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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$30.387 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/11/2021)

1 AN ACT appropriating \$30,387,000 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues for the acquisition of lands by
3 the State for recreation and conservation purposes and for Blue
4 Acres projects.

5
6 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*
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9 1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
10 Environmental Protection the sum of \$27,348,300 from dedicated
11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
13 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
14 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
15 acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation
16 purposes in accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New
17 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

18 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
19 section shall be allocated as follows:
20

21 Project	County	Municipality	Amount
22 (1) CAPE MAY PENINSULA			\$5,500,000
23	Cape May	Cape May City	
24		Cape May Point Boro	
25		Dennis Twp	
26		Lower Twp	
27		Middle Twp	
28		Ocean City	
29		Sea Isle City	
30		Upper Twp	
31		West Cape May Boro	
32		Woodbine Boro	
33			
34			
35			
36 (2) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION			3,000,000
37			
38	Bergen	Bogota Boro	
39		Carlstadt Boro	
40		East Rutherford Boro	
41		Fort Lee Boro	
42		Garfield City	
43		Hackensack City	
44		Hasbrouck Heights Boro	
45		Leonida Boro	
46		Little Ferry Boro	
47		Lodi Boro	
48		Lyndhurst Twp	
49		Maywood Boro	
50		Moonachie Boro	
51		New Milford Boro	
52		North Arlington Boro	
53		Palisades Park Boro	
54		Ridgefield Park Village	

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1		River Edge Boro
2		Rochelle Park Twp
3		Rutherford Boro
4		South Hackensack Twp
5		Teterboro Boro
6		Wallington Boro
7		Wood-Ridge Boro
8		
9	Burlington	Beverly City
10		Bordentown City
11		Bordentown Twp
12		Burlington City
13		Burlington Twp
14		Edgewater Park Twp
15		Fieldsboro Boro
16		Florence Twp
17		Hainesport Twp
18		Mansfield Twp
19		Maple Shade Twp
20		Moorestown Twp
21		Mount Holly Twp
22		Mount Laurel Twp
23		Palmyra Boro
24		Riverside Twp
25		Riverton Boro
26		Springfield Twp
27		Westampton Twp
28		Willingboro Twp
29		
30	Camden	Audubon Boro
31		Audubon Park Boro
32		Brooklawn Boro
33		Camden City
34		Cherry Hill Twp
35		Collingswood Boro
36		Gloucester City
37		Haddon Heights Boro
38		Haddon Twp
39		Haddonfield Boro
40		Merchantville Boro
41		Mount Ephraim Boro
42		Oaklyn Boro
43		Pennsauken Twp
44		Woodlynne Boro
45		
46	Essex	Belleville Twp
47		Irvington Twp
48		Livingston Twp
49		Maplewood Twp
50		Millburn Twp
51		Newark City
52		Nutley Twp
53		
54	Gloucester	National Park Boro
55		West Deptford Twp
56		Westville Boro

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1	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
2		East Amwell Twp
3		Flemington Boro
4		Franklin Twp
5		Frenchtown Boro
6		Kingwood Twp
7		Lambertville City
8		Raritan Twp
9		Readington Twp
10		Stockton Boro
11		West Amwell Twp
12		
13	Mercer	All municipalities
14		
15	Middlesex	All municipalities
16		
17	Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp
18		Allentown Boro
19		Colts Neck Twp
20		Englishtown Boro
21		Freehold Boro
22		Freehold Twp
23		Holmdel Twp
24		Manalapan Twp
25		Marlboro Twp
26		Matawan Boro
27		Millstone Twp
28		Roosevelt Boro
29		Upper Freehold Twp
30		Wall Twp
31		
32	Morris	Boonton Town
33		Boonton Twp
34		Butler Boro
35		Chatham Boro
36		Chatham Twp
37		Chester Boro
38		Denville Twp
39		Dover Town
40		East Hanover Twp
41		Florham Park Boro
42		Hanover Twp
43		Harding Twp
44		Kinnelon Boro
45		Lincoln Park Boro
46		Long Hill Twp
47		Madison Boro
48		Mendham Boro
49		Mendham Twp
50		Mine Hill Twp
51		Montville Twp
52		Morris Plains Boro
53		Morris Twp
54		Morristown Town
55		Mountain Lakes Boro
56		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
57		Pequannock Twp
58		Randolph Twp

