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**AN ACT** appropriating \$88,592,361 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” and various Green Acres bond funds to assist local government units 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. As used in this act:

“Densely or highly populated municipality” means a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile, or a population of at least 35,000 persons, according to the latest federal decennial census.

“Densely populated county” means a county with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

“Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” means the fund established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19).

“Green Acres bond act” means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, 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.

“Highly populated county” means a county with a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the following sums for the purpose of providing grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 3 of this act and for the purpose of providing grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 4 of this act:

a. \$1,700,000 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund,” made available due to loan repayments;

b. \$19,330,422 from the “1995 New Jersey Green Trust Fund,” established pursuant to section 23 of the “Green Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995,” P.L.1995, c.204, made available due to loan repayments and interest earnings;

c. \$7,147,246 from the “1992 New Jersey Green Trust Fund,” established pursuant to section 22 of the “Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,” P.L.1992, c.88, made available due to loan repayments and interest earnings;

d. \$24,205,185 from the “1989 New Jersey Green Trust Fund,” established pursuant to section 19 of the “Open Space Preservation Bond Act of 1989,” P.L.1989, c.183, made available due to loan repayments and interest earnings;

e. \$31,285,106 from the “Green Trust Fund,” established pursuant to section 16 of the “New Jersey Green Acres Bond Act of 1983,” P.L.1983, c.354, made available due to loan repayments and interest earnings; and

f. \$4,924,402 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to project cancellations, withdrawals, and cost savings.

3. a. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

(1) Planning Incentive Acquisition Projects:

| LOCAL<br>GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY | PROJECT | APPROVED<br>AMOUNT |
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| Oakland Boro        | Bergen     | Open Space & Recreation Plan                     | \$550,000 |
| Ridgewood Village   | Bergen     | Open Space Project                               | 415,000   |
| River Vale Twp      | Bergen     | Watershed Property Acq                           | 550,000   |
| Bordentown Twp      | Burlington | Bordentown Twp Open Space Acq                    | 550,000   |
| Eastampton Twp      | Burlington | Planning Incentive                               | 550,000   |
| Medford Twp         | Burlington | Open Space Incentive                             | 550,000   |
| Moorestown Twp      | Burlington | Open Space Preservation Plan                     | 550,000   |
| Gibbsboro Boro      | Camden     | Greenway Acq                                     | 3,000     |
| Haddonfield Boro    | Camden     | Open Space Acq                                   | 550,000   |
| Voorhees Twp        | Camden     | Planning Incentive Grant                         | 199,000   |
| Cumberland County   | Cumberland | Trails & Open Space Acq                          | 500,000   |
| Upper Deerfield Twp | Cumberland | Open Space Acq                                   | 550,000   |
| Gloucester County   | Gloucester | Open Space Plan                                  | 1,100,000 |
| Harrison Twp        | Gloucester | Planning Incentive Grant                         | 315,750   |
| Woolwich Twp        | Gloucester | Open Space Plan                                  | 375,000   |
| Clinton Twp         | Hunterdon  | Open Space Acq                                   | 550,000   |
| Delaware Twp        | Hunterdon  | Open Space Acq                                   | 550,000   |
| East Amwell Twp     | Hunterdon  | Open Space & Recreation Plan                     | 310,000   |
| Franklin Twp        | Hunterdon  | Franklin Open Space Plan                         | 220,000   |
| High Bridge Boro    | Hunterdon  | Open Space Plan                                  | 550,000   |
| Kingwood Twp        | Hunterdon  | Open Space Plan                                  | 550,000   |
| Raritan Twp         | Hunterdon  | Land Acq Plan                                    | 550,000   |
| Readington Twp      | Hunterdon  | Greenway Incentive Plan                          | 550,000   |
| Tewksbury Twp       | Hunterdon  | Recreation and Open Space Plan                   | 350,000   |
| East Windsor Twp    | Mercer     | East Windsor Open Space Acq                      | 550,000   |
| Hopewell Boro       | Mercer     | Hopewell Boro Greenbelt Acq                      | 100,000   |
| Hopewell Twp        | Mercer     | Hopewell Open Space Acq                          | 550,000   |
| Pennington Boro     | Mercer     | Pennington Greenbelt Planning Incentive          | 200,000   |
| Princeton Boro      | Mercer     | Princeton Open Space Acq                         | 550,000   |
| West Windsor Twp    | Mercer     | West Windsor Planning Inc.                       | 550,000   |
| Millstone Twp       | Monmouth   | Millstone Planning Incentive – Project Evergreen | 550,000   |
| Tinton Falls Boro   | Monmouth   | Tinton Falls Acq                                 | 550,000   |
| Chester Twp         | Morris     | Chester Twp Open Space Acq                       | 205,000   |
| Hanover Twp         | Morris     | Open Space Acq                                   | 300,000   |

