

# State Of Maryland

## 2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Agricultural Interpretive Center		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Eckardt	Ghrist	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Caroline County	\$150,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an agricultural interpretive center at the Choptank Nature Park		
<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>
Delegate Ghrist		jeff.ghrist@house.state.md.us
JOK Walsh		410-310-1307
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Caroline County Historical Society is a national leader in building preservation, e.g., 46 buildings county-wide saved from demolition or collapse. Our research is of national significance, particularly on the UGRR, that attracts filmmakers, newscasters and writers from around the U.S. and world. We have no paid staff; receive no county or town government funds; have no debt; own as well as maintain 15 buildings; operate a museum, a research repository, and a archaeology field lab; preserve unique artifacts; prepare interpretive signage/brochures; conduct discovery days for 400+ school children; and make our own heritage films. Our president was MHT's person of the year in 2021. Our purpose is discovery and education for the present generation, plus preservation for future generations.</p>		

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

The purpose of the project is to create an Agricultural Interpretive (Center) in Caroline County that examines agriculture from a different perspective. Specifically, it looks at the forces that have periodically changed agriculture so dramatically in Caroline and the region. The scope of the project requires 3 phases. The first 2 phases have been funded mostly with private donations to the Caroline County Historical Society. Phase 3, to be funded by LGI, will complete various exterior elements, renovate the interior (600 sq. ft.) and add interpretation elements. The project is needed because current agriculture museums most often display farm equipment. They explain how agriculture has changed, but not why it has changed so dramatically over the last 350 years. Visitation should be about 6,000 persons a year, based on an adjoining park that draws that draws 3,900 visitors. Both about the Tubman Byway. The Center will be open to the public for free. See #28

*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>	\$0
<b>Design</b>	\$8,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$187,500
<b>Equipment</b>	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,500</b>

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

LBI	\$150,000
Private Contributions	\$45,500
Caroline Co. Historical Society Contribution \$42,000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$195,500</b>

<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>
July 2022	August 2022	September 1, 2022	September 30, 2023
<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>	
45500.00	3,900	6,000	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Mr. JOK Walsh Caroline County Historical Society 12 N 2nd Street Denton, MD 21629		Choptank Nature Park 2715 Poplar Neck Road Preston, MD 21655	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties		
<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>
[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Bob Jarrell	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-479-1000		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
P.O. Box 600 Denton, MD 21629			

<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>
0	0	0.00	2000.00
<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>			
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			
<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>	
No rent involved.			
Project is on County owned park land.			
We have an agreement with Parks &			
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	600		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	600		
<b>New GSF</b>	600		

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

1855

**28. Comments**

Caroline is nationally significant: 350 years of agriculture as our one and only main industry. The Center is very different in two distinct ways from agricultural museums that display antique equipment. First, it will set forth the forces that led to changes in our crops over the last 350 years. Major crops that came and went included tobacco, grains for export, peaches and canned small fruits and vegetables. Factors that forced changes in crops include, but are not limited to such diverse things as John Deeres plow, McCormicks reaper, roller mills, the Napoleonic Wars, the Erie Canal, the B&O Railroad, circular saws, corn laws and the yellows. Second, the stories of how these factors profoundly changed agriculture in this region will be presented by Society-produced films on televisions, interpretive signage, and walking or driving tours to where events actually occurred. The Center is located close to dozens of historic agricultural sites.