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1		Riverdale Boro	
2		Rockaway Boro	
3		Rockaway Twp	
4		Victory Gardens Boro	
5		Wharton Boro	
6			
7	Passaic	Clifton City	
8		Passaic City	
9			
10	Somerset	All municipalities	
11			
12	Union	All municipalities	
13			
14	(3) DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY		1,000,000
15			
16	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp	
17		Kingwood Twp	
18		Lambertville City	
19		Stockton Boro	
20		West Amwell Twp	
21			
22	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
23		Hamilton Twp	
24		Hopewell Twp	
25		Lawrence Twp	
26		Princeton Boro	
27		Trenton City	
28			
29	Middlesex	New Brunswick City	
30		Plainsboro Twp	
31		South Brunswick Twp	
32			
33	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
34			
35	(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY		3,000,000
36			
37	Atlantic	Buena Boro	
38		Buena Vista Twp	
39			
40	Cape May	Dennis Twp	
41		Lower Twp	
42		Middle Twp	
43		Upper Twp	
44			
45	Cumberland	All municipalities	
46			
47	Gloucester	Clayton Boro	
48		Elk Twp	
49		Franklin Twp	
50		Glassboro Boro	
51		Monroe Twp	
52		Newfield Boro	
53			
54	Salem	Alloway Twp	
55		Carneys Point Twp	
56		Elmer Boro	
57		Elsinboro Twp	
58		Lower Alloways Creek Twp	

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1		Mannington Twp	
2		Oldmans Twp	
3		Pennsville Twp	
4		Pilesgrove Twp	
5		Pittsgrove Twp	
6		Quinton Twp	
7		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
8		Woodstown Boro	
9			
10	(5) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY		1,500,000
11			
12	Burlington	Bordentown City	
13		Bordentown Twp	
14		Chesterfield Twp	
15		Cinnaminson Twp	
16		Delanco Twp	
17		Delran Twp	
18		Eastampton Twp	
19		Hainesport Twp	
20		Lumberton Twp	
21		Mansfield Twp	
22		Medford Twp	
23		Moorestown Twp	
24		Mount Holly Twp	
25		Mount Laurel Twp	
26		North Hanover Twp	
27		Pemberton Twp	
28		Riverside Twp	
29		Southampton Twp	
30		Springfield Twp	
31		Westampton Twp	
32		Willingboro Twp	
33			
34	Camden	Berlin Twp	
35		Camden City	
36		Clementon Boro	
37		Gibbsboro Boro	
38		Gloucester Twp	
39		Haddon Twp	
40		Lindenwold Boro	
41		Pine Hill Boro	
42		Voorhees Twp	
43			
44	Gloucester	Deptford Twp	
45		East Greenwich Twp	
46		Elk Twp	
47		Greenwich Twp	
48		Harrison Twp	
49		Logan Twp	
50		National Park Boro	
51		South Harrison Twp	
52		Westville Boro	
53		Woolwich Twp	
54		West Deptford Twp	
55			
56	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
57		Delaware Twp	
58		Frenchtown Boro	

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1		Kingwood Twp	
2		Lambertville City	
3		Stockton Boro	
4		West Amwell Twp	
5			
6	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
7		Hamilton Twp	
8		Hopewell Twp	
9		Robbinsville Twp	
10		Trenton City	
11			
12	Monmouth	Allentown Boro	
13		Millstone Twp	
14		Upper Freehold Twp	
15			
16	Ocean	Jackson Twp	
17		Plumsted Twp	
18			
19	Salem	Oldmans Twp	
20		Pilesgrove Twp	
21		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
22			
23	(6) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY		3,348,300
24			
25	Bergen	Mahwah Twp	
26		Oakland Boro	
27			
28	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
29		Bethlehem Twp	
30		Bloomsbury Boro	
31		Califon Boro	
32		Clinton Town	
33		Clinton Twp	
34		Glen Gardner Boro	
35		Hampton Boro	
36		High Bridge Boro	
37		Holland Twp	
38		Lebanon Boro	
39		Lebanon Twp	
40		Milford Boro	
41		Tewksbury Twp	
42		Union Twp	
43			
44	Morris	Boonton Town	
45		Boonton Twp	
46		Butler Boro	
47		Chester Boro	
48		Chester Twp	
49		Denville Twp	
50		Dover Town	
51		Hanover Twp	
52		Harding Twp	
53		Jefferson Twp	
54		Kinnelon Boro	
55		Mendham Boro	
56		Mendham Twp	
57		Mine Hill Twp	
58		Montville Twp	