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| Harding Twp               | Morris   | Harding Open Space Acq                 | 550,000             |
| Madison Boro              | Morris   | Madison Boro Open Space Acq            | 500,000             |
| Mendham Twp               | Morris   | Mendham Twp Open Space Acq             | 187,800             |
| Pequanock Twp             | Morris   | Planning Incentive                     | 302,000             |
| Rockaway Twp              | Morris   | Open Space Acq                         | 550,000             |
| Ocean County              | Ocean    | Planning Incentive Grant               | 1,375,000           |
| Little Egg Harbor Twp     | Ocean    | Planning Incentive                     | 550,000             |
| Point Pleasant Beach Boro | Ocean    | Open Space & Recreation Acq            | 550,000             |
| Bedminster Twp            | Somerset | Bedminster Parks Exp                   | 521,000             |
| Montgomery Twp            | Somerset | Open Space Acq 5                       | 550,000             |
| Peapack-Gladstone Boro    | Somerset | Open Space Acq                         | 550,000             |
| Wantage Twp               | Sussex   | Wantage Twp Open Space Plan            | 550,000             |
| Warren County             | Warren   | Warren County Open Space Plan          | 1,000,000           |
| Allamuchy Twp             | Warren   | Allamuchy Twp Open Space Acq           | 150,000             |
| Alpha Boro                | Warren   | Alpha Borough Open Space               | 350,000             |
| Blairstown Twp            | Warren   | Blairstown Township Planning Incentive | 165,000             |
| Frelinghuysen Twp         | Warren   | Open Space & Recreation Plan           | 200,000             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              |          |  | <b>\$24,193,550</b> |

(2) Site Specific Incentive Acquisition Projects:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY     | PROJECT                          | APPROVED AMOUNT    |
|-----------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Mantua Twp            | Gloucester | Fossil Park Acq                  | \$550,000          |
| Lambertville City     | Hunterdon  | McCann Tract Acq                 | 470,000            |
| Long Hill Twp         | Morris     | Passaic River Basin Property Acq | 500,000            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |            |                                  | <b>\$1,520,000</b> |

(3) Standard Acquisition Projects:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY   | PROJECT                            | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Brigantine City       | Atlantic | Former Gulf Station Acq            | \$27,125        |
| Hammonton Town        | Atlantic | Hammonton Lake Park Expansion      | 550,000         |
| Westwood Boro         | Bergen   | Flood Damaged Properties Acq       | 200,000         |
| North Caldwell Boro   | Essex    | North Caldwell Boro Open Space Acq | 550,000         |

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| Secaucus Town     | Hudson    | Downtown Recreation Acq                | 550,000            |
| Milltown Boro     | Middlesex | Acquisition for Public Park            | 311,750            |
| Ocean Twp         | Monmouth  | Blue Acres Matching funds              | 550,000            |
| Lincoln Park Boro | Morris    | Lincoln Park Floodplain Acq<br>Project | 550,000            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      |           |  | <b>\$3,288,875</b> |

b. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes located in municipalities eligible to receive State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.), either as of June 30, 2014 or the effective date of this act, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

