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**SYNOPSIS**

Appropriates \$71,700,224 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and various Green Acres funds to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/30/2017)

1 AN ACT appropriating \$71,700,224 from constitutionally dedicated  
2 corporation business tax revenues and various Green Acres funds  
3 to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for  
4 recreation and conservation purposes.

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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. As used in this act:

10 “Constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues”  
11 means corporation business tax revenues dedicated pursuant to  
12 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the  
13 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” and the unexpended  
14 balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund - Constitutional  
15 Dedication account made available for this purpose pursuant to the  
16 provisions of P.L.2016, c.10, for the acquisition or development of  
17 lands by local government units for recreation and conservation  
18 purposes in accordance with the provisions of the P.L.2016, c.12  
19 (C.13:8C-43 et seq).

20 “Densely or highly populated municipality” means a  
21 municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per  
22 square mile, or a population of at least 35,000 persons, according to  
23 the latest federal decennial census.

24 “Densely populated county” means a county with a population  
25 density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile according to the  
26 latest federal decennial census.

27 “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” means the  
28 fund established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152  
29 (C.13:8C-19).

30 “Green Acres bond act” means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119,  
31 P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265,  
32 and P.L.1983, c.354.

33 “Highly populated county” means a county with a population  
34 density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile according to the  
35 latest federal decennial census.

36 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” means the fund  
37 established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”  
38 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48).

39 “Stewardship activity” means the same as the term is defined in  
40 section 3 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12  
41 (C.13:8C-45).

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43 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
44 Protection the following sums for the purpose of providing grants or  
45 loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for  
46 recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 4 of this  
47 act and for the purpose of providing grants or loans, or both, to  
48 assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and

- 1 conservation purposes pursuant to section 5 of this act:
- 2 a. \$36,684,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation
- 3 business tax revenues;
- 4 b. \$29,184,699 from the “Garden State Green Acres
- 5 Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established
- 6 pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to loan
- 7 repayments;
- 8 c. \$5,520,594 from the “Garden State Green Acres
- 9 Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established
- 10 pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to project
- 11 cancellations and withdrawals; and
- 12 d. \$310,931 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation
- 13 Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established pursuant to a
- 14 Green Acres bond act, made available due to interest earnings.

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16 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the “Preserve

17 New Jersey Green Acres Fund” an amount determined by the State

18 Treasurer to be necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

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20 4. a. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and

21 conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys

22 appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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24 (1) Planning Incentive Acquisition Projects:

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| LOCAL<br>GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY     | PROJECT                                         | APPROVED<br>AMOUNT |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cresskill Boro           | Bergen     | Cresskill Borough Park<br>Expansion             | \$276,515          |
| Oakland Boro             | Bergen     | Boro of Oakland Open Space &<br>Recreation Plan | 500,000            |
| River Vale Twp           | Bergen     | Watershed Property Acq                          | 500,000            |
| Burlington County        | Burlington | Planning Incentive                              | 1,000,000          |
| Medford Twp              | Burlington | Open Space Incentive                            | 500,000            |
| Moorestown Twp           | Burlington | Open Space Preservation Plan                    | 487,220            |
| Cumberland County        | Cumberland | Trails & Open Space Acq                         | 600,000            |
| Livingston Twp           | Essex      | Township of Livingston Open<br>Space Acq        | 500,000            |
| Gloucester County        | Gloucester | Open Space Plan                                 | 1,000,000          |
| Hunterdon County         | Hunterdon  | County Open Space Plan                          | 700,000            |
| Delaware Twp             | Hunterdon  | Open Space Acq                                  | 500,000            |
| East Amwell Twp          | Hunterdon  | Open Space & Recreation Plan                    | 368,500            |
| Kingwood Twp             | Hunterdon  | Open Space Plan                                 | 289,000            |
| Lebanon Twp              | Hunterdon  | Lebanon Twp Preservation<br>Priorities          | 500,000            |

