

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Font Hill Wetland Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Font Hill Wetland Park, including paving and pedestrian bridge replacement		
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
Jeff Hull		410-313-4670
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Howard County Government via the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks. The Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks is responsible for the stewardship of over 10,000 acres of public lands; the maintenance and operation of more than 30 parks, 4 natural resource areas, 26 historic sites, 3 community centers, a nature center, an athletic center, and various other facilities; and offering over 7,000 recreational programs. The mission of the Department is to responsibly manage natural resources; provide excellent parks, facilities, and recreation opportunities for the community; and ensure the highest quality of life for current and future generations.		

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

Font Hill Wetland Park will be replacing a deteriorated wooden bridge as well as overlaying and repairing the existing surrounding pathway to also include elevation adjustments to eliminate ponding.

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	\$500,000
Equipment	
Total	\$500,000

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

State Bond Bill	\$500,000
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
July 2026	October 2026	January 2027	April 2027
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	250,000	250000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2008	\$300,000	North Laurel Community Center	
2008	\$300,000	Robinson Nature Center	
2008	\$300,000	Blandair Regional Park	
2009	\$150,000	Robinson Nature Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Howard County, Maryland 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043		3520 Font Hill Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	9B - Howard 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:	Gary Kuc, County Solicitor	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4103132100		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Howard County Office of Law 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
10	10	260000	260000
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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

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

28. Comments

2009 - \$150,000.00 -Troy Regional Park
2010 - \$455,000.00 -Troy Regional Park
2010 - \$ 75,000.00 - Alpha Ridge Park
2012 - \$365,000.00 - Roger Carter Community Center
2013 - \$105,000.00 - Blandair Regional Park Playground
2013 - \$145,000.00 -Blandair Regional Park Playground
2013 - \$150,000.00 -MPEA Restroom, Storage Building, Parking Lot
2013 - \$125,000.00 - Belmont Manor and Historic Park
2014 - \$65,000.00 - Belmont Manor and Historic Park
2016 - \$150,000.00 - Huntington Park
2016 - \$100,000.00 - South Branch Park
2019 - \$50,000.00 - Barnard Fort House
2021 - \$200,000.00 - Harriet Tubman Cultural Center
2022 - \$150,000.00 - Barnard Fort House
2022- \$150,000.00 - Barnard Fort House
2023 -\$150,000 .00 - Centennial Park West Family Restroom
2024 - \$500,000.00 - Ilchester Park & Recreation Center
2025 - \$200,000.00 - Ilchester Park & Recreation Center
2025 - \$50,000.00 - Rockburn Branch Park