

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 8, *approved February 4, 2021*
Senate, No. 3230

1 **AN ACT** appropriating \$30,387,000 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues for the acquisition of lands by
3 the State for recreation and conservation purposes and for Blue
4 Acres projects.

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

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9 1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
10 Environmental Protection the sum of \$27,348,300 from dedicated
11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
13 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
14 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
15 acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation
16 purposes in accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New
17 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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

Project	County	Municipality	Amount
(1) CAPE MAY PENINSULA			\$5,500,000
	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			3,000,000
	Bergen	Bogota Boro	
		Carlstadt Boro	
		East Rutherford Boro	
		Fort Lee Boro	
		Garfield City	
		Hackensack City	
		Hasbrouck Heights Boro	
		Leonida Boro	
		Little Ferry Boro	
		Lodi Boro	
		Lyndhurst Twp	

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

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

1		Mountain Lakes Boro	
2		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp	
3		Pequannock Twp	
4		Randolph Twp	
5		Riverdale Boro	
6		Rockaway Boro	
7		Rockaway Twp	
8		Victory Gardens Boro	
9		Wharton Boro	
10			
11	Passaic	Clifton City	
12		Passaic City	
13			
14	Somerset	All municipalities	
15			
16	Union	All municipalities	
17			
18	(3) DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY		1,000,000
19			
20	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp	
21		Kingwood Twp	
22		Lambertville City	
23		Stockton Boro	
24		West Amwell Twp	
25			
26	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
27		Hamilton Twp	
28		Hopewell Twp	
29		Lawrence Twp	
30		Princeton Boro	
31		Trenton City	
32			
33	Middlesex	New Brunswick City	
34		Plainsboro Twp	
35		South Brunswick Twp	
36			
37	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
38			
39	(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY		3,000,000
40			
41	Atlantic	Buena Boro	
42		Buena Vista Twp	
43			
44	Cape May	Dennis Twp	
45		Lower Twp	
46		Middle Twp	
47		Upper Twp	
48			
49	Cumberland	All municipalities	
50			
51	Gloucester	Clayton Boro	
52		Elk Twp	
53		Franklin Twp	
54		Glassboro Boro	
55		Monroe Twp	
56		Newfield Boro	
57			
58	Salem	Alloway Twp	

1		Carneys Point Twp	
2		Elmer Boro	
3		Elsinboro Twp	
4		Lower Alloways Creek Twp	
5		Mannington Twp	
6		Oldmans Twp	
7		Pennsville Twp	
8		Pilesgrove Twp	
9		Pittsgrove Twp	
10		Quinton Twp	
11		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
12		Woodstown Boro	
13			
14	(5) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY		1,500,000
15			
16	Burlington	Bordentown City	
17		Bordentown Twp	
18		Chesterfield Twp	
19		Cinnaminson Twp	
20		Delanco Twp	
21		Delran Twp	
22		Eastampton Twp	
23		Hainesport Twp	
24		Lumberton Twp	
25		Mansfield Twp	
26		Medford Twp	
27		Moorestown Twp	
28		Mount Holly Twp	
29		Mount Laurel Twp	
30		North Hanover Twp	
31		Pemberton Twp	
32		Riverside Twp	
33		Southampton Twp	
34		Springfield Twp	
35		Westampton Twp	
36		Willingboro Twp	
37			
38	Camden	Berlin Twp	
39		Camden City	
40		Clementon Boro	
41		Gibbsboro Boro	
42		Gloucester Twp	
43		Haddon Twp	
44		Lindenwold Boro	
45		Pine Hill Boro	
46		Voorhees Twp	
47			
48	Gloucester	Deptford Twp	
49		East Greenwich Twp	
50		Elk Twp	
51		Greenwich Twp	
52		Harrison Twp	
53		Logan Twp	
54		National Park Boro	
55		South Harrison Twp	
56		Westville Boro	
57		Woolwich Twp	
58		West Deptford Twp	

1			
2		Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
3			Delaware Twp
4			Frenchtown Boro
5			Kingwood Twp
6			Lambertville City
7			Stockton Boro
8			West Amwell Twp
9			
10		Mercer	Ewing Twp
11			Hamilton Twp
12			Hopewell Twp
13			Robbinsville Twp
14			Trenton City
15			
16		Monmouth	Allentown Boro
17			Millstone Twp
18			Upper Freehold Twp
19			
20		Ocean	Jackson Twp
21			Plumsted Twp
22			
23		Salem	Oldmans Twp
24			Pilesgrove Twp
25			Upper Pittsgrove Twp
26			
27	(6) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY		3,348,300
28			
29		Bergen	Mahwah Twp
30			Oakland Boro
31			
32		Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp
33			Bethlehem Twp
34			Bloomsbury Boro
35			Califon Boro
36			Clinton Town
37			Clinton Twp
38			Glen Gardner Boro
39			Hampton Boro
40			High Bridge Boro
41			Holland Twp
42			Lebanon Boro
43			Lebanon Twp
44			Milford Boro
45			Tewksbury Twp
46			Union Twp
47			
48		Morris	Boonton Town
49			Boonton Twp
50			Butler Boro
51			Chester Boro
52			Chester Twp
53			Denville Twp
54			Dover Town
55			Hanover Twp
56			Harding Twp
57			Jefferson Twp
58			Kinnelon Boro