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| Readington Twp            | Hunterdon | Greenway Incentive Plan                            | 500,000      |
| Tewksbury Twp             | Hunterdon | Recreation and Open Space Plan                     | 500,000      |
| Mercer County             | Mercer    | Mercer County Planning Incentive                   | 1,250,000    |
| Hopewell Twp              | Mercer    | Hopewell Township Open Space Acq                   | 230,000      |
| Princeton Boro            | Mercer    | Princeton Open Space Acq                           | 375,500      |
| West Windsor Twp          | Mercer    | West Windsor Planning Inc                          | 500,000      |
| Monmouth County           | Monmouth  | Planning Incentive Acq                             | 1,250,000    |
| Allentown Boro            | Monmouth  | Mercer-Monmouth Regional Greenbelt                 | 500,000      |
| Millstone Twp             | Monmouth  | Millstone Planning Incentive-Project Evergreen     | 500,000      |
| Chatham Twp               | Morris    | Chatham Open Space Acq                             | 500,000      |
| Denville Twp              | Morris    | Denville Open Space Acquisition                    | 500,000      |
| Hanover Twp               | Morris    | Open Space Acq                                     | 469,325      |
| Kinnelon Boro             | Morris    | Open Space Acq                                     | 181,000      |
| Madison Boro              | Morris    | Madison Boro Open Space Acq                        | 500,000      |
| Ocean County              | Ocean     | Planning Incentive Grant                           | 1,000,000    |
| Harvey Cedars Boro        | Ocean     | James Street Wetlands Project                      | 50,000       |
| Point Pleasant Beach Boro | Ocean     | Open Space & Recreation Acq                        | 364,330      |
| Somerset County           | Somerset  | County Open Space Acq                              | 1,250,000    |
| Bedminster Twp            | Somerset  | Bedminster Parks Exp                               | 500,000      |
| Bernardsville Boro        | Somerset  | Bernardsville Boro Open Space and Recreation Lands | 500,000      |
| Montgomery Twp            | Somerset  | Open Space Acq 5                                   | 500,000      |
| Peapack-Gladstone Boro    | Somerset  | Open Space Acq                                     | 500,000      |
| Union County              | Union     | Union County Open Space & Recreation Plan          | 1,500,000    |
| Alpha Boro                | Warren    | Alpha Borough Open Space                           | 90,000       |
| Washington Boro           | Warren    | Washington Boro Open Space Acq                     | 500,000      |
| TOTAL                     |           |                                                    | \$22,231,390 |

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2 (2) Standard Acquisition Projects:

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| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY   | PROJECT                       | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Hamilton Twp          | Atlantic | 2nd Street ParkAcq            | \$40,500        |
| Franklin Lakes Boro   | Bergen   | Franklin Lakes Open Space Acq | 500,000         |

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| Hillsdale Boro | Bergen | Hillsdale Flood Buyout Acq | 61,650    |
| TOTAL          |        |                            | \$602,150 |

b. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes located in municipalities eligible to receive State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.), either as of June 30, 2016 or the effective date of this act, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY    | PROJECT                              | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bloomfield Twp        | Essex     | Third River Park and Preserve        | \$1,000,000     |
| Newark City           | Essex     | Newark Riverfront Park Acq           | 1,000,000       |
| Hoboken City          | Hudson    | Land Acq                             | 1,000,000       |
| Jersey City           | Hudson    | Berry Lane Acq                       | 1,000,000       |
| Union City            | Hudson    | Weehawken – Union City Reservoir Acq | 1,000,000       |
| Carteret Boro         | Middlesex | Arthur Kill Waterfront Park Ph III   | 1,000,000       |
| Neptune Twp           | Monmouth  | Flood Prone Property Acq             | 1,000,000       |
| Paterson City         | Passaic   | Ryle Ave/West Broadway Corridor Acq  | 1,000,000       |
| TOTAL                 |           |                                      | \$8,000,000     |

c. The following projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by densely populated counties or highly populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY     | PROJECT                           | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Wood-Ridge Boro       | Bergen     | Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acq | 750,000         |
| Washington Twp        | Gloucester | Open Space & Recreation Project   | 708,000         |
| Harrison Town         | Hudson     | Waterfront Park Walkway Acq       | 213,250         |
| Hamilton Twp          | Mercer     | Hamilton Twp Open Space Acq       | 456,880         |
| East Brunswick Twp    | Middlesex  | Open Space Plan                   | 70,000          |
| North Brunswick Twp   | Middlesex  | North Brunswick Plan              | 750,000         |
| Howell Twp            | Monmouth   | Planning Incentive 2              | 750,000         |

