

CHAPTER 244

AN ACT appropriating \$3,000,000 from the "Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund" for grants to qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes.

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

1. a. There is appropriated to the State Agriculture Development Committee the following sums for the purpose of providing grants to qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations listed in subsection b. of this section 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:

(1) \$1,900,000 from the "Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund," established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-20); and

(2) \$1,100,000 from the "Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund," made available due to project withdrawals and canceled obligations.

The total expenditure by the State Agriculture Development Committee from the list of eligible projects in subsection b. of this section totaling \$3,175,000 shall not exceed \$3,000,000.

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

Applicant (Farm)	County	Municipality	Acres (+/-)	Amount of Grant Not to Exceed
The Nature Conservancy (Sim Place)	Burlington	Bass River Twp	3,395	\$1,500,000
The Nature Conservancy (Sourland Mountains)			2,125	1,500,000
	Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp		
	Somerset	Hillsborough Twp		
Ridge & Valley Conservancy (Glenview Farm)	Warren	Blairstown Twp	40	75,000
Ridge & Valley Conservancy (Dunne Farm)	Warren	White Twp	40	100,000

2. 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.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 12, 2004.