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1		Morris Plains Boro
2		Morris Twp
3		Morristown Town
4		Mount Arlington Boro
5		Mount Olive Twp
6		Mountain Lakes Boro
7		Netcong Boro
8		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
9		Pequannock Twp
10		Randolph Twp
11		Riverdale Boro
12		Rockaway Boro
13		Rockaway Twp
14		Roxbury Twp
15		Victory Gardens Boro
16		Washington Twp
17		Wharton Boro
18		
19	Passaic	Bloomington Boro
20		Pompton Lakes Boro
21		Ringwood Boro
22		Wanaque Boro
23		West Milford Twp
24		
25	Somerset	Bedminster Twp
26		Bernards Twp
27		Bernardsville Boro
28		Far Hills Boro
29		Peapack-Gladstone Boro
30		
31	Sussex	Byram Twp
32		Franklin Boro
33		Green Twp
34		Hamburg Boro
35		Hardyston Twp
36		Hopatcong Boro
37		Ogdensburg Boro
38		Sparta Twp
39		Stanhope Boro
40		Vernon Twp
41		
42	Warren	Allamuchy Twp
43		Alpha Boro
44		Belvidere Town
45		Franklin Twp
46		Frelinghuysen Twp
47		Greenwich Twp
48		Hackettstown Town
49		Harmony Twp
50		Hope Twp
51		Independence Twp
52		Liberty Twp
53		Lopatcong Twp
54		Mansfield Twp
55		Oxford Twp
56		Phillipsburg Town
57		Pohatcong Twp
58		Washington Boro

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1		Washington Twp	
2		White Twp	
3			
4	(7) HISTORIC RESOURCES		2,000,000
5			
6	<i>Allaire State Park</i>		
7			
8		Monmouth	Howell Twp
9			Wall Twp
10			
11	<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>		
12			
13		Salem	Pennsville Twp
14			
15	<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>		
16			
17		Somerset	Franklin Twp
18			
19	<i>Historic Sites</i>		
20			
21		Burlington	Medford Twp
22			
23		Monmouth	Red Bank Boro
24			
25	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>		
26			
27		Monmouth	Freehold Twp
28			Manalapan Twp
29			
30	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>		
31			
32		Bergen	New Milford Boro
33			River Edge Boro
34			
35	<i>Proprietary House</i>		
36			
37		Middlesex	Perth Amboy City
38			
39	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>		
40			
41		Somerset	Green Brook Twp
42			Watchung Boro
43			
44	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>		
45			
46		Somerset	Franklin Twp
47			
48	<i>Twin Lights</i>		
49			
50		Monmouth	Highlands Boro
51			
52	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
53			
54		Mercer	Ewing Twp
55			Hopewell Twp

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1	Waterloo Village		
2			
3		Sussex	Byram Twp
4			Stanhope Boro
5			
6	(8) PINELANDS		3,000,000
7			
8		Atlantic	Brigantine City
9			Buena Boro
10			Buena Vista Twp
11			Corbin City
12			Egg Harbor City
13			Egg Harbor Twp
14			Estell Manor City
15			Folsom Boro
16			Galloway Twp
17			Hamilton Twp
18			Hammonton Town
19			Mullica Twp
20			Port Republic City
21			Weymouth Twp
22			
23		Burlington	Bass River Twp
24			Evesham Twp
25			Medford Lakes Boro
26			Medford Twp
27			New Hanover Twp
28			North Hanover Twp
29			Pemberton Twp
30			Shamong Twp
31			Southampton Twp
32			Springfield Twp
33			Tabernacle Twp
34			Washington Twp
35			Woodland Twp
36			Wrightstown Boro
37			
38		Camden	Berlin Boro
39			Berlin Twp
40			Chesilhurst Boro
41			Waterford Twp
42			Winslow Twp
43			
44		Cape May	Dennis Twp
45			Middle Twp
46			Upper Twp
47			Woodbine Boro
48			
49		Cumberland	Maurice River Twp
50			Vineland City
51			
52		Gloucester	Franklin Twp
53			Monroe Twp
54			
55		Ocean	Barneгат Twp
56			Beachwood Boro
57			Berkeley Twp
58			Eagleswood Twp

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1		Jackson Twp	
2		Lacey Twp	
3		Lakehurst Boro	
4		Little Egg Harbor Twp	
5		Manchester Twp	
6		Ocean Twp	
7		Plumsted Twp	
8		South Toms River Boro	
9		Stafford Twp	
10		Toms River Twp	
11		Tuckerton Boro	
12			
13	(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY		5,000,000
14			
15	Sussex	Andover Boro	
16		Andover Twp	
17		Branchville Boro	
18		Frankford Twp	
19		Fredon Twp	
20		Green Twp	
21		Hampton Twp	
22		Lafayette Twp	
23		Montague Twp	
24		Newton Town	
25		Sandyston Twp	
26		Stillwater Twp	
27		Sussex Boro	
28		Walpack Twp	
29		Wantage Twp	
30			
31	Warren	Blairstown Twp	
32		Frelinghuysen Twp	
33		Hackettstown Town	
34		Hardwick Twp	
35		Hope Twp	
36		Knowlton Twp	
37		Liberty Twp	
38			
39	TOTAL		\$27,348,300

- 40
- 41 c. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project site, listed in
- 42 subsection b. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint
- 43 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.
- 44 d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
- 45 listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant
- 46 thereto, any State project that previously received funding
- 47 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
- 48 annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres
- 49 Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State
- 50 Preservation Trust Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the
- 51 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
- 52 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
- 53 (C.13:8C-48), for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
- 54 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the

1 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
2 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

3 For the purposes of this subsection, “Green Acres bond act”
4 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
5 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

6
7 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
8 Environmental Protection the sum of \$3,038,700 from dedicated
9 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
10 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
11 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
12 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
13 acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands
14 throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to
15 incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or
16 that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage.

17 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
18 section shall be allocated as follows:

19

20 Project	County	Municipality	Amount
21			
22 BLUE ACRES			\$3,038,700
23			
24	Every county	Every municipality	
25			
26 TOTAL			\$3,038,700

27

28 c. The expenditure of moneys appropriated pursuant to this
29 section is subject to the provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey
30 Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

31
32 3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
33 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
34 cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
35 reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual
36 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
37 Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State Preservation Trust
38 Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the “Preserve New
39 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
40 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for State
41 projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
42 purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as
43 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any
44 State project that previously received funding appropriated or
45 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
46 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
47 Fund, or the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for
48 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
49 approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of

1 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such
2 additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may
3 include administrative costs.

4 b. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act"
5 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
6 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

7
8 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to
10 section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12
11 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$30,387,000 to implement the provisions
12 of this act.

13
14 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

15 16 17 STATEMENT

18
19 This bill appropriates the sum of \$30,387,000 to the Department
20 of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the
21 acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
22 purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the
23 "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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

41 Specifically, this bill appropriates \$27,348,300 to the DEP from
42 the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" to provide funding for
43 the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
44 purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition
45 by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in
46 nine project categories throughout the State. In addition, this bill
47 appropriates \$3,038,700 to the DEP to provide funding for the
48 acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes,

1 of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred
2 flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands
3 from such damage, i.e., “Blue Acres” projects.

4 The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established
5 by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” P.L.2019, c.136
6 amended the “Preserve New Jersey Act” to incorporate the purposes
7 of the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund” into the “Preserve
8 New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” rather than having two separate
9 funds, both providing moneys to the DEP’s Green Acres program
10 for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation
11 purposes. Of the funding allocated for the acquisition of lands for
12 recreation and conservation purposes by the State, a minimum of 10
13 percent is to be allocated for Blue Acres projects.

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

16 Lastly, the bill authorizes the department to re-distribute certain
17 other moneys made available by project cancellations or cost
18 savings to provide additional funding, for recreation and
19 conservation purposes, to previously approved and funded State
20 projects, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
21 Committee. The bill provides that the additional funding, if
22 provided from a Green Acres bond act, may include administrative
23 costs.