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AN ACT appropriating \$8,872,682 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues to provide grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations 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 the sum of \$8,872,682 from the dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), and the unexpended balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund – Constitutional Dedication account and the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund Administrative Costs – Constitutional Dedication account made available for this purpose pursuant to the provisions of P.L.2019, c.150, for the purpose of providing grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection b. of this section, to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection c. of this section, and to undertake stewardship activities pursuant to subsection d. of this section:

b. The following projects for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section:

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
(1) Beautiful Mountainside	Levi Cory Park Acq	Union	Mountainside Boro	\$250,000
(2) D & R Greenway Land Trust	Greenway Acq	Burlington	Beverly City Bordentown City Bordentown Twp Burlington City Burlington Twp Chesterfield Twp Cinnaminson Twp Delanco Twp Delran Twp Edgewater Park Twp Fieldsboro Boro Florence Twp Hainesport Twp Mansfield Twp Maple Shade Twp Moorestown Twp Mount Holly Twp Mount Laurel Twp Palmyra Boro Riverside Twp Riverton Boro Springfield Twp Westampton Twp Willingboro Twp	500,000
		Camden	Audubon Boro Audubon Park Boro Brooklawn Boro Camden City Cherry Hill Twp Collingswood Boro Gloucester City Haddon Heights Boro	

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			Haddon Twp Haddonfield Boro Merchantville Boro Mount Ephraim Boro Oaklyn Boro Pennsauken Twp Woodlynne Boro	
		Cumberland	Deerfield Twp Fairfield Twp Greenwich Twp Hopewell Twp Stow Creek Twp Upper Deerfield Twp	
		Gloucester	National Park Boro West Deptford Twp Westville Boro	
		Hunterdon	All municipalities	
		Mercer	All municipalities	
		Middlesex	All municipalities	
		Monmouth	All municipalities	
		Morris	All municipalities	
		Salem	Elsinboro Twp Lower Alloways Creek Twp Mannington Twp Pennsville Twp	
		Somerset	All municipalities	
(3) Friends of Hopewell Quarry, Inc.	Quarry Swim Club	Mercer	Hopewell Twp	250,000
(4) Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space	Hopewell Valley Park Acq	Mercer	Ewing Twp Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Pennington Boro	250,000
(5) Friends of Princeton Open Space	Millstone River Watershed	Mercer	Princeton Boro	250,000
(6) Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation	Watershed Protection Program	Sussex	Frankford Twp	250,000
(7) Hunterdon Land Trust	Hunterdon Open Space Plan Priority Areas	Hunterdon	All municipalities	250,000
(8) Lamington Conservancy	Central Lamington Project	Hunterdon	Readington Twp Tewksbury Twp	210,772
		Morris	Chester Twp Washington Twp	
		Somerset	Bedminster Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro	
(9) Monmouth Conservation Foundation	Open Space Plans 2	Monmouth	All municipalities	250,000
(10) New Jersey Conservation	Priority Area Acq	Atlantic	Buena Vista Twp Egg Harbor City	500,000

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Foundation

Egg Harbor Twp
Estell Manor City
Folsom Boro
Galloway Twp
Hamilton Twp
Hammonton Town
Mullica Twp
Weymouth Twp

Burlington

Bass River Twp
Beverly City
Bordentown City
Bordentown Twp
Burlington City
Burlington Twp
Chesterfield Twp
Cinnaminson Twp
Delanco Twp
Delran Twp
Evesham Twp
Fieldsboro Boro
Florence Twp
Mansfield Twp
Medford Twp
New Hanover Twp
North Hanover Twp
Pemberton Twp
Shamong Twp
Southampton Twp
Springfield Twp
Tabernacle Twp
Washington Twp
Woodland Twp

Camden

Camden City
Merchantville Boro
Pennsauken Twp

Cape May

Lower Twp
Middle Twp

Cumberland

Fairfield Twp
Greenwich Twp
Hopewell Twp
Maurice River Twp
Millville City
Stow Creek Twp
Upper Deerfield Twp
Vineland City

