

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1080	SB601	1048	HB219	Creation of a State Debt – Caroline County - Denton National Guard Armory
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Colburn, et al.				Del. Eckardt, et al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Caroline County				1,100,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of Caroline County for the repair, reconstruction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Denton National Guard Armory.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a standard match.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				

9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)

As a division of local government, Caroline County Recreation & Parks' mission is to improve quality of life through the provision of recreation services and youth development programming, and through the operation of a network of public parks and facilities. The renovation of the decommissioned National Guard Armory as a community center enables the department to expand its annual menu of over 250 structured leisure service programs by providing a non-school setting for service delivery. Currently the department attracts over 17,000 to its programs and events county wide - roughly 50% of the current county population. The partnership with Caroline County Public Schools and some local churches is exemplary, but navigating the inevitable conflicts with education activities and limiting programming to non-school hours limits the services provided to a growing population

The 16,000 square foot Armory has been in use as a community center for over 20 years. The gymnasium has supported adult and youth programming, serves as a meeting place for dances, reunions and community fundraisers and has served as a senior center, unemployment center and Recreation Department office headquarters. Although recent renovations to the structure addressed ADA accessibility, replaced a 30-year old roof and re-pointed exterior brick surfaces, much of the existing utility infrastructure and interior finishes are deteriorating; in addition, the existing allocation of space is inefficient and does not meet current demand for community programming or office space. This historic structure is located within the Denton Town limits and within walking distance of approximately 40% of the town's current population. It has a history and presence in the downtown area that merits preservation, adaptive reuse and continued public access.

The project supports the mission of Caroline County Recreation and Parks as a community recreation center for fitness, sports and cultural arts programming for youth and adults seven days per week. It offers local government a place to forge partnerships with other youth serving organizations such as the developing Eastern Shore Boys and Girls Clubs to create a positive place for kids outside of the traditional school setting. And the project provides an office headquarters for a division of local government - an office that also provides a consistent management presence for the effective operation of the community center.

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

The capital renovation of the Armory facility builds on the previous improvements. The installation of an elevator, a handicapped accessible restroom and the replacement of the roof system upgraded approximately 15% of the building envelope. This project encompasses the remaining 85% in addition to adjustments to the surrounding site. The result is the wholesale restoration of a historic building within the Town of Denton. The project demonstrates an alignment with Smart Growth principals; it is consistent with the municipal and county comprehensive planning goals and will proceed in collaboration with the Maryland Historic trust.

The Project scope is as follows: 1). Exterior site excavation of approximately 6,000 square feet to establish positive drainage, replace deteriorating walkways, improve public entrances and exterior slopes for handicapped access and increase natural light to the ground floor; 2) Complete renovation of the buildings' electrical and mechanical systems to meet current codes; 3) execution of the structural redesign of the building's interior to increase square footage of program activity space (6,568 sq. ft.) and establish office headquarters for Caroline County Recreation and Parks (4,560 sq. ft.) and 4) restoration of the exterior building envelope to include historic window replacement of repair, and masonry re-pointing and weatherproofing.

The community programming currently attracts over 5,500 users annually and does not serve as the office headquarters of Recreation and Parks. Following renovation, the building is projected to serve over 13,000 annually and will contain offices for 10 classified local government employees.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (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.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	0
Design	241,091
Construction	2,048,102
Equipment	130,865
Total	2,420,058

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
Caroline County Bond Financing 2006	1,320,058
MAryland State Bond Allocaiton 2006	1,100,000
Total	2,420,058

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
April 2006	October 2006	January 2007	December 31, 2007

14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006		15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site		16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
		6500		13,000	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years					
Legislative Session		Amount		Purpose	
1999		100,000		To the Denton Development Corporation for ADA accessibility	
2000		125,000		To the Denton Development Corporation for ADA accessibility	
2004		100,000		To Caroline County Commissioners for Gymnasium window restoration/replacement and phase one of utilities infrastructure replacement	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee			Project Address (If Different)		
Caroline County Commissioners			107 Fourth Street, Denton, MD 21629		
19. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone		Email Address
Susan C. Simmons, Director Caroline Co. Recreation and Parks			410.479.8130		ssimmons@rec.caroline.md.us
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located				36	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)					
Local Govt.		For Profit		Non Profit	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
22. Grantee Legal Representative			23. If Match Includes Real Property:		
Name:		Charles "Chip" McCleod		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	
Phone:		410.810.1381		Yes/No	
Address:				N/A	
				If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Funk and Bolton					
315 High Street, Suite 202					
Chestertown, MD 21620					
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site					
Current # of Employees		Projected # of Employees		Current Operating Budget	
9		10		25,000	
				Projected Operating Budget	
				45,000	
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance 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 and 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		19129	
Space to Be Renovated GSF		19129	
New GSF		0	
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2007
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
<p>The National Guard Armory was constructed in 1938 in the Town of Denton, Caroline County’s seat. The facility has been actively maintained by the Caroline Commissioners since 1982 and shall be transferred to the county by the State pending the Board of Public Works approval in February 2006.</p> <p>The county intends to finance the renovation through its local bonding authority in April 2006. Previous commitments of State Bond funds enabled the county to complete the first phase of critical renovations and were supported with active partnerships with the town of Denton and the Denton Development Corporation.</p> <p>Although these renovations have been largely completed, these funds have not been reimbursed to the County pending the issuance of the historic preservation easement by MHT. The easement will be issued once the property title transfer is approved by the Board of Public Works.</p>			