

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 13, *approved February 4, 2021*
Assembly, No. 5114

1 **AN ACT** appropriating \$37,160,000 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues for the development of lands
3 by the State for recreation and conservation purposes.

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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 the sum of \$37,160,000 from
9 dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article
10 VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the
11 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
12 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
13 (C.13:8C-48), to the Department of Environmental Protection for
14 the development of lands by the State for recreation and
15 conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of the
16 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

17 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
18 section shall be allocated as follows:

Project	Amount
BOATING & FISHING ACCESS	
Access Facilities	\$750,000
CAMPING DEVELOPMENT	
Camping, Cabin/Shelter Program	1,500,000
Sanitary Facilities	1,500,000
HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS & ACCESS	
Habitat Improvements & Access	750,000
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridge Repairs	250,000
Building Repairs and Renovations	2,000,000
Dam Inspections, Repairs, Removals	1,000,000
Health and Life Safety Projects	3,000,000
Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs	5,500,000
Recreational Development	14,000,000
Road Repairs	1,000,000
IN-HOUSE PROJECTS	500,000
PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION	650,000
OTHER	

1	Contingency Fund for Repairs	2,902,000
2	Administration	1,858,000
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4	TOTAL	\$37,160,000
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6 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of section 6
7 of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48) or any other law to the contrary, the
8 expenditure of funds pursuant to this section shall not require the
9 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.
10 The department may reallocate funds among the projects identified
11 in subsection b. of this section, subject to the approval of the
12 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
13 Department of the Treasury. The department shall send written
14 notification of any such reallocation of funds to the President of the
15 Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative
16 Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
17 or its successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and
18 Energy Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste
19 Committee, or their respective successor committees.

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21 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
22 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
23 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
24 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$37,160,000 to implement the provisions
25 of section 1 of this act.

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27 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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30 STATEMENT

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32 This bill appropriates the sum of \$37.16 million to the
33 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding
34 for capital projects and park development on lands administered by
35 the DEP’s Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and
36 Wildlife pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
37 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

38 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
39 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
40 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,
41 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The
42 “Preserve New Jersey Act” implements the constitutional
43 dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic
44 preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion
45 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres
46 program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space,
47 including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State
48 lands administered by the DEP’s Division of Fish and Wildlife and
49 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local

1 government open space acquisition and development projects; and
2 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
3 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates funds
4 for capital and park development projects on State lands
5 administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
6 Division of Parks and Forestry. The "Preserve New Jersey Green
7 Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New
8 Jersey Act."

9 The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been
10 approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.
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15 Appropriates \$37.16 million from constitutionally dedicated
16 CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for
17 State capital and park development projects.