Gloucester

Logan Twp
South Harrison Twp
Woolwich Twp

Hunterdon

Alexandria Twp
Bethlehem Twp
Clinton Twp
Delaware Twp
East Amwell Twp
Franklin Twp
Frenchtown Boro
Holland Twp
Kingwood Twp
Lambertville City
Lebanon Boro
Lebanon Twp
Milford Boro
Raritan Twp
Readington Twp
Stockton Boro
Tewksbury Twp
West Amwell Twp

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Mercer	East Windsor Twp Ewing Twp Hamilton Twp Hightstown Boro Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Trenton City Princeton Boro Robbinsville Twp West Windsor Twp
Middlesex	Edison Twp
Monmouth	Allentown Boro Millstone Twp Upper Freehold Twp
Morris	All municipalities
Ocean	Lacey Twp Ocean Twp Plumsted Twp
Passaic	West Milford Twp
Salem	Alloway Twp Carneys Point Twp Elmer Boro Elsinboro Twp Lower Alloways Creek Twp Mannington Twp Oldmans Twp Pennsville Twp Pilesgrove Twp Pittsgrove Twp Quinton Twp Upper Pittsgrove Twp Woodstown Boro
Somerset	Bedminster Twp Bernards Twp Bernardsville Boro Branchburg Twp Bridgewater Twp Far Hills Boro Hillsborough Twp Montgomery Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro Raritan Boro
Sussex	Andover Twp Byram Twp Frankford Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hopatcong Boro Sparta Twp Vernon Twp Wantage Twp
Union	Linden City Springfield Twp Union Twp
Warren	Blairstown Twp Franklin Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Greenwich Twp Hardwick Twp Harmony Twp Lopatcong Twp

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			Mansfield Twp Pohatcong Twp Washington Twp White Twp	
(11) Open Space Institute Land Trust	Project Priority Areas	Bergen	All municipalities	250,000
		Hudson	All municipalities	
		Morris	All municipalities	
		Warren	All municipalities	
(12) Passaic River Coalition	Passaic River Preservation Project	Bergen	Allendale Boro Elmwood Park Boro Fair Lawn Boro Franklin Lakes Boro Garfield City Glen Rock Boro Hohokus Boro Lyndhurst Twp Mahwah Twp Midland Park Boro Montvale Boro Oakland Boro Ramsey Boro Ridgewood Village Rochelle Park Twp Rutherford Boro Saddle Brook Twp Saddle River Boro Upper Saddle River Boro Waldwick Boro Wallington Boro Wyckoff Twp	250,000
		Essex	Belleville Twp Caldwell Boro Cedar Grove Twp Essex Fells Twp Fairfield Twp Glen Ridge Boro Livingston Twp Millburn Twp Montclair Twp Newark City North Caldwell Boro Nutley Twp Roseland Boro Verona Twp West Caldwell Twp West Orange Twp	
		Morris	Boonton Town Boonton Twp Butler Boro Chatham Boro Chatham Twp Chester Twp Denville Twp Dover Town East Hanover Twp Florham Park Boro Hanover Twp Harding Twp Jefferson Twp Kinnelon Boro Lincoln Park Boro Long Hill Twp Madison Boro Mendham Boro Mendham Twp Montville Twp	