| <b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT</b> | <b>COUNTY</b> | <b>PROJECT</b>                       | <b>APPROVED AMOUNT</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Bloomfield Twp               | Essex         | Third River Park and Preserve        | \$1,100,000            |
| Union City                   | Hudson        | Weehawken – Union City Reservoir Acq | 1,100,000              |
| Weehawken Twp                | Hudson        | Weehawken – Union City Reservoir Acq | 1,100,000              |
| Carteret Boro                | Middlesex     | Noe Street Park Acq                  | 1,042,500              |
| Asbury Park City             | Monmouth      | Bradley Cove Acq                     | 1,100,000              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |               |                                      | <b>\$5,442,500</b>     |

c. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by densely populated counties or highly populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

| <b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT</b> | <b>COUNTY</b> | <b>PROJECT</b>                   | <b>APPROVED AMOUNT</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| New Milford Boro             | Bergen        | New Milford Open Space Plan      | \$425,000              |
| North Arlington Boro         | Bergen        | River Road Acq                   | 362,500                |
| Evesham Twp                  | Burlington    | Planning Incentive               | 570,000                |
| Mount Laurel Twp             | Burlington    | Mt. Laurel Acq Plan              | 825,000                |
| Gloucester Twp               | Camden        | Open Space Acq                   | 1,100,000              |
| Washington Twp               | Gloucester    | Open Space & Recreation Project  | 825,000                |
| Harrison Town                | Hudson        | Waterfront Park Walkway Acq      | 825,000                |
| Mercer County                | Mercer        | Mercer County Planning Incentive | 1,375,000              |
| Hamilton Twp                 | Mercer        | Hamilton Twp Open Space Acq      | 410,000                |
| North Brunswick Twp          | Middlesex     | North Brunswick Plan             | 825,000                |

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| South Brunswick Twp  | Middlesex | Open Space Acq                            | 744,000             |
| Monmouth County      | Monmouth  | Planning Incentive Acq                    | 1,375,000           |
| Marlboro Twp         | Monmouth  | Marlboro Open Space Acq                   | 825,000             |
| Middletown Twp       | Monmouth  | Middletown Twp Planning Incentive         | 825,000             |
| Morris County        | Morris    | Morris County Planning Incentive          | 1,175,000           |
| Manchester Twp       | Ocean     | Planning Incentive                        | 825,000             |
| Seaside Heights Boro | Ocean     | Marina Acq                                | 825,000             |
| Somerset County      | Somerset  | County Open Space Acq                     | 1,375,000           |
| Franklin Twp         | Somerset  | Open Space Plan Acq                       | 825,000             |
| Union County         | Union     | Union County Open Space & Recreation Plan | 1,650,000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>         |           |   | <b>\$17,986,500</b> |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>   |           |   | <b>\$52,431,425</b> |

4. a. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY   | PROJECT                                   | APPROVED AMOUNT    |
|-----------------------|----------|---|--------------------|
| Buena Vista Twp       | Atlantic | Michael Debbi Park Improvements           | \$550,000          |
| Cape May City         | Cape May | Lafayette Street Park Development Phase 1 | 500,000            |
| Wildwood City         | Cape May | Fox Park Improvements                     | 550,000            |
| Manasquan Boro        | Monmouth | Mallard Park Improvements                 | 550,000            |
| Barnegat Twp          | Ocean    | Barnegat Blvd Rec Complex                 | 550,000            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          |          |   | <b>\$2,700,000</b> |

b. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in municipalities eligible to receive State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.) either as of June 30, 2014 or the effective date of this act, or sponsored by densely populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY     | PROJECT                            | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Garfield City         | Bergen     | 20th Century Field Improvements    | \$1,100,000     |
| Burlington County     | Burlington | Willingboro Lakes Park Development | 1,100,000       |

