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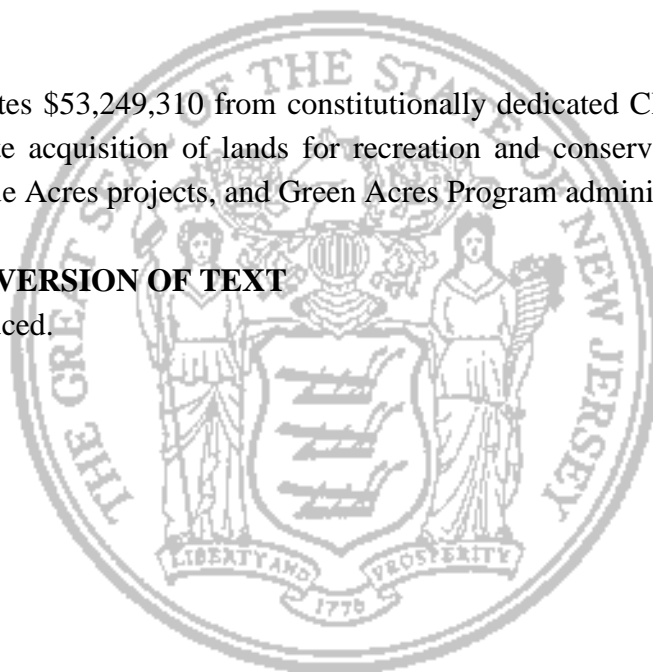
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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$53,249,310 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/19/2022)

1 AN ACT appropriating \$53,249,310 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues for the acquisition of lands by
3 the State for recreation and conservation purposes, including
4 Blue Acres projects, and certain administrative expenses.

5
6 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

8
9 1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
10 Environmental Protection the sum of \$40,600,760 from dedicated
11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
13 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
14 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
15 acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation
16 purposes in accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New
17 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). Of the amount
18 appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$207,000 is
19 available due to interest earnings on the dedicated corporation
20 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
21 6 of the State Constitution.

22 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
23 section shall be allocated for the acquisition of lands within the
24 locations of the projects set forth in paragraphs (1) through (10) of
25 this subsection:

Project	County	Municipality
(1) CAPE MAY PENINSULA		
	Cape May	Cape May City Cape May Point Boro Dennis Twp Lower Twp Middle Twp Ocean City Sea Isle City Upper Twp West Cape May Boro Woodbine Boro
(2) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION		
	Bergen	Bogota Boro Carlstadt Boro East Rutherford Boro Fort Lee Boro Garfield City Hackensack City Hasbrouck Heights Boro Leonora Boro Little Ferry Boro Lodi Boro Lyndhurst Twp

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1		Maywood Boro
2		Moonachie Boro
3		New Milford Boro
4		North Arlington Boro
5		Palisades Park Boro
6		Ridgefield Park Village
7		River Edge Boro
8		Rochelle Park Twp
9		Rutherford Boro
10		South Hackensack Twp
11		Teterboro Boro
12		Wallington Boro
13		Wood-Ridge Boro
14		
15	Burlington	Beverly City
16		Bordentown City
17		Bordentown Twp
18		Burlington City
19		Burlington Twp
20		Edgewater Park Twp
21		Fieldsboro Boro
22		Florence Twp
23		Hainesport Twp
24		Mansfield Twp
25		Maple Shade Twp
26		Moorestown Twp
27		Mount Holly Twp
28		Mount Laurel Twp
29		Palmyra Boro
30		Riverside Twp
31		Riverton Boro
32		Springfield Twp
33		Westampton Twp
34		Willingboro Twp
35		
36	Camden	Audubon Boro
37		Audubon Park Boro
38		Brooklawn Boro
39		Camden City
40		Cherry Hill Twp
41		Collingswood Boro
42		Gloucester City
43		Haddon Heights Boro
44		Haddon Twp
45		Haddonfield Boro
46		Merchantville Boro
47		Mount Ephraim Boro
48		Oaklyn Boro
49		Pennsauken Twp
50		Woodlynne Boro
51		
52	Essex	Belleville Twp
53		Irvington Twp
54		Livingston Twp
55		Maplewood Twp
56		Millburn Twp
57		Newark City
58		Nutley Twp

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1	Gloucester	National Park Boro
2		West Deptford Twp
3		Westville Boro
4	Hunterdon	
5		Delaware Twp
6		East Amwell Twp
7		Flemington Boro
8		Franklin Twp
9		Frenchtown Boro
10		Kingwood Twp
11		Lambertville City
12		Raritan Twp
13		Readington Twp
14		Stockton Boro
15		West Amwell Twp
16	Mercer	
17		All municipalities
18	Middlesex	
19		All municipalities
20	Monmouth	
21		Aberdeen Twp
22		Allentown Boro
23		Colts Neck Twp
24		Englishtown Boro
25		Freehold Boro
26		Freehold Twp
27		Holmdel Twp
28		Manalapan Twp
29		Marlboro Twp
30		Matawan Boro
31		Millstone Twp
32		Roosevelt Boro
33		Upper Freehold Twp
34		Wall Twp
35	Morris	
36		Boonton Town
37		Boonton Twp
38		Butler Boro
39		Chatham Boro
40		Chatham Twp
41		Chester Boro
42		Denville Twp
43		Dover Town
44		East Hanover Twp
45		Florham Park Boro
46		Hanover Twp
47		Harding Twp
48		Kinnelon Boro
49		Lincoln Park Boro
50		Long Hill Twp
51		Madison Boro
52		Mendham Boro
53		Mendham Twp
54		Mine Hill Twp
55		Montville Twp
56		Morris Plains Boro
57		Morris Twp
58		Morristown Town

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1		Mountain Lakes Boro
2		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
3		Pequannock Twp
4		Randolph Twp
5		Riverdale Boro
6		Rockaway Boro
7		Rockaway Twp
8		Victory Gardens Boro
9		Wharton Boro
10		
11	Passaic	Clifton City
12		Passaic City
13		
14	Somerset	All municipalities
15		
16	Union	All municipalities
17		
18	(3) DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY	
19		
20	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
21		Kingwood Twp
22		Lambertville City
23		Stockton Boro
24		West Amwell Twp
25		
26	Mercer	Ewing Twp
27		Hamilton Twp
28		Hopewell Twp
29		Lawrence Twp
30		Princeton Boro
31		Trenton City
32		
33	Middlesex	New Brunswick City
34		Plainsboro Twp
35		South Brunswick Twp
36		
37	Somerset	Franklin Twp
38		
39	(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY	
40		
41	Atlantic	Buena Boro
42		Buena Vista Twp
43		
44	Cape May	Dennis Twp
45		Lower Twp
46		Middle Twp
47		Upper Twp
48		
49	Cumberland	All municipalities
50		
51	Gloucester	Clayton Boro
52		Elk Twp
53		Franklin Twp
54		Glassboro Boro
55		Monroe Twp
56		Newfield Boro
57		
58	Salem	Alloway Twp

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1		Carneys Point Twp
2		Elmer Boro
3		Elsinboro Twp
4		Lower Alloways Creek Twp
5		Mannington Twp
6		Oldmans Twp
7		Pennsville Twp
8		Pilesgrove Twp
9		Pittsgrove Twp
10		Quinton Twp
11		Upper Pittsgrove Twp
12		Woodstown Boro
13		
14	(5) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY	
15		
16	Burlington	Bordentown City
17		Bordentown Twp
18		Chesterfield Twp
19		Cinnaminson Twp
20		Delanco Twp
21		Delran Twp
22		Eastampton Twp
23		Hainesport Twp
24		Lumberton Twp
25		Mansfield Twp
26		Medford Twp
27		Moorestown Twp
28		Mount Holly Twp
29		Mount Laurel Twp
30		North Hanover Twp
31		Pemberton Twp
32		Riverside Twp
33		Southampton Twp
34		Springfield Twp
35		Westhampton Twp
36		Willingboro Twp
37		
38	Camden	Berlin Twp
39		Camden City
40		Clementon Boro
41		Gibbsboro Boro
42		Gloucester Twp
43		Haddon Twp
44		Lindenwold Boro
45		Pine Hill Boro
46		Voorhees Twp
47		
48	Gloucester	Deptford Twp
49		East Greenwich Twp
50		Elk Twp
51		Greenwich Twp
52		Harrison Twp
53		Logan Twp
54		National Park Boro
55		South Harrison Twp
56		Westville Boro
57		Woolwich Twp
58		West Deptford Twp

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1	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
2		Delaware Twp
3		Frenchtown Boro
4		Kingwood Twp
5		Lambertville City
6		Stockton Boro
7		West Amwell Twp
8	Mercer	
9		Ewing Twp
10		Hamilton Twp
11		Hopewell Twp
12		Robbinsville Twp
13	Monmouth	Trenton City
14		
15		Allentown Boro
16		Millstone Twp
17	Ocean	Upper Freehold Twp
18		
19		Jackson Twp
20	Salem	Plumsted Twp
21		
22		Oldmans Twp
23		Pilesgrove Twp
24	(6) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY	Upper Pittsgrove Twp
25		
26	Bergen	
27		
28	Bergen	Mahwah Twp
29		Oakland Boro
30	Hunterdon	
31		Alexandria Twp
32		Bethlehem Twp
33		Bloomsbury Boro
34		Califon Boro
35		Clinton Town
36		Clinton Twp
37		Glen Gardner Boro
38		Hampton Boro
39		High Bridge Boro
40		Holland Twp
41		Lebanon Boro
42		Lebanon Twp
43		Milford Boro
44		Tewksbury Twp
45		Union Twp
46	Morris	
47		Boonton Town
48		Boonton Twp
49		Butler Boro
50		Chester Boro
51		Chester Twp
52		Denville Twp
53		Dover Town
54		Hanover Twp
55		Harding Twp
56		Jefferson Twp
57		Kinnelon Boro
58		Mendham Boro