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			Morris Plains Boro	
			Morris Twp	
			Morristown Town	
			Mount Arlington Boro	
			Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp	
			Pequannock Twp	
			Randolph Twp	
			Riverdale Boro	
			Rockaway Boro	
			Rockaway Twp	
			Roxbury Twp	
		Passaic	Bloomington Boro	
			Clifton City	
			Hawthorne Boro	
			Little Falls Twp	
			Passaic City	
			Paterson City	
			Pompton Lakes Boro	
			Ringwood Boro	
			Totowa Boro	
			Wanaque Boro	
			Wayne Twp	
			West Milford Twp	
			Woodland Park Boro	
		Somerset	Bernards Twp	
			Bernardsville Boro	
			Far Hills Boro	
			Warren Twp	
		Sussex	Hardyston Twp	
			Sparta Twp	
			Vernon Twp	
		Union	Berkely Heights Twp	
			New Providence Boro	
			Summit City	
(13) Rancocas Conservancy	Rancocas Watershed Acq	Burlington	All municipalities	165,000
(14) Raritan Headwaters Association	Raritan Headwaters Acq	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	250,000
			Bethlehem Twp	
			Califon Boro	
			Clinton Town	
			Clinton Twp	
			Delaware Twp	
			East Amwell Twp	
			Flemington Boro	
			Franklin Twp	
			Glen Gardener Boro	
			Hampton Twp	
			High Bridge Boro	
			Lebanon Boro	
			Lebanon Twp	
			Raritan Twp	
			Readington Twp	
			Tewksbury Twp	
			Union Twp	
			West Amwell Twp	
		Morris	Chester Boro	
			Chester Twp	
			Mine Hill Twp	
			Mendham Boro Mendham Twp	
			Mount Arlington Twp	
			Mount Olive Twp	
			Randolph Twp	
			Roxbury Twp	
			Washington Twp	

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		Somerset	Bedminster Twp Bernards Twp Bernardsville Boro Branchburg Twp Bridgewater Twp Far Hills Boro Hillsborough Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro Raritan Boro	
(15) Ridge and Valley Conservancy	Open Space Conservation Plan	Sussex	Andover Boro Andover Twp Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hardyston Twp Lafayette Twp Sandyston Twp Stillwater Twp Wantage Twp	250,000
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Hardwick Twp Hope Twp Knowlton Twp Mansfield Twp White Twp	
(16) South Jersey Land and Water Trust	South Jersey Watersheds	Gloucester	All municipalities	75,000
		Salem	Carney's Point Twp Oldmans Twp Pilesgrove Twp	
(17) Tewksbury Land Trust	Land Acq	Hunterdon	Tewksbury Twp	196,447
(18) The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	Priority Areas Acq	Bergen	Franklin Lakes Boro Mahwah Twp Oakland Twp	500,000
		Essex	Bloomfield Twp Caldwell Boro Livingston Twp West Orange Twp	
		Middlesex	Woodbridge Twp	
		Morris	Boonton Twp Chatham Boro Chatham Twp Denville Twp East Hanover Twp Florham Park Boro Hanover Twp Jefferson Twp Kinnelon Boro Lincoln Park Boro Madison Boro Mine Hill Twp Montville Twp Morris Twp Morristown Town Mount Olive Twp Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp Pequannock Twp Randolph Twp Riverdale Boro Rockaway Twp Roxbury Twp	

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			Washington Twp	
		Passaic	Ringwood Boro West Milford Twp	
		Somerset	Bernardsville Boro Peapack-Gladstone Boro	
		Sussex	Andover Boro Andover Twp Byram Twp Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hopatcong Boro Lafayette Twp Sparta Twp Stillwater Twp Vernon Twp	
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Franklin Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Greenwich Twp Hardwick Twp Harmony Twp Hope Twp Pohatcong Twp White Twp	
(19) The Watershed Institute	Watershed Connectors	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Pennington Boro Princeton Boro	250,000
(20) Trust For Public Land	Project Priority Areas	Atlantic	Absecon City Egg Harbor City Egg Harbor Twp Galloway Twp Hamilton Twp Linwood City Northfield City Pleasantville City Port Republic City Somers Point City	500,000
		Bergen	All municipalities	
		Burlington	All municipalities	
		Camden	All municipalities	
		Cumberland	All municipalities	
		Essex	All municipalities	
		Gloucester	All municipalities	
		Hudson	All municipalities	
		Hunterdon	All municipalities	
		Mercer	Hamilton Twp Robbinsville Twp	
		Middlesex	Carteret Boro Old Bridge Twp Woodbridge Twp	
		Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp Allenhurst Boro	

