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P.L. 1997, CHAPTER 164, *approved July 18, 1997*
Senate, No. 2138

1 **AN ACT** appropriating \$47,687,000 from the "Green Acres, Farmland
2 and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995,"
3 P.L.1995, c.204, reappropriating \$2,460,000 from the "Green
4 Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act
5 of 1992," P.L.1992, c.88, reappropriating \$3,000,000 from the
6 "Open Space Preservation Bond Act of 1989," P.L.1989, c.183,
7 and reappropriating \$3,941,000 from the "New Jersey Green Acres
8 Bond Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.354, and authorizing the use of
9 unexpended balances, interest earnings, and loan repayments from
10 certain Green Acres bond acts, to assist local government units to
11 acquire and develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes;
12 and approving projects of certain local government units in
13 southern New Jersey as eligible for funding with moneys made
14 available from certain Green Acres bond acts.

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16 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
17 of New Jersey:

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19 1. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
20 Protection from the "1995 New Jersey Green Trust Fund" established
21 pursuant to section 23 of the "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic
22 Preservation, and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, the
23 sum of \$47,687,000, and there is reappropriated to the department
24 from the "1992 New Jersey Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to
25 section 22 of the "Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic
26 Preservation Bond Act of 1992," P.L.1992, c.88, the sum of
27 \$2,460,000, from the "1989 New Jersey Green Trust Fund" established
28 pursuant to section 19 of the "Open Space Preservation Bond Act of
29 1989," P.L.1989, c.183, the sum of \$3,000,000, and from the "Green
30 Trust Fund" established pursuant to section 16 of the "New Jersey
31 Green Acres Bond Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.354, the sum of
32 \$3,941,000, to provide loans or grants, or both, to assist local
33 government units to acquire and develop lands for recreation and
34 conservation purposes, which sums shall include administrative costs,
35 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to section
36 5 of this act, section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as
37 Senate Bill No. 2139 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2992 of 1997), and

1 section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill
2 No. 2140 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2993 of 1997).

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4 2. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental
5 Protection the unexpended balances of the amounts appropriated or
6 reappropriated pursuant to P.L.1984, c.224, P.L.1985, c.479,
7 P.L.1986, c.208, P.L.1988, c.23, P.L.1989, c.194, P.L.1991, c.13,
8 P.L.1991, c.14, P.L.1991, c.15, P.L.1991, c.16, P.L.1991, c.522,
9 P.L.1993, c.200, P.L.1993, c.201, P.L.1993, c.266, P.L.1993, c.267,
10 P.L.1994, c.37, P.L.1994, c.45, P.L.1994, c.51, P.L.1994, c.52,
11 P.L.1995, c.199, P.L.1995, c.200, P.L.1995, c.201, P.L.1995, c.202,
12 P.L.1995, c.203, P.L.1996, c.107, P.L.1996, c.108, P.L.1996, c.109,
13 and P.L.1996, c.110 from the "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant
14 to the "New Jersey Green Acres Bond Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.354,
15 from the "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to the "New Jersey
16 Green Acres, Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of
17 1987," P.L.1987, c.265, from the "1989 New Jersey Green Trust
18 Fund" established pursuant to the "Open Space Preservation Bond Act
19 of 1989," P.L.1989, c.183, from the "1992 New Jersey Green Trust
20 Fund" established pursuant to the "Green Acres, Clean Water,
21 Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992," P.L.1992,
22 c.88, and from the "1995 New Jersey Green Trust Fund" established
23 pursuant to the "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation, and
24 Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, for the purpose of
25 making loans or grants, or both, to local government units for the
26 projects listed in P.L.1984, c.224, P.L.1985, c.479, P.L.1986, c.208,
27 P.L.1988, c.23, P.L.1989, c.194, P.L.1991, c.13, P.L.1991, c.14,
28 P.L.1991, c.15, P.L.1991, c.16, P.L.1991, c.522, P.L.1993, c.200,
29 P.L.1993, c.201, P.L.1993, c.266, P.L.1993, c.267, P.L.1994, c.37,
30 P.L.1994, c.45, P.L.1994, c.51, P.L.1994, c.52, P.L.1995, c.199,
31 P.L.1995, c.200, P.L.1995, c.201, P.L.1995, c.202, P.L.1995, c.203,
32 P.L.1996, c.107, P.L.1996, c.108, P.L.1996, c.109, P.L.1996, c.110,
33 section 5 of this act, section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the
34 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2139 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No.
35 2992 of 1997), section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature
36 as Senate Bill No. 2140 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2993 of 1997),
37 and section 5 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate
38 Bill No. 2141 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2994 of 1997), and for the
39 purpose of administrative costs associated with any such projects, to
40 the extent such funds are available as a result of project withdrawals
41 or cost savings.

