

## CHAPTER 170

**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 \$38,000,000 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 1 of P.L.2001, c.171, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.172, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.173.

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 1 of P.L.2001, c.171, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.172, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.173; 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 1 of P.L.2001, c.171, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.172, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.173, 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, 2002, 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 1 of P.L.2001, c.171, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.172, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.173; 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 1 of P.L.2001, c.171, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.172, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.173, 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
Avalon Boro	Cape May	Beachfront Acquisition	500,000
Lower Twp	Cape May	Bayshore Acquisition	270,000
Ocean City	Cape May	Park Acquisition	500,000
High Bridge Boro	Hunterdon	Spring Side Woodlands	500,000
Monroe Twp	Middlesex	Thompson Park III	500,000
Hazlet Twp	Monmouth	Union Ave Acquisition	70,000
Sea Girt Boro	Monmouth	Wreck Pond Brook Greenway	460,000
Spring Lake Heights Boro	Monmouth	Wreck Pond Brook Greenway Acq	460,000
Wall Twp	Monmouth	Wreck Pond Brook Greenway	460,000
Point Pleasant Boro	Ocean	Canal Acq	212,500
Stafford Twp	Ocean	Doc Cramer Exp Acq Phase 2	500,000
Frelinghuysen Twp	Warren	Bear Creek Greenway Acq	175,000
Hackettstown Town	Warren	Hackettstown River Front Park	440,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$6,047,500</b>

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.2001, c.171, section 1 of P.L.2001, c.172, or section 1 of P.L.2001, c.173, 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, 2001 or on the date of enactment, whichever is later.

Approved July 26, 2001.