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

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1			Oxford Twp	
2			Phillipsburg Town	
3			Pohatcong Twp	
4			Washington Boro	
5			Washington Twp	
6			White Twp	
7				
8	(7) HISTORIC RESOURCES			2,000,000
9				
10	<i>Allaire State Park</i>			
11				
12		Monmouth	Howell Twp	
13			Wall Twp	
14				
15	<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>			
16				
17		Salem	Pennsville Twp	
18				
19	<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>			
20				
21		Somerset	Franklin Twp	
22				
23	<i>Historic Sites</i>			
24				
25		Burlington	Medford Twp	
26				
27		Monmouth	Red Bank Boro	
28				
29	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>			
30				
31		Monmouth	Freehold Twp	
32			Manalapan Twp	
33				
34	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>			
35				
36		Bergen	New Milford Boro	
37			River Edge Boro	
38				
39	<i>Proprietary House</i>			
40				
41		Middlesex	Perth Amboy City	
42				
43	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>			
44				
45		Somerset	Green Brook Twp	
46			Watchung Boro	
47				
48	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>			
49				
50		Somerset	Franklin Twp	
51				
52	<i>Twin Lights</i>			
53				
54		Monmouth	Highlands Boro	
55				
56	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>			
57				
58		Mercer	Ewing Twp	

1			Hopewell Twp	
2				
3	Waterloo Village			
4				
5		Sussex	Byram Twp	
6			Stanhope Boro	
7				
8	(8) PINELANDS			3,000,000
9				
10		Atlantic	Brigantine City	
11			Buena Boro	
12			Buena Vista Twp	
13			Corbin City	
14			Egg Harbor City	
15			Egg Harbor Twp	
16			Estell Manor City	
17			Folsom Boro	
18			Galloway Twp	
19			Hamilton Twp	
20			Hammonton Town	
21			Mullica Twp	
22			Port Republic City	
23			Weymouth Twp	
24				
25		Burlington	Bass River Twp	
26			Evesham Twp	
27			Medford Lakes Boro	
28			Medford Twp	
29			New Hanover Twp	
30			North Hanover Twp	
31			Pemberton Twp	
32			Shamong Twp	
33			Southampton Twp	
34			Springfield Twp	
35			Tabernacle Twp	
36			Washington Twp	
37			Woodland Twp	
38			Wrightstown Boro	
39				
40		Camden	Berlin Boro	
41			Berlin Twp	
42			Chesilhurst Boro	
43			Waterford Twp	
44			Winslow Twp	
45				
46		Cape May	Dennis Twp	
47			Middle Twp	
48			Upper Twp	
49			Woodbine Boro	
50				
51		Cumberland	Maurice River Twp	
52			Vineland City	
53				
54		Gloucester	Franklin Twp	
55			Monroe Twp	
56				
57		Ocean	Barnegat Twp	
58			Beachwood Boro	

1		Berkeley Twp	
2		Eagleswood Twp	
3		Jackson Twp	
4		Lacey Twp	
5		Lakehurst Boro	
6		Little Egg Harbor Twp	
7		Manchester Twp	
8		Ocean Twp	
9		Plumsted Twp	
10		South Toms River Boro	
11		Stafford Twp	
12		Toms River Twp	
13		Tuckerton Boro	
14			
15	(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY		5,000,000
16			
17	Sussex	Andover Boro	
18		Andover Twp	
19		Branchville Boro	
20		Frankford Twp	
21		Fredon Twp	
22		Green Twp	
23		Hampton Twp	
24		Lafayette Twp	
25		Montague Twp	
26		Newton Town	
27		Sandyston Twp	
28		Stillwater Twp	
29		Sussex Boro	
30		Walpack Twp	
31		Wantage Twp	
32			
33	Warren	Blairstown Twp	
34		Frelinghuysen Twp	
35		Hackettstown Town	
36		Hardwick Twp	
37		Hope Twp	
38		Knowlton Twp	
39		Liberty Twp	
40			
41	TOTAL		\$27,348,300
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43 c. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project site, listed in
44 subsection b. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint
45 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

46 d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
47 listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant
48 thereto, any State project that previously received funding
49 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
50 annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres
51 Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State
52 Preservation Trust Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the
53 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
54 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
55 (C.13:8C-48), for recreation and conservation purposes shall be

1 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
2 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
3 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

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

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8 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
9 Environmental Protection the sum of \$3,038,700 from dedicated
10 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
11 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
12 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
13 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
14 acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands
15 throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to
16 incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or
17 that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage.

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

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21 Project	County	Municipality	Amount
22 BLUE ACRES			\$3,038,700
23	Every county	Every municipality	
24			
25			
26			
27 TOTAL			\$3,038,700

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

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33 3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
34 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
35 cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
36 reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual
37 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
38 Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State Preservation Trust
39 Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the “Preserve New
40 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
41 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for State
42 projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
43 purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as
44 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any
45 State project that previously received funding appropriated or
46 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
47 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
48 Fund, or the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for
49 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 from the General Fund to the
10 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
11 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
12 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$30,387,000 to implement the provisions
13 of this act.

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15 5. This act shall take effect immediately.
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18 STATEMENT

19
20 This bill appropriates the sum of \$30,387,000 to the Department
21 of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the
22 acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
23 purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the
24 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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

42 Specifically, this bill appropriates \$27,348,300 to the DEP from
43 the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to provide funding for
44 the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
45 purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition
46 by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in
47 nine project categories throughout the State. In addition, this bill
48 appropriates \$3,038,700 to the DEP to provide funding for the

1 acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes,
2 of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred
3 flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands
4 from such damage, i.e., “Blue Acres” projects.

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

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

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

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29 Appropriates \$30.387 million from constitutionally dedicated
30 CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation
31 and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects.