

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
West	Mangione	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center facilities		
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
Jane LaMonica		410-343-0101
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center (GVOLC) offers exceptional learning experiences that foster personal growth and development for individuals of all ages and backgrounds. We lead in experiential education, focusing on learning through experience, healthy risk-taking, and relationship-building. Our vision is a world where individuals shape their own growth and empower others. Over 43 years, GVOLC has served over 1,000,000 participants from MD, DE, PA, and VA. Through team-building, nature-based preschool, summer camp, and leadership programs, participants step outside their comfort zones, developing skills in communication, problem-solving, and resilience.</p>		

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

GVOLC is fortunate to have access to 140 acres of outdoor space, but it currently lacks a modern, multi-purpose indoor facility to better serve the diverse groups that rely on our programs. The new Welcome Center will provide handicap-accessible conference rooms and expanded office space for staff. This facility will allow us to accommodate an additional 15,000 participants annually and expand winter programming. It will also serve as a vital resource for the local community. In the Hereford Zone, there are limited options for community groups to meet, plan programs, or establish a base of operations. The Welcome Center will fill this gap, offering an accessible space for individuals and organizations to come together. This building represents an investment in GVOLC's growth and a commitment to fostering community connections, providing a hub that will serve this region for generations.

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	\$2,000
Design	\$25,000
Construction	\$2,550,000
Equipment	\$800,000
Total	\$3,377,000

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

Capital Campaign Fundraising	\$2,300,000
Genesee Valley Fundraising Efforts	\$477,000
Bond	\$500,000
Previous Bond	\$100,000
Total	\$3,377,000

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
1/30/2023	1/31/2024	6/1/2026	6/1/2027
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
122161.91		15,000	45,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$100,000		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center 1717 Rayville Rd. Parkton, MD 21120			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		42A - Baltimore 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:	Lawrence Schmidt	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-821-0070		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
600 Washington Ave. Towson, MD 21204			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
30	45	886000.00	900000.00
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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	
Genesee Hedrick Corporation	50 Years	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	N/A		
Space to be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	4,500		

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

N/A

28. Comments

Since 1981, GVOLC has been a trailblazer in providing impactful experiential education through team-building experiences that foster personal growth and support the development of individuals from diverse backgrounds and all age groups. We create opportunities to break down barriers, build trust, and encourage personal responsibility. Led by experienced facilitators, participants are immersed in carefully crafted environments that promote healthy risk-taking. These experiences help individuals improve their communication, collaboration, risk-taking, and problem-solving abilities skills that serve as a foundation for lasting personal transformation.

Programs like GVOLC are essential in nurturing the social and emotional development of young people. By fostering key life skills such as resilience, accountability, positive communication, and creative thinking, we provide students with growth opportunities that are often missing in traditional educational settings. Currently, we are proud to serve many Title I schools in Maryland, as well as various mentoring programs across the state.

Our founder, Tom LaMonica, envisioned leadership programs that broke away from conventional education and promoted success through shared outdoor experiences. Our mission is to offer high-quality learning opportunities that inspire growth and support the development of individuals of all ages and backgrounds. The GVOLC Welcome Center will not only be a tremendous asset to our organization but also serve as a valuable resource for the Northern Baltimore County community. This new facility will allow GVOLC to serve more schools, colleges, mentoring groups, nonprofit partners, scout troops, and others. Additionally, we invite other mission-driven organizations to utilize the space to further their work. This project will modernize our facilities and enhance our ability to continue fulfilling our mission of fostering personal growth.

Thank you for your consideration.