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AN ACT appropriating moneys from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” and the “2007 Green Acres Fund,” and appropriating and reappropriating certain other moneys, to provide grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

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

1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the following sums for the purpose of providing grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection b. of this section and for the purpose of providing grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection c. of this section:

(1) \$1,000,000 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund,” established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-19);

(2) \$5,000,000 previously appropriated by P.L.2007, c.111 as Garden State Preservation Trust Supplemental Funding and deposited into the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” pursuant to P.L.2007, c.111;

(3) \$497,750 from the “2007 Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 17 of the “Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007,” P.L.2007, c.119; and

(4) \$1,932,500 reappropriated from the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," and from the Green Trust funds established pursuant to the Green Acres bond acts, and made available due to project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings.

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

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
(1) Concerned Citizens of Allendale, Inc	Fell House and Open Space Acquisition	Bergen	Allendale Boro	\$250,000
(2) Delaware and Raritan Greenway Land Trust	Greenway Acq			500,000
	Central Stony Brook Greenway	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp East Amwell Twp	
		Mercer	Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Pennington Boro Princeton Twp	
		Middlesex	Cranbury Twp	
		Burlington	Bordentown City Bordentown Twp Chesterfield Twp North Hanover Twp	
	Delaware River Tributaries Acq	Mercer	Hamilton Twp	

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			Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Robbinsville Twp West Windsor Twp Trenton City	
		Middlesex	Monroe Twp	
		Monmouth	Upper Freehold Twp	
	Griggstown Canal Acq	Middlesex	Highland Park Boro	
		Somerset	Franklin Twp Rocky Hill Boro	
	Sourlands Mountain Acq	Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp Lambertville City West Amwell Twp	
		Mercer	Hopewell Twp	
		Somerset	Branchburg Twp Hillsborough Twp Montgomery Twp	
	Upper Millstone Greenway	Mercer	West Windsor Twp	
		Middlesex	Cranbury Twp Highland Park Boro Monroe Twp Plainsboro Twp South Brunswick Twp	
		Monmouth	Millstone Twp	
(3) Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance	Priority Areas	Hunterdon	All municipalities	250,000
(4) Ironbound Community Corporation	Riverfront Property Acquisition	Essex	Newark City	250,000
(5) Lamington Conservancy	Central Lamington Project	Hunterdon	Tewksbury Twp	250,000
		Morris	Chester Twp Washington Twp	
		Somerset	Bedminster Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro	
(6) Monmouth Conservation Foundation	Open Space Plans 2	Monmouth	All municipalities	250,000
(7) Morris Land Conservancy	Priority Areas Acq	Bergen	Mahwah Twp Oakland Boro	500,000
		Essex	Bloomfield Twp Livingston Twp West Orange Twp	
		Morris	Chatham Boro Chatham Twp	

			Denville Twp	
			East Hanover Twp	
			Florham Park Boro	
			Hanover Twp	
			Jefferson Twp	
			Kinnelon Boro	
			Madison Boro	
			Mine Hill Twp	
			Montville Twp	
			Morris Twp	
			Morristown Town	
			Mount Olive Twp	
			Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp	
			Pequannock Twp	
			Randolph Twp	
			Rockaway Twp	
			Roxbury Twp	
			Washington Twp	
			Passaic	Ringwood Boro
				West Milford Twp
			Somerset	Peapack-Gladstone Boro
			Sussex	Andover Boro
				Byram Twp
				Frankford Twp
				Fredon Twp
				Green Twp
				Hampton Twp
				Hopatcong Boro
				Lafayette Twp
				Stillwater Twp
				Vernon Twp
			Warren	Allamuchy Twp
				Franklin Twp
				Frelinghuysen Twp
				Greenwich Twp
				Hardwick Twp
				Harmony Twp
				Pohatcong Twp
				Washington Twp
(8) New Jersey Audubon Society (9) New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Gurdon Wattles Sanctuary	Warren	Mansfield Twp	250,000
	Priority Area Acquisitions			500,000
	Appalachian Trail Buffers	Sussex	Wantage Twp	
	Arthur Kill Greenway	Middlesex	Edison Twp	
		Union	Linden City	
			Springfield Twp	
			Union Twp	
	Black River Greenway	Hunterdon	Clinton Twp	
			Lebanon Boro	
			Lebanon Twp	
			Readington Twp	
			Tewksbury Twp	

