

State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3416	sb1053			Lower Eastern Shore Conservation and Heritage Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
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4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Worcester County				\$100,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Lower Eastern Shore Conservation and Heritage Center				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Kate Patton			443-234-5587	kpatton@lowershorelandtrust.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
Established in 1990, the Lower Shore Land Trust (LSLT) is dedicated to preserving rural lands, to promoting vibrant towns, and to building a more healthy and connected Eastern Shore. LSLT has worked with communities, elected officials and landowners to conserve 20,000 acres of the most important natural resources, productive farmland and cultural heritage across the Lower Eastern Shore. In 2016, LSLT established its headquarters in Snow Hill, Maryland, a move that elevates the visibility of the organization and invests the vision for Snow Hill as the outdoor recreation gateway of the Lower Shore. Protected landscapes conserve wildlife habitat and ensure resource-based industries thrive and provide the scenic backdrop for events such as the Seagull Century, Furnace Town 500 and Delmarva Birding Weekend.				

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

The LSLT requests funds to support the final stages of a building campaign for the development of a conservation and heritage center in Snow Hill, Maryland to serve the Lower Eastern Shore. The capital budget funding will support the completion of this capacity project and create a premier learning space for Marylanders of all ages with classes and interpretation of natural and cultural heritage of the region. The property is situated on the Pocomoke River and adjacent to Sturgis Park where an investment will strengthen the riverfront as an outdoor learning center and focal point for the community. The project strives to further economic development endeavors by Snow Hill to draw people to the downtown and foster an exciting place to invest and live and work. This capstone project highlights one of the Eastern Shores most distinct, vibrant towns with an investment to benefit the region.

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	\$160,000
Design	\$25,000
Construction	\$50,000
Equipment	\$25,000
Total	\$260,000

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

Mary E. Humphries Foundation	\$75,000
Richard Hazel Foundation	\$25,000
Private donations	\$60,000
Maryland Capital Budget	\$100,000
Total	\$260,000

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
7/28/2017	10/27/2017	11/1/2017	6/29/2018
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
160000.00	1,200		3,600
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)	
Lower Shore Land Trust, Inc. 100 River Street Snow Hill, Maryland 21863			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	38A - Somerset and Worcester Counties		
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:	Catherine A. Patton	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-234-5587		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
100 River Street Snow Hill, Maryland 21863			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
3	5	200500.00	262000.00
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	1,796 Square Feet		
Space to be Renovated GSF	400 Square Feet		
New GSF	1,796 Square Feet		

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

1930

28. Comments

The building was originally built in 1930, and served as the office for Worcester Fertilizer Company. The building was moved from Willow and Bank Streets in the late 1970s to its current location on River Street. The property continued to function as an office and eventually sold, housing the Maryland Extension Service for close to two decades.

The site is critical to Town efforts for implementing strategic planning recommendations, including the establishment of a visitor center on the Riverfront. The Town of Snow Hill is investing in a master plan for Sturgis Park, adjacent to the project site, and represents a public and private partnership which will greatly enhance offerings for residents and visitors to Snow Hill and the Lower Eastern Shore.