

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

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

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

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10 1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
11 Protection the sum of \$38,475,000 from dedicated corporation
12 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
13 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres
14 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New
15 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the acquisition of
16 lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in
17 accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”
18 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). Of the amount appropriated
19 pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$1,631,387 is available due
20 to interest earnings on the dedicated corporation business tax
21 revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the
22 State Constitution.

23 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
24 section shall be allocated for the acquisition of lands within the
25 locations of the projects set forth in paragraphs (1) through (10) of
26 this subsection:

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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

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1		Leonia Boro
2		Little Ferry Boro
3		Lodi Boro
4		Lyndhurst Twp
5		Maywood Boro
6		Moonachie Boro
7		New Milford Boro
8		North Arlington Boro
9		Palisades Park Boro
10		Ridgefield Park Village
11		River Edge Boro
12		Rochelle Park Twp
13		Rutherford Boro
14		South Hackensack Twp
15		Teterboro Boro
16		Wallington Boro
17		Wood-Ridge Boro
18		
19	Burlington	Beverly City
20		Bordentown City
21		Bordentown Twp
22		Burlington City
23		Burlington Twp
24		Edgewater Park Twp
25		Fieldsboro Boro
26		Florence Twp
27		Hainesport Twp
28		Mansfield Twp
29		Maple Shade Twp
30		Moorestown Twp
31		Mount Holly Twp
32		Mount Laurel Twp
33		Palmyra Boro
34		Riverside Twp
35		Riverton Boro
36		Springfield Twp
37		Westampton Twp
38		Willingboro Twp
39		
40	Camden	Audubon Boro
41		Audubon Park Boro
42		Brooklawn Boro
43		Camden City
44		Cherry Hill Twp
45		Collingswood Boro
46		Gloucester City
47		Haddon Heights Boro
48		Haddon Twp
49		Haddonfield Boro
50		Merchantville Boro
51		Mount Ephraim Boro
52		Oaklyn Boro
53		Pennsauken Twp
54		Woodlynne Boro
55	Essex	Belleville Twp
56		Irvington Twp
57		Livingston Twp
58		Maplewood Twp

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1		Millburn Twp
2		Newark City
3		Nutley Twp
4		
5	Gloucester	National Park Boro
6		West Deptford Twp
7		Westville Boro
8		
9	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
10		East Amwell Twp
11		Flemington Boro
12		Franklin Twp
13		Frenchtown Boro
14		Kingwood Twp
15		Lambertville City
16		Raritan Twp
17		Readington Twp
18		Stockton Boro
19		West Amwell Twp
20		
21	Mercer	All municipalities
22		
23	Middlesex	All municipalities
24		
25	Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp
26		Allentown Boro
27		Colts Neck Twp
28		Englishtown Boro
29		Freehold Boro
30		Freehold Twp
31		Holmdel Twp
32		Manalapan Twp
33		Marlboro Twp
34		Matawan Boro
35		Millstone Twp
36		Roosevelt Boro
37		Upper Freehold Twp
38		Wall Twp
39		
40	Morris	Boonton Town
41		Boonton Twp
42		Butler Boro
43		Chatham Boro
44		Chatham Twp
45		Chester Boro
46		Denville Twp
47		Dover Town
48		East Hanover Twp
49		Florham Park Boro
50		Hanover Twp
51		Harding Twp
52		Kinnelon Boro
53		Lincoln Park Boro
54		Long Hill Twp
55		Madison Boro
56		Mendham Boro
57		Mendham Twp
58		Mine Hill Twp