42 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
43 Protection such sums as may be or become available on or before June
44 30, 1998, due to interest earnings or loan repayments, in (1) the
45 "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to the "New Jersey Green
46 Acres Bond Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.354, (2) the "Green Trust

1 Fund" established pursuant to the "New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural
2 Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987," P.L.1987,
3 c.265, (3) the "1989 New Jersey Green Trust Fund" established
4 pursuant to the "Open Space Preservation Bond Act of 1989,"
5 P.L.1989, c.183, (4) the "1992 New Jersey Green Trust Fund"
6 established pursuant to the "Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and
7 Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992," P.L.1992, c.88, and (5) the
8 "1995 New Jersey Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to the
9 "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres
10 Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, for the purpose of making loans
11 or grants, or both, to local government units for the projects listed in
12 P.L.1984, c.224, P.L.1985, c.479, P.L.1986, c.208, P.L.1988, c.23,
13 P.L.1989, c.194, P.L.1991, c.13, P.L.1991, c.14, P.L.1991, c.15,
14 P.L.1991, c.16, P.L.1991, c.522, P.L.1993, c.200, P.L.1993, c.201,
15 P.L.1993, c.266, P.L.1993, c.267, P.L.1994, c.37, P.L.1994, c.45,
16 P.L.1994, c.51, P.L.1994, c.52, P.L.1995, c.199, P.L.1995, c.200,
17 P.L.1995, c.201, P.L.1995, c.202, P.L.1995, c.203, P.L.1996, c.107,
18 P.L.1996, c.108, P.L.1996, c.109, P.L.1996, c.110, section 5 of this
19 act, section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate
20 Bill No. 2139 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2992 of 1997), section 1
21 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2140 of
22 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2993 of 1997), and section 5 of P.L. , c.
23 (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2141 of 1997 or
24 Assembly Bill No. 2994 of 1997), and for the purpose of
25 administrative costs associated with any such projects.

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27 3. Pursuant to the provisions of subsection c. of section 7 of the
28 "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres
29 Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, subsection c. of section 7 of the
30 "Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond
31 Act of 1992," P.L.1992, c.88, subsection c. of section 9 of the "Open
32 Space Preservation Bond Act of 1989," P.L.1989, c.183, subsection
33 c. of section 9 of the "New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural Centers and
34 Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987," P.L.1987, c.265, and
35 subsection d. of section 4 of the "New Jersey Green Acres Bond Act
36 of 1983," P.L.1983, c.354, as appropriate, all loans made to local
37 government units with moneys appropriated or reappropriated
38 pursuant to this act shall bear interest of not more than 2% per year
39 and shall be for a term of not more than 20 years. All principal and
40 interest payments repaid by the local government units shall be
41 deposited into the respective "Green Trust Fund" from which the
42 moneys were appropriated or reappropriated in accordance with the
43 terms of a written loan agreement. The terms of the loan agreement
44 shall be completed and executed on a form approved by the State
45 Treasurer or his designee.

1 4. The expenditure of the sums appropriated or reappropriated by
 2 this act is subject to the provisions and conditions of P.L.1995, c.204,
 3 P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983,
 4 c.354, as appropriate.

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 6 5. a. The following projects are eligible for funding with the
 7 moneys appropriated or reappropriated pursuant to sections 1 and 2
 8 of this act:

10	Local	County	Project	Approved
11	Government Unit			Amount
12	Galloway Twp.	Atlantic	Pinehurst Open Space Acq.	\$ 600,000
13	Pleasantville City	Atlantic	Brighton Rec. Complex Acq.	350,000
14	Lumberton Twp.	Burlington	Lumberton Park Acq.	400,000
15	Pemberton Twp.	Burlington	Greenway Acq.	350,000
16	Camden City	Camden	Community Park Acq.	1,000,000
17	Middle Twp.	Cape May	Goshen Davies Acq.	240,000
18	Franklin Twp.	Gloucester	Malaga Lake Acq.	123,000
19	Brick Twp.	Ocean	Fortune Avenue Park Acq.	230,000
20	Brick Twp.	Ocean	Havens Farm Acq.	1,000,000
21	Manchester Twp.	Ocean	Pine Lake Rec. Annex Acq.	1,200,000
22	Point Pleasant Boro	Ocean	Preservation Purposes Acq.	35,000
23	Seaside Heights	Ocean	Seaside Heights Marina	1,000,000
24	Boro		Acq.	
25	Stafford Twp.	Ocean	Manahawkin Lake Park Acq.	1,120,000

