

CHAPTER 168

AN ACT appropriating \$8,280,300 from the "Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund" for farmland preservation purposes.

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

1. There is appropriated from the "Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-20), to the State Agriculture Development Committee the sum of \$3,225,000 for the purpose of providing planning incentive grants to the following counties and municipalities pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1 et seq.):

Applicant	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Bethlehem Twp	Hunterdon	Bethlehem Twp	\$200,000
Readington Twp	Hunterdon	Readington Twp	350,000
Tewksbury Twp/ Oldwick NW Area	Hunterdon	Tewksbury Twp	225,000
Monmouth County	Monmouth	Roosevelt Boro/ Millstone Twp	750,000
Bedminster Twp	Somerset	Bedminster Twp	425,000
Harmony Twp	Warren	Harmony Twp	625,000
Pohatcong Twp/ Silver Hill ADA	Warren	Pohatcong Twp	325,000
Pohatcong Twp/ Still Valley ADA	Warren	Pohatcong Twp	325,000

2. a. There is appropriated from the "Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-20), to the State Agriculture Development Committee the sum of \$2,275,000 for the purpose of providing grants to qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations (1) for up to 50% of the cost of acquisition of development easements on farmland, or (2) for up to 50% of the cost of acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland for resale or lease with agricultural deed restrictions approved by the committee.

b. The following projects are eligible for funding with the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section:

Applicant (Farm)	County	Municipality	Acres (+/-)	Approved Grant Not to Exceed
Nature Conservancy (Bauer)	Cumberland	Downe Twp	189	\$ 150,000
Nature Conservancy (Holly Orchard)	Cumberland	Millville City	50	250,000
Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance (Dugger)	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp	62	225,000
New Jersey Conservation Foundation (Newbaker)	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp	18	75,000
Nature Conservancy (Valley)	Sussex	Andover Twp/ Fredon Twp	198	1,575,000

3. There is appropriated from the "Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-20), to the State Agriculture Development Committee the sum of \$2,780,300 from proceeds received from the resale or lease of farmland previously acquired in fee simple by the committee, for the purpose of providing for the cost of acquisition by the committee of fee simple titles to farmland for farmland preservation purposes. Any such farmland acquired in fee simple with monies appropriated pursuant to this section shall be offered for resale or lease with agricultural deed restrictions.

4. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), and

P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1 et seq.), as appropriate.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved December 19, 2000.