

CHAPTER 63

AN ACT appropriating moneys 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 \$9,846,000 to provide grants or loans, 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 4 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.33, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.59, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.64.

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 purposes of providing:

(1) grants or loans, 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 4 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.33, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.59, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.64; and

(2) 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 4 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.33, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.59, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.64, 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 providing:

(1) grants or loans, 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 4 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.33, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.59, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.64; and

(2) 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 4 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.33, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.59, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.64, 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.

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 appropriated or reappropriated pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Egg Harbor Twp	Atlantic	Egg Harbor Twp Regional Park	\$500,000
Cherry Hill Twp	Camden	Springhouse Farm Acq	500,000
Eatontown Boro	Monmouth	Eatontown Boro Open Space Acq	462,500
Hazlet Twp	Monmouth	Union Ave Acq	70,000
Point Pleasant Boro	Ocean	Canal Acq	212,500
Wayne Twp	Passaic	Barbour Pond Park Add	500,000
Linden City	Union	Land Acq	500,000
TOTAL			\$2,745,000

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 4 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.33, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.59, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.64, 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. a. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with moneys appropriated or reappropriated pursuant to sections 1 and 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Atlantic County	Atlantic	Atlantic County Open Space Acq	\$500,000
Bordentown Twp	Burlington	Bordentown Twp Open Space Acq	500,000
Burlington County	Burlington	Planning Incentive	1,500,000
Eastampton Twp	Burlington	Planning Incentive	500,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Planning Incentive	500,000
Mount Laurel Twp	Burlington	Mt. Laurel Acq Plan	500,000
Camden County	Camden	Open Space Plan	1,500,000
Voorhees Twp	Camden	Planning Incentive	500,000
Gloucester County	Gloucester	Open Space Plan	500,000
TOTAL			\$6,500,000

b. Any transfer of any 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 3 of this act, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.33, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.59, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.64, 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.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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