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**AN ACT** appropriating \$9,184,427 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, and for certain administrative expenses.

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. a. 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).

b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$8,747,073 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), for the purpose of providing grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection c. of this section, to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection d. of this section, and to undertake stewardship activities pursuant to subsection e. of this section.

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

<b>Nonprofit Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
(1) 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	\$1,000,000

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		Camden	Audubon Boro Audubon Park Boro Brooklawn Boro Camden City Cherry Hill Twp Collingswood Boro Gloucester City Haddon Heights Boro 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	
(2) Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space	Hopewell Valley Park Acq	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Pennington Boro	174,915
(3) Friends of Princeton Open Space	Millstone River Watershed	Mercer	Princeton Boro	250,000
(4) Hunterdon Land Trust	Hunterdon Open Space Plan Priority Areas	Hunterdon	All municipalities	500,000
(5) New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Priority Area Acq	Atlantic	Buena Vista Twp Egg Harbor City Egg Harbor Twp Estell Manor City Folsom Boro Galloway Twp Hamilton Twp Hammonton Town Mullica Twp Weymouth Twp	1,000,000
		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
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	Franklin Twp
	Logan Twp
	South Harrison Twp
	Woolwich Twp
Hunterdon	All municipalities
Mercer	East Windsor Twp
	Ewing Twp
	Hamilton Twp
	Hightstown Boro
	Hopewell Twp
	Lawrence Twp
	Trenton City
	Princeton Boro
	Robbinsville Twp
	West Windsor Twp
Middlesex	Cranberry Twp
	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

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			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	Elizabeth City	
			Linden City	
			Springfield Twp	
			Union Twp	
		Warren	Blairstown Twp	
			Franklin Twp	
			Frelinghuysen Twp	
			Greenwich Twp	
			Hardwick Twp	
			Harmony Twp	
			Lopatcong Twp	
			Mansfield Twp	
			Pohatcong Twp	
			Washington Twp	
			White Twp	
(6) Ridgeview Conservancy	Ridgeview Conservancy Acq	Mercer	Hopewell Boro	250,000
			Hopewell Twp	
			Princeton Boro	
		Somerset	Montgomery Twp	
(7) Sourland Conservancy	True Farmstead Acq	Somerset	Montgomery Twp	285,000
(8) Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum	True Farmstead Acq	Somerset	Montgomery Twp	285,000
(9) The Nature Conservancy	Priority Area Acq	Atlantic	Estell Manor City	500,000
			Galloway Twp	
			Hamilton Twp	
			Mullica Twp	
		Burlington	Bass River Twp	

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			Pemberton Boro	
			Pemberton Twp	
			Washington Twp	
			Woodland Twp	
		Cape May	Cape May City	
			Cape May Point Boro	
			Dennis Twp	
			Lower Twp	
			Middle Twp	
			West Cape May Boro	
		Cumberland	Commercial Twp	
			Downe Twp	
			Fairfield Twp	
			Lawrence Twp	
			Maurice River Twp	
			Millville City	
			Vineland City	
		Gloucester	Franklin Twp	
		Ocean	Barnegat Twp	
			Eagleswood Twp	
			Lacey Twp	
			Little Egg Harbor Twp	
			Ocean Twp	
			Stafford Twp	
		Passaic	North Haledon Boro	
			Wayne Twp	
		Salem	Pittsgrove Twp	
		Sussex	Andover Boro	
			Andover Twp	
			Frankford Twp	
			Fredon Twp	
			Green Twp	
			Hampton Twp	
			Hardyston Twp	
			Lafayette Twp	
			Montague Twp	
			Newton Town	
			Sandyston Twp	
			Stillwater Twp	
			Walpack Twp	
			Wantage Twp	
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp	
			Blairstown Twp	
			Frelinghuysen Twp	
			Hardwick Twp	
			Hope Twp	
			Knowlton Twp	
(10) The Watershed	Watershed	Mercer	Hopewell Boro	140,000
Institute	Connectors		Hopewell Twp	
			Pennington Boro	
			Princeton Boro	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$4,384,915</b>

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

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<b>Nonprofit Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
Branch Brook Park Alliance	Branch Brook Park Improvements	Essex	Newark City	\$500,000
Camp Dill Foundation	Camp Dill Improvements	Hunterdon	Clinton Twp	100,000
Deal Lake Watershed Alliance	Deal Lake Wickapecko Park Phase II	Monmouth	Ocean Twp	41,658
Essex County Parks Foundation	Turtle Back Zoo Australian Exhibit & Playground	Essex	West Orange Twp	500,000
Flat Rock Brook Nature Association	Jones Road Streamside Restoration Project Phase 2 & 3	Bergen	Englewood City	500,000
NJ Community Development Corp	Westside Park Improvements	Passaic	Paterson City	500,000
Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc.	Westside Park Improvements	Passaic	Paterson City	500,000
Trust for Public Land	Multi Park Improvements	Essex	Newark City	500,000
Zoological Society of NJ	Turtle Back Zoo Australian Exhibit & Playground	Essex	West Orange Twp	500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$3,641,658</b>

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

<b>Nonprofit Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Approved Amount</b>
Friends of Princeton Open Space	Mountain Lakes Preserve Riparian Restoration	Mercer	Princeton Boro	\$124,500
Tenaflly Nature Center Association	Pfister's Pond Restoration Project	Bergen	Tenaflly Boro	121,000
The Watershed Institute	Wargo Pond Restoration	Mercer	Hopewell Twp	475,000
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$720,500</b>

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

g. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection c., d., or e. 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.

h. 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.

2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$437,354 from 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), for paying administrative costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

3. 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), the sum of \$9,184,427 to implement the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved June 30, 2023.