

CHAPTER 102

AN ACT appropriating \$38,154,000 from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," and appropriating and reappropriating certain other moneys, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes; and approving projects of certain local government units as eligible for funding from the State to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19), the sum of \$38,154,000 to provide loans or grants, or both, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to section 3 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2000, c.94, section 1 of P.L.2000, c.99, and section 1 of P.L.2000, c.100.

2. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding approved pursuant to section 3 of this act, section 1 of section 1 of P.L.2000, c.94, section 1 of P.L.2000, c.99, and section 1 of P.L.2000, c.100, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection such sums as may be, or may become available, on or before June 30, 2001, due to interest earnings or loan repayments in any "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, for the purpose of paying administrative costs of the department associated with any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act for recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding approved from any Green Acres bond act pursuant to section 3 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2000, c.94, section 1 of P.L.2000, c.99, and section 1 of P.L.2000, c.100.

c. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983, c.354.

3. a. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with moneys made available from the "Garden State Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), and which moneys are appropriated or reappropriated pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Emerson Boro	Bergen	Land Acq Phase 2	\$1,000,000
New Milford Boro	Bergen	Open Space Preservation Initiative	760,000
Cherry Hill Twp	Camden	Springhouse Farm Acq	1,000,000
Union Twp	Hunterdon	Spruce Run Overlook Acq	1,000,000
Keansburg Boro	Monmouth	Raritan Ave. Park Acq	414,000
Pequannock Twp	Morris	Foothills Park Acq	135,000

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Branchburg Twp	Somerset	No. Branch Conservation Initiative	275,000
Stillwater Twp	Sussex	Swartswood Area Additions	400,000
TOTAL			\$4,984,000

b. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or type, listed in subsection a. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

c. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection a. of this section are offered funding pursuant thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2000, c.94, section 1 of P.L.2000, c.99, or section 1 of P.L.2000, c.100, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

For the purposes of this subsection, "Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983, c.354.

4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000 or on the date of enactment, whichever is later.

Approved September 1, 2000.