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| Marlboro Twp     | Monmouth | Marlboro Open Space Acq     | 750,000      |
| Morristown Town  | Morris   | Open Space Expansion        | 500,000      |
| Manchester Twp   | Ocean    | Planning Incentive          | 750,000      |
| Little Falls Twp | Passaic  | Little Falls Blue Acres Acq | 612,050      |
| TOTAL            |          |                             | \$6,310,180  |
| GRAND TOTAL      |          |                             | \$37,143,720 |

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2       5.   a. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and  
3 conservation purposes, located in municipalities eligible to receive  
4 State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.) either  
5 as of June 30, 2016 or the effective date of this act, or sponsored by  
6 densely populated counties, are eligible for funding with the  
7 moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:  
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| LOCAL<br>GOVERNMENT<br>UNIT | COUNTY     | PROJECT                                       | APPROVED<br>AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Pleasantville City          | Atlantic   | Bayview Avenue Waterfront Park                | \$1,000,000        |
| Bergenfield Boro            | Bergen     | Twin Boro Field Improvements                  | 1,000,000          |
| Garfield City               | Bergen     | Garfield Athletic Complex                     | 1,000,000          |
| Hackensack City             | Bergen     | Foschini Park Improvements                    | 800,000            |
| Camden County               | Camden     | Cooper River Park Improvements<br>II          | 1,000,000          |
| Camden City                 | Camden     | North Camden Waterfront Park<br>III           | 1,000,000          |
| Pennsauken Twp              | Camden     | Delaware Gardens River View<br>Renewal        | 593,845            |
| Vineland City               | Cumberland | Park Improvement at Burnt Mill<br>Pond        | 747,500            |
| Essex County                | Essex      | Multi-Park Improvements                       | 1,500,000          |
| Belleville Twp              | Essex      | Belleville Municipal Stadium<br>Improvements  | 1,000,000          |
| East Orange City            | Essex      | Columbian Park Improvements                   | 1,000,000          |
| Nutley Twp                  | Essex      | Father Glotzbach Soccer Field<br>Turf Project | 350,115            |
| Orange City Twp             | Essex      | Multi-Park Improvements                       | 1,000,000          |
| Glassboro Boro              | Gloucester | Town Square Park Improvements                 | 1,000,000          |
| Woodbury City               | Gloucester | Stewart Lake Park Improvements                | 665,390            |
| Hudson County               | Hudson     | Laurel Hill Park Phase IV                     | 1,500,000          |
| Bayonne City                | Hudson     | Newark Bay Waterfront Project                 | 1,000,000          |
| Kearny Town                 | Hudson     | Gunnell Oval Sports Complex<br>Reconstruction | 1,000,000          |
| North Bergen Twp            | Hudson     | 64th Street Field Improvements                | 1,000,000          |

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| Weehawken Twp      | Hudson    | Weehawken Recreation Pier and Bridge Project       | 1,000,000    |
| West New York Town | Hudson    | Historic Miller Stadium Field Surface Improvements | 1,000,000    |
| Trenton City       | Mercer    | Hetzel Field Park Development                      | 1,000,000    |
| Middlesex County   | Middlesex | Perth Amboy Arthur Kill Waterfront                 | 1,250,000    |
| Long Branch City   | Monmouth  | Branchport Park Improvements                       | 750,000      |
| Brick Twp          | Ocean     | Multi-Park Improvements 2                          | 1,000,000    |
| Passaic County     | Passaic   | Weasel Brook Park Improvements 2                   | 600,000      |
| Clifton City       | Passaic   | Athenia Park 2                                     | 1,000,000    |
| Passaic City       | Passaic   | Third Ward Veterans Memorial Park Improvements     | 1,000,000    |
| Rahway City        | Union     | Madden Field Park Improvements                     | 1,000,000    |
| Roselle Boro       | Union     | Arminio Field Park Improvement                     | 1,000,000    |
| TOTAL              |           |                                                    | \$28,756,850 |

