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P.L. 2022, CHAPTER 135, *approved December 22, 2022*
 Assembly, No. 4957

1 **AN ACT** appropriating \$64.929 million from constitutionally
 2 dedicated corporation business tax revenues for the development
 3 of lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
 6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. a. There is appropriated the sum of \$64.929 million from
 9 dedicated corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article
 10 VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the
 11 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
 12 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
 13 (C.13:8C-48), to the Department of Environmental Protection for
 14 the development of lands by the State for recreation and
 15 conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of the
 16 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).
 17 Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this paragraph, the sum of
 18 \$281,000 is available due to interest earnings on the dedicated
 19 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
 20 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution.

21 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
 22 section shall be allocated as follows:
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24 Project	25 Amount
26 BOATING & FISHING ACCESS	
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28 Access Facilities	1,000,000
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30 CAMPING DEVELOPMENT	
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32 Camping, Cabin/Shelter Program	5,000,000
33 Sanitary Facilities	5,000,000
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35 HABITAT IMPROVEMENTS & ACCESS	
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37 Habitat Improvements & Access	1,000,000
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39 INFRASTRUCTURE	
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41 Bridge Repairs	500,000
42 Building Repairs and Renovations	5,000,000
43 Dam Inspections, Repairs, Removals	1,000,000
44 Health and Life Safety Projects	10,000,000
45 Historic Structure Stabilization and Repairs	7,500,000
46 Recreational Development	19,000,000

1	Road Repairs	2,000,000
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3	IN-HOUSE PROJECTS	500,000
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5	PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION	1,000,000
6	OTHER	
7	Contingency Fund for Repairs	3,196,600
8	Administration	3,232,400
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10	TOTAL	\$64,929,000

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12 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of section 6
13 of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48) or any other law to the contrary, the
14 expenditure of funds pursuant to this section shall not require the
15 approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee, or its successor.
16 The department may reallocate funds among the projects identified
17 in subsection b. of this section, subject to the approval of the
18 Director of the Division of Budget and Accounting in the
19 Department of the Treasury. The department shall send written
20 notification of any such reallocation of funds to the President of the
21 Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the Legislative
22 Budget and Finance Officer, the Joint Budget Oversight Committee,
23 or its successor, and the Chairs of the Senate Environment and
24 Energy Committee and Assembly Environment and Solid Waste
25 Committee, or their respective successor committees.

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27 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
28 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to
29 section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12
30 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$64.929 million to implement the
31 provisions of section 1 of this act.

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33 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill appropriates the sum of \$64.929 million to the
39 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding
40 for capital projects and park development on lands administered by
41 the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and
42 Wildlife pursuant to the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12
43 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

44 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
45 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
46 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,
47 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The
48 "Preserve New Jersey Act" implements the constitutional

1 dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic
2 preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion
3 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres
4 program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space,
5 including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State
6 lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
7 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local
8 government open space acquisition and development projects; and
9 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
10 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates funds
11 for capital and park development projects on State lands
12 administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
13 Division of Parks and Forestry. The "Preserve New Jersey Green
14 Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New
15 Jersey Act."

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

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22 Appropriates \$64.929 million from constitutionally dedicated
23 CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for
24 State capital and park development projects.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4957

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 5, 2022

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman SADAF F. JAFFER

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

Assemblyman JAMES J. KENNEDY

District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

Assemblyman RALPH R. CAPUTO

District 28 (Essex)

Senator BOB SMITH

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District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

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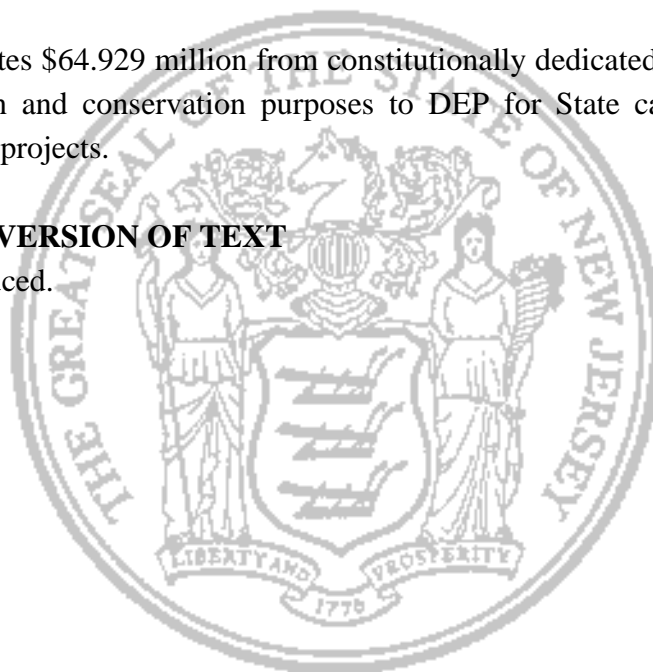
Assemblyman Freiman, Assemblywomen Jasey, McKnight, Assemblymen Wirths, Space and Senator Turner

SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$64.929 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/19/2022)

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47 Road Repairs	48 2,000,000
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11 Jersey Act."

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13 approved by the DEP and the Garden State Preservation Trust.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4957

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 12, 2022

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4957.

This bill appropriates the sum of \$64.929 million to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for capital projects and park development on lands administered by the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and Wildlife 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 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space, including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local government open space acquisition and development projects; and grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates funds for capital and park development projects on State lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry. The "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" was established by section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act."

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill has not been certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE, No. 3361

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 220th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 1, 2022

Sponsored by:

Senator BOB SMITH

District 17 (Middlesex and Somerset)

Senator JEAN STANFIELD

District 8 (Atlantic, Burlington and Camden)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Turner

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

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(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/19/2022)

S3361 B.SMITH, STANFIELD

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

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3361

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 15, 2022

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3361.

This bill appropriates the sum of \$64.929 million to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for capital projects and park development on lands administered by the DEP's Division of Parks and Forestry and Division of Fish and Wildlife pursuant to the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

12/22/2022

TRENTON – Today, Governor Murphy signed the following bills into law:

S-3241/A-4918 (Vitale, Gopal/Conaway, Jaffer, Lampitt) - Extends temporary waiver of certain basic life support services and specialty care transport unit crewmember requirements

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A-4295/S-2876 (Jaffer, Mosquera, Swain/Singleton) - Adapts new federal partnership audit regime under gross income tax, ends COVID-related State tax extensions, and eliminates requirement to affirmatively elect New Jersey S Corporation status

A-4929/S-3379 (Pintor Marin, Greenwald, Atkins/Ruiz, Pou) - Concerns accommodations related to COVID-19 public health emergency for businesses participating in certain State economic development programs

A-4957/S-3361 (Jaffer, Kennedy, Caputo/Smith, Stanfield) - Appropriates \$64.929 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-4958/S-3342 (Chaparro, Lampitt, Freiman/Beach, Turner) - Appropriates \$17,288,315 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

A-4959/S-3362 (Spearman, Reynolds-Jackson, Wimberly/Greenstein, Codey) - Appropriates \$53,249,310 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 cost