

**CHAPTER 87**

**AN ACT** appropriating moneys from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund" to provide grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations 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. (1) There is appropriated from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19), to the Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$9,435,000 for the purpose of providing grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this paragraph:

<b>Nonprofit Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>			
(a) American Littoral Society	Hudson-Raritan Estuary Acq	Essex	Bloomfield Twp	\$1,000,000			
		Middlesex	Carteret Boro				
			Old Bridge Twp				
			Sayreville Boro				
		Monmouth Union	Woodbridge Twp				
			Aberdeen Twp				
			Linden City				
		(b) Delaware and Raritan Greenway, Inc.	Central Stony Brook Greenway		Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp	1,300,000
					Mercer	Hopewell Twp	
Lawrence Twp							
Middlesex	Pennington Boro						
	Princeton Twp						
	Cranbury Twp						
Mercer	Hamilton Twp						
	Hopewell Twp						
	Lawrence Twp						
	West Windsor Twp						
(c) Friends of Princeton Open Space	Rosedale Road Woods	Somerset	Franklin Twp	500,000			
		Hunterdon	Rocky Hill Boro				
			East Amwell Twp				
		Mercer	West Amwell Twp				
			Somerset		Hopewell Twp		
(d) Happiness Is Camping	Camp Additions	Hunterdon	Hillsborough Twp	200,000			
			Montgomery Twp				
		Middlesex	Cranbury Twp				
			Highland Park Boro				
			Plainsboro Twp				
(e) Hunterdon County Education Foundation	Kingwood Equestrian Facility	Hunterdon	Princeton Twp	430,000			
(f) Lamington Conservancy	Central Lamington Project	Hunterdon	Tewksbury Twp	500,000			
		Morris	Chester Twp				
			Washington Twp				
		Somerset	Bedminster Twp				
					Peapack-Gladstone Boro		
(g) Lawrence Twp Conservation Foundation	Carson Woods-Cooperative	Mercer	Lawrence Twp	500,000			
(h) Morris Land Conservancy	Morris Conservation Area	Morris	Hanover Twp	500,000			
			Montville Twp				
			Mount Olive Twp				
(i) Natural Lands Trust	Delaware Estuaries Acq	Cumberland	Millville City	500,000			

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(j) Nature Preservation Council, Inc.	Avian Rehabilitation Center	Salem Atlantic	Quinton Twp Somers Point City	75,000
(k) Passaic River Coalition	Passaic River Preservation	Essex	Livingston Twp	500,000
(l) Pinelands Preservation Alliance	Bishop-Irick Farmhouse Acq	Passaic Somerset Burlington	Ringwood Boro Bernards Twp Southampton Twp	250,000
(m) Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Assoc.	Watershed Connectors	Mercer	Hopewell Twp	500,000
(n) The Nature Conservancy				1,300,000
	Cape May Project Area	Cape May	Cape May City Cape May Point Boro Dennis Twp Lower Twp Middle Twp West Cape May Boro	
	Delaware Bay Greenway	Cumberland Cumberland	Maurice River Twp Commercial Twp Downe Twp Fairfield Twp Lawrence Twp Maurice River Twp Millville City Wayne Twp	
	High Mt. Project Area Limestone Forest Acq	Passaic Sussex	Andover Boro Andover Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Lafayette Twp Newton Town Stillwater Twp	
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Hardwick Twp Hope Twp	
	Maurice River Project Area	Cumberland	Maurice River Twp Millville City	
(o) Trust For Public Land	Harbor Estuary Acq	Bergen	East Rutherford Boro	1,300,000
		Hudson	Jersey City Secaucus Town	
		Middlesex	Carteret Boro Woodbridge Twp	
		Union	Linden City Rahway City	
(p) Unexpected Wildlife Refuge	Refuge Expansion	Gloucester	Franklin Twp	80,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$9,435,000</b>

(2) There is appropriated from the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund to the Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$1,670,000 to provide grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following projects are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this paragraph:

<b>Nonprofit Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
Passaic River Coalition	Goffle Brook/ Weasel Brook Enhancements	Passaic	Paterson City	\$ 170,000
The Green Fields Foundation, Inc.	Brookdale Athletic Fields Improvements	Essex	Bloomfield Twp Montclair Twp	500,000
Trust for Public Land	Multi Park Improvements	Essex	Newark City	500,000
Weequahic Park Assoc.	Weequahic Lake Restoration	Essex	Newark City	500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,670,000</b>

(3) Any transfer of any funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or type, listed in this subsection shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

b. 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 qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organization 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 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.

c. 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 qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any project of a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organization 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, 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.

d. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 6, 2003.