

State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3831	sb1086	lr3027	hb1016	Josiah Henson Park
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Lee				Korman
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Josiah Henson Park				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Nina Aplebaum			301-495-2519	nina.aplebaum@montgomeryparks.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>The Montgomery County Department of Parks is a key agency of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the proud steward of over 35,000 acres of parkland. Our mission is to protect and interpret the county's valuable natural and cultural resources; balance the demand for recreation with the need for conservation; offer a variety of enjoyable recreational activities that encourage healthy lifestyles; and provide clean, safe, and accessible places for leisure-time activities. The Cultural Resources program exists to preserve historic buildings and archaeological sites on parkland that tell the history of MD's rich heritage according to preservation laws; to find them a viable use; and to interpret those sites through accessible programming. Restoration and construction of Josiah Henson Park is in support of that mission.</p>				

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

The Josiah Henson Park is an under-utilized historic resource of local, state, national, and international significance because of its association with Reverend Josiah Henson, whose 1849 autobiography inspired Harriet Beecher Stowes landmark novel, Uncle Toms Cabin, which ultimately changed forever Americas view of slavery. The Riley/Bolten House in Rockville, MD, known today as Josiah Henson Park, was where Henson spent most of his youth, now part of the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program. The project is to build a complete park with a modern visitors center and restored historic house to tell the story of slavery as experienced by Henson, ultimately having a profound impact for generations to come. The park and museum will feature interior and outdoor exhibits, a film, multimedia exhibits, and a research library. Funds are needed to bring this project to completion.

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	\$1,114,000
Construction	\$5,338,228
Equipment	
Total	\$6,452,228

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

Montgomery County Government (G.O.Bonds)	\$4,606,000
State Program Open Space Funds	\$526,000
Josiah Henson Park 2015 Bond Bill	\$100,000
Legacy Open Space	\$300,000
Private Donations	\$420,228
Josiah Henson Park II 2018 Bond Bill	\$500,000
Total	\$6,452,228

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
September 2015	March 2018	December 2018	June 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	
100000.00	2,000	70,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2014	\$50,000	For the acquisition, planning, design, construction, rep	
2015	\$100,000	For the acquisition, planning, design, construction, rep	
2016	\$75,000	For the acquisition, planning, design, construction, rep	
2016	\$105,000	For the acquisition, planning, design, construction, rep	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Montgomery County Department of Parks 9500 Brunett Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20901		Josiah Henson Park 11420 Old Georgetown Road North Bethesda, MD 20852	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	16 - 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:	Adrian Gardner	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-495-2460		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Montgomery County Department of Parks 9500 Brunett Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20901 Attn: Nina Aplebaum, Grants Manager			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	8	5000.00	346619.00
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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2,000		
New GSF	3,000		

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

1800-1850

28. Comments

Josiah Henson Park is the former plantation property of Isaac Riley where Reverend Josiah Henson was enslaved from 1795-1830. It is also a historic resource of local, state, national and even international significance because of its association with Reverend Josiah Henson, whose 1849 autobiography, as narrated by himself, inspired Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel, Uncle Toms Cabin. Ongoing archaeological excavations seek to find where Josiah Henson may have lived on the site. The house in the park that stands is the slave-owning family's house that dates from 1800-1815. Josiah Henson Park is currently being transformed into a public museum and destination for education--a complete park with a modern visitor's center and restored and rehabilitated historic house.

The recommended facility plan for this project includes converting the historic Riley/Bolten House

to a public museum that celebrates the story of Josiah Henson's life. The primary project work will

construct a new visitor orientation building, a bus-drop off area and small parking lot, convert the

existing historic house to a museum, and rehabilitate associated landscape sitework that will make the park more accessible for visitors. The narrative of Henson's life will unfold in an orchestrated manner through way-finding exhibits, an introductory film and exhibit inside the new building, outdoor museum exhibits, and primary exhibits in the rehabilitated historic house

and living-history in the log kitchen.

The goal for the interpretation of Josiah Henson Park is to accurately portray Henson's life as well as to explore the impact of Stowe's novel and to preserve the African American Experience. The impact of Stowe's novel should not be underestimated. Published in 1852, it broke all sales records of the time and sold over half a million copies by 1857. It has inspired debates and greatly influenced politics, race relations, and myths and stereotypes throughout history. The realization of this project will have a permanent educational and societal benefit through cultural conservation. This project will preserve and share the complete story of the remarkable and influential Reverend Henson, the often-forgotten real man behind Stowe's fiction.

Currently, Montgomery Parks makes limited use of Josiah Henson Park, offering only school-based learning opportunities and field trips, targeting students in grades 4 and up. In addition, the site is opened to the public a few times each year for special events, bringing the total usage of the site to less than approximately 2,000 visitors annually. The story can only be told, and the site can only accommodate visitors with a docent-led tour. With the help of this requested funding, the complete museum with interpretive exhibits, will allow the transformed site to bring in an expected 70,000 visitors annually, approximately.

The exhibits will be designed to expose visitors to Henson's experiences and create lasting impressions through the challenges and inspiration of his story and the application of the lessons learned to that of today's America. The intended outcome of the museum is to leave visitors with an awareness of their country's history, culture, and identity, and the ability to participate in discussion and reflection of race relations in America today.

The Josiah Henson Park Museum and Education Center is an essential investment in preserving, interpreting, and creating more effective access to this unique historic site.