

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5806**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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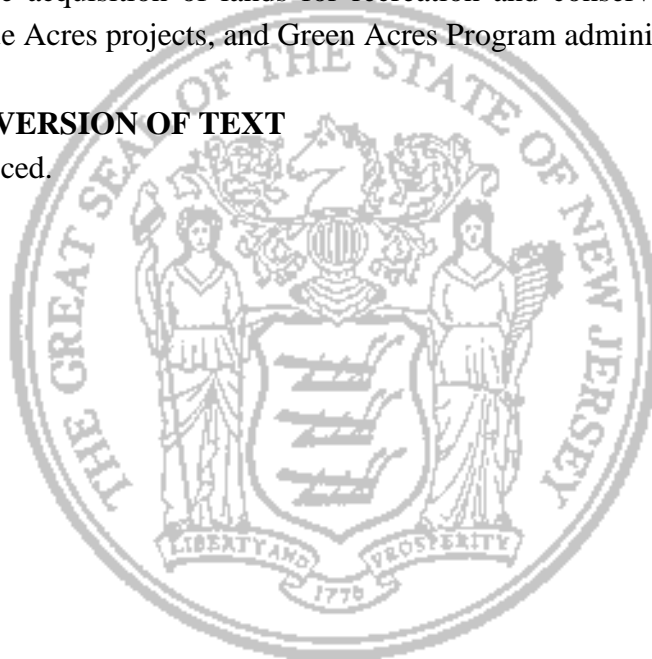
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Assemblywoman Speight, Assemblyman McKeon and Senator Turner**

**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$48 million 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: 1/8/2024)**

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1 AN ACT appropriating \$48 million 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 Environmental  
10 Protection the sum of \$35,835,000 from dedicated corporation  
11 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph  
12 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres  
13 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New  
14 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the acquisition of  
15 lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in  
16 accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”  
17 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). Of the amount appropriated  
18 pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$3,477,000 is available due  
19 to interest earnings on the dedicated corporation business tax  
20 revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the  
21 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:

26	27 Project	28 County	29 Municipality
30	(1) BARNEGAT BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY		
31		Monmouth	Freehold Twp
32			Howell Twp
33		Ocean	Barneget Twp
34			Berkeley Twp
35			Brick Twp
36			Eagleswood Twp
37			Jackson Twp
38			Lacey Twp
39			Lakewood Twp
40			Little Egg Harbor Twp
41			Ocean Twp
42			Stafford Twp
43			Toms River Twp
44			
45			
46	(2) CAPE MAY PENINSULA		
47		Cape May	Cape May City
48			Cape May Point Boro
49			Dennis Twp
50			Lower Twp
51			Middle Twp
52			Ocean City
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1		Sea Isle City
2		Upper Twp
3		West Cape May Boro
4		Woodbine Boro
5		
6	(3)	CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION
7		
8	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
9		East Amwell Twp
10		Flemington Boro
11		Franklin Twp
12		Frenchtown Boro
13		Kingwood Twp
14		Lambertville City
15		Raritan Twp
16		Readington Twp
17		Stockton Boro
18		West Amwell Twp
19		
20	Mercer	All municipalities
21		
22	Middlesex	Cranbury Twp
23		Monroe Twp
24		Plainsboro Twp
25		South Brunswick Twp
26		
27	Monmouth	Allentown Boro
28		Englishtown Boro
29		Freehold Twp
30		Manalapan Twp
31		Marlboro Twp
32		Millstone Twp
33		Roosevelt Boro
34		Upper Freehold Twp
35		
36	Morris	Chatham Boro
37		Chatham Twp
38		Chester Boro
39		Harding Twp
40		Long Hill Twp
41		Madison Boro
42		Mendham Boro
43		Mendham Twp
44		Morris Plains Boro
45		Morris Twp
46		Morristown Town
47		Randolph Twp
48		
49	Somerset	All municipalities
50		
51	(4)	DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY
52		
53	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
54		Kingwood Twp
55		Lambertville City
56		Stockton Boro
57		West Amwell Twp
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1	Mercer	Ewing Twp
2		Hamilton Twp
3		Hopewell Twp
4		Lawrence Twp
5		Princeton Boro
6		Trenton City
7		
8	Middlesex	New Brunswick City
9		Plainsboro Twp
10		South Brunswick Twp
11		
12	Somerset	Franklin Twp
13		
14	(5) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY	
15		
16	Atlantic	Buena Boro
17		Buena Vista Twp
18		
19	Cape May	Dennis Twp
20		Lower Twp
21		Middle Twp
22		Upper Twp
23		
24	Cumberland	All municipalities
25		
26	Gloucester	Clayton Boro
27		Elk Twp
28		Franklin Twp
29		Glassboro Boro
30		Monroe Twp
31		Newfield Boro
32		
33	Salem	Alloway Twp
34		Carneys Point Twp
35		Elmer Boro
36		Elsinboro Twp
37		Lower Alloways Creek Twp
38		Mannington Twp
39		Oldmans Twp
40		Pennsville Twp
41		Pilesgrove Twp
42		Pittsgrove Twp
43		Quinton Twp
44		Upper Pittsgrove Twp
45		Woodstown Boro
46		
47	(6) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY	
48		
49	Burlington	Bordentown City
50		Bordentown Twp
51		Chesterfield Twp
52		Cinnaminson Twp
53		Delanco Twp
54		Delran Twp
55		Eastampton Twp
56		Hainesport Twp
57		Lumberton Twp
58		Mansfield Twp

