

**CHAPTER 82**

**AN ACT** appropriating \$11,118,000 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 \$2,400,000 for the purpose of providing grants to counties and municipalities for up to 80% of the cost of acquisition of development easements on farmland, provided that any funds received for the transfer of a development easement shall be dedicated to the future purchase of development easements, for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to subsection b. of this section. The total expenditure by the State Agriculture Development Committee from the list of eligible projects in subsection b. of this section totaling \$2,750,000 shall not exceed \$2,400,000.

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

<b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres (+/-)</b>	<b>Amount of (Farm) Grant Not to Exceed</b>
Ferrette, J. & A.	Mercer	Hopewell Twp	41	\$ 375,000
Gallo (L. Sciarrotta)	Mercer	Hopewell Twp	49	500,000
Mercer County (Chmiel #1)	Mercer	Lawrence Twp	27	500,000
Mercer County (Chmiel #2)	Mercer	Lawrence Twp	13	250,000
Warren, W. III	Middlesex	East Brunswick Twp	48	1,125,000

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 \$1,725,000 for the purpose of providing grants to qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations listed in subsection b. of this section, section 3 of P.L.2003, c.80, and section 3 of P.L.2003, c.81, for up to 50% of the cost of acquisition of development easements on farmland or 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, section 3 of P.L.2003, c.80, and section 3 of P.L.2003, c.81 totaling \$1,800,000 shall not exceed \$1,725,000.

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

<b>Applicant (Farm)</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Acres (+/-)</b>	<b>Amount of Grant Not to Exceed</b>
Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (Ferrara)	Mercer	Hopewell Twp	30	\$ 225,000

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 \$6,993,000 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 moneys 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.), and P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), as

appropriate.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 2, 2003.