P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 493, ***approved January 18, 2022***
Assembly, No. 6213

AN ACT appropriating $49.932 million from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues for the acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and certain administrative expenses.

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 $38,475,000 from 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 acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of $1,631,387 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 funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be allocated for the acquisition of lands within the locations of the projects set forth in paragraphs (1) through (10) of this subsection:

Project	**County**	**Municipality**
(1) CAPE MAY PENINSULA		
	Cape May	Cape May City
		Cape May Point Boro
		Dennis Twp
		Lower Twp
		Middle Twp
		Ocean City
		Sea Isle City
		Upper Twp
		West Cape May Boro
		Woodbine Boro
(2) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION		
	Bergen	Bogota Boro
		Carlstadt Boro
		East Rutherford Boro
		Fort Lee Boro
		Garfield City
		Hackensack City
		Hasbrouck Heights Boro

	Leonia Boro
	Little Ferry Boro
	Lodi Boro
	Lyndhurst Twp
	Maywood Boro
	Moonachie Boro
	New Milford Boro
	North Arlington Boro
	Palisades Park Boro
	Ridgefield Park Village
	River Edge Boro
	Rochelle Park Twp
	Rutherford Boro
	South Hackensack Twp
	Teterboro Boro
	Wallington Boro
	Wood-Ridge Boro
Burlington	Beverly City
	Bordentown City
	Bordentown Twp
	Burlington City
	Burlington 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
	Westampton Twp
	Willingboro Twp
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
Essex	Belleville Twp
	Irvington Twp
	Livingston Twp
	Maplewood Twp

	Millburn Twp
	Newark City
	Nutley Twp
Gloucester	National Park Boro
	West Deptford Twp
	Westville Boro
Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
	East Amwell Twp
	Flemington Boro
	Franklin Twp
	Frenchtown Boro
	Kingwood Twp
	Lambertville City
	Raritan Twp
	Readington Twp
	Stockton Boro
	West Amwell Twp
Mercer	All municipalities
Middlesex	All municipalities
Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp
	Allentown Boro
	Colts Neck Twp
	Englishtown Boro
	Freehold Boro
	Freehold Twp
	Holmdel Twp
	Manalapan Twp
	Marlboro Twp
	Matawan Boro
	Millstone Twp
	Roosevelt Boro
	Upper Freehold Twp
	Wall Twp
Morris	Boonton Town
	Boonton Twp
	Butler Boro
	Chatham Boro
	Chatham Twp
	Chester Boro
	Denville Twp
	Dover Town
	East Hanover Twp
	Florham Park Boro
	Hanover Twp
	Harding Twp
	Kinnelon Boro
	Lincoln Park Boro
	Long Hill Twp
	Madison Boro
	Mendham Boro
	Mendham Twp
	Mine Hill Twp

	Montville Twp
	Morris Plains Boro
	Morris Twp
	Morristown Town
	Mountain Lakes Boro
	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
	Pequannock Twp
	Randolph Twp
	Riverdale Boro
	Rockaway Boro
	Rockaway Twp
	Victory Gardens Boro
	Wharton Boro
Passaic	Clifton City
	Passaic City
Somerset	All municipalities
Union	All municipalities

(3) DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY

Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
	Kingwood Twp
	Lambertville City
	Stockton Boro
	West Amwell Twp
Mercer	Ewing Twp
	Hamilton Twp
	Hopewell Twp
	Lawrence Twp
	Princeton Boro
	Trenton City
Middlesex	New Brunswick City
	Plainsboro Twp
	South Brunswick Twp
Somerset	Franklin Twp

(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY

Atlantic	Buena Boro
	Buena Vista Twp
Cape May	Dennis Twp
	Lower Twp
	Middle Twp
	Upper Twp
Cumberland	All municipalities
Gloucester	Clayton Boro
	Elk Twp
	Franklin Twp
	Glassboro Boro

	Monroe Twp
	Newfield Boro
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

(5) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY

Burlington	Bordentown City
	Bordentown Twp
	Chesterfield Twp
	Cinnaminson Twp
	Delanco Twp
	Delran Twp
	Eastampton Twp
	Hainesport Twp
	Lumberton Twp
	Mansfield Twp
	Medford Twp
	Moorestown Twp
	Mount Holly Twp
	Mount Laurel Twp
	North Hanover Twp
	Pemberton Twp
	Riverside Twp
	Southampton Twp
	Springfield Twp
	Westhampton Twp
	Willingboro Twp
Camden	Berlin Twp
	Camden City
	Clementon Boro
	Gibbsboro Boro
	Gloucester Twp
	Haddon Twp
	Lindenwold Boro
	Pine Hill Boro
	Voorhees Twp
Gloucester	Deptford Twp
	East Greenwich Twp
	Elk Twp
	Greenwich Twp
	Harrison Twp
	Logan Twp
	National Park Boro

		South Harrison Twp
		Westville Boro
		Woolwich Twp
		West Deptford Twp
	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
		Delaware Twp
		Frenchtown Boro
		Kingwood Twp
		Lambertville City
		Stockton Boro
		West Amwell Twp
	Mercer	Ewing Twp
		Hamilton Twp
		Hopewell Twp
		Robbinsville Twp
		Trenton City
	Monmouth	Allentown Boro
		Millstone Twp
		Upper Freehold Twp
	Ocean	Jackson Twp
		Plumsted Twp
	Salem	Oldmans Twp
		Pilesgrove Twp
		Upper Pittsgrove Twp
(6) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY		
	Bergen	Mahwah Twp
		Oakland Boro
	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
		Bethlehem Twp
		Bloomsbury Boro
		Califon Boro
		Clinton Town
		Clinton Twp
		Glen Gardner Boro
		Hampton Boro
		High Bridge Boro
		Holland Twp
		Lebanon Boro
		Lebanon Twp
		Milford Boro
		Tewksbury Twp
		Union Twp
	Morris	Boonton Town
		Boonton Twp
		Butler Boro
		Chester Boro
		Chester Twp
		Denville Twp
		Dover Town

	Hanover Twp
	Harding Twp
	Jefferson Twp
	Kinnelon Boro
	Mendham Boro
	Mendham Twp
	Mine Hill Twp
	Montville Twp
	Morris Plains Boro
	Morris Twp
	Morristown Town
	Mount Arlington Boro
	Mount Olive Twp
	Mountain Lakes Boro
	Netcong Boro
	Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
	Pequannock Twp
	Randolph Twp
	Riverdale Boro
	Rockaway Boro
	Rockaway Twp
	Roxbury Twp
	Victory Gardens Boro
	Washington Twp
	Wharton Boro
Passaic	Bloomingdale Boro
	Pompton Lakes Boro
	Ringwood Boro
	Wanaque Boro
	West Milford Twp
Somerset	Bedminster Twp
	Bernards Twp
	Bernardsville Boro
	Far Hills Boro
	Peapack-Gladstone Boro
Sussex	Byram Twp
	Franklin Boro
	Green Twp
	Hamburg Boro
	Hardyston Twp
	Hopatcong Boro
	Ogdensburg Boro
	Sparta Twp
	Stanhope Boro
	Vernon Twp
Warren	Allamuchy Twp
	Alpha Boro
	Belvidere Town
	Franklin Twp
	Frelinghuysen Twp
	Greenwich Twp
	Hackettstown Town
	Harmony Twp
	Hope Twp
	Independence Twp

		Liberty Twp
		Lopatcong Twp
		Mansfield Twp
		Oxford Twp
		Phillipsburg Town
		Pohatcong Twp
		Washington Boro
		Washington Twp
		White Twp

(7) HISTORIC RESOURCES

Allaire State Park

Monmouth	Howell Twp
	Wall Twp

Fort Mott Officers Quarters

Salem	Pennsville Twp

Griggstown Muletenders Barracks

Somerset	Franklin Twp

Historic Sites

Burlington	Medford Twp
Monmouth	Red Bank Boro

Monmouth Battlefield

Monmouth	Freehold Twp
	Manalapan Twp

New Bridge Landing

Bergen	New Milford Boro
	River Edge Boro

Princeton Battlefield

Mercer	Princeton Boro

Proprietary House

Middlesex	Perth Amboy City

Register Eligible Sites

Somerset	Green Brook Twp
	Watchung Boro

Rockingham Farmstead

Somerset	Franklin Twp

Twin Lights		
	Monmouth	Highlands Boro
Washington Crossing State Park		
	Mercer	Ewing Twp
		Hopewell Twp
Waterloo Village		
	Sussex	Byram Twp
		Stanhope Boro
(8) PINELANDS		
	Atlantic	Brigantine City
		Buena Boro
		Buena Vista Twp
		Corbin City
		Egg Harbor City
		Egg Harbor Twp
		Estell Manor City
		Folsom Boro
		Galloway Twp
		Hamilton Twp
		Hammonton Town
		Mullica Twp
		Port Republic City
		Weymouth Twp
	Burlington	Bass River Twp
		Evesham Twp
		Medford Lakes Boro
		Medford Twp
		New Hanover Twp
		North Hanover Twp
		Pemberton Twp
		Shamong Twp
		Southampton Twp
		Springfield Twp
		Tabernacle Twp
		Washington Twp
		Woodland Twp
		Wrightstown Boro
	Camden	Berlin Boro
		Berlin Twp
		Chesilhurst Boro
		Waterford Twp
		Winslow Twp
	Cape May	Dennis Twp
		Middle Twp
		Upper Twp
		Woodbine Boro
	Cumberland	Maurice River Twp

