

P.L. 2026, CHAPTER 61, *approved July 30, 2026*
Senate, No. 4424

1 AN ACT appropriating \$15,546,575 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues to provide grants to assist
3 qualifying tax-exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire or
4 develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and for
5 certain administrative expenses.
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7 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
8 *of New Jersey:*
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10 1. a. For the purposes of this section:

11 “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” means the
12 fund established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152
13 (C.13:8C-19).

14 “Green Acres bond act” means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119,
15 P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265,
16 and P.L.1983, c.354.

17 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” means the fund
18 established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”
19 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48).

20 “Stewardship activity” means the same as the term is defined in
21 section 3 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
22 (C.13:8C-45).

23 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
24 Protection, for the purpose of providing grants to assist qualifying
25 tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire lands for recreation
26 and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection c. of this section,
27 to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant
28 to subsection d. of this section, and to undertake stewardship
29 activities pursuant to subsection e. of this section:

30 (1) the sum of \$8,200,000 from the dedicated corporation
31 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
32 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres
33 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New
34 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48)

35 (2) \$6,915,075 from the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres
36 Fund,” the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund,”
37 and any Green Acres fund established pursuant to a Green Acres
38 bond act, made available due to project cancellations and
39 withdrawals.

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

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
(1) D & R Greenway Land Trust	Greenway Acquisitions	Burlington	All municipalities	\$534,948
		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	
(2) Lamington Conservancy	Central Lamington Project	Cumberland	Deerfield Twp	\$240,000
			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	
(3) New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Priority Area Acquisitions	Somerset	All municipalities	\$5,163,000
		Hunterdon	Readington Twp, Tewksbury Twp	
		Morris	Chester Twp, Washington Twp	
(3) New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Priority Area Acquisitions	Atlantic		\$5,163,000
			Buena Vista Twp	
			Egg Harbor City	
			Egg Harbor Twp	
(3) New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Priority Area Acquisitions	Atlantic	Estell Manor City	\$5,163,000
			Folsom Boro	

	Galloway Twp Hamilton Twp Hammonton Town Mullica Twp Weymouth Twp
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 Woodland 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
Essex	West Orange Twp
Gloucester	Franklin Twp Logan Twp South Harrison Twp Woolwich Twp
Hudson	Jersey City
Hunterdon	All municipalities
Mercer	East Windsor Twp Ewing Twp Hamilton Twp Hightstown Boro Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Princeton Boro Robbinsville Twp Trenton City West Windsor Twp

Middlesex	Cranbury 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 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	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Franklin Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Greenwich Twp Hardwick Twp Harmony Twp Hope Twp Independence Twp Knowlton Twp Liberty Twp Lopatcong Twp Mansfield Twp

		Oxford Twp Pohatcong Twp Washington Twp White Twp		
(4) Old Pine Farm Natural Lands Trust	Old Pine Farm Greenway	Gloucester	Deptford Twp Gloucester Twp	\$65,000
(5) Ridge and Valley Conservancy	Open Space Conservation Plan	Sussex	Andover Boro Andover Twp Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hardyston Twp Lafayette Twp Sandyston Twp Sparta Twp Stillwater Twp Wantage Twp	\$66,000
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Hardwick Twp Hope Twp Knowlton Twp Mansfield Twp White Twp	
(6) South Jersey Land and Water Trust	South Jersey Watersheds	Atlantic	All municipalities	\$519,000
		Camden	All municipalities	
		Cape May	All municipalities	
		Cumberland	All municipalities	
		Gloucester	All municipalities	
		Salem	All municipalities	
(7) Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum	Smith Grover House Acquisition	Somerset	Montgomery Twp	\$182,125
(8) The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	Priority Areas Acq.	Bergen	All municipalities	\$2,827,000
		Essex	All municipalities	
		Middlesex	All municipalities	
		Morris	All municipalities	
		Ocean	All municipalities	
		Passaic	All municipalities	
		Somerset	All municipalities	

Sussex	All municipalities
Union	All municipalities
Warren	All municipalities

TOTAL	\$9,597,073
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2 d. The following projects for the development of lands for
3 recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with
4 the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection b. of this section:
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Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Branch Brook Park Alliance	Branch Brook Park Improvements	Essex	Newark City	\$773,980
Verona Park Conservancy	Verona Park Children's Garden Improvements	Essex	Verona Twp	\$355,000
Zoological Society of New Jersey	Turtle Back Zoo African Adventure Exhibit Improvements	Essex	West Orange Twp	\$2,440,862
Camp Dill Foundation	Camp Dill Improvements	Hunterdon	Clinton Twp	\$19,000
Friends of Hopewell Quarry	Hopewell Quarry Development	Mercer	Hopewell Boro	\$212,410
Hamilton Area YMCA	Sawmill Rehabilitation Project	Mercer	Hamilton Twp	\$140,000
Friends of Dey Mansion	Dey Mansion Site Improvements	Passaic	Wayne Twp	\$475,000
Friends of Passaic County Parks	Goffle Brook Park Improvements	Passaic	Hawthorne Boro	\$814,250
TOTAL				\$5,230,502

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

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Friends of Passaic County Parks	Highlands Farm Restoration	Passaic	Bloomingtondale Boro	\$287,500
TOTAL				\$287,500

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2 f. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project sponsor, site,

3 or type, listed in subsection c., d., or e. of this section shall require

4 the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its

5 successor.

6 g. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects

7 listed in subsection c., d., or e. of this section are offered funding

8 pursuant thereto, any project of a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit

9 organization that previously received funding appropriated or

10 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual

11 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation

12 Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes shall be

13 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the

14 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of

15 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

16 h. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental

17 Protection the unexpended balances, due to project withdrawals,

18 cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or

19 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual

20 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation

21 Trust Fund to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations

22 to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation

23 purposes, for the purposes of: (1) this section; and (2) providing

24 additional funding, as determined by the Department of

25 Environmental Protection, to any project of a qualifying tax exempt

26 nonprofit organization that previously received funding

27 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any

28 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres

29 Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes,

30 subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or

31 its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green

32 Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

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34 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental

35 Protection the sum of \$431,500 from dedicated corporation business

36 tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the

37 State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,”

38 established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”

39 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for paying administrative costs

40 associated with administering the applicable provisions of

41 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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3 Appropriates \$15,546,575 to DEP from constitutionally
4 dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to
5 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,
6 and for certain administrative expenses.