

P.L. 2026, CHAPTER 57, *approved July 30, 2026*
Senate, No. 743 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT appropriating ¹**[\$58.145]** \$111.6¹ million in dedicated
2 natural resource damages revenues to the Department of
3 Environmental Protection for certain projects.

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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. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
9 Protection the sum of ¹**[\$58,145,000]** \$111,600,000¹ from
10 dedicated natural resource damages revenues pursuant to Article
11 VIII, Section II, paragraph 9 of the State Constitution in the Natural
12 Resource Damages – Constitutional Dedication account, from funds
13 recovered in connection with claims made by the State in the
14 matters of N.J. Dep’t of Env. Protection v. Atlantic Richfield Co., et
15 al., No. 08 CIV 00312 (S.D.N.Y.); N.J. Dep’t of Env. Protection v.
16 Exxon Mobil Corporation, No. GLO-L-000297-19 (a/k/a “Exxon
17 Lail”); N.J. Dep’t of Env. Protection v. Bank of America, N.A., No.
18 23-2598 (D.N.J) (a/k/a “White Swan Cleaners”); N.J Dep’t of Env.
19 Protection v. Handy & Harman, et al; Kinder Morgan, Inc., and Its
20 Related Entities; The Estate of Ralph F. Brass; Michael A.
21 Tramontana (a/k/a “Eton Dry Cleaners”); N.J Dep’t of Env.
22 Protection v. Carbide-Graphite Group, Inc., et al., No. MID-L-
23 5793-07 (a/k/a “Sayreville Landfill”); ¹N.J. Dep’t. of Env.
24 Protection v. Solvay Specialty Polymers USA, LLC, and Arkema,
25 Inc. No. GLO-L-001239-20,¹ The Ciba Geigy Toms River
26 Superfund Site, and The American Cyanamid Superfund Site, for
27 projects to repair, restore, or replace damaged or lost natural
28 resources of the State, or permanently protect the natural resources
29 of the State pursuant to the prioritization set forth in Article VIII,
30 Section II, paragraph 9 of the State Constitution as follows:

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RESTORATION/ACQUISITION	¹ [\$53,145,000] <u>\$102,400,000</u> ¹
Habitat Restoration and Enhancement/ Land Acquisition Statewide	\$33,500,000
Habitat Restoration and Enhancement/ Land Acquisition in the Lower Delaware Water Region	¹ [\$5,200,000] <u>\$54,455,000</u> ¹
Habitat Restoration and Enhancement/ Land Acquisition in the Atlantic Water Region	\$2,250,000
Habitat Restoration and Enhancement/ Land Acquisition in the Northeast Water Region	\$10,250,000

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
¹Senate SEN committee amendments adopted February 12, 2026.

Habitat Restoration and Enhancement in the Raritan Water Region	\$1,345,000
Restoration Oversight – Ciba-Geigy Superfund Site	\$500,000
Restoration Oversight – Headgates Dam Removal	\$100,000

ADMINISTRATION ¹[\$5,000,000] \$9,200,000¹

- 1 b. The department may reallocate funds among the projects
- 2 appropriated hereinabove, subject to the approval of the Director of
- 3 the Division of Budget and Accounting in the Department of the
- 4 Treasury. The department shall send written notification of any
- 5 such reallocation of funds to the President of the Senate, the
- 6 Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative Budget and
- 7 Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its
- 8 successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and Energy
- 9 Committee and Assembly Environment, Natural Resources, and
- 10 Solid Waste Committee, or their respective successor committees.
- 11 c. Moneys appropriated hereinabove are appropriated for State
- 12 costs, including, but not limited to, grants or loans to local
- 13 governments, and grants or loans to nonprofit organizations, as
- 14 determined by the department.

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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21 Appropriates \$111.6 million in dedicated natural resource

22 damages revenues to DEP for habitat restoration, land acquisition,

23 and restoration oversight projects.