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1		Medford Twp
2		Moorestown Twp
3		Mount Holly Twp
4		Mount Laurel Twp
5		North Hanover Twp
6		Pemberton Twp
7		Riverside Twp
8		Southampton Twp
9		Springfield Twp
10		Westhampton Twp
11		Willingboro Twp
12		
13	Camden	Berlin Twp
14		Camden City
15		Clementon Boro
16		Gibbsboro Boro
17		Gloucester Twp
18		Haddon Twp
19		Lindenwold Boro
20		Pine Hill Boro
21		Voorhees Twp
22		
23	Gloucester	Deptford Twp
24		East Greenwich Twp
25		Elk Twp
26		Greenwich Twp
27		Harrison Twp
28		Logan Twp
29		National Park Boro
30		South Harrison Twp
31		Westville Boro
32		Woolwich Twp
33		West Deptford Twp
34		
35	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
36		Delaware Twp
37		Frenchtown Boro
38		Kingwood Twp
39		Lambertville City
40		Stockton Boro
41		West Amwell Twp
42		
43	Mercer	Ewing Twp
44		Hamilton Twp
45		Hopewell Twp
46		Robbinsville Twp
47		Trenton City
48		
49	Monmouth	Allentown Boro
50		Millstone Twp
51		Upper Freehold Twp
52		
53	Ocean	Jackson Twp
54		Plumsted Twp
55		
56	Salem	Oldmans Twp
57		Pilesgrove Twp
58		Upper Pittsgrove Twp

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1	(7) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY	
2		
3	Bergen	Mahwah Twp
4		Oakland Boro
5		
6	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
7		Bethlehem Twp
8		Bloomsbury Boro
9		Califon Boro
10		Clinton Town
11		Clinton Twp
12		Glen Gardner Boro
13		Hampton Boro
14		High Bridge Boro
15		Holland Twp
16		Lebanon Boro
17		Lebanon Twp
18		Milford Boro
19		Tewksbury Twp
20		Union Twp
21		
22	Morris	Boonton Town
23		Boonton Twp
24		Butler Boro
25		Chester Boro
26		Chester Twp
27		Denville Twp
28		Dover Town
29		Hanover Twp
30		Harding Twp
31		Jefferson Twp
32		Kinnelon Boro
33		Mendham Boro
34		Mendham Twp
35		Mine Hill Twp
36		Montville Twp
37		Morris Plains Boro
38		Morris Twp
39		Morristown Town
40		Mount Arlington Boro
41		Mount Olive Twp
42		Mountain Lakes Boro
43		Netcong Boro
44		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
45		Pequannock Twp
46		Randolph Twp
47		Riverdale Boro
48		Rockaway Boro
49		Rockaway Twp
50		Roxbury Twp
51		Victory Gardens Boro
52		Washington Twp
53		Wharton Boro
54		
55	Passaic	Bloomington Boro
56		Pompton Lakes Boro
57		Ringwood Boro
58		Wanaque Boro

