

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**ASSEMBLY, No. 5778**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Makes supplemental appropriation of \$10 million for grants for certain lake management activities for recreation and conservation purposes.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/24/2021)**

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations act, P.L. ,  
2 c. (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. or  
3 Assembly Bill No. ).  
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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. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L. , c.  
9 (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. or Assembly Bill  
10 No. ), the annual appropriations act for Fiscal Year 2022 , there is  
11 appropriated the following sum for the purposes specified:  
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42 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
40 Community Development and Environmental Management  
43 Science and Technical Programs

GRANTS-IN-AID

|         |                                                                    |                     |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 06-4850 | Water Monitoring.....                                              | \$10,000,000        |
|         | Total Grants-In-Aid Appropriation,<br>Stormwater Management Grants | <u>\$10,000,000</u> |

**Grants-In-Aid:**

06 Stormwater Management Grants  
..... (\$10,000,000)  
13 The amounts hereinabove appropriated shall be used for providing  
14 grants to assist qualified entities to pay for the management and  
15 maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes  
16 pursuant to section 2 of this act.  
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18 2. a. The amounts appropriated in section 1 of this act shall be  
19 used for providing grants to assist qualified entities to pay for the  
20 management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and  
21 conservation purposes pursuant to the provisions of this section.

22 b. The department shall establish a program for the purpose of  
23 providing grants with the moneys allocated pursuant to section 1 of  
24 this act to assist qualified entities to pay certain costs associated  
25 with the management and maintenance of lakes for recreation and  
26 conservation purposes.

27 c. (1) In establishing the program required pursuant to this  
28 section, the department shall develop criteria for the evaluation and  
29 ranking of applications to provide priority to projects:

30 (a) submitted by qualified entities responsible for a lake with  
31 public access; and

32 (b) to improve water quality and increase recreational access  
33 and use of lakes, including projects to control nutrient levels in  
34 lakes in order to prevent future harmful algal blooms.

35 (2) A grant issued pursuant to this section may be used for  
36 stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities  
37 that would, as determined by the department, directly enhance,

1 improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation  
2 purposes.

3 (3) The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall  
4 develop an application by which a qualified entity may apply for a  
5 grant pursuant to this section, and criteria by which to rank the  
6 applications received by the department. The commissioner shall  
7 provide notice of the availability of funding for this program and  
8 make the application available on the department's Internet website.

9 d. As used in this section:

10 "Greenwood Lake Commission" means the commission created  
11 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1999, c.402 (C.32:20A-3).

12 "Lake Hopatcong Commission" means the commission created  
13 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2000, c.175 (C.54:4B-3).

14 "Qualified entity" means: the Greenwood Lake Commission; the  
15 Lake Hopatcong Commission; a local government unit; an entity  
16 established as a joint meeting pursuant to law or an entity established  
17 pursuant to ordinance by the municipalities surrounding a publicly-  
18 accessible lake for the management of the lake, including, but not  
19 limited to, the Deal Lake Commission or the Lake Topanemus Park  
20 Commission; or a nonprofit organization that is exempt from federal  
21 taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.501 (c)(3) and whose mission is the  
22 management of a publicly-accessible lake.

23 "Recreation and conservation purposes" means the same as that  
24 term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-3).

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.