

HARDESTY GILBERT L  
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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 \*  
**HARDESTY GILBERT L**

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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/17/2010**

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

**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  
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(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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	03/17/2010		A		10,000	A	\$ 13.5
Common Stock					18,388.871	D <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock					107	I <sup>(2)</sup>	Restricted Stock
Common Stock					224	I <sup>(3)</sup>	Restricted Stock
Common Stock					1,665	I <sup>(4)</sup>	Restricted Stock

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)	\$ 14.54					12/13/2000 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/13/2010	Common Stock	2,216
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 32.25					12/21/2001 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/21/2011	Common Stock	1,019
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 31.25					12/11/2002 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/11/2012	Common Stock	1,460
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.91					12/17/2003 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/17/2013	Common Stock	1,701
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38					12/15/2004 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/15/2014	Common Stock	1,559
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 38.13					12/14/2005 <sup>(5)</sup> 12/14/2012	Common Stock	2,061
Stock	\$ 37.4					12/13/2007 <sup>(6)</sup> 12/13/2013	Common	1,251

Options (Right to Buy)					Stock	
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.96	03/26/2009 <sup>(6)</sup>	03/26/2015	Common Stock		1,260

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HARDESTY GILBERT L SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832		X		

## Signatures

/s/ Janet VA Replogle, attorney-in-fact for Mr.  
Hardesty

03/19/2010

\_\_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) Includes shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.
- (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) 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.
- (5) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
- (6) 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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