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 27 b. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or
 28 type, listed in subsection a. of this section shall require the approval of
 29 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

30 c. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
 31 listed in subsection a. of this section are offered funding pursuant
 32 thereto, the local government unit projects listed in P.L.1984, c.224,
 33 P.L.1985, c.479, P.L.1986, c.208, P.L.1988, c.23, P.L.1989, c.194,
 34 P.L.1991, c.13, P.L.1991, c.14, P.L.1991, c.15, P.L.1991, c.16,
 35 P.L.1991, c.522, P.L.1993, c.200, P.L.1993, c.201, P.L.1993, c.266,
 36 P.L.1993, c.267, P.L.1994, c.37, P.L.1994, c.45, P.L.1994, c.51,
 37 P.L.1994, c.52, P.L.1995, c.199, P.L.1995, c.200, P.L.1995, c.201,

1 P.L.1995, c.202, P.L.1995, c.203, P.L.1996, c.107, P.L.1996, c.108,
2 P.L.1996, c.109, P.L.1996, c.110, section 1 of P.L. , c. (now
3 before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2139 of 1997 or Assembly
4 Bill No. 2992 of 1997), section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the
5 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2140 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No.
6 2993 of 1997), and section 5 of P.L. , c. (now before the
7 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2141 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No.
8 2994 of 1997), shall be eligible for funding or additional funding,
9 including administrative costs, in a sequence consistent with the
10 priority system established by the Department of Environmental
11 Protection. Any such transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor,
12 site, or type, shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
13 Committee or its successor.

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15 6. This act shall take effect immediately.
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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill would appropriate \$57,088,000 from various Green Acres
21 bond acts to the Department of Environmental Protection to provide
22 low-interest loans or grants, or both, to assist local government units
23 in the State to acquire and develop lands for recreation and
24 conservation purposes. The sum appropriated would include
25 administrative costs. The projects for which the appropriation is being
26 made are listed in this bill and two other Green Acres bills that are part
27 of a four-bill legislative package concerning the Green Acres and Blue
28 Acres programs.

29 This bill would further authorize the Department of Environmental
30 Protection to use unexpended balances of amounts previously
31 appropriated for local government unit projects pursuant to the 1983,
32 1987, 1989, 1992, and 1995 Green Acres bond acts for the purpose of
33 making low-interest loans or grants, or both, to local government units
34 for projects listed in this bill and in the three other Green Acres or
35 Blue Acres "local government" bills of this legislative package, as well
36 as for local government unit projects previously approved for funding
37 pursuant to various acts implementing the 1983, 1987, 1989, 1992,
38 and 1995 Green Acres bond acts, to the extent such funds are available
39 as a result of project withdrawals or cost savings. Under the bill, the
40 department may also use interest earnings and loan repayments from
41 the 1983, 1987, 1989, 1992, and 1995 Green Acres bond acts that
42 become available on or before June 30, 1998 for that purpose.

43 This bill would also specifically approve the funding of eligible
44 projects of certain local government units located in southern New
45 Jersey. The total sum of the approved amounts for the southern New
46 Jersey projects is \$7,648,000, which includes administrative costs. To

1 the extent that there are funds remaining after those local government
2 unit projects in southern New Jersey listed in this bill are offered
3 funding, the bill also authorizes the department, with the approval of
4 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, to use those funds for local
5 government unit projects listed in the three other Green Acres or Blue
6 Acres "local government" bills of this legislative package as well as for
7 local government unit projects previously approved for funding
8 pursuant to various acts implementing the 1983, 1987, 1989, 1992,
9 and 1995 Green Acres bond acts.

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14 Appropriates \$57.088 million from Green Acres bond acts for local
15 government unit projects; and approves funding of Green Acres
16 projects of certain local government units in southern NJ.