

CHAPTER 242

AN ACT appropriating moneys from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund" to provide grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to 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 \$400,000 for the purpose of providing grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. The following project is eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to this paragraph:

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Save Ellis Island, Inc.	Pedestrian Walkway Restoration	Hudson	Jersey City	<u>\$400,000</u>
TOTAL				<u>\$400,000</u>

(2) 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 project listed in subsection a. of this section is 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. For the purposes of this subsection, "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 January 12, 2003.