	Vineland City
Gloucester	Franklin Twp
	Monroe Twp
Ocean	Barnegat Twp
	Beachwood Boro
	Berkeley Twp
	Eagleswood Twp
	Jackson Twp
	Lacey Twp
	Lakehurst Boro
	Little Egg Harbor Twp
	Manchester Twp
	Ocean Twp
	Plumsted Twp
	South Toms River Boro
	Stafford Twp
	Toms River Twp
	Tuckerton Boro

(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY

Sussex	Andover Boro
	Andover Twp
	Branchville Boro
	Frankford Twp
	Fredon Twp
	Green Twp
	Hampton Twp
	Lafayette Twp
	Montague Twp
	Newton Town
	Sandyston Twp
	Stillwater Twp
	Sussex Boro
	Walpack Twp
	Wantage Twp
Warren	Blairstown Twp
	Frelinghuysen Twp
	Hackettstown Town
	Hardwick Twp
	Hope Twp
	Knowlton Twp
	Liberty Twp

(10) URBAN PARKS

Bergen	Edgewater Boro
Camden	Camden City
Essex	Belleville Twp
	Bloomfield Twp
	Caldwell Boro
	Cedar Grove Twp
	East Orange City

		Glen Ridge Boro
		Irvington Twp
		Maplewood Twp
		Montclair Twp
		Newark City
		Nutley Twp
		Orange City Twp
		South Orange Village Twp
		West Orange Twp
	Hudson	All municipalities
	Mercer	Trenton City
	Middlesex	Edison Twp
	Monmouth	Long Branch City
	Passaic	Paterson City
		Totowa Boro
	Union	Elizabeth City
		Fanwood Boro
		Garwood Boro
		Hillside Twp
		Linden City
		Plainfield City
		Rahway City
		Roselle Boro
		Roselle Park Boro
		Union Twp
		Winfield Twp
TOTAL		**$38,475,000**

c. The expenditure of funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section for any project listed in subsection b. of this section shall not require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant thereto, any State project that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden State Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or 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 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.

For the purposes of this subsection, "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, and P.L.1989, c.183.

2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the sum of $4,655,000 from 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 acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of $625,433 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 funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be allocated as follows:

Project	**County**	**Municipality**	**Amount**
BLUE ACRES			$4,655,000
	Every county	Every municipality	
TOTAL			**$4,655,000**

c. The expenditure of moneys appropriated pursuant to this section is subject to the provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden State Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or 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 State projects 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 State project that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund, or the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" for recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding

approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, 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.

b. For the purposes of this section, "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, and P.L.1989, c.183.

4. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the sum of $6,802,000 from 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 paying administrative costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

5. 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 $49,932,000 to implement the provisions of this act.

6. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates the sum of $49.932 million to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The "Preserve New Jersey Act" implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space, including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local government open space acquisition and development projects; and grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for

recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates moneys for State open space acquisition projects, including for Blue Acres projects.

Specifically, this bill appropriates $38.475 million to the DEP from the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition by the State of lands, for recreation and conservation purposes, located throughout the State within the ten project categories identified in section 1 of the bill. The bill also appropriates $4.655 million to the DEP to provide funding for the acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage, i.e., "Blue Acres" projects. In addition, the bill appropriates $6.802 million to the DEP for the purposes of paying administrative costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act."

The "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act." P.L.2019, c.136 amended the "Preserve New Jersey Act" to incorporate the purposes of the "Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund" into the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," rather than having two separate funds, both providing moneys to the DEP's Green Acres program for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. Of the funding allocated for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes by the State, a minimum of 10 percent is to be allocated for Blue Acres projects.

The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

Lastly, the bill authorizes the department to re-distribute certain other moneys made available by project cancellations or cost savings to provide additional funding, for recreation and conservation purposes, to previously approved and funded State projects, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee. The bill provides that the additional funding, if provided from a Green Acres bond act, may include administrative costs.

Appropriates $49.932 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs.