

CHAPTER 23

AN ACT appropriating \$24,290,379 from the “2009 Farmland Preservation Fund” and the “Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund” to the State Agriculture Development Committee 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 “2009 Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section 18 of the “Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009,” P.L.2009, c.117, 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 to pay the cost of acquisition by the committee of development easements on, or fee simple titles to, farmland, to provide grants to counties and municipalities for up to 80% of the cost of acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland, and to provide grants to qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations for up to 50% of the cost of acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland, for farmland preservation purposes for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to the “Agriculture Retention and Development Act,” P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), “Garden State Preservation Trust Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), and “Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009,” P.L.2009, c.117:

(1) \$20,388,596 from the “2009 Farmland Preservation Fund”;

(2) \$244,989 from the “Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund,” made available due to project withdrawals, canceled obligations, and the reallocation of previously appropriated funds for the acquisition of development easements on farmland; and

(3) \$6,794 from the “Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund,” made available from proceeds received from the resale or lease of farmland previously acquired in fee simple by the committee.

b. Any farmland acquired in fee simple with monies appropriated pursuant to this section shall be offered for resale or lease with agricultural deed restrictions approved by the committee.

2. There is appropriated 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 such sums from any additional proceeds which may become available by the effective date of this act due to the resale or lease of farmland previously acquired in fee simple by the committee, for the purpose of providing for the cost of acquisition by the committee of development easements and fee simple titles to farmland for farmland preservation purposes pursuant to subsection a. of section 1 of this act. Any farmland acquired in fee simple with monies appropriated pursuant to this section shall be offered for resale or lease with agricultural deed restrictions approved by the committee.

3. Of the monies appropriated or reappropriated pursuant to P.L.1999, c.138, P.L.2000, c.78, P.L.2000, c.169, P.L.2001, c.104, and P.L.2001, c.183 from the “Garden State Farmland Preservation Trust Fund,” established pursuant to section 20 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-20), the sum of \$244,989 is made available due to project withdrawals, canceled obligations, and the reallocation of previously appropriated funds for the acquisition of development easements on farmland.

4. There is appropriated from the “2009 Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section 18 of the “Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009,” P.L.2009, c.117, to the State Agriculture Development Committee the sum of \$3,450,000 for the purpose of providing funding for the organizational, administrative and other work and services, including salaries, equipment, materials and services necessary to administer the applicable provisions of P.L.2009, c.117.

5. There is appropriated from the “2009 Farmland Preservation Fund,” established pursuant to section 18 of the “Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009,” P.L.2009, c.117, to the State Agriculture Development Committee the sum of \$200,000 for the purpose of providing for the review of appraisals for all farmland preservation programs administered by the State Agriculture Development Committee pursuant to P.L.2009, c.117.

6. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.1983, c.32 (C.4:1C-11 et seq.), and P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), as appropriate.

7. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 25, 2013.