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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$49.932 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and Green Acres Program administrative costs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2022)

1 AN ACT appropriating \$49.932 million from constitutionally 2 dedicated corporation business tax revenues for the acquisition 3 of lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects, and certain administrative 4 5 expenses.

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

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- 1. a. There is appropriated the Department to Environmental Protection the sum of \$38,475,000 from dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.). Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$1,631,387 is available due to interest earnings on the dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.
- b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be allocated for the acquisition of lands within the locations of the projects set forth in paragraphs (1) through (10) of this subsection:

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Project County Municipality

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(1) CAPE MAY PENINSULA

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32	Cape May	Cape May City
33		Cape May Point Boro
34		Dennis Twp
35		Lower Twp
36		Middle Twp
37		Ocean City
38		Sea Isle City
39		Upper Twp
40		West Cape May Boro
41		Woodbine Boro

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44	Bergen	Bogota Boro
45		Carlstadt Boro
46		East Rutherford Boro
47		Fort Lee Boro
48		Garfield City
49		Hackensack City
50		Hasbrouck Heights Boro
51		Leonia Boro
52		Little Ferry Boro
53		Lodi Boro

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15		Lyndhurst Twp Maywood Boro Moonachie Boro New Milford Boro North Arlington Boro Palisades Park Boro Ridgefield Park Village River Edge Boro Rochelle Park Twp Rutherford Boro South Hackensack Twp Teterboro Boro Wallington Boro Wood-Ridge Boro
16	Burlington	Beverly City
17		Bordentown City
18		Bordentown Twp
19 20		Burlington City
20 21		Burlington Twp Edgewater Park Twp
22		Fieldsboro Boro
23		Florence Twp
24		Hainesport Twp
25		Mansfield Twp
26		Maple Shade Twp
27		Moorestown Twp
28 29		Mount Lourd Twp
30		Mount Laurel Twp Palmyra Boro
31		Riverside Twp
32		Riverton Boro
33		Springfield Twp
34		Westampton Twp
35		Willingboro Twp
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37 38	Camden	Audubon Boro Audubon Park Boro
39		Brooklawn Boro
40		Camden City
41		Cherry Hill Twp
42		Collingswood Boro
43		Gloucester City
44		Haddon Heights Boro
45 46		Haddon Twp Haddonfield Boro
47		Merchantville Boro
48		Mount Ephraim Boro
49		Oaklyn Boro
50		Pennsauken Twp
51		Woodlynne Boro
52	Essex	Belleville Twp
53		Irvington Twp
54 55		Livingston Twp
55 56		Maplewood Twp Millburn Twp
57		Newark City
58		Nutley Twp

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2 3	Gloucester	National Park Boro
3		West Deptford Twp
4		Westville Boro
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6	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
7		East Amwell Twp
8		Flemington Boro
9		Franklin Twp
10		Frenchtown Boro
11		Kingwood Twp
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13		Lambertville City
		Raritan Twp
14		Readington Twp
15		Stockton Boro
16		West Amwell Twp
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18	Mercer	All municipalities
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20	Middlesex	All municipalities
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22	Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp
23		Allentown Boro
24		Colts Neck Twp
25		Englishtown Boro
26		Freehold Boro
27		Freehold Twp
28		Holmdel Twp
29		=
30		Manalapan Twp
31		Marlboro Twp
		Matawan Boro
32		Millstone Twp
33		Roosevelt Boro
34		Upper Freehold Twp
35		Wall Twp
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37	Morris	Boonton Town
38		Boonton Twp
39		Butler Boro
40		Chatham Boro
41		Chatham Twp
42		Chester Boro
43		Denville Twp
44		Dover Town
45		East Hanover Twp
46		Florham Park Boro
47		Hanover Twp
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		Harding Twp
49		Kinnelon Boro
50		Lincoln Park Boro
51		Long Hill Twp
52		Madison Boro
53		Mendham Boro
54		Mendham Twp
55		Mine Hill Twp
56		Montville Twp
57		Morris Plains Boro
58		Morris Twp
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10			Morristown Town Mountain Lakes Boro Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp Pequannock Twp Randolph Twp Riverdale Boro Rockaway Boro Rockaway Twp Victory Gardens Boro Wharton Boro
11 12 13		Passaic	Clifton City Passaic City
14 15		Somerset	All municipalities
16 17		Union	All municipalities
18 19	(3) DELAWARE AND	RARITAN CAN	AL GREENWAY
20 21 22 23 24 25		Hunterdon	Delaware Twp Kingwood Twp Lambertville City Stockton Boro West Amwell Twp
26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33		Mercer	Ewing Twp Hamilton Twp Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Princeton Boro Trenton City
34 35 36 37		Middlesex	New Brunswick City Plainsboro Twp South Brunswick Twp
38 39		Somerset	Franklin Twp
40 41	(4) DELAWARE BAY	WATERSHED C	GREENWAY
42 43		Atlantic	Buena Boro Buena Vista Twp
44 45 46 47 48		Cape May	Dennis Twp Lower Twp Middle Twp Upper Twp
49 50		Cumberland	All municipalities

