

P.L. 2024, CHAPTER 37, *approved July 10, 2024*
Senate, No. 3474

1 AN ACT appropriating \$10,067,905 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues to provide grants to assist
3 qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire or
4 develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and for
5 certain administrative expenses.

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

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10 1. a. For the purposes of this section:

11 “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” means the
12 fund established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152
13 (C.13:8C-19).

14 “Green Acres bond act” means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119,
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17 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” means the fund
18 established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”
19 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48).

20 “Stewardship activity” means the same as the term is defined in
21 section 3 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
22 (C.13:8C-45).

23 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
24 Protection the sum of \$9,588,905 from the dedicated corporation
25 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
26 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres
27 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New
28 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the purpose of
29 providing grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit
30 organizations to acquire lands for recreation and conservation
31 purposes pursuant to subsection c. of this section, to develop lands
32 for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection d.
33 of this section, and to undertake stewardship activities pursuant to
34 subsection e. of this section.

35 c. The following projects for the acquisition of lands for
36 recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with
37 the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection b. of this section:

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(1) Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space	Hopewell Valley Park Acq	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Pennington Boro	137,500

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(2) Friends of Princeton Open Space	Millstone River Watershed	Mercer	Princeton Boro	140,000
(3) Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation	Watershed Protection Program	Sussex	Frankford Twp	220,000
(4) Hunterdon Land Trust	Hunterdon Open Space Plan Priority Areas	Hunterdon	All municipalities	500,000
(5) New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Priority Area Acquisitions	Atlantic	Buena Vista Twp Egg Harbor City Egg Harbor Twp Estell Manor City Folsom Boro Galloway Twp Hamilton Twp Hammonton Town Mullica Twp Weymouth Twp	1,074,300
		Burlington	Bass River Twp Beverly City Bordentown City Bordentown Twp Burlington City Burlington Twp Chesterfield Twp Cinnaminson Twp Delanco Twp Delran Twp Evesham Twp Fieldsboro Boro Florence Twp Mansfield Twp Medford Twp New Hanover Twp North Hanover Twp Pemberton Twp Shamong Twp Southampton Twp Springfield Twp Tabernacle Twp Washington Twp Woodland Twp	
		Camden	Camden City Merchantville Boro Pennsauken Twp	
		Cape May	Lower Twp Middle Twp	
		Cumberland	Fairfield Twp Greenwich Twp Hopewell Twp Maurice River Twp Millville City Stow Creek Twp Upper Deerfield Twp Vineland City	
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Hunterdon	All municipalities
Mercer	East Windsor Twp Ewing Twp Hamilton Twp Hightstown Boro Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Trenton City Princeton Boro Robbinsville Twp West Windsor Twp
Middlesex	Cranbury Twp Edison Twp
Monmouth	Allentown Boro Millstone Twp Upper Freehold Twp
Morris	All municipalities
Ocean	Lacey Twp Ocean Twp Plumsted Twp
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Somerset	Bedminster Twp Bernards Twp Bernardsville Boro Branchburg