

Mantua Philip J
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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 *
 Mantua Philip J

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 BANK, 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/15/2004

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Executive V.P. and CFO

OLNEY, MD 20832

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

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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 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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8.
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)	S (1)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 17.21						12/15/1999	12/15/2009	Common Stock	975
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 14.54						12/13/2000	12/13/2010	Common Stock	1,800
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 32.25						12/21/2001	12/21/2011	Common Stock	1,500
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 31.25						12/11/2002	12/11/2012	Common Stock	1,750
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38.91						12/17/2003	12/17/2013	Common Stock	2,200
Stock Options (Right to buy)	\$ 38	12/15/2004		A	6,050		12/15/2004	12/15/2014	Common Stock	6,050

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mantua Philip J SANDY SPRING BANK 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832			Executive V.P. and CFO	

Signatures

Philip J Mantua

12/28/2004

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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