

CHAPTER 105

AN ACT appropriating \$11,800,000 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. 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 \$6,000,000 for the purpose of providing planning incentive grants to counties and municipalities pursuant to the provisions of P.L.1999, c.180 (C.4:1C-43.1 et seq.). The total expenditure by the State Agriculture Development Committee from the list of eligible projects in subsection b. of this section totaling \$6,025,000 shall not exceed \$6,000,000.

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

Applicant	County	Municipality	Approved Grant Not To Exceed
Delaware Twp & Kingwood Twp (Covered Bridge/ Dilts Corner District)	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp & Kingwood Twp	\$ 500,000
Tewksbury Twp	Hunterdon	Tewksbury Twp	675,000
Monmouth County	Monmouth	Howell Twp	1,400,000
Monmouth County	Monmouth	Millstone Twp	1,575,000
Franklin Twp	Somerset	Franklin Twp	1,175,000
Hillsborough Twp	Somerset	Hillsborough Twp	700,000

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 \$1,800,000 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. The total expenditure by the State Agriculture Development Committee from the list of eligible projects in subsection b. of this section totaling \$1,900,000 shall not exceed \$1,800,000.

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 (Sheppard Farms)	Cumberland	Lawrence Twp	431	\$ 250,000
New Jersey Conservation Foundation (Buchholz)	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	45	250,000
Nature Conservancy (Darling)	Warren	Frelinghuysen Twp	137	375,000
Nature Conservancy (Jamar)	Warren	Frelinghuysen Twp	203	575,000
Nature Conservancy (Katzenstein)	Warren	Frelinghuysen Twp	140	350,000
Ridge and Valley Conservancy, Inc. (Motyka)	Warren	Hope Twp	79	100,000

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 \$4,000,000 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 June 14, 2001.