

P.L. 2019, CHAPTER 457, *approved January 21, 2020*
Senate, No. 4312

1	AN ACT appropriating \$36,143,000 from constitutionally dedicated	
2	corporation business tax revenues for the development of lands	
3	by the State for recreation and conservation purposes.	
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5	BE IT ENACTED <i>by the Senate and General Assembly of the State</i>	
6	<i>of New Jersey:</i>	
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8	1. a.	There is appropriated the sum of \$36,143,000 from
9		dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article
10		VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the
11		“Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
12		section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
13		(C.13:8C-48), to the Department of Environmental Protection for
14		the development of lands by the State for recreation and
15		conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of the
16		“Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).
17	b.	The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
18		section shall be allocated as follows:
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20	Project	Amount
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22	BOATING & FISHING ACCESS	
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24	Access Facilities	\$750,000
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26	CAMPING DEVELOPMENT	
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28	Camping, Cabin/Shelter Program	3,500,000
29	Sanitary Facilities	3,000,000
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31	HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS & ACCESS	
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33	Habitat Improvements & Access	750,000
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35	INFRASTRUCTURE	
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37	Bridge Repairs	750,000
38	Building Repairs and Renovations	2,000,000
39	Dam Inspections, Repairs, Removals	750,000
40	Health and Life Safety Projects	4,000,000
41	Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs	10,000,000
42	Recreational Development	3,000,000
43	Road Repairs	800,000
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45	IN-HOUSE PROJECTS	800,000
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47	PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION	643,000
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49	OTHER	

1	Contingency Fund for Repairs	3,600,000
2	Administration	1,800,000
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4	TOTAL	\$36,143,000

5 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of section 6
6 of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48) or any other law to the contrary, the
7 expenditure of funds pursuant to this section shall not require the
8 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.
9 The department may reallocate funds among the projects identified
10 in subsection b. of this section, subject to the approval of the
11 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
12 Department of the Treasury. The department shall send written
13 notification of any such reallocation of funds to the President of the
14 Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative
15 Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
16 or its successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and
17 Energy Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste
18 Committee, or their respective successor committees.

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20 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
21 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
22 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
23 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$36,143,000 to implement the provisions
24 of section 1 of this act.

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26 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill appropriates the sum of \$36.143 million to the
32 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding
33 for capital projects and park development on lands administered by
34 the DEP’s Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and
35 Wildlife pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
36 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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

1 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
2 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates funds
3 for capital and park development projects on State lands
4 administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
5 Division of Parks and Forestry. The "Preserve New Jersey Green
6 Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New
7 Jersey Act."

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

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14 Appropriates \$36.143 million from constitutionally dedicated
15 CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for
16 State capital and park development projects.