1		Montville Twp
2		Morris Plains Boro
3		Morris Twp
4		Morristown Town
5		Mountain Lakes Boro
6		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
7		Pequannock Twp
8		Randolph Twp
9		Riverdale Boro
10		Rockaway Boro
11		Rockaway Twp
12		Victory Gardens Boro
13		Wharton Boro
14		
15	Passaic	Clifton City
16		Passaic City
17		
18	Somerset	All municipalities
19		
20	Union	All municipalities
21		
22	(3) DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY	
23		
24	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
25		Kingwood Twp
26		Lambertville City
27		Stockton Boro
28		West Amwell Twp
29		
30	Mercer	Ewing Twp
31		Hamilton Twp
32		Hopewell Twp
33		Lawrence Twp
34		Princeton Boro
35		Trenton City
36		
37	Middlesex	New Brunswick City
38		Plainsboro Twp
39		South Brunswick Twp
40		
41	Somerset	Franklin Twp
42		
43	(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY	
44		
45	Atlantic	Buena Boro
46		Buena Vista Twp
47		
48	Cape May	Dennis Twp
49		Lower Twp
50		Middle Twp
51		Upper Twp
52		
53	Cumberland	All municipalities
54		
55	Gloucester	Clayton Boro
56		Elk Twp
57		Franklin Twp
58		Glassboro Boro

1		Monroe Twp
2		Newfield Boro
3		
4	Salem	Alloway Twp
5		Carneys Point Twp
6		Elmer Boro
7		Elsinboro Twp
8		Lower Alloways Creek Twp
9		Mannington Twp
10		Oldmans Twp
11		Pennsville Twp
12		Pilesgrove Twp
13		Pittsgrove Twp
14		Quinton Twp
15		Upper Pittsgrove Twp
16		Woodstown Boro
17		
18	(5) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY	
19		
20	Burlington	Bordentown City
21		Bordentown Twp
22		Chesterfield Twp
23		Cinnaminson Twp
24		Delanco Twp
25		Delran Twp
26		Eastampton Twp
27		Hainesport Twp
28		Lumberton Twp
29		Mansfield Twp
30		Medford Twp
31		Moorestown Twp
32		Mount Holly Twp
33		Mount Laurel Twp
34		North Hanover Twp
35		Pemberton Twp
36		Riverside Twp
37		Southampton Twp
38		Springfield Twp
39		Westhampton Twp
40		Willingboro Twp
41		
42	Camden	Berlin Twp
43		Camden City
44		Clementon Boro
45		Gibbsboro Boro
46		Gloucester Twp
47		Haddon Twp
48		Lindenwold Boro
49		Pine Hill Boro
50		Voorhees Twp
51		
52	Gloucester	Deptford Twp
53		East Greenwich Twp
54		Elk Twp
55		Greenwich Twp
56		Harrison Twp
57		Logan Twp
58		National Park Boro

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1		South Harrison Twp
2		Westville Boro
3		Woolwich Twp
4		West Deptford Twp
5		
6	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
7		Delaware Twp
8		Frenchtown Boro
9		Kingwood Twp
10		Lambertville City
11		Stockton Boro
12		West Amwell Twp
13		
14	Mercer	Ewing Twp
15		Hamilton Twp
16		Hopewell Twp
17		Robbinsville Twp
18		Trenton City
19		
20	Monmouth	Allentown Boro
21		Millstone Twp
22		Upper Freehold Twp
23		
24	Ocean	Jackson Twp
25		Plumsted Twp
26		
27	Salem	Oldmans Twp
28		Pilesgrove Twp
29		Upper Pittsgrove Twp
30		
31	(6) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY	
32		
33	Bergen	Mahwah Twp
34		Oakland Boro
35		
36	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
37		Bethlehem Twp
38		Bloomsbury Boro
39		Califon Boro
40		Clinton Town
41		Clinton Twp
42		Glen Gardner Boro
43		Hampton Boro
44		High Bridge Boro
45		Holland Twp
46		Lebanon Boro
47		Lebanon Twp
48		Milford Boro
49		Tewksbury Twp
50		Union Twp
51		
52	Morris	Boonton Town
53		Boonton Twp
54		Butler Boro
55		Chester Boro
56		Chester Twp
57		Denville Twp
58		Dover Town

