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SENATE, No. 2138

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senators MATHEUSSEN, CONNORS, Bryant, Assemblymen
Moran, Holzapfel, Geist, Blee, Chatzidakis, Cottrell, Gibson,
Connors, Wolfe, Asselta, LeFevre and Malone

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

1 government units to acquire and develop lands for recreation and
2 conservation purposes, which sums shall include administrative costs,
3 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to section
4 5 of this act, section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as
5 Senate Bill No. 2139 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2992 of 1997), and
6 section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill
7 No. 2140 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2993 of 1997).

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

1 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
2 Protection such sums as may be or become available on or before June
3 30, 1998, due to interest earnings or loan repayments, in (1) the
4 "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to the "New Jersey Green
5 Acres Bond Act of 1983," P.L.1983, c.354, (2) the "Green Trust
6 Fund" established pursuant to the "New Jersey Green Acres, Cultural
7 Centers and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1987," P.L.1987,
8 c.265, (3) the "1989 New Jersey Green Trust Fund" established
9 pursuant to the "Open Space Preservation Bond Act of 1989,"
10 P.L.1989, c.183, (4) the "1992 New Jersey Green Trust Fund"
11 established pursuant to the "Green Acres, Clean Water, Farmland and
12 Historic Preservation Bond Act of 1992," P.L.1992, c.88, and (5) the
13 "1995 New Jersey Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to the
14 "Green Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation, and Blue Acres
15 Bond Act of 1995," P.L.1995, c.204, for the purpose of making loans
16 or grants, or both, to local government units for the projects listed in
17 P.L.1984, c.224, P.L.1985, c.479, P.L.1986, c.208, P.L.1988, c.23,
18 P.L.1989, c.194, P.L.1991, c.13, P.L.1991, c.14, P.L.1991, c.15,
19 P.L.1991, c.16, P.L.1991, c.522, P.L.1993, c.200, P.L.1993, c.201,
20 P.L.1993, c.266, P.L.1993, c.267, P.L.1994, c.37, P.L.1994, c.45,
21 P.L.1994, c.51, P.L.1994, c.52, P.L.1995, c.199, P.L.1995, c.200,
22 P.L.1995, c.201, P.L.1995, c.202, P.L.1995, c.203, P.L.1996, c.107,
23 P.L.1996, c.108, P.L.1996, c.109, P.L.1996, c.110, section 5 of this
24 act, section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate
25 Bill No. 2139 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2992 of 1997), section 1
26 of P.L. , c. (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2140 of
27 1997 or Assembly Bill No. 2993 of 1997), and section 5 of P.L. , c.
28 (now before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2141 of 1997 or
29 Assembly Bill No. 2994 of 1997), and for the purpose of
30 administrative costs associated with any such projects.

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

1 moneys were appropriated or reappropriated in accordance with the
 2 terms of a written loan agreement. The terms of the loan agreement
 3 shall be completed and executed on a form approved by the State
 4 Treasurer or his designee.

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

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 11 5. a. The following projects are eligible for funding with the
 12 moneys appropriated or reappropriated pursuant to sections 1 and 2
 13 of this act:
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15	Local	County	Project	Approved
16	Government Unit			Amount
17	Galloway Twp.	Atlantic	Pinehurst Open Space Acq.	\$ 600,000
18	Pleasantville City	Atlantic	Brighton Rec. Complex Acq.	350,000
19	Lumberton Twp.	Burlington	Lumberton Park Acq.	400,000
20	Pemberton Twp.	Burlington	Greenway Acq.	350,000
21	Camden City	Camden	Community Park Acq.	1,000,000
22	Middle Twp.	Cape May	Goshen Davies Acq.	240,000
23	Franklin Twp.	Gloucester	Malaga Lake Acq.	123,000
24	Brick Twp.	Ocean	Fortune Avenue Park Acq.	230,000
25	Brick Twp.	Ocean	Havens Farm Acq.	1,000,000
26	Manchester Twp.	Ocean	Pine Lake Rec. Annex Acq.	1,200,000
27	Point Pleasant Boro	Ocean	Preservation Purposes Acq.	35,000
28	Seaside Heights	Ocean	Seaside Heights Marina	1,000,000
29	Boro		Acq.	
30	Stafford Twp.	Ocean	Manahawkin Lake Park Acq.	1,120,000

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

35 c. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
 36 listed in subsection a. of this section are offered funding pursuant
 37 thereto, the local government unit projects listed in P.L.1984, c.224,

1 P.L.1985, c.479, P.L.1986, c.208, P.L.1988, c.23, P.L.1989, c.194,
2 P.L.1991, c.13, P.L.1991, c.14, P.L.1991, c.15, P.L.1991, c.16,
3 P.L.1991, c.522, P.L.1993, c.200, P.L.1993, c.201, P.L.1993, c.266,
4 P.L.1993, c.267, P.L.1994, c.37, P.L.1994, c.45, P.L.1994, c.51,
5 P.L.1994, c.52, P.L.1995, c.199, P.L.1995, c.200, P.L.1995, c.201,
6 P.L.1995, c.202, P.L.1995, c.203, P.L.1996, c.107, P.L.1996, c.108,
7 P.L.1996, c.109, P.L.1996, c.110, section 1 of P.L. , c. (now
8 before the Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2139 of 1997 or Assembly
9 Bill No. 2992 of 1997), section 1 of P.L. , c. (now before the
10 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2140 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No.
11 2993 of 1997), and section 5 of P.L. , c. (now before the
12 Legislature as Senate Bill No. 2141 of 1997 or Assembly Bill No.
13 2994 of 1997), shall be eligible for funding or additional funding,
14 including administrative costs, in a sequence consistent with the
15 priority system established by the Department of Environmental
16 Protection. Any such transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor,
17 site, or type, shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
18 Committee or its successor.

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20 6. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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

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

1 become available on or before June 30, 1998 for that purpose.

2 This bill would also specifically approve the funding of eligible
3 projects of certain local government units located in southern New
4 Jersey. The total sum of the approved amounts for the southern New
5 Jersey projects is \$7,648,000, which includes administrative costs. To
6 the extent that there are funds remaining after those local government
7 unit projects in southern New Jersey listed in this bill are offered
8 funding, the bill also authorizes the department, with the approval of
9 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, to use those funds for local
10 government unit projects listed in the three other Green Acres or Blue
11 Acres "local government" bills of this legislative package as well as for
12 local government unit projects previously approved for funding
13 pursuant to various acts implementing the 1983, 1987, 1989, 1992,
14 and 1995 Green Acres bond acts.

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