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b. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT | COUNTY   | PROJECT                           | APPROVED AMOUNT |
|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Bergen County         | Bergen   | Overpeck Park Improvements 2      | \$1,250,000     |
| Elmwood Park Boro     | Bergen   | Birchwood Park Improvements       | 37,500          |
| New Milford Boro      | Bergen   | Kennedy Field Improvements        | 647,500         |
| North Arlington Boro  | Bergen   | Daniel Morris Park Improvements   | 59,800          |
| Rutherford Boro       | Bergen   | Memorial Park Improvements        | 148,215         |
| West Orange Twp       | Essex    | West Orange Multipark Development | 182,100         |
| Middletown Twp        | Monmouth | Multi-Park Improvements           | 369,250         |
| Berkeley Twp          | Ocean    | Veterans Park Improvements        | 750,000         |
| Wayne Twp             | Passaic  | Alps Road Ballfields              | 300,000         |
| Bound Brook Boro      | Somerset | Multi Park Improvements           | 104,855         |
| Somerville Boro       | Somerset | Chambres Park Improvement         | 143,355         |
| Fanwood Boro          | Union    | Forest Road Park Development      | 425,000         |
| TOTAL                 |          |                                   | \$4,417,575     |

1       c. The following projects for stewardship activities are eligible  
2 for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of  
3 this act:

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| LOCAL<br>GOVERNMENT<br>UNIT | COUNTY     | PROJECT                                    | APPROVED<br>AMOUNT |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Bergen County               | Bergen     | Stormwater Canyon Restoration              | \$113,000          |
| Ridgefield Boro             | Bergen     | Ridgefield Nature Center<br>Improvements   | 61,812             |
| Burlington County           | Burlington | Stewardship Multi Parks                    | 54,000             |
| Camden County               | Camden     | Watchable Wildlife Trail                   | 50,000             |
| Franklin Twp                | Gloucester | Piney Hollow Preservation Area             | 200,000            |
| Jersey City                 | Hudson     | Jersey City Parks Stewardship              | 82,672             |
| Mercer County               | Mercer     | Roebling Park Wetlands<br>Restoration      | 59,350             |
| Woodbridge Twp              | Middlesex  | Heards Brook Stewardship                   | 164,735            |
| Avon-By-The Sea<br>Boro     | Monmouth   | Sylvan Lake Restoration                    | 281,750            |
| Passaic County              | Passaic    | Dey Mansion Improvements                   | 100,000            |
| Woodland Park<br>Boro       | Passaic    | Rose Place Park Woods                      | 50,250             |
| Peapack -<br>Gladstone Boro | Somerset   | Liberty Pond Park Restoration              | 101,707            |
| Fanwood Boro                | Union      | Fanwood Nature Center Rescue<br>Initiative | 62,803             |
| TOTAL                       |            |                                            | \$1,382,079        |
| GRAND<br>TOTAL              |            |                                            | \$34,556,504       |

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6       6. a. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site,  
7 or type, listed in section 4 or 5 of this act shall require the approval  
8 of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

9       b. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects  
10 listed in section 4 or 5 of this act are offered funding pursuant  
11 thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously  
12 received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green  
13 Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State  
14 Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and  
15 conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant  
16 to this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as  
17 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject  
18 to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its  
19 successor.

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21       7. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of



1 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project  
2 withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts  
3 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any  
4 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres  
5 Preservation Trust Fund to assist local government units to acquire  
6 or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the  
7 purposes of providing:

8 (1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to  
9 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,  
10 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this  
11 act; and

12 (2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of  
13 Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit  
14 that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated  
15 from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or  
16 the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for  
17 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding  
18 approved pursuant to this act, subject to the approval of the Joint  
19 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional  
20 funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include  
21 administrative costs.

22 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental  
23 Protection such sums as may be, or may become, available on or  
24 before June 30, 2017, due to interest earnings or loan repayments in  
25 any "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to a Green Acres bond  
26 act or in the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund,"  
27 for the purpose of providing:

28 (1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to  
29 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,  
30 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this  
31 act; and

32 (2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of  
33 Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit  
34 that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated  
35 from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or  
36 the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for  
37 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding  
38 approved pursuant to this act, subject to the approval of the Joint  
39 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional  
40 funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include  
41 administrative costs.

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43 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

## STATEMENT

This bill appropriates \$71,700,224 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues, the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund,” and various Green Acres bond acts to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide grants or low-interest loans, or both, to assist local government units in the State to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

Of the total amount appropriated: \$36,684,000 is from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues; \$29,184,699 is made available due to loan repayments; \$5,520,594 is made available due to project cancellations and withdrawals; and \$310,931 is made available due and interest earnings. The funds made available due to loan repayments, project cancellations and withdrawals, and interest earning are from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” and various Green Acres funds established pursuant to a Green Acres bond act.

The CBT revenues appropriated in this bill are provided from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014, including the unexpended balances in the Diesel Risk Mitigation Fund – Constitutional Dedication account made available for these purposes pursuant to P.L.2016, c.10 (i.e., the FY2017 annual appropriations act).

The “Preserve New Jersey Act” implements for State fiscal years 2017 through 2019, the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” The act provides that of the 60 percent of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres program: 55 percent is to be used for State open space acquisition and development projects; 38 percent is to be used for grants and loans to fund local government open space acquisition and development projects; and 7 percent is to be used for grants to fund open space acquisition and development projects undertaken by qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations. Further, of the funding allocated for local open space acquisition and development projects, up to 2 percent is to be used to fund stewardship activities. “Stewardship activity” is defined in the act as an activity, which is beyond routine operations and maintenance, undertaken to repair or restore lands acquired or developed for recreation and conservation purposes for the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

The total amount of funding allocated for local government projects listed in this bill is \$71,700,224. Of this amount, \$37,143,720 is for projects to acquire lands for recreation and

1 conservations purposes, and \$34,556,504 is for projects to develop  
2 lands for recreation and conservations purposes.

3 Of the sum for projects to acquire lands for recreation and  
4 conservations purposes: \$22,231,390 is allocated for planning  
5 incentive open space acquisition projects; \$602,150 is allocated for  
6 standard open space acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in  
7 municipalities that do not have an open space tax); \$8,000,000 is  
8 allocated for projects in “urban aid” municipalities; and \$6,310,180  
9 is allocated for projects in densely or highly populated  
10 municipalities or sponsored by densely or highly populated  
11 counties.

12 Of the sum for projects to develop lands for recreation and  
13 conservations purposes: \$28,756,850 is allocated for local park  
14 development projects in urban aid municipalities or sponsored by  
15 densely populated counties; \$4,417,575 is allocated for local park  
16 development projects in densely or highly populated municipalities  
17 or sponsored by highly populated counties; and \$1,382,079  
18 allocated for stewardship activity projects.

19 The projects listed have been approved by the DEP and the  
20 Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT).

21 The projects approved by the bill include projects in “urban aid”  
22 and densely or highly populated municipalities and counties. The  
23 bill defines a “densely or highly populated municipality” as a  
24 municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per  
25 square mile or a population of at least 35,000 persons; a “densely  
26 populated county” as a county with a population density of at least  
27 5,000 persons per square mile; and a “highly populated county” as a  
28 county with a population density of at least 1,000 persons per  
29 square mile.

30 To the extent that there are funds remaining after those local  
31 government unit projects listed in this bill are offered funding, the  
32 bill also authorizes the DEP, with the approval of the Joint Budget  
33 Oversight Committee (JBOC), to use those funds to provide  
34 additional funding for local government unit projects listed in this  
35 bill as well as for local government unit projects previously  
36 approved for funding pursuant to various other laws.