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1		Hanover Twp
2		Harding Twp
3		Jefferson Twp
4		Kinnelon Boro
5		Mendham Boro
6		Mendham Twp
7		Mine Hill Twp
8		Montville Twp
9		Morris Plains Boro
10		Morris Twp
11		Morristown Town
12		Mount Arlington Boro
13		Mount Olive Twp
14		Mountain Lakes Boro
15		Netcong Boro
16		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
17		Pequannock Twp
18		Randolph Twp
19		Riverdale Boro
20		Rockaway Boro
21		Rockaway Twp
22		Roxbury Twp
23		Victory Gardens Boro
24		Washington Twp
25		Wharton Boro
26		
27	Passaic	Bloomington Boro
28		Pompton Lakes Boro
29		Ringwood Boro
30		Wanaque Boro
31		West Milford Twp
32		
33	Somerset	Bedminster Twp
34		Bernards Twp
35		Bernardsville Boro
36		Far Hills Boro
37		Peapack-Gladstone Boro
38	Sussex	Byram Twp
39		Franklin Boro
40		Green Twp
41		Hamburg Boro
42		Hardyston Twp
43		Hopatcong Boro
44		Ogdensburg Boro
45		Sparta Twp
46		Stanhope Boro
47		Vernon Twp
48		
49	Warren	Allamuchy Twp
50		Alpha Boro
51		Belvidere Town
52		Franklin Twp
53		Frelinghuysen Twp
54		Greenwich Twp
55		Hackettstown Town
56		Harmony Twp
57		Hope Twp
58		Independence Twp

1		Liberty Twp
2		Lopatcong Twp
3		Mansfield Twp
4		Oxford Twp
5		Phillipsburg Town
6		Pohatcong Twp
7		Washington Boro
8		Washington Twp
9		White Twp
10		
11	(7) HISTORIC RESOURCES	
12		
13	<i>Allaire State Park</i>	
14		
15	Monmouth	Howell Twp
16		Wall Twp
17		
18	<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>	
19		
20	Salem	Pennsville Twp
21		
22	<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>	
23		
24	Somerset	Franklin Twp
25		
26	<i>Historic Sites</i>	
27		
28	Burlington	Medford Twp
29		
30	Monmouth	Red Bank Boro
31		
32	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>	
33		
34	Monmouth	Freehold Twp
35		Manalapan Twp
36		
37	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>	
38		
39	Bergen	New Milford Boro
40		River Edge Boro
41		
42	<i>Princeton Battlefield</i>	
43		
44	Mercer	Princeton Boro
45		
46	<i>Proprietary House</i>	
47		
48	Middlesex	Perth Amboy City
49		
50	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>	
51		
52	Somerset	Green Brook Twp
53		Watchung Boro
54		
55	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>	
56		
57	Somerset	Franklin Twp
58		

1	<i>Twin Lights</i>		
2			
3		Monmouth	Highlands Boro
4			
5	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
6			
7		Mercer	Ewing Twp
8			Hopewell Twp
9			
10	<i>Waterloo Village</i>		
11			
12		Sussex	Byram Twp
13			Stanhope Boro
14			
15	(8) PINELANDS		
16			
17		Atlantic	Brigantine City
18			Buena Boro
19			Buena Vista Twp
20			Corbin City
21			Egg Harbor City
22			Egg Harbor Twp
23			Estell Manor City
24			Folsom Boro
25			Galloway Twp
26			Hamilton Twp
27			Hammonton Town
28			Mullica Twp
29			Port Republic City
30			Weymouth Twp
31			
32		Burlington	Bass River Twp
33			Evesham Twp
34			Medford Lakes Boro
35			Medford Twp
36			New Hanover Twp
37			North Hanover Twp
38			Pemberton Twp
39			Shamong Twp
40			Southampton Twp
41			Springfield Twp
42			Tabernacle Twp
43			Washington Twp
44			Woodland Twp
45			Wrightstown Boro
46			
47		Camden	Berlin Boro
48			Berlin Twp
49			Chesilhurst Boro
50			Waterford Twp
51			Winslow Twp
52			
53		Cape May	Dennis Twp
54			Middle Twp
55			Upper Twp
56			Woodbine Boro
57			
58		Cumberland	Maurice River Twp

