

SENATE, No. 1671

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator MARTIN

1 AN ACT concerning the acquisition by the State of Troy Meadows
2 Natural Area in Morris county for recreation and conservation
3 purposes, supplementing Title 13 of the Revised Statutes, and
4 making an appropriation.

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

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9 1. The Legislature finds and declares that Troy Meadows in Morris
10 county is an approximately 2,000-acre natural area of supreme beauty
11 and significance; that it is composed of wetlands and other habitat that
12 support an abundant variety of wildlife and vegetation; that it is
13 located in the northern area of the State where large intact parcels of
14 open space are becoming increasingly rare; and that the area around
15 Troy Meadows Natural Area is currently experiencing strong
16 development pressure.

17 The Legislature therefore determines that it is appropriate and in
18 the public interest for the State to acquire as soon as practicable, and
19 to preserve and maintain, Troy Meadows Natural Area, for recreation
20 and conservation purposes.

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22 2. a. The Department of Environmental Protection shall, pursuant
23 to the provisions of P.L.1983, c.324 (C.13:1L-1 et seq.), acquire in fee
24 simple or by conservation easement, at the department's discretion,
25 and preserve and maintain in the name of the State, for recreation and
26 conservation purposes, the real property located in Parsippany-Troy
27 Hills and East Hanover townships, Morris county, that is known as
28 Troy Meadows Natural Area, and any real property contiguous or
29 adjacent thereto the acquisition of which is necessary to effectuate the
30 purposes of this act.

31 The department may coordinate its acquisition plan pursuant to this
32 section with any similar acquisition plan for any portion of Troy
33 Meadows Natural Area proposed by the governing bodies of Morris
34 county, Parsippany-Troy Hills township, or East Hanover township,
35 provided that any such local acquisition plan comports with the
36 purposes of this act to permanently preserve and maintain Troy
37 Meadows as a natural area for recreation and conservation purposes.

1 nonconsumptive activities, such as birdwatching, hiking, and
2 photography, be permitted on the property.

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7 Directs State acquisition of Troy Meadows Natural Area, Morris

8 County, for recreation and conservation purposes.