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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$37.16 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.



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1 AN ACT appropriating \$37,160,000 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 \$37,160,000 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	1,500,000
29 Sanitary Facilities	1,500,000
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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	250,000
38 Building Repairs and Renovations	2,000,000
39 Dam Inspections, Repairs, Removals	1,000,000
40 Health and Life Safety Projects	3,000,000
41 Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs	5,500,000
42 Recreational Development	14,000,000
43 Road Repairs	1,000,000
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45 IN-HOUSE PROJECTS	500,000
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47 PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION	650,000

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1	OTHER	
2	Contingency Fund for Repairs	2,902,000
3	Administration	1,858,000
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5	TOTAL	\$37,160,000
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7 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of section 6
8 of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48) or any other law to the contrary, the
9 expenditure of funds pursuant to this section shall not require the
10 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.
11 The department may reallocate funds among the projects identified
12 in subsection b. of this section, subject to the approval of the
13 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
14 Department of the Treasury. The department shall send written
15 notification of any such reallocation of funds to the President of the
16 Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative
17 Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
18 or its successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and
19 Energy Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste
20 Committee, or their respective successor committees.

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22 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
23 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
24 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
25 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$37,160,000 to implement the provisions
26 of section 1 of this act.

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28 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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33 This bill appropriates the sum of \$37.16 million to the
34 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding
35 for capital projects and park development on lands administered by
36 the DEP’s Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and
37 Wildlife pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
38 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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

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1 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local
2 government open space acquisition and development projects; and
3 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
4 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates funds
5 for capital and park development projects on State lands
6 administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
7 Division of Parks and Forestry. The "Preserve New Jersey Green
8 Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New
9 Jersey Act."
10 The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been
11 approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.