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1		West Milford Twp
2		
3	Somerset	Bedminster Twp
4		Bernards Twp
5		Bernardsville Boro
6		Far Hills Boro
7		Peapack-Gladstone Boro
8		
9	Sussex	Byram Twp
10		Franklin Boro
11		Green Twp
12		Hamburg Boro
13		Hardyston Twp
14		Hopatcong Boro
15		Ogdensburg Boro
16		Sparta Twp
17		Stanhope Boro
18		Vernon Twp
19		
20	Warren	Allamuchy Twp
21		Alpha Boro
22		Belvidere Town
23		Franklin Twp
24		Frelinghuysen Twp
25		Greenwich Twp
26		Hackettstown Town
27		Harmony Twp
28		Hope Twp
29		Independence Twp
30		Liberty Twp
31		Lopatcong Twp
32		Mansfield Twp
33		Oxford Twp
34		Phillipsburg Town
35		Pohatcong Twp
36		Washington Boro
37		Washington Twp
38		White Twp
39		

(8) HISTORIC RESOURCES

41		
42		<i>Allaire State Park</i>
43		
44	Monmouth	Howell Twp
45		Wall Twp
46		
47		<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>
48		
49	Salem	Pennsville Twp
50		
51		<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>
52		
53	Somerset	Franklin Twp
54		
55		<i>Historic Sites</i>
56		
57	Burlington	Medford Twp

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1	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>		
2			
3		Monmouth	Freehold Twp
4			Manalapan Twp
5			
6	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>		
7			
8		Bergen	New Milford Boro
9			River Edge Boro
10			
11	<i>Princeton Battlefield</i>		
12			
13		Mercer	Princeton Boro
14			
15	<i>Proprietary House</i>		
16			
17		Middlesex	Perth Amboy City
18			
19	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>		
20			
21		Somerset	Green Brook Twp
22			Watchung Boro
23			
24	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>		
25			
26		Somerset	Franklin Twp
27			
28	<i>Twin Lights</i>		
29			
30		Monmouth	Highlands Boro
31			
32	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
33			
34		Mercer	Ewing Twp
35			Hopewell Twp
36			
37	<i>Waterloo Village</i>		
38			
39		Sussex	Byram Twp
40			Stanhope Boro
41			
42	(9) NATURAL AREAS		
43			
44	<i>Bill Henry Pond</i>		
45			
46		Atlantic	Egg Harbor Twp
47			
48	<i>Budd Lake Bog</i>		
49			
50		Morris	Mount Olive Twp
51			
52	<i>Campus Swamp</i>		
53			
54		Camden	Gloucester Twp
55			
56	<i>Cheesequake State Park</i>		
57			
58		Middlesex	Old Bridge Twp



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1	<i>Crossley Preserve</i>		
2			
3		Ocean	Berkeley Twp
4			Manchester Twp
5			
6	<i>Five Acre Pond</i>		
7			
8		Atlantic	Estell Manor City
9			
10	<i>Gravel Hill</i>		
11			
12		Hunterdon	Holland Twp
13			
14	<i>Great Piece Meadows/ Troy Meadows</i>		
15			
16		Essex	Fairfield Twp
17			Roseland Boro
18			West Caldwell Twp
19			
20		Morris	East Hanover Twp
21			Hanover Twp
22			Lincoln Park Boro
23			Montville Twp
24			Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
25			Pequannock Twp
26			
27		Passaic	Wayne Twp
28			
29	<i>Hamburg Mountain</i>		
30			
31		Sussex	Hardyston Twp
32			Vernon Twp
33			
34	<i>Hidden Lake</i>		
35			
36		Camden	Gloucester Twp
37			
38	<i>High Mountain</i>		
39			
40		Passaic	North Haledon Boro
41			Wayne Twp
42			
43	<i>Limestone Ridge</i>		
44			
45		Warren	Blairstown Twp
46			
47	<i>Long-A-Coming Branch</i>		
48			
49		Camden	Winslow Twp
50			
51	<i>Milford Bluffs</i>		
52			
53		Hunterdon	Holland Twp
54			
55	<i>Mountain Lake Bog</i>		
56			
57		Warren	White Twp

