

CHAPTER 185

AN ACT appropriating moneys from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund" and various Green Acres bond funds 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), and from the Green Trust funds established pursuant to the Green Acres bond acts, the sum of \$16,575,000 to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units in central New Jersey 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 | \$1,050,000 |
| Bethlehem Twp | Hunterdon | Open Space Plan Implementation Acq | 575,000 |
| Clinton Twp | Hunterdon | Open Space Acq Plan | 575,000 |
| Delaware Twp | Hunterdon | Open Space Acq | 400,000 |
| Kingwood Twp | Hunterdon | Open Space Plan Acq | 400,000 |
| Lebanon Twp | Hunterdon | Open Space Plan Acq | 575,000 |
| Readington Twp | Hunterdon | Greenway Incentive Plan Acq | 400,000 |
| Tewksbury Twp | Hunterdon | Recreation and Open Space Plan Acq | 575,000 |
| Union Twp | Hunterdon | Union Township Open Space Plan Acq | 575,000 |
| East Windsor Twp | Mercer | East Windsor Open Space Acq | 400,000 |
| Hopewell Twp | Mercer | Hopewell Open Space Acq | 400,000 |
| Princeton Twp | Mercer | Princeton Open Space Acq | 400,000 |
| Washington Twp | Mercer | Green Links Program Acq | 400,000 |
| West Windsor Twp | Mercer | West Windsor Planning Inc. Acq | 400,000 |
| Cranbury Twp | Middlesex | Cranbury Twp Acq | 400,000 |
| Plainsboro Twp | Middlesex | Plainsboro Preservation Acq | 400,000 |
| Aberdeen Twp | Monmouth | Aberdeen Land Acq | 400,000 |
| Atlantic Highlands Boro | Monmouth | Atlantic Highlands Boro Open Space Acq | 400,000 |
| Freehold Twp | Monmouth | Freehold Acq Plan | 400,000 |
| Manasquan Boro | Monmouth | Manasquan Boro Open Space Acq | 400,000 |
| Millstone Twp | Monmouth | Millstone Planning Incentive Acq - Project Evergreen | 400,000 |
| Upper Freehold Twp | Monmouth | Upper Freehold Open Space Acq - 2000 | 400,000 |
| Somerset County | Somerset | County Open Space Acq | 1,050,000 |
| Bedminster Twp | Somerset | Bedminster Parks Exp Acq | 575,000 |

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| Branchburg Twp | Somerset | Branchburg Open Space and Greenway Acq | 400,000 |
| Montgomery Twp | Somerset | Open Space Acq 5 | 400,000 |
| Peapack-Gladstone Boro | Somerset | Open Space Acq | 575,000 |
| Warren Twp | Somerset | Warren Twp Planning Incentive Acq | 400,000 |
| SUBTOTAL | | | \$13,725,000 |

(2) Site Specific Incentive Acquisition Projects:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY | PROJECT | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Lambertville City | Hunterdon | Lambertville Open Space Project Acq | \$400,000 |
| Hopewell Boro | Mercer | St. Michael's Orphanage Site Acq | 400,000 |
| Wall Twp | Monmouth | Ridge Road Sand Mine Acq | 400,000 |
| SUBTOTAL | | | \$1,200,000 |

(3) Standard Acquisition Projects:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY | PROJECT | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Frenchtown Boro | Hunterdon | Nishisakawick Watershed Phase I Acq | \$400,000 |
| Rumson Boro | Monmouth | Gunning Island Acq | 400,000 |
| Millstone Boro | Somerset | Rezem Land Acq | 400,000 |
| SUBTOTAL | | | \$1,200,000 |

(4) Development Projects:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY | PROJECT | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Freehold Twp | Monmouth | Opatut Park Dev | \$100,000 |
| Holmdel Twp | Monmouth | Cross Farm Park Dev | 350,000 |
| SUBTOTAL | | | \$450,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES | | | \$16,575,000 |

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.2005, c.183, P.L.2005, c.184, or P.L.2005, c.186, 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.

d. 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.

2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005 or on the date of enactment, whichever is later.

Approved August 8, 2005.