1 2		Gloucester	Clayton Boro Elk Twp
3			Franklin Twp
4			Glassboro Boro
5			Monroe Twp
6			Newfield Boro
7			NewHeld Bolo
8		Salem	Alloway Twp
9			Carneys Point Twp
10			Elmer Boro
11			Elsinboro Twp
12			Lower Alloways Creek Twp
13			Mannington Twp
14			Oldmans Twp
15			Pennsville Twp
16			Pilesgrove Twp
17			Pittsgrove Twp
18			Quinton Twp
19			Upper Pittsgrove Twp
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21			Woodstown Boro
22	(5) DELAWARE RIVE	R WATERSHED	GREENWAY
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24		Burlington	Bordentown City
25			Bordentown Twp
26			Chesterfield Twp
27			Cinnaminson Twp
28			Delanco Twp
29			Delran Twp
30			Eastampton Twp
31			Hainesport Twp
32			Lumberton Twp
33			Mansfield Twp
34			Medford Twp
35			Moorestown Twp
36			Mount Holly Twp
37			Mount Laurel Twp
38			North Hanover Twp
39			Pemberton Twp
40			Riverside Twp
41			Southampton Twp
42			Springfield Twp
43			Westhampton Twp
44			Willingboro Twp
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46		Camden	Berlin Twp
47		Cumacii	Camden City
48			Clementon Boro
49			Gibbsboro Boro
50			Gloucester Twp
51			Haddon Twp
52			Lindenwold Boro
53			Pine Hill Boro
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54 55			Voorhees Twp
55 56		Gloucester	Deptford Twp
57		Groucester	East Greenwich Twp
58			Elk Twp
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8			Greenwich Twp Harrison Twp Logan Twp National Park Boro South Harrison Twp Westville Boro Woolwich Twp West Deptford Twp
10 11 12 13 14 15 16		Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp Delaware Twp Frenchtown Boro Kingwood Twp Lambertville City Stockton Boro West Amwell Twp
18 19 20 21 22 23		Mercer	Ewing Twp Hamilton Twp Hopewell Twp Robbinsville Twp Trenton City
24 25 26 27		Monmouth	Allentown Boro Millstone Twp Upper Freehold Twp
28 29 30		Ocean	Jackson Twp Plumsted Twp
31 32 33 34		Salem	Oldmans Twp Pilesgrove Twp Upper Pittsgrove Twp
35 36	(6) HIGHLANDS GREI	ENWAY	
37 38 39		Bergen	Mahwah Twp Oakland Boro
40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54		Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp Bethlehem Twp Bloomsbury Boro Califon Boro Clinton Town Clinton Twp Glen Gardner Boro Hampton Boro Holland Twp Lebanon Boro Lebanon Twp Milford Boro Tewksbury Twp Union Twp

1	Morris	Boonton Town
2		Boonton Twp
3		Butler Boro
2 3 4 5		Chester Boro
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		Chester Twp
6		Denville Twp
7		Dover Town
8		Hanover Twp
9		Harding Twp
10		Jefferson Twp
11		Kinnelon Boro
12		Mendham Boro
13		Mendham Twp
14		Mine Hill Twp
15		Montville Twp
16		Morris Plains Boro
17		Morris Twp
18		Morristown Town
19		Mount Arlington Boro
20		Mount Olive Twp
21		Mountain Lakes Boro
22		Netcong Boro
23		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
24		Pequannock Twp
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		Randolph Twp
26		Riverdale Boro
27		Rockaway Boro
28		Rockaway Twp
29		Roxbury Twp
30		Victory Gardens Boro
31		Washington Twp
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35		Pompton Lakes Boro
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37		Wanaque Boro
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40	Somerset	Bedminster Twp
41		Bernards Twp
42		Bernardsville Boro
43		Far Hills Boro
44		Peapack-Gladstone Boro
45	Sussex	Byram Twp
46	Sussex	•
		Franklin Boro
47		Green Twp
48		Hamburg Boro
49		Hardyston Twp
50		Hopatcong Boro
51		Ogdensburg Boro
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		Sparta Twp
53		Stanhope Boro
54		Vernon Twp
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56	Warren	Allamuchy Twp
57		Alpha Boro
58		Belvidere Town