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1	<i>Ogdensburg Fen</i>	
2		
3	Sussex	Ogdensburg Boro
4		
5	<i>Oswego River Natural Area</i>	
6		
7	Burlington	Washington Twp
8		
9	<i>Phone-In-Fen</i>	
10		
11	Warren	Hardwick Twp
12		
13	<i>Ramapo Lake Natural Area</i>	
14		
15	Bergen	Oakland Boro
16		
17	Passaic	Ringwood Boro
18		Wanaque Boro
19		
20	<i>Ramapo Mountain</i>	
21		
22	Bergen	Mahwah Twp
23		Oakland Boro
24		
25	Passaic	Pompton Lakes Boro
26		Ringwood Boro
27		Wanaque Boro
28		
29	<i>Sourland Mountains</i>	
30		
31	Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp
32		West Amwell Twp
33		
34	Mercer	Hopewell Twp
35		
36	Somerset	Hillsborough Twp
37		Montgomery Twp
38		
39	<i>Strawberry Hill</i>	
40		
41	Mercer	Hopewell Twp
42		
43	<i>Sunfish Pond</i>	
44		
45	Warren	Hardwick Twp
46		
47	<i>Sweet Hollow</i>	
48		
49	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
50		Holland Twp
51		
52	<i>Troy Meadows</i>	
53		
54	Morris	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
55		
56	<i>Uttertown Bog</i>	
57		
58	Passaic	West Milford Twp

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1	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
2			
3		Mercer	Hopewell Twp
4			
5	<i>Wetlands Habitat/ Bog Turtle</i>		
6			
7		Sussex	Frankford Twp
8			Wantage Twp
9			
10	<i>Whale Pond</i>		
11			
12		Monmouth	Ocean Twp
13			
14	<i>Woodbine Bogs</i>		
15			
16		Cape May	Upper Twp
17			
18	(10) NON-PROFIT CAMPS		
19			
20	<i>Youth Camps</i>		
21			
22		Bergen	Mahwah Twp
23			
24		Burlington	Evesham Twp
25			Medford Twp
26			Tabernacle Twp
27			
28		Cumberland	Greenwich Twp
29			Hopewell Twp
30			
31		Gloucester	Franklin Twp
32			
33		Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp
34			Readington Twp
35			
36		Monmouth	Wall Twp
37			
38		Morris	Kinnelon Boro
39			Rockaway Boro
40			
41		Ocean	Ocean Twp
42			
43		Passaic	Ringwood Boro
44			West Milford Twp
45			
46		Salem	Alloway Twp
47			Upper Pittsgrove Twp
48			
49		Somerset	Franklin Twp
50			
51		Sussex	Byram Twp
52			Hampton Twp
53			Sandyston Twp
54			Sparta Twp
55			Stillwater Twp
56			Vernon Twp
57			Wantage Twp

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

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

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1	Hudson	All municipalities
2		
3	Mercer	Trenton City
4		
5	Middlesex	Edison Twp
6		
7	Monmouth	Long Branch City
8		
9	Passaic	Paterson City
10		Totowa Boro
11		
12	Union	Elizabeth City
13		Fanwood Boro
14		Garwood Boro
15		Hillside Twp
16		Linden City
17		Plainfield City
18		Rahway City
19		Roselle Boro
20		Roselle Park Boro
21		Union Twp
22		Winfield Twp
23		
24	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,835,000</b>
25		

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

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

43 For the purposes of this subsection, "Green Acres bond act"  
44 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,  
45 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