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			Allentown Boro	
			Asbury Park City	
			Atlantic Highlands Boro	
			Avon-by-the-Sea Boro	
			Belmar Boro	
			Bradley Beach Boro	
			Brielle Boro	
			Deal Boro	
			Fair Haven Boro	
			Freehold Boro	
			Freehold Twp	
			Hazlet Twp	
			Highlands Boro	
			Howell Twp	
			Interlaken Boro	
			Keansburg Boro	
			Keyport Boro	
			Loch Arbour Village	
			Long Branch City	
			Manasquan Boro	
			Matawan Boro	
			Middletown Twp	
			Millstown Twp	
			Monmouth Beach Boro	
			Neptune Twp	
			Rumson Boro	
			Sea Bright Boro	
			Sea Girt Boro	
			Spring Lake Boro	
			Spring Lake Heights Boro	
			Union Beach Boro	
			Upper Freehold Twp	
			Wall Twp	
		Morris	All municipalities	
		Ocean	Barnegat Twp	
			Barnegat Light Boro	
			Berkeley Twp	
			Brick Twp	
			Eagleswood Twp	
			Jackson Twp	
			Lacey Twp	
			Lakewood Twp	
			Little Egg Harbor Twp	
			Long Beach Twp	
			Manchester Twp	
			Ocean Twp	
			Plumsted Twp	
			Stafford Twp	
			Toms River Twp	
			Tuckerton Boro	
		Passaic	All municipalities	
		Salem	All municipalities	
		Somerset	All municipalities	
		Sussex	All municipalities	
		Union	Linden City	
			Rahway City	
		Warren	All municipalities	
(21) Washington Twp Land Trust	Schooley's Mountain Corridor And Vicinity	Morris	Washington Twp	250,000
(22) YMCA Camp Ockanickon	Camp Ockanickon Conservation and	Burlington	Medford Twp Shamong Twp	250,000

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Recreation Program

TOTAL **\$6,147,219**

c. The following projects for the development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section:

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Branch Brook Park Alliance	Ballantine Gates Improvements	Essex	Newark City	\$250,000
Cooper's Ferry Partnership	N. Camden Waterfront Park II	Camden	Camden City	250,000
Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.	Highlands Field Improvements	Passaic	West Milford Twp	250,000
Hamilton Partnership for Paterson.	Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center Landscaping	Passaic	Paterson City	250,000
Passaic River Rowing Association	Passaic River Rowing Association Boathouse	Bergen	Lyndhurst Twp North Arlington Boro	250,000
Reeves-Reed Arboretum	Reeves-Reed Arboretum Improvements	Union	Summit City	250,000
South Mountain Conservancy	Locust Grove Improvements	Essex	Millburn Twp	174,230
Toms River Field of Dreams	Toms River Field of Dreams	Ocean	Toms River	250,000
TOTAL				\$1,924,230

d. The following stewardship activity projects are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section:

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Flat Rock Brook Nature Association	Boardwalk Trail Restoration	Bergen	Englewood City	\$72,500
Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.	Rea House Historic Landscape Restoration	Passaic	Hawthorne Boro	250,000
Harding Land Trust	Gatehouse Environmental Enhancement Project	Morris	Harding Twp	60,000
Hunterdon Land Trust	Dvoor Farm Stewardship	Hunterdon	Raritan Twp	168,533
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	West Brook Preserve Riparian Restoration Project	Passaic	West Milford Twp	130,000
The Watershed Institute	Habitat Restoration and Environmental Education Project	Mercer	Hopewell Twp	120,200
TOTAL				\$801,233

e. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or type, listed in subsection b., c., or d. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

f. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection b., c., or d. of this section are offered funding pursuant thereto, any project of a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organization 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 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.

g. 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 qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the purposes of: (1) this section; and (2) providing additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any project of a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organization 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, 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.

h. For the purposes of this section:

“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.

“Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” means the fund established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48).

“Stewardship activity” means the same as the term is defined in section 3 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-45).

2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), an amount determined by the State Treasurer to be necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 21, 2020.