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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

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on June 16, 2021,
with amendments.

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

1 A SUPPLEMENT to the Fiscal Year ¹[2021] 2022¹ appropriations
2 act, P.L. ¹[2020]¹, c. ¹[97] (pending before the Legislature as
3 Senate Bill No. _____ or Assembly Bill No. _____)¹.

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

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8 1. In addition to the amounts appropriated under P.L.
9 ¹[2020]¹, c. ¹[97] (pending before the Legislature as Senate Bill No.
10 or Assembly Bill No. _____)¹, the annual appropriations act for Fiscal
11 Year ¹[2020-2021] 2022¹, there is appropriated the following sum
12 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,	<hr/>
	Stormwater Management Grants	\$10,000,000
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Grants-In-Aid:

06 Stormwater Management Grants
..... (\$10,000,000)

14 The amounts hereinabove appropriated shall be used for providing
15 grants to assist qualified entities to pay ¹[the cost of development
16 of lands]¹ for the management and maintenance of lakes for
17 recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 2 of this
18 act.

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20 2. a. The amounts appropriated in section 1 of this act shall be
21 used for providing grants to assist qualified entities to pay ¹[the
22 cost of development of lands]¹ for the management and
23 maintenance of lakes for recreation and conservation purposes
24 pursuant to the provisions of this section.

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

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

33 (a) submitted by qualified entities ¹[located in the Highlands

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AAP committee amendments adopted June 16, 2021.

1 Region and pinelands area] responsible for a lake with public access¹
2 ; and

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

6 (2) A grant issued pursuant to this section may be used for
7 stormwater and nonpoint source pollution management activities
8 that would, as determined by the department, directly enhance,
9 improve, or protect the use of a lake for recreation and conservation
10 purposes.

11 (3) ¹[(a) An application received by the department from the
12 Greenwood Lake Commission for funding pursuant to this section
13 shall be approved by the department and shall receive a minimum
14 grant award of \$750,000. A grant awarded to the Greenwood Lake
15 Commission pursuant to this section shall be used solely for that
16 part of Greenwood Lake which lies within the State, and may be
17 utilized without matching funds from substantially similar
18 legislation by the State of New York.

19 (b) An application received by the department from the Lake
20 Hopatcong Commission for funding pursuant to this section shall be
21 approved by the department and shall receive a minimum grant
22 award of \$750,000.

23 (4)¹ The Commissioner of Environmental Protection shall
24 develop an application by which a qualified entity may apply for a
25 grant pursuant to this section, and criteria by which to rank the
26 applications received by the department. The commissioner shall
27 provide notice of the availability of funding for this program and
28 make the application available on the department's Internet website.

29 d. As used in this section:

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

32 ¹["Highlands Region" means the region as defined pursuant to
33 section 3 of P.L.2004, c.120 (C.13:20-3).]¹

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

36 "Qualified entity" means ¹;¹ the Greenwood Lake Commission
37 ¹["¹;¹ the Lake Hopatcong Commission ¹["¹;¹ a local government
38 unit ¹; an entity established as a joint meeting pursuant to law or an
39 entity established pursuant to ordinance by the municipalities
40 surrounding a publicly-accessible lake for the management of the lake,
41 including, but not limited to, the Deal Lake Commission or the Lake
42 Topanemus Park Commission; or a nonprofit organization that is
43 exempt from federal taxation pursuant to 26 U.S.C. s.501 (c)(3) and
44 whose mission is the management of a publicly-accessible lake¹ .

45 ¹["Pinelands area" means the pinelands area as defined pursuant
46 to section 3 of P.L.1979, c.111 (C.13:18A-3).]

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1 “Recreation and conservation purposes” means the same as that
2 term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-3).¹

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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately.