

ASSEMBLY, No. 611

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblyman LUSTBADER

1 AN ACT providing for the cancellation of certain projects funded by
2 Green Acres bond acts or water supply bond acts as necessary, and
3 reappropriating \$36,850,000 from those bond acts as necessary for
4 the acquisition or development of certain lands by the State for
5 recreation and conservation or water supply purposes.

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7 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
8 *of New Jersey:*

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10 1. As used in this act:
11 "Green Acres bond acts" means: P.L.1961, c.46; P.L.1971, c.165;
12 P.L.1974, c.102; P.L.1978, c.118; P.L.1983, c.354; P.L.1989, c.183;
13 and P.L.1992, c.88; and
14 "Water supply bond acts" means P.L.1969, c.127 and P.L.1981,
15 c.261.

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17 2. a. The Department of Environmental Protection shall cancel
18 such projects for the acquisition or development of lands by the State
19 for recreation and conservation purposes that have been funded from
20 Green Acres bond acts, and for which the appropriations therefor were
21 enacted into law at least three years prior to the effective date of this
22 act and have not been expended or legally encumbered, to the extent
23 necessary to amount to a sum of \$36,850,000. The department shall
24 have the discretion to select which projects shall be cancelled in whole
25 or in part to provide the sum required by this subsection, subject to the
26 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

27 The appropriations for the projects cancelled in whole or in part
28 pursuant to this subsection are respectively cancelled in whole or in
29 part.

30 b. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental
31 Protection from the appropriate Green Acres bond act funds, as shall
32 be determined by the department based upon the source of funding for
33 the projects cancelled pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the sum
34 of \$36,850,000 for the acquisition or development of lands by the
35 State for recreation and conservation purposes, as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
Hilltop parcel, Watchung Mountains (Acquisition Project)	Essex	\$32,500,000
Wayside property, Ocean Township (Acquisition Project)	Monmouth	\$ 350,000
Kuser Mansion, High Point State Park - Replication of Kuser Mansion using materials from the existing structure wherever possible (Development Project)	Sussex	\$ 4,000,000

18 c. Any transfer of any funds listed in subsection b. of this section
19 shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or
20 its successor.

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22 3. In the event that the cancellation of projects funded from Green
23 Acres bond acts pursuant to subsection a. of section 2 of this act does
24 not provide the amount required for reappropriation pursuant to
25 subsection b. of that section for acquisition of the Hilltop parcel or the
26 Wayside property, the remainder necessary shall be obtained by the
27 department through cancellation of projects involving the acquisition
28 of lands for water supply purposes that have been funded from water
29 supply bond acts, and for which the appropriations therefor were
30 enacted into law at least three years prior to the effective date of this
31 act and have not been expended or legally encumbered. The
32 department shall have the discretion to select which projects shall be
33 cancelled in whole or in part to provide the sum required by this
34 subsection, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
35 Committee or its successor, and that sum is hereby reappropriated to
36 the extent necessary.

37 The appropriations for the projects cancelled in whole or in part
38 pursuant to this section are respectively cancelled in whole or in part.

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40 4. The expenditure of the sums reappropriated by this act is subject
41 to the provisions and conditions of the appropriate Green Acres bond
42 acts and water supply bond acts.

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44 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill would cancel certain State Green Acres acquisition and development projects involving \$36.85 million in prior appropriations (that are at least three years old and have not been expended or legally encumbered) from previous Green Acres bond acts, and would reappropriate that sum to the Department of Environmental Protection to be used for the purpose of acquiring, for recreation and conservation purposes, the approximately 365-acre "Hilltop parcel" located in the Watchung Mountains of Essex county and the approximately 10-acre "Wayside property" located in Ocean Township, Monmouth county, and to replicate Kuser Mansion in High Point State Park, Sussex county. In the event the cancellation of the previously funded State Green Acres projects does not provide sufficient monies for the reappropriation required by the bill, the bill provides for the cancellation of certain water supply projects to make up the difference with regard to the acquisition of the Hilltop parcel and the Wayside property.

Cancels certain prior State Green Acres or water supply projects and appropriations therefor, and reappropriates \$36.85 million resulting therefrom for certain other State acquisition or development projects.