

**CHAPTER 86**

**AN ACT** appropriating moneys from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund" to assist local government units in central New Jersey 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 \$11,295,000 to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this subsection:

*(1) Planning Incentive Acquisition Projects:*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Hunterdon County	Hunterdon	County Open Space Plan Acq	\$750,000
Delaware Twp	Hunterdon	Open Space Acq	400,000
Readington Twp	Hunterdon	Greenway Incentive Plan Acq	400,000
Tewksbury Twp	Hunterdon	Recreation & Open Space Plan Acq	400,000
West Amwell Twp	Hunterdon	Sourlands/ Open Space Acq	400,000
Mercer County	Mercer	Planning Incentive Acq	750,000
East Windsor Twp	Mercer	East Windsor Open Space Acq	400,000
Hopewell Twp	Mercer	Hopewell Open Space Acq	400,000
Lawrence Twp	Mercer	Open Space Plan Acq	400,000
Pennington Boro	Mercer	Pennington Greenbelt Planning Incentive Acq	400,000
Princeton Twp	Mercer	Princeton Open Space Acq	400,000
West Windsor Twp	Mercer	West Windsor Planning Incentive Acq	400,000
Middlesex County	Middlesex	Open Space Acq	750,000
Cranbury Twp	Middlesex	Cranbury Twp Acq	400,000
East Brunswick Twp	Middlesex	Open Space Plan Acq	400,000
Edison Twp	Middlesex	Edison Acquisition Plan	400,000
North Brunswick Twp	Middlesex	North Brunswick Plan Acq	400,000
Plainsboro Twp	Middlesex	Plainsboro Preservation Acq	400,000
Somerset County	Somerset	County Open Space Acq	750,000
Bridgewater Twp	Somerset	Bridgewater Open Space Plan Acq	400,000
Franklin Twp	Somerset	Open Space Plan Acq	400,000
Montgomery Twp	Somerset	Open Space Acq	400,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,200,000</b>

*(2) Standard Acquisition Projects:*

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Glen Gardner Boro	Hunterdon	Bell Avenue Preserve Acq	\$370,000
Monroe Twp	Middlesex	Thompson Park III Acq	400,000
SUBTOTAL			\$770,000

*(3) Non Urban Development Projects:*

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Milltown Boro	Middlesex	Mill Pond Park	\$325,000
SUBTOTAL			\$325,000

**GRAND TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES** **\$11,295,000**

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.84, P.L.2003, c.85, or P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 1863 of 2002 or Assembly Bill No. of ), 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. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 6, 2003.