		Franklin Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Greenwich Twp Hackettstown Town Harmony Twp Hope Twp Independence Twp Liberty Twp Lopatcong Twp Mansfield Twp Oxford Twp Phillipsburg Town Pohatcong Twp Washington Boro Washington Twp White Twp
(7) HISTORIC RESOU	JRCES	
Allaire State Park		
	Monmouth	Howell Twp Wall Twp
Fort Mott Officers Q	Quarters	
	Salem	Pennsville Twp
Griggstown Muleten	ders Barracks	
	Somerset	Franklin Twp
Historic Sites		
	Burlington	Medford Twp
	Monmouth	Red Bank Boro
Monmouth Battlefiel	ld	
	Monmouth	Freehold Twp Manalapan Twp
New Bridge Landing	7	
	Bergen	New Milford Boro
		River Edge Boro
Princeton Battlefield	i	
	Mercer	Princeton Boro
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Proprietary House		
	Middlesex	Perth Amboy City
	Allaire State Park Fort Mott Officers Q Griggstown Muleten Historic Sites Monmouth Battlefield New Bridge Landing Princeton Battlefield	Monmouth Fort Mott Officers Quarters Salem Griggstown Muletenders Barracks Somerset Historic Sites Burlington Monmouth Monmouth Battlefield Monmouth New Bridge Landing Bergen Princeton Battlefield Mercer Proprietary House

1	Register Eligible Sit	es	
2 3 4		Somerset	Green Brook Twp Watchung Boro
5 6 7	Rockingham Farmst	ead	
8 9		Somerset	Franklin Twp
10	Twin Lights		
11 12		Monmouth	Highlands Boro
13			J
14 15	Washington Crossin	g State Park	
16		Mercer	Ewing Twp
17 18			Hopewell Twp
19	Waterloo Village		
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21 22		Sussex	Byram Twp Stanhope Boro
23			Stannope Boro
24	(8) PINELANDS		
25 26		Atlantic	Brigantine City
27			Buena Boro
28 29			Buena Vista Twp
30			Corbin City Egg Harbor City
31			Egg Harbor Twp
32			Estell Manor City Folsom Boro
33 34			Galloway Twp
35			Hamilton Twp
36 37			Hammonton Town
38			Mullica Twp Port Republic City
39			Weymouth Twp
40 41		Burlington	Bass River Twp
42		Durmigton	Evesham Twp
43			Medford Lakes Boro
44 45			Medford Twp New Hanover Twp
46			North Hanover Twp
47			Pemberton Twp
48 49			Shamong Twp Southampton Twp
50			Springfield Twp
51			Tabernacle Twp
52 53			Washington Twp Woodland Twp
54			Wrightstown Boro
55 56		Comdon	Parlin Doro
50 57		Camden	Berlin Boro Berlin Twp
58			Chesilhurst Boro

