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AN ACT appropriating \$14,687,510 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.

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 sum of \$14,687,510 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 b. of this section, to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection c. of this section, and to undertake stewardship activities pursuant to subsection d. of this section. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$504,090 is available due to interest earnings on the dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.
- 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) Bergen SWAN	Ramapo Mountain Conservation Area	Bergen	Mahwah Twp Oakland Boro	\$500,000
(2) 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 Westhampton Twp Willingboro Twp	1,000,000
		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	

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		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	
(3) Friends of Hopewell Quarry, Inc.	Quarry Swim Club	Mercer	Hopewell TwP	91,450
(4) Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space	Hopewell Valley Park Acq	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp	500,000
(5) Friends of Princeton Open Space	Millstone River Watershed	Mercer	Princeton Boro	250,000
(6) Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation	Watershed Protection Program	Sussex	Frankford Twp	230,000
(7) Hunterdon Land Trust	Hunterdon Open Space Plan Priority Areas	Hunterdon	All municipalities	500,000
(8) Lamington Conservancy	Central Lamington Project	Hunterdon	Readington Twp	500,000
		Morris	Tewksbury Twp Chester Twp	
		Somerset	Washington Twp Bedminster Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro	
(9) Monmouth Conservation Foundation	Open Space Plans 2	Monmouth	All municipalities	500,000
(10) Natural Lands Trust, Inc.	Delaware Estuaries Acquisition	Cumberland	Commercial Twp Downe Twp Greenwich Twp Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Maurice River Twp Millville City Stow Creek Twp	100,000
		Salem	Alloway Twp Lower Alloways Creek Twp Quinton Twp	
(11) 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
	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
Gloucester	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
	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

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(18) The Watershed Institute	Watershed Connectors	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Pennington Boro Princeton Boro	500,000
TOTAL				\$8,810,860

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
Branch Brook Park Alliance	Branch Brook Park Improvements 2021	Essex	Newark City	\$500,000
Brookdale Park Conservancy	Brookdale Park Improvements 2021	Essex	Bloomfield Twp Montclair Twp	500,000
Congregation Ahavas Sholom	Lincoln Elementary Schoolyard Improvements	Essex	Orange City Twp	250,000
Essex County Parks Foundation	Amazing Asia Exhibit – Turtle Back Zoo	Essex	West Orange Twp	500,000
Flat Rock Brook Nature Association	Jones Road Area Restoration	Bergen	Englewood City	500,000
Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.	Rifle Camp Park Amphitheater	Passaic	Woodlawn Park Borough	500,000
Hamilton Partnership for Paterson	Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center Landscaping	Passaic	Paterson City	225,000
South Mountain Conservancy	South Mountain Reservation Improvements 2021	Essex	Millburn Twp	500,000
SPARK Friends, Inc.	Independence Park Trust for Public Land Improvement 2021	Essex	Newark City	500,000
	Multi Park Improvements	Essex	Newark City	500,000
Zoological Society of NJ	Amazing Asia Exhibit – Turtle Back Zoo	Essex	West Orange Twp	500,000
TOTAL				\$4,975,000

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

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
African American Fund of NJ	Ambrose Ward Mansion Grounds Renovation	Essex	East Orange Twp	\$273,750
D&R Greenway Land Trust	Multi-Park Stewardship	Burlington Hunterdon Mercer	Bordentown City East Amwell Twp Hopewell Twp	172,900
Flat Rock Brook Nature Association	Boardwalk Trail Restoration	Bergen	Englewood City	25,000
Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.	Lambert Tower Historic Landscape	Passaic	Paterson City	290,000
Harding Land Trust	Gatehouse and Primrose Phase 2	Morris	Harding Twp	80,000
The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	Nancy Conger West Brook Riparian Restoration	Passaic	West Milford Twp	60,000
TOTAL				\$901,650

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

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

g. 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.

h. 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).

2. 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 \$14,687,510 to implement the provisions of section 1 of this act.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 18, 2022.