

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Swann Park and Willows Park Playgrounds		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Gile	Schmidt	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County	\$350,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Swann Park and Willows Park Playgrounds		
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
Delegate Stuart Schmidt, Jr.		stuart.schmidt@house.state.md.us
Martin H. Simon		410-721-2301
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Crofton Civic Association, Inc. (CCA) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization that represents the roughly 13,000 residents of the Crofton Special Community Benefit District (CSCBD). The CCA is run by a 9-member popularly elected Board of Directors that oversees the operation of our Town Hall staff and services. The first stated purpose of the CCA's charter is to "foster and advance matters deemed to be in the best interest of the community". Our second purpose is to "administer the tax district". Among those responsibilities is providing recreational activities and caring for the three public parks within our boundaries.</p>		

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

This project proposes to replace aging and somewhat unsafe playground equipment with safe, modern, and inclusive designs at two parks owned by the CCA -- Swann Park and Willows Park. The current equipment has reached the end of its usefulness, being between 25 and 30 years old. It is no longer supported by the manufacturer and does not meet current safety standards. Certain needed repairs are either not cost-effective or simply impossible. The time has come to replace this equipment and increase the safety, capacity, and accessibility of our parks to better serve the many young families that have moved into Crofton in recent years. The CCA has been budgeting for this project for several years and will have \$50,000 to contribute in FY23, but with our 4% annual budget cap, it would be many years before we could complete this work on our own. Funds from this bond initiative would accelerate these efforts and allow a major improvement in the near term.

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	\$5,000
Construction	\$105,000
Equipment	\$290,000
Total	\$400,000

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

MD Legislative Bond	\$350,000
Crofton Special Community Benefit District	\$50,000
Total	\$400,000

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
7/1/2021	4/1/2023	6/1/2023	9/1/2023
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
	13,000		13,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Crofton Civic Association, Inc. 1576 Crofton Parkway Crofton, MD 21114		Swann Park: Near 1751 Swinburne, Ave. Crofton, MD 21114 Willows Park: Intersection of Old Willow Way and Middlebridge Ct. Crofton, MD 21114	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	33 - Anne Arundel 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:	Anna O'Kelly, CCA President	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-721-6435		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1411 Knightsbridge Turn Crofton, MD 21114			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
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

1993 and 1998

28. Comments

There are 3,294 residences within the Crofton Special Community Benefit District, consisting of 2,606 single family homes/townhouses, and 688 apartments. Many additional residences outside the CSCBD are in close proximity to these parks and being part of the benefit district is not required for access. Users of all ages visit the parks; parents and grandparents bring small children to the playgrounds, older kids and teenagers independently explore the areas without crossing Rt 3, 450, or 424, and adults come for exercise, enjoying nature, and walking dogs.

The planned improvements will increase the capacity, safety, and accessibility of the parks. We

anticipate an increase in park usage following improvements, but do not meter or track the number of users. We are striving to provide inclusive experiences for users of varying abilities to play together in safe environments close to home.

Town Hall staff and the CCA Maintenance Committee monitor the parks and maintain them with a mix of community volunteers and paid contractors. Routine upkeep of the grounds is performed by a landscaping contractor, and the CCA Maintenance Committee holds twice-yearly volunteer events to tackle larger maintenance projects. Groups including local Scouts and the Crofton Village Garden Club have contributed expertise and labor toward these well-attended events. These efforts bring the community together while ensuring our investments in Swann Park and Willows Park continue to benefit our residents for many years to come.

The CCA has explored other sources of funding at both the County and State levels, including DNR's Community Parks and Playgrounds program, but has been denied assistance due to our non-municipality status.

Thank you for your consideration.

CCA Board of Directors