

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 188, *approved December 23, 2025*
Assembly, No. 6274

1 AN ACT appropriating \$55 million from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues for the development of lands
3 by the State for recreation and conservation purposes.
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5 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act"
9 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
10 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

11 b. There is appropriated the sum of \$50,300,000 from dedicated
12 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
13 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the "Preserve New
14 Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the
15 "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), to the
16 Department of Environmental Protection for the development of
17 lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in
18 accordance with the provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act,"
19 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). Of the amount appropriated
20 pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$9,100,000 is available due
21 to interest earnings on the dedicated corporation business tax
22 revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the
23 State Constitution.

24 c. There is appropriated \$4,700,000 from the funds established
25 pursuant to any Green Acres bond act and the Garden State Green
26 Acres Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden
27 State Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.),
28 to the Department of Environmental Protection for the development
29 of lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in
30 accordance with the provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act,"
31 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). Of the amount appropriated
32 pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$4,700,000 is available due
33 to interest earnings.

34 d. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsections b. and c. of
35 this section shall be allocated as follows:

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37	Project	Amount
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39	BOATING & FISHING ACCESS	
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41	Access Facilities	1,000,000
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43	CAMPING DEVELOPMENT	
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45	Camping, Cabin/Shelter Program	3,000,000

1	Sanitary Facilities	3,000,000
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3	HABITAT ENHANCEMENT & ACCESS	
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5	Habitat Enhancements & Access	2,500,000
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7	INFRASTRUCTURE	
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9	Bridge Repairs	2,000,000
10	Building Repairs and Renovations	5,200,000
11	Dam Inspections, Repairs, Removals	2,000,000
12	Health and Life Safety Projects	10,000,000
13	Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs	6,000,000
14	Recreational Development	13,200,000
15	Road Repairs	2,000,000
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17	IN-HOUSE PROJECTS	525,000
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19	PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION	800,000
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21	OTHER	
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23	Contingency Fund for Repairs	2,525,000
24	Administration	1,250,000
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26	TOTAL	\$55,000,000
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28 e. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of section 6
29 of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48) or any other law to the contrary, the
30 expenditure of funds pursuant to this section shall not require the
31 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.
32 The department may reallocate funds among the projects identified
33 in subsection d. of this section, subject to the approval of the
34 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
35 Department of the Treasury. The department shall send written
36 notification of any such reallocation of funds to the President of the
37 Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative
38 Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
39 or its successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and
40 Energy Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste
41 Committee, or their respective successor committees.

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43 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the “Preserve
44 New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of
45 the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), the
46 sum of \$41,200,000 to implement the provisions of section 1 of this
47 act.

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49 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates the sum of \$55 million to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for capital projects and park development projects on lands administered by the DEP for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The “Preserve New Jersey Act” implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space, including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on lands administered by the State for recreation and conservation purposes; grants and loans to fund local government open space acquisition and development projects; and grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. Additional funding in this bill is provided from the accumulated interest earnings in the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State Preservation Trust Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), and the funds established pursuant to Green Acres bond acts.

This bill appropriates funds for capital and park development projects on State lands administered by the DEP’s State Parks, Forests, and Historic Sites program and Fish and Wildlife program. These programs were formerly known, respectively, as the Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and Wildlife, prior to the DEP’s current reorganization. The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

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

Appropriates \$55 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes and various Green Acres funds to DEP for State capital and park development projects.