlife Trust, Inc. is a nonprofit organization based in Thurmont, Maryland, that supports wildlife education, conservation, and animal welfare initiatives at Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo and throughout the surrounding community. The organization promotes public understanding of the animal world through immersive experiences in naturalistic habitats, educational programming, and community outreach. Global Wildlife Trust emphasizes professional standards of animal care, responsible stewardship, and conservation awareness. Through operational support and capital investment, the organization works to ensure the Preserve remains a safe, accessible, and engaging educational resource that fosters respect for biodiversity and encourages responsible coexistence between people and wildlife.</p>		

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

This project represents Phase 2 of a multi-year capital infrastructure improvement program at Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo. The 2026 phase will install perimeter fencing in priority areas and complete related electrical infrastructure upgrades necessary to support safety systems, operations, and future monitoring equipment. These improvements will enhance visitor circulation, define secure zones, and reduce risk in high-traffic and sensitive areas of the property. Strategic fencing and supporting power improvements will strengthen emergency planning, support efficient facility management, and improve overall site functionality. This phase builds upon prior investments in connectivity and advances a coordinated, phased approach to long-term infrastructure modernization. Bond funds will support eligible, preserve-owned capital improvements and associated installation costs.

*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>	\$250,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$250,000

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

2026 Proposed Bond Bill	\$100,000
Membership Donations	\$42,000
Special Events	\$61,000
Programs	\$12,000
Facility Admissions	\$35,000
<b>Total</b>	\$250,000

<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>
2/4/2026	2/18/2026	3/4/2026	TBD
<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>
70000.00		100,000	115,000
<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 House Bill 71	\$50,000	Northwest Trek Conservation and Education Center	
2018 Senate Bill 186	\$50,000	Northwest Trek Conservation and Education Center	
2024 SB 361/ HB 35	\$60,000	Wireless Connectivity at CWP	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Global Wildlife Trust Inc 13019 Catoctin Furnace Rd Thurmont Md 21788		Catoctin Wildlife Preserve 13019 Catoctin Furnace Rd Thurmont Md 21788	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	4 - Frederick County		
<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>	Callan Hahn, Director	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	7176347802		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
13125 Catoctin Furnace Rd Thurmont, MD 21788			

<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>
60	75	2000000.00	2250000.00
<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>			
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>			

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	
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<b>28. Comments</b>
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This project is part of a coordinated, multi-year infrastructure improvement plan designed to enhance public safety, accessibility, and long-term operational sustainability at Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo.