

CHAPTER 95

AN ACT concerning farmland preservation and appropriating monies from the “2007 Farmland Preservation Fund” and 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 from the “2007 Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section 18 of the “Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007,” P.L.2007, c.119, and from the “Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund,” established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-20), 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) \$6,350,000 from the “2007 Farmland Preservation Fund”; and

(2) \$100,000 from the "Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund," made available due to project withdrawals, canceled obligations, and reallocation of monies previously appropriated pursuant to P.L.2003, c.82, P.L.2003, c.83, P.L.2003, c.244, P.L.2005, c.17, and P.L.2005, c.180.

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

Applicant (Project)	Farm	County	Municipality	Amount of Grant Not to Exceed
Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance	Toll Brothers Faller Estate Krebs	Hunterdon Hunterdon Hunterdon	West Amwell Twp Kingwood Twp Raritan Twp	\$825,000
Lamington Conservancy	Dyck	Somerset	Bedminster Twp	\$500,000
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	Ayers/Goldman Frankford Farm Bain Estate	Sussex Sussex	Frankford Twp Frankford Twp	\$500,000
Monmouth Conservation Foundation	Keris Monmouth Conservation Foundation	Monmouth Monmouth	Upper Freehold Twp Howell Twp	\$825,000
New Jersey Agriculture Land Trust	Fichera Droppa Van Ripper	Salem Salem Warren	Mannington Twp Lower Alloways Creek Twp & Quinton Twp Franklin Twp	\$825,000
New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Fisher Cianfrani NJCF/Fichera	Hunterdon Salem Salem	Delaware Twp Alloway Twp Mannington Twp	\$825,000
Ridge and Valley Conservancy	Scotto Land Investments	Sussex	Andover Twp	\$825,000

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South Jersey Land and Water Trust	DiGregorio Yetneck	Salem Salem	Carneys Point Twp Carneys Point Twp	\$500,000
Upper Raritan Watershed Association	Spook Hollow	Somerset	Bedminster Twp	\$825,000

2. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2007, c.119, 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 August 6, 2009.