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	Morris	Chester Boro Chester Twp Mendham Boro Mendham Twp Mine Hill Twp Mount Arlington Boro Randolph Twp Roxbury Twp Washington Twp
	Somerset	Bedminster Twp Bernards Twp Bernardsville Boro Branchburg Twp Bridgewater Twp Far Hills Boro Hillsborough Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro Raritan Boro
Burden Hill Forest/Delaware Bay	Cumberland	Greenwich Twp Hopewell Twp Stow Creek Twp
	Salem	Alloway Twp Elsinboro Twp Lower Alloways Creek Twp Mannington Twp Pennsville Twp Pilesgrove Twp Pittsgrove Twp Quinton Twp Upper Pittsgrove Twp
Camden Greenway	Camden	Camden City
Ellwood Corridor	Atlantic	Buena Vista Twp Egg Harbor City Egg Harbor Twp Estell Manor City Folsom Boro Hamilton Twp Hammonton Town Mullica Twp Weymouth Twp
Forked River Mountain Add	Ocean	Lacey Twp Ocean Twp
Four Mile Circle	Burlington	Bass River Twp Burlington Twp Pemberton Twp Tabernacle Twp Washington Twp Woodland Twp
Greater Kettle Run	Burlington	Evesham Twp Medford Twp
Highlands Region:		
Arcadia Lake/ Newark	Passaic	West Milford Twp

Watershed				
	Kittatinny Forest Area	Sussex	Frankford Twp Hampton Twp	
	Musconetcong Valley	Warren	Franklin Twp Greenwich Twp Mansfield Twp Washington Twp	
	Pyramid Mountain Addition	Morris	Boonton Twp Kinnelon Boro Montville Twp	
	Scotts Mtn Acq	Warren	Harmony Twp Lopatcong Twp White Twp	
	Sparta Mountain Greenway	Morris	Jefferson Twp	
		Sussex	Byram Twp Hopatcong Boro Sparta Twp	
	Vernon Marsh	Sussex	Vernon Twp	
Western Piedmont:				
(10) Passaic River Coalition	Back Brook	Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp Lambertville City West Amwell Twp	
	Sourland Mountain	Hunterdon	East Amwell Twp West Amwell Twp	
		Mercer	Hopewell Twp Princeton Twp	
		Somerset	Hillsborough Twp Montgomery Twp	
	Wickecheoke Creek Acq	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp Franklin Twp Kingwood Twp Raritan Twp Stockton Boro	
	Passaic River Preservation Project	Bergen	Allendale Boro Elmwood Park Boro Fair Lawn Boro Garfield City Ho-Ho-Kus Boro Lyndhurst Twp Mahwah Twp Oakland Boro Ridgewood Village Rutherford Boro Saddle River Boro Upper Saddle River Boro Wallington Boro	250,000
		Essex	Cedar Grove Twp Fairfield Twp Livingston Twp	

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			Newark City Roseland Boro Verona Twp West Caldwell Twp	
		Morris	Butler Boro Chatham Boro Chatham Twp Denville Twp East Hanover Twp Florham Park Boro Hanover Twp Jefferson Twp Kinnelon Boro Lincoln Park Boro Long Hill Twp Mendham Boro Mendham Twp Montville Twp Morris Twp Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp Pequannock Twp Riverdale Boro Rockaway Twp	
		Passaic	Bloomingtondale Boro Clifton City Hawthorne Boro Little Falls Twp Passaic City Paterson City Pompton Lakes Boro Totowa Boro Wanaque Boro Wayne Twp West Milford Twp West Paterson Boro	
		Somerset	Bernards Twp Bernardsville Boro Warren Twp	
		Sussex	Hardyston Twp Sparta Twp	
		Union	Berkeley Heights Twp New Providence Boro Summit City	
(11) 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 Stillwater Twp Wantage Twp	250,000
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Hardwick Twp	