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| Mount Holly Twp    | Burlington | Mill Dam Park Redevelopment                  | 1,100,000           |
| Pemberton Twp      | Burlington | West End Park Development                    | 1,100,000           |
| Camden City        | Camden     | Whitman Park Improvement Project             | 300,000             |
| Winslow Twp        | Camden     | Daniel Calabrese Memorial Park               | 306,500             |
| Bridgeton City     | Cumberland | City Park Splash Park                        | 400,000             |
| Vineland City      | Cumberland | Multi-Field Improvements                     | 330,000             |
| Essex County       | Essex      | Multi-Park Improvements                      | 1,650,000           |
| East Orange City   | Essex      | Elmwood Park Court Reconstruction            | 990,000             |
| Irvington Twp      | Essex      | 40th Street Park Upgrades                    | 650,500             |
| Newark City        | Essex      | Jesse Allen Park                             | 850,000             |
| Orange City Twp    | Essex      | Multi-Park Development Project               | 1,100,000           |
| Glassboro Boro     | Gloucester | Town Square Park Improvements                | 850,000             |
| Monroe Twp         | Gloucester | Monroe Township Dog Park                     | 780,000             |
| Woodbury City      | Gloucester | Woodbury Creek/Stewart Lake Improvements     | 700,000             |
| Hudson County      | Hudson     | Lincoln Park West Development Project        | 1,650,000           |
| Jersey City        | Hudson     | Berry Lane Park Development                  | 1,100,000           |
| Kearny Town        | Hudson     | Gunnell Oval Sports Complex Reconstruction   | 1,100,000           |
| North Bergen Twp   | Hudson     | 76th Street Little League Field Improvements | 1,100,000           |
| West New York Town | Hudson     | Donnelly and Veteran's Park Rehab            | 1,100,000           |
| Middlesex County   | Middlesex  | Medwick Park 2                               | 1,375,000           |
| Perth Amboy City   | Middlesex  | Raritan Riverfront Park                      | 1,100,000           |
| Woodbridge Twp     | Middlesex  | East William Street Park Development         | 105,000             |
| Long Branch City   | Monmouth   | Manahasset Creek Park                        | 624,800             |
| Neptune Twp        | Monmouth   | Shark River Marina Improvements              | 400,000             |
| Brick Twp          | Ocean      | Multi-Park Improvements                      | 1,100,000           |
| Lakewood Twp       | Ocean      | Multi-Park Improvements                      | 1,100,000           |
| Passaic County     | Passaic    | Garret Mountain Improvements                 | 1,375,000           |
| Passaic City       | Passaic    | McDonald Brook Improvements Ph II            | 1,100,000           |
| Plainfield City    | Union      | Multi-Parks Improvements                     | 1,100,000           |
| Roselle Boro       | Union      | Arminio Field Park Improvement               | 1,100,000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       |            |  | <b>\$29,836,800</b> |

c. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

| <b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT</b> | <b>COUNTY</b> | <b>PROJECT</b>                 | <b>APPROVED AMOUNT</b> |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Cliffside Park Boro          | Bergen        | Zalewski Park Improvements     | \$79,000               |
| Teaneck Twp                  | Bergen        | Terhune North Trail            | 60,136                 |
| Caldwell Boro                | Essex         | Kiwanis Oval Field Improvement | 825,000                |
| Guttenberg Town              | Hudson        | Multi Park Improvements        | 185,000                |
| Belmar Boro                  | Monmouth      | Maclearie Park Improvements    | 825,000                |
| Red Bank Boro                | Monmouth      | Count Basie Park Phase III     | 825,000                |
| Wayne Twp                    | Passaic       | Alps Road Ballfields           | 825,000                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 |               |                                | <b>\$3,624,136</b>     |
| <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>           |               |                                | <b>\$36,160,936</b>    |

5. a. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or type, listed in section 3 or 4 of this act shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

b. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in section 3 or 4 of this act 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 this act, 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.

6. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the purposes of providing:

(1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this act; and

(2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to 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 this act, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection such sums as may be, or may become, available on or before June 30, 2015, due to interest earnings or loan repayments in any "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to a Green Acres bond act or in the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," for the purpose of providing:

(1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this act; and

(2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to 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 this act, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

7. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 10, 2015.