

ASSEMBLY, No. 2461

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman BARK and Assemblyman GIBSON

1 AN ACT appropriating \$750,000 from the "Green Acres, Clean Water,  
2 Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992," P.L.1992,  
3 c.88, for soil and water conservation projects, and appropriating  
4 \$5,000,000 from the "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic  
5 Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204,  
6 for the acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland.  
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8 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
9 of New Jersey:

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11 1. There is appropriated from the "1992 Farmland Preservation  
12 Fund," established pursuant to section 24 of the "Green Acres, Clean  
13 Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,"  
14 P.L.1992, c.88, to the State Agriculture Development Committee the  
15 sum of \$750,000 for the purpose of providing grants to landowners for  
16 up to 50% of the cost of soil and water conservation projects  
17 approved as eligible for such funding.  
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20 2. There is appropriated from the "1995 Farmland Preservation  
21 Fund," established pursuant to section 25 of the "Green Acres,  
22 Farmland and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of  
23 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, to the State Agriculture Development  
24 Committee the sum of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of providing for the  
25 cost of acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland.

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27 3. The expenditure of the sums appropriated by this act is subject  
28 to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1992, c.88 or P.L.1995,  
29 c.204, as appropriate.

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31 4. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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STATEMENT

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36 This bill would appropriate \$750,000 from the "Green Acres, Clean  
37 Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992,"  
P.L.1992, c.88, to provide grants to qualifying farmland owners for up

1 to 50% of the cost of soil and water conservation projects. The bill  
2 would also appropriate \$5 million from the "Green Acres, Farmland  
3 and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995,"  
4 P.L.1995, c.204, for the acquisition of fee simple titles to farmland,  
5 which shall be offered for resale with agricultural deed restrictions.  
6 With respect to soil and water conservation grants and fee simple  
7 acquisitions of farmland, neither the 1992 bond act nor the 1995 bond  
8 act requires identification of the particular projects to be funded by the  
9 appropriation bill; thus, the State Agriculture Development Committee  
10 would make the decisions with regard to which particular projects are  
11 to be funded with the monies appropriated by this bill.

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16 Appropriates \$750,000 in farmland preservation bond monies for soil  
17 and water conservation projects and appropriates \$5 million in  
18 farmland preservation bond monies for fee simple farmland purchases.