

CHAPTER 84

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.

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

1. a. 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 \$7,400,000, and there is appropriated to the department the sum of \$4,000,000 in federal funds received or to be received by the State from the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund or a similar fund, to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes located in municipalities eligible to receive State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.) are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY | PROJECT | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|------------|--|---------------------|
| Gloucester City | Camden | Gloucester Point Riverfront Dev | \$400,000 |
| Essex County | Essex | Multi-Parks Improvements Dev | 1,000,000 |
| Irvington Twp | Essex | Playground Improvements Dev | 500,000 |
| Montclair Twp | Essex | Project Youth Sports Phase II Dev | 500,000 |
| Newark City | Essex | Broad St. Station Plaza/ Gateway Enhancement Dev | 500,000 |
| Orange City Twp | Essex | Multi Park Improvements Dev | 500,000 |
| Glassboro Boro | Gloucester | Multi Park Improvements Dev | 500,000 |
| Woodbury City | Gloucester | Multi Parks Dev | 500,000 |
| Hudson County | Hudson | Multi Park Sports Areas Dev | 1,000,000 |
| Bayonne City | Hudson | Eastside Park Dev | 250,000 |
| Bayonne City | Hudson | Waterfront Park Dev | 250,000 |
| North Bergen Twp | Hudson | Bruin Stadium Improvements Dev | 500,000 |
| Union City | Hudson | 47th Street Pool Improvements Dev | 500,000 |
| Trenton City | Mercer | Cadwalader Park Dev | 500,000 |
| Middlesex County | Middlesex | Old Bridge Waterfront Park Phase II Dev | 1,000,000 |
| Carteret Boro | Middlesex | Arthur Kill Waterfront Rec Facility II Dev | 500,000 |
| Passaic County | Passaic | Lambert Castle Observatory Tower Rehab. Dev | 1,000,000 |
| Paterson City | Passaic | ATP Site/ Haynes Park Riverwalk Ext Dev | 36,700 |
| Paterson City | Passaic | Eastside Park Rehabilitation Dev | 463,300 |
| Penns Grove Boro | Salem | Riverwalk Dev | 500,000 |
| Plainfield City | Union | Multi Park Improvements Dev | 500,000 |
| TOTAL | | | \$11,400,000 |

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 P.L.2003, c.85, P.L.2003, c.86, P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1863 of 2002 or Assembly Bill No. of), or sections 2 or 3 of this act, 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.

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.

2. a. 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 \$2,000,000 to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes located in municipalities eligible to receive State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.) are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY | PROJECT | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Jersey City | Hudson | Berry Lane Acq | \$1,000,000 |
| Old Bridge Twp | Middlesex | Cedar Ridge II Acq | 1,000,000 |
| TOTAL | | | \$2,000,000 |

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 P.L.2003, c.85, P.L.2003, c.86, P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1863 of 2002 or Assembly Bill No. of), or sections 1 or 3 of this act, 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.

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.

3. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection from the "State Land Acquisition and Development Fund," established pursuant to section 15 of the "New Jersey Green Acres Bond Act of 1978," P.L.1978, c.118, the sum of \$308,385, which constitutes the State's share under the Federal Urban Parks and Recreation Recovery Program, to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY | PROJECT | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Vineland City | Cumberland | Multi Parks Dev II | \$49,560 |
| Newark City | Essex | Mildred Helms Park Dev | 176,470 |

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| Bayonne City | Hudson | 28th Street Park Dev | 24,000 |
| Hoboken City | Hudson | Church Street Square Park Dev | 8,930 |
| Perth Amboy City | Middlesex | Washington Park Dev | 49,425 |
| TOTAL | | | \$308,385 |

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 P.L.2003, c.85, P.L.2003, c.86, P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1863 of 2002 or Assembly Bill No. of), or sections 1 or 2 of this act, 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. 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 P.L.2003, c.85, P.L.2003, c.86, P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1863 of 2002 or Assembly Bill No. of), or sections 1 through 3 of this act; 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 P.L.2003, c.85, P.L.2003, c.86, P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1863 of 2002 or Assembly Bill No. of), or sections 1 through 3 of this act, 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, 2003, 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 P.L.2003, c.85, P.L.2003, c.86, P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1863 of 2002 or Assembly Bill No. of), or sections 1 through 3 of this act; 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 P.L.2003, c.85, P.L.2003, c.86, P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1863 of 2002 or Assembly Bill No. of), or sections 1

through 3 of this act, 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.

5. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 6, 2003.