1 2			Waterford Twp Winslow Twp
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4		Cape May	Dennis Twp
5			Middle Twp
6			Upper Twp
7			Woodbine Boro
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9		Cumberland	Maurice River Twp
10			Vineland City
11			
12		Gloucester	Franklin Twp
13			Monroe Twp
14			
15		Ocean	Barnegat Twp
16			Beachwood Boro
17			Berkeley Twp
18			Eagleswood Twp
19			Jackson Twp
20			Lacey Twp
21			Lakehurst Boro
22			Little Egg Harbor Twp
23			Manchester Twp
24			Ocean Twp
25			Plumsted Twp
26			South Toms River Boro
27			Stafford Twp
28			Toms River Twp
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29			Tuckerton Boro
29 30			Tuckerton Boro
30 31	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	LEY GREENWA	
30 31 32 33	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	LEY GREENWA Sussex	Y Andover Boro
30 31 32 33 34	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp
30 31 32 33 34 35	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Y Andover Boro
30 31 32 33 34 35 36	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp Fredon Twp
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp
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30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Lafayette Twp Montague Twp
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Lafayette Twp Montague Twp Newton Town
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Lafayette Twp Montague Twp Newton Town Sandyston Twp
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30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Lafayette Twp Montague Twp Newton Town Sandyston Twp Stillwater Twp Sussex Boro
30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	_	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Lafayette Twp Montague Twp Newton Town Sandyston Twp Stillwater Twp Sussex Boro Walpack Twp
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30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49	(9) RIDGE AND VALI	Sussex	Andover Boro Andover Twp Branchville Boro Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Lafayette Twp Montague Twp Newton Town Sandyston Twp Stillwater Twp Sussex Boro Walpack Twp Wantage Twp Blairstown Twp
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1 2	(10) URBAN PARKS		
3		Bergen	Edgewater Boro
5		Camden	Camden City
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14		Essex	Belleville Twp Bloomfield Twp Caldwell Boro Cedar Grove Twp East Orange City Glen Ridge Boro Irvington Twp Maplewood Twp
15 16 17 18 19 20 21			Montclair Twp Newark City Nutley Twp Orange City Twp South Orange Village Twp West Orange Twp
22 23		Hudson	All municipalities
24 25		Mercer	Trenton City
26 27		Middlesex	Edison Twp
28 29		Monmouth	Long Branch City
30 31 32		Passaic	Paterson City Totowa Boro
33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44		Union	Elizabeth City Fanwood Boro Garwood Boro Hillside Twp Linden City Plainfield City Rahway City Roselle Boro Roselle Park Boro Union Twp Winfield Twp
45 46	TOTAL		\$38,475,000

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c. The expenditure of funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section for any project listed in subsection b. of this section shall not require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.

d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant thereto, any State project that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden State

- 1 Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the
- 2 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to
- section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 3
- 4 (C.13:8C-48), for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
- 5 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
- Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of 6
- 7 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.
- 8 For the purposes of this subsection, "Green Acres bond act" 9 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, 10 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

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- a. There is appropriated to the Department Environmental Protection the sum of \$4,655,000 from dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$625,433 is available due to interest earnings on the dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
- b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall be allocated as follows:

II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.

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29	Project	County	Municipality	Amount
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31	BLUE ACRES			\$4,655,000
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33		Every county	Every municipality	
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35	TOTAL			\$4,655,000

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c. The expenditure of moneys appropriated pursuant to this section is subject to the provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden State Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for State projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation

- purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any State project that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund, or the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" for recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include administrative costs.
 - b. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act" means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

4. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the sum of \$6,802,000 from dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for paying administrative costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$49,932,000 to implement the provisions of this act.

6. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill appropriates the sum of \$49.932 million to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution, approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The "Preserve New Jersey Act" implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion

1 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres

- 2 program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space,
- 3 including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State
- 4 lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
- 5 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local
- 6 government open space acquisition and development projects; and
- 7 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
- 8 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates
- 9 moneys for State open space acquisition projects, including for Blue
- 10 Acres projects.

Specifically, this bill appropriates \$38.475 million to the DEP from the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition by the State of lands, for recreation and conservation purposes, located throughout the State within the ten project categories identified in section 1 of the bill. The bill also appropriates \$4.655 million to the DEP to provide funding for the acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage, i.e., "Blue Acres" projects. In addition, the bill appropriates \$6.802 million to the DEP for the purposes of paying administrative costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of the "Preserve New Jersey Act."

The "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act." P.L.2019, c.136 amended the "Preserve New Jersey Act" to incorporate the purposes of the "Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund" into the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," rather than having two separate funds, both providing moneys to the DEP's Green Acres program for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. Of the funding allocated for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes by the State, a minimum of 10 percent is to be allocated for Blue Acres projects.

The projects and appropriations listed in this bill have been approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

Lastly, the bill authorizes the department to re-distribute certain other moneys made available by project cancellations or cost savings to provide additional funding, for recreation and conservation purposes, to previously approved and funded State projects, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee. The bill provides that the additional funding, if provided from a Green Acres bond act, may include administrative costs.