

Hill William W IV
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Hill William W IV

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
 [SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Executive Vice President

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP,
 INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/25/2009

OLNEY, MD 20832

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/25/2009		A	6,457 A \$ 0	6,457	D <u>(1)</u>	
Common Stock					427	D	
Common Stock					784	I	Employee Stock Purchase Plan
Common Stock					189	D <u>(2)</u>	

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Common
Stock

325

D ⁽³⁾

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/17/2013	Common Stock	2,200
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38					12/15/2004 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/15/2014	Common Stock	2,875
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 ⁽⁴⁾ 12/14/2012	Common Stock	2,530
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007 ⁽⁵⁾ 12/13/2013	Common Stock	1,662
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96					03/26/2009 ⁽⁵⁾ 03/26/2015	Common Stock	1,800

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hill William W IV SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832			Executive Vice President	

Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr. Hill	03/27/2009
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over three years beginning March 25, 2010.
 - (2) Restricted stock awarded under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on December 13, 2007.
 - (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in five equal, annual installments beginning on March 26, 2009.
 - (4) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
 - (5) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in equal annual increments on the first, second, and third anniversary of the grant.

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