1		Vineland City
2		
3	Gloucester	Franklin Twp
4		Monroe Twp
5		
6	Ocean	Barnegat Twp
7		Beachwood Boro
8		Berkeley Twp
9		Eagleswood Twp
10		Jackson Twp
11		Lacey Twp
12		Lakehurst Boro
13		Little Egg Harbor Twp
14		Manchester Twp
15		Ocean Twp
16		Plumsted Twp
17		South Toms River Boro
18		Stafford Twp
19		Toms River Twp
20		Tuckerton Boro
21		
22	(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY	
23		
24	Sussex	Andover Boro
25		Andover Twp
26		Branchville Boro
27		Frankford Twp
28		Fredon Twp
29		Green Twp
30		Hampton Twp
31		Lafayette Twp
32		Montague Twp
33		Newton Town
34		Sandyston Twp
35		Stillwater Twp
36		Sussex Boro
37		Walpack Twp
38		Wantage Twp
39		
40	Warren	Blairstown Twp
41		Frelinghuysen Twp
42		Hackettstown Town
43		Hardwick Twp
44		Hope Twp
45		Knowlton Twp
46		Liberty Twp
47		
48	(10) URBAN PARKS	
49		
50	Bergen	Edgewater Boro
51		
52	Camden	Camden City
53		
54	Essex	Belleville Twp
55		Bloomfield Twp
56		Caldwell Boro
57		Cedar Grove Twp
58		East Orange City

1		Glen Ridge Boro
2		Irvington Twp
3		Maplewood Twp
4		Montclair Twp
5		Newark City
6		Nutley Twp
7		Orange City Twp
8		South Orange Village Twp
9		West Orange Twp
10		
11	Hudson	All municipalities
12		
13	Mercer	Trenton City
14		
15	Middlesex	Edison Twp
16		
17	Monmouth	Long Branch City
18		
19	Passaic	Paterson City
20		Totowa Boro
21		
22	Union	Elizabeth City
23		Fanwood Boro
24		Garwood Boro
25		Hillside Twp
26		Linden City
27		Plainfield City
28		Rahway City
29		Roselle Boro
30		Roselle Park Boro
31		Union Twp
32		Winfield Twp
33		
34	TOTAL	\$38,475,000
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36 c. The expenditure of funds appropriated pursuant to
37 subsection a. of this section for any project listed in subsection b. of
38 this section shall not require the approval of the Joint Budget
39 Oversight Committee, or its successor.

40 d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
41 listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant
42 thereto, any State project that previously received funding
43 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
44 annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres
45 Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State
46 Preservation Trust Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the
47 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
48 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
49 (C.13:8C-48), for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
50 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
51 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
52 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

1 For the purposes of this subsection, “Green Acres bond act”
2 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
3 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

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5 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
6 Environmental Protection the sum of \$4,655,000 from dedicated
7 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
8 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
9 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
10 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
11 acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands
12 throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to
13 incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or
14 that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage. Of the
15 amount appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of
16 \$625,433 is available due to interest earnings on the dedicated
17 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
18 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.

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

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22 Project	County	Municipality	Amount
23 BLUE ACRES			\$4,655,000
24	Every county	Every municipality	
25			
26			
27			
28 TOTAL			\$4,655,000
29			

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

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34 3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
35 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
36 cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
37 reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual
38 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
39 Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State Preservation Trust
40 Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the “Preserve New
41 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
42 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for State
43 projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
44 purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as
45 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any
46 State project that previously received funding appropriated or
47 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
48 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
49 Fund, or the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for
50 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding

1 approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of
2 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such
3 additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may
4 include administrative costs.

5 b. For the purposes of this section, “Green Acres bond act”
6 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
7 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

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9 4. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
10 Protection the sum of \$6,802,000 from dedicated corporation
11 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
12 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres
13 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New
14 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for paying administrative
15 costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of
16 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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18 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
19 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
20 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
21 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$49,932,000 to implement the provisions
22 of this act.

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24 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

25 26 27 STATEMENT

28
29 This bill appropriates the sum of \$49.932 million to the
30 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding
31 for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and
32 conservation purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant
33 to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et
34 seq.).

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

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

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

19 The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established
20 by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” P.L.2019, c.136
21 amended the “Preserve New Jersey Act” to incorporate the purposes
22 of the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund” into the “Preserve
23 New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” rather than having two separate
24 funds, both providing moneys to the DEP’s Green Acres program
25 for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation
26 purposes. Of the funding allocated for the acquisition of lands for
27 recreation and conservation purposes by the State, a minimum of 10
28 percent is to be allocated for Blue Acres projects.

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

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

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