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1		Mendham Twp
2		Mine Hill Twp
3		Montville Twp
4		Morris Plains Boro
5		Morris Twp
6		Morristown Town
7		Mount Arlington Boro
8		Mount Olive Twp
9		Mountain Lakes Boro
10		Netcong Boro
11		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
12		Pequannock Twp
13		Randolph Twp
14		Riverdale Boro
15		Rockaway Boro
16		Rockaway Twp
17		Roxbury Twp
18		Victory Gardens Boro
19		Washington Twp
20		Wharton Boro
21		
22	Passaic	Bloomington Boro
23		Pompton Lakes Boro
24		Ringwood Boro
25		Wanaque Boro
26		West Milford Twp
27		
28	Somerset	Bedminster Twp
29		Bernards Twp
30		Bernardsville Boro
31		Far Hills Boro
32		Peapack-Gladstone Boro
33		
34	Sussex	Byram Twp
35		Franklin Boro
36		Green Twp
37		Hamburg Boro
38		Hardyston Twp
39		Hopatcong Boro
40		Ogdensburg Boro
41		Sparta Twp
42		Stanhope Boro
43		Vernon Twp
44		
45	Warren	Allamuchy Twp
46		Alpha Boro
47		Belvidere Town
48		Franklin Twp
49		Frelinghuysen Twp
50		Greenwich Twp
51		Hackettstown Town
52		Harmony Twp
53		Hope Twp
54		Independence Twp
55		Liberty Twp
56		Lopatcong Twp
57		Mansfield Twp
58		Oxford Twp

1		Phillipsburg Town
2		Pohatcong Twp
3		Washington Boro
4		Washington Twp
5		White Twp
6		
7	(7) HISTORIC RESOURCES	
8		
9	<i>Allaire State Park</i>	
10		
11	Monmouth	Howell Twp
12		Wall Twp
13		
14	<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>	
15		
16	Salem	Pennsville Twp
17		
18	<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>	
19		
20	Somerset	Franklin Twp
21		
22	<i>Historic Sites</i>	
23		
24	Burlington	Medford Twp
25		
26	Monmouth	Red Bank Boro
27		
28	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>	
29		
30	Monmouth	Freehold Twp
31		Manalapan Twp
32		
33	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>	
34		
35	Bergen	New Milford Boro
36		River Edge Boro
37		
38	<i>Princeton Battlefield</i>	
39		
40	Mercer	Princeton Boro
41		
42	<i>Proprietary House</i>	
43		
44	Middlesex	Perth Amboy City
45		
46	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>	
47		
48	Somerset	Green Brook Twp
49		Watchung Boro
50		
51	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>	
52		
53	Somerset	Franklin Twp
54		
55	<i>Twin Lights</i>	
56		
57	Monmouth	Highlands Boro

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1	Washington Crossing State Park		
2			
3		Mercer	Ewing Twp
4			Hopewell Twp
5			
6	Waterloo Village		
7			
8		Sussex	Byram Twp
9			Stanhope Boro
10			
11	(8) PINELANDS		
12			
13		Atlantic	Brigantine City
14			Buena Boro
15			Buena Vista Twp
16			Corbin City
17			Egg Harbor City
18			Egg Harbor Twp
19			Estell Manor City
20			Folsom Boro
21			Galloway Twp
22			Hamilton Twp
23			Hammonton Town
24			Mullica Twp
25			Port Republic City
26			Weymouth Twp
27			
28		Burlington	Bass River Twp
29			Evesham Twp
30			Medford Lakes Boro
31			Medford Twp
32			New Hanover Twp
33			North Hanover Twp
34			Pemberton Twp
35			Shamong Twp
36			Southampton Twp
37			Springfield Twp
38			Tabernacle Twp
39			Washington Twp
40			Woodland Twp
41			Wrightstown Boro
42			
43		Camden	Berlin Boro
44			Berlin Twp
45			Chesilhurst Boro
46			Waterford Twp
47			Winslow Twp
48			
49		Cape May	Dennis Twp
50			Middle Twp
51			Upper Twp
52			Woodbine Boro
53			
54		Cumberland	Maurice River Twp
55			Vineland City
56			
57		Gloucester	Franklin Twp
58			Monroe Twp