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			Hope Twp Knowlton Twp Mansfield Twp White Twp	
(12) Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc.	Schiff Mount Paul Greenway	Morris	Chester Twp Mendham Boro Mendham Twp	250,000
(13) South Jersey Land Trust	Raccoon and Oldmans Creek Watersheds	Gloucester Salem	All municipalities Carneys Point Twp Oldmans Twp Pilesgrove Twp	250,000
(14) The Nature Conservancy	Priority Areas Acquisition			500,000
	Cape May Project Area	Cape May	Cape May City Cape May Point Boro Dennis Twp Lower Twp Middle Twp West Cape May Boro	
		Cumberland	Maurice River Twp	
	Delaware Bay Greenway	Cumberland	Commercial Twp Downe Twp Fairfield Twp Lawrence Twp Maurice River Twp Millville City	
	East and West Plains	Burlington	Bass River Twp Pemberton Boro Pemberton Twp Washington Twp Woodland Twp	
	Ellwood Corridor	Atlantic	Mullica Twp	
	Forked River Mountain	Ocean	Lacey Twp Ocean Twp	
	High Mt Project Area	Passaic	North Haledon Boro Wayne Twp	
	Hirst Ponds	Atlantic	Galloway Twp	
	Limestone Forest Acq	Sussex	Andover Boro Andover Twp Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Lafayette Twp Newton Town Stillwater Twp Wantage Twp	
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Frelinghuysen Twp	

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			Hardwick Twp Hope Twp
	Maurice River Project Area	Cumberland	Maurice River Twp Millville City
	Oswego River Lowlands	Ocean	Barnegat Twp Eagleswood Twp Little Egg Harbor Twp Stafford Twp
(15) Trust For Public Land	Project Priority Areas		500,000
	Atlantic Balanced Communities Acq	Atlantic	Egg Harbor City Egg Harbor Twp Galloway Twp Hamilton Twp
	Bay to Bay	Monmouth	Allenhurst Boro Asbury Park City Avon-By-The-Sea Boro Belmar Boro Bradley Beach Boro Brielle Boro Deal Boro Interlaken Boro Loch Arbour Village Long Branch City Manasquan Boro Monmouth Beach Boro Neptune Twp Sea Bright Boro Sea Girt Boro Spring Lake Boro Spring Lake Heights Boro Wall Twp
	Bergen Co. Open Space Partnership	Bergen	All municipalities
	Beyond the Century Plan - Barnegat Bay Initiative	Monmouth	Freehold Twp
		Ocean	Barnegat Light Boro Berkeley Twp Brick Twp Dover Twp Eagleswood Twp Jackson Twp Lacey Twp Little Egg Harbor Twp Long Beach Twp Manchester Twp Ocean Twp Stafford Twp Tuckerton Boro
	Camden Balanced Communities Acq	Camden	Berlin Boro Cherry Hill Twp Clementon Boro Gloucester Twp Haddon Twp Lindenwold Boro Voorhees Twp

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Congress Hall Lawn Acq	Cape May	Cape May City
Delaware River Inland	Burlington	Mansfield Twp Mount Laurel Twp Springfield Twp
Essex Co. Open Space	Essex	All municipalities
Harbor Estuaries Acq	Bergen	East Rutherford Boro
	Hudson	Jersey City Secaucus Town
	Middlesex	Carteret Boro Old Bridge Twp Woodbridge Twp
	Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp Atlantic Highlands Boro Fair Haven Boro Hazlet Twp Highlands Boro Keansburg Boro Keyport Boro Matawan Boro Middletown Twp Rumson Boro Union Beach Boro
	Union	Linden City Rahway City
Hudson Co. Open Space	Hudson	All municipalities
Hunterdon Co. Open Space Partnership	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp Bethlehem Twp Califon Boro Clinton Town Clinton Twp Glen Gardner Boro Hampton Boro High Bridge Boro Holland Twp Lebanon Boro Lebanon Twp Readington Twp Tewksbury Twp Union Twp
Interstate 195 Corridor	Mercer	Hamilton Twp Robbinsville Twp
	Monmouth	Allentown Boro Freehold Boro Freehold Twp Howell Twp Millstone Twp Upper Freehold Twp Wall Twp