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47 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of  
48 Environmental Protection the sum of \$10,000,000 for the  
49 acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands  
50 throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to  
51 incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or

1 that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage, as  
 2 follows:

3 (1) \$9,166,000 from dedicated corporation business tax  
 4 revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the  
 5 State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,”  
 6 established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”  
 7 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), of which the sum of \$387,000 is  
 8 available due to interest earnings on the dedicated corporation  
 9 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph  
 10 6 of the State Constitution; and

11 (2) \$834,000 from dedicated corporation business tax revenues  
 12 pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State  
 13 Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund,”  
 14 established pursuant to section 7 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”  
 15 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-49), available due to interest earnings on  
 16 the dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article  
 17 VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.

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

21 <b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Amount</b>
22 BLUE ACRES			\$10,000,000
23	Every county	Every municipality	
24			
25			
26			
27 <b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$10,000,000</b>

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

1 approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of  
2 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such  
3 additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may  
4 include administrative costs.

5 b. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act"  
6 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,  
7 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

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9 4. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
10 Protection the sum of \$2,165,000 from dedicated corporation  
11 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph  
12 6 of the State Constitution in the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres  
13 Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New  
14 Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for paying administrative  
15 costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of  
16 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). Of the amount appropriated  
17 pursuant to this section, \$1,665,000 shall be used for the paying  
18 administrative costs associated with administering the provisions of  
19 section 1 of this act and \$500,000 shall be used for the paying  
20 administrative costs associated with administering the provisions of  
21 section 2 of this act.

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23 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
24 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to  
25 section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12  
26 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$43,302,000 to implement the provisions  
27 of this act.

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29 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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32 STATEMENT

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34 This bill appropriates the sum of \$48 million to the Department  
35 of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the  
36 acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation  
37 purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the  
38 "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

39 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally  
40 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to  
41 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,  
42 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The  
43 "Preserve New Jersey Act" implements the constitutional  
44 dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic  
45 preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion  
46 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres  
47 program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space,  
48 including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State



1 lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and  
2 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local  
3 government open space acquisition and development projects; and  
4 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for  
5 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates  
6 moneys for State open space acquisition projects, including for Blue  
7 Acres projects.

8 Specifically, this bill appropriates \$35.835 million to the DEP to  
9 provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for  
10 recreation and conservation purposes. This appropriation allocates  
11 funding for the acquisition by the State of lands, for recreation and  
12 conservation purposes, located throughout the State within the 13  
13 project categories identified in section 1 of the bill. The bill also  
14 appropriates \$10 million to the DEP to provide funding for the  
15 acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes,  
16 of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred  
17 flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands  
18 from such damage, i.e., "Blue Acres" projects. In addition, section  
19 3 of the bill appropriates \$2.165 million to the DEP for the purposes  
20 of paying administrative costs associated with administering the  
21 applicable provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act." Of the  
22 total funds appropriated in the bill, the sum of \$4.698 million is  
23 available due to interest earnings on the constitutionally dedicated  
24 CBT revenues.

25 The "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" was established  
26 by section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act." The "Preserve New  
27 Jersey Blue Acres Fund" was established by section 7 of the  
28 "Preserve New Jersey Act." P.L.2019, c.136 amended the  
29 "Preserve New Jersey Act" to incorporate the purposes of the  
30 "Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund" into the "Preserve New  
31 Jersey Green Acres Fund," rather than having two separate funds,  
32 both providing moneys to the DEP for the acquisition of lands for  
33 recreation and conservation purposes. Of the funding allocated for  
34 the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes by  
35 the State, a minimum of 10 percent is to be allocated for Blue Acres  
36 projects.

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

39 Lastly, the bill authorizes the department to re-distribute certain  
40 other moneys made available by project cancellations or cost  
41 savings to provide additional funding, for recreation and  
42 conservation purposes, to previously approved and funded State  
43 projects, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight  
44 Committee. The bill provides that the additional funding, if  
45 provided from a Green Acres bond act, may include administrative  
46 costs.