

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park, including signage and kiosks		
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
Howard County Delegation		hoc1@mlis.state.md.us
Dave Ferraro		410-463-1301
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park Ltd. (FPVSP) supports the park by promoting stewardship through programming, sustainable recreation, and the preservation and restoration of its natural resources. FPVSP is a DNR-affiliated organization and is the official non-profit organization of Patapsco Valley State Park.</p>		

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

FPVSP is set to install 12 new trailhead kiosks, each equipped with trilingual signage, as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance the 240-mile trail system. This project plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety of visitors at PVSP, as it involves marking the extensive trail network across the park's sprawling 16,000 acres.

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	\$21,000
Design	\$22,000
Construction	\$45,000
Equipment	\$12,000
Total	\$100,000

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

Capital Reserves	\$25,000
Fundraising	\$50,000
Operating Budget	\$25,000
Total	\$100,000

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
4/1/24	5/1/24	6/1/24	12/1/24
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
50000.00	2,000,000		2,000,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY23	\$540,000	Simkins Industries Site Acquisition	
FY23	\$340,000	Patapsco Trail Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park 8020 Baltimore National Pike Ellicott City Maryland 21043			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	9B - Howard 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:	Dave A Ferraro	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	14104631301		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
8020 Baltimore National Pike Ellicott City Maryland 21043			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
1	2	240000.00	300000.00
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
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

28. Comments

This grant will be instrumental in supporting essential projects related to the trail system at Patapsco Valley State Park (PVSP), Maryland's first state park, encompassing over 16,000 acres along the 32 miles of the Patapsco River. The park's extensive trail network spans more than 240 miles and traverses Howard, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, and Carroll Counties. It is nationally renowned for its scenic beauty and extensive trail offerings, attracting over 2 million visitors annually, making it one of the most visited state parks in Maryland.

PVSP is at the heart of the state-designated Patapsco Heritage Area, serving as a shared environmental treasure for a diverse population of residents, workers, and tourists. Recognized for its historical and cultural significance, PVSP and its surrounding valley have played a vital role in Maryland and the United States, contributing to industry, conservation, and recreation. The Patapsco River, which meanders through the park, played a pivotal role in Baltimore's harbor and was home to North America's first railway line. Throughout the park, historic mill towns, significant structures, and landmark architecture offer a unique destination for a wide cross-section of Maryland residents. Located within a 90-mile radius of more than 6 million people, Patapsco Valley State Park's trail system is a must-visit destination for outdoor enthusiasts from across the United States.

In the past three years, we have observed a remarkable surge in visitation to Patapsco Valley State Park. During the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic, as many county parks closed, PVSP remained open to visitors, resulting in a doubling of typical usage. Although post-pandemic numbers have decreased, the enthusiasm for our shared natural resource remains at an all-time high, with a surge in new users. Unfortunately, this increased usage has taken a toll on the park and its trail system, bringing us to a critical juncture where immediate action is required to provide environmentally responsible and safe outdoor experiences for the people of Maryland. The lack of comprehensive investment in the trail system, combined with the sudden influx of visitors, necessitates prompt intervention.

The Friends of Patapsco Valley State Park (FPVSP) was founded in 1996 to support the park by promoting stewardship through programming, sustainable recreation, and preserving and restoring its natural resources. FPVSP operates under an affiliated agreement with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and holds the official nonprofit status of the park. Each year, we contribute over 5,000 hours of volunteer work to the park and raise funds and awareness to bolster its conservation efforts.