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Metedeconk Watershed Protection	Monmouth	Freehold Twp Howell Twp Millstone Twp Wall Twp
	Ocean	Brick Twp Jackson Twp Lakewood Twp
Morris Open Space Acq	Morris	Boonton Twp Chatham Twp Chester Boro Chester Twp Denville Twp East Hanover Twp Florham Park Boro Hanover Twp Harding Twp Jefferson Twp Kinnelon Boro Mendham Twp Montville Twp Morris Twp Morristown Town Mount Arlington Boro Mount Olive Twp Mountain Lakes Boro Netcong Boro Randolph Twp Rockaway Boro Rockaway Twp Roxbury Twp
Sussex Open Space Partnership	Sussex	All municipalities
Upper Delaware River Watershed	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp Bethlehem Twp Bloomsbury Boro Hampton Boro Holland Twp Lebanon Boro Lebanon Twp
	Morris	Mount Arlington Boro Mount Olive Twp Netcong Boro Roxbury Twp Washington Twp
	Sussex	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Byram Twp Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hardyston Twp Hopatcong Boro Lafayette Twp Montague Twp Newton Town Sandyston Twp

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			Sparta Twp
			Stanhope Boro
			Stillwater Twp
			Walpack Twp
			Wantage Twp
		Warren	All municipalities
	Wanaque Gap Acq	Bergen	Mahwah Twp
		Passaic	Ringwood Boro
TOTAL			<u>\$5,000,000</u>

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

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Above the Rim, Inc	Weequahic Park Improvements, Basketball Courts	Essex	Newark City	\$200,000
Boys and Girls Club of Newark	Jesse Allen Park	Essex	Newark City	200,000
Branch Brook Park Alliance	Branch Brook Park Mid-Lake Crescent Rehabilitation	Essex	Newark City	200,000
Cooper's Ferry Development Association, Inc.	Waterfront Park Enhancement Project	Camden	Camden City	200,000
Council for the Arts of the Livingston Area, Inc.	Riker Hill Art Park Improvements	Essex	Livingston Twp	200,000
Eagle Rock Conservancy, Inc.	Eagle Rock Reservation Improvements	Essex	West Orange Twp	200,000
Helping People Help Themselves	Destiny's Gate	Passaic	West Milford Twp	200,000
Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse, Inc	Community Boathouse	Hudson	Hoboken City	137,500
Montclair Grass Roots, Inc.	Glenfield Park Improvements	Essex	Glen Ridge Twp Boro Montclair Twp	200,000
Natural Lands Trust, Inc.	Peek Preserve Visitor Center	Cumberland	Millville City	92,750
North Ward Center	Branch Brook Park Ext.	Essex	Belleville Twp Newark City	200,000

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	Rehabilitation			
Roberto Clemente League	Branch Brook Park Ext. Rehabilitation	Essex	Belleville Twp Newark City	200,000
Save Ellis Island	Ellis Island Open Space Project	Hudson	Jersey City	200,000
South Mountain Conservancy	South Mountain Reservation Improvements	Essex	Maplewood Twp Millburn Twp South Orange Twp West Orange Twp	200,000
United Community Corporation	West Side Park Rehabilitation	Essex	Newark City	\$200,000
Verona Park Conservancy	Verona Park Improvements	Essex	Verona Twp	200,000
West Essex Park Conservancy, Inc	Hatfield Swamp Improvements	Essex	Roseland Boro	200,000
West Side Park Conservancy	West Side Park Rehabilitation	Essex	Newark City	200,000
TOTAL				<u>\$3,430,250</u>

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

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

f. 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 purpose of 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.

g. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act" means P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 6, 2008.