

Sadowski John D
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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 *
 Sadowski John D

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE

(Street)

OLNEY, MD 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/28/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Information Officer

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/28/2012		A	3,312	A \$ 0	3,312	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock						68	D
Common Stock						448	D ⁽²⁾
Common Stock						2,809	D ⁽³⁾

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

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- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 30, 2012.
- (4) 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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