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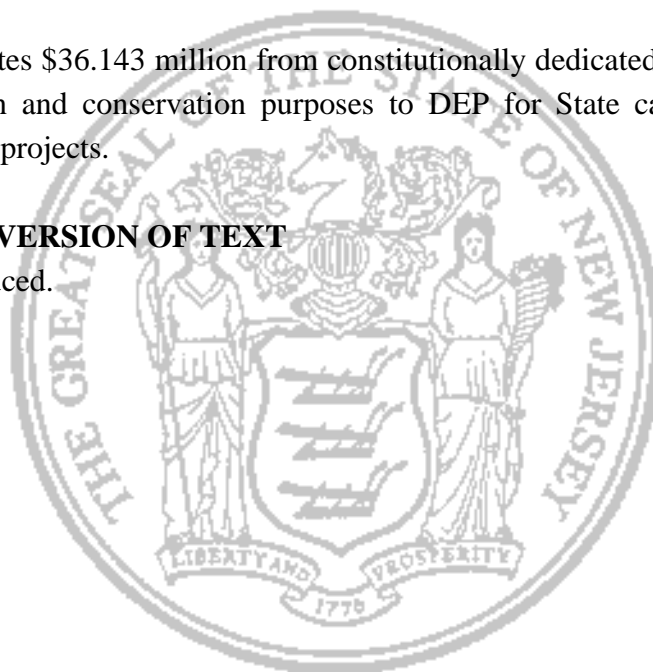
**Senators Doherty, Greenstein, Assemblyman McKeon, Assemblywomen
Murphy and Jasey**

SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/14/2020)

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 by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:

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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:

Project	Amount
BOATING & FISHING ACCESS	
Access Facilities	\$750,000
CAMPING DEVELOPMENT	
Camping, Cabin/Shelter Program	3,500,000
Sanitary Facilities	3,000,000
HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS & ACCESS	
Habitat Improvements & Access	750,000
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Bridge Repairs	750,000
Building Repairs and Renovations	2,000,000
Dam Inspections, Repairs, Removals	750,000
Health and Life Safety Projects	4,000,000
Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs	10,000,000
Recreational Development	3,000,000
Road Repairs	800,000
IN-HOUSE PROJECTS	800,000
PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION	643,000
OTHER	
Contingency Fund for Repairs	3,600,000
Administration	1,800,000
TOTAL	\$36,143,000

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

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

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22 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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25 STATEMENT

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

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

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1 administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
2 Division of Parks and Forestry. The "Preserve New Jersey Green
3 Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New
4 Jersey Act."

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