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1	Ocean	Barnegat Twp
2		Beachwood Boro
3		Berkeley Twp
4		Eagleswood Twp
5		Jackson Twp
6		Lacey Twp
7		Lakehurst Boro
8		Little Egg Harbor Twp
9		Manchester Twp
10		Ocean Twp
11		Plumsted Twp
12		South Toms River Boro
13		Stafford Twp
14		Toms River Twp
15		Tuckerton Boro
16		
17	(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY	
18		
19	Sussex	Andover Boro
20		Andover Twp
21		Branchville Boro
22		Frankford Twp
23		Fredon Twp
24		Green Twp
25		Hampton Twp
26		Lafayette Twp
27		Montague Twp
28		Newton Town
29		Sandyston Twp
30		Stillwater Twp
31		Sussex Boro
32		Walpack Twp
33		Wantage Twp
34		
35	Warren	Blairstown Twp
36		Frelinghuysen Twp
37		Hackettstown Town
38		Hardwick Twp
39		Hope Twp
40		Knowlton Twp
41		Liberty Twp
42		
43	(10) URBAN PARKS	
44		
45	Bergen	Edgewater Boro
46		
47	Camden	Camden City
48		
49	Essex	Belleville Twp
50		Bloomfield Twp
51		Caldwell Boro
52		Cedar Grove Twp
53		East Orange City
54		Glen Ridge Boro
55		Irvington Twp
56		Maplewood Twp
57		Montclair Twp
58		Newark City

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1		Nutley Twp
2		Orange City Twp
3		South Orange Village Twp
4		West Orange Twp
5		
6	Hudson	All municipalities
7		
8	Mercer	Trenton City
9		
10	Middlesex	Edison Twp
11		
12	Monmouth	Long Branch City
13		
14	Passaic	Paterson City
15		Totowa Boro
16		
17	Union	Elizabeth City
18		Fanwood Boro
19		Garwood Boro
20		Hillside Twp
21		Linden City
22		Plainfield City
23		Rahway City
24		Roselle Boro
25		Roselle Park Boro
26		Union Twp
27		Winfield Twp
28		
29	TOTAL	\$40,600,760
30		

31 c. The expenditure of funds appropriated pursuant to
32 subsection a. of this section for any project listed in subsection b. of
33 this section shall not require the approval of the Joint Budget
34 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

35 d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
36 listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant
37 thereto, any State project that previously received funding
38 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
39 annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres
40 Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State
41 Preservation Trust Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the
42 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
43 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
44 (C.13:8C-48), for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
45 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
46 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
47 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

48 For the purposes of this subsection, “Green Acres bond act”
49 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
50 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

51

52 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
53 Environmental Protection the sum of \$10 million from dedicated

1 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
2 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
3 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
4 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
5 acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands
6 throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to
7 incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or
8 that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage. Of the
9 amount appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of
10 \$71,000 is available due to interest earnings on the dedicated
11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.

13 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
14 section shall be allocated as follows:

15

16 Project	County	Municipality	Amount
17 BLUE ACRES			\$10,000,000
18	Every county	Every municipality	
19			
20			
21			
22 TOTAL			\$10,000,000
23			

24 c. The expenditure of moneys appropriated pursuant to this
25 section is subject to the provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey
26 Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

27

28 3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
29 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
30 cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
31 reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual
32 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
33 Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State Preservation Trust
34 Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the “Preserve New
35 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
36 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for State
37 projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
38 purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as
39 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any
40 State project that previously received funding appropriated or
41 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
42 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
43 Fund, or the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for
44 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
45 approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of
46 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such
47 additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may
48 include administrative costs.

1 the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
2 purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition
3 by the State of lands, for recreation and conservation purposes,
4 located throughout the State within the ten project categories
5 identified in section 1 of the bill. The bill also appropriates \$10
6 million to the DEP to provide funding for the acquisition by the
7 State, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties
8 throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred flood or
9 storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such
10 damage, i.e., “Blue Acres” projects. In addition, the bill
11 appropriates \$2,648,550 to the DEP for the purposes of paying
12 administrative costs associated with administering the applicable
13 provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

14 The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established
15 by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” P.L.2019, c.136
16 amended the “Preserve New Jersey Act” to incorporate the purposes
17 of the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund” into the “Preserve
18 New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” rather than having two separate
19 funds, both providing moneys to the DEP’s Green Acres program
20 for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation
21 purposes. Of the funding allocated for the acquisition of lands for
22 recreation and conservation purposes by the State, a minimum of 10
23 percent is to be allocated for Blue Acres projects.

24 The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been
25 approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

26 Lastly, the bill authorizes the department to re-distribute certain
27 other moneys made available by project cancellations or cost
28 savings to provide additional funding, for recreation and
29 conservation purposes, to previously approved and funded State
30 projects, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
31 Committee. The bill provides that the additional funding, if
32 provided from a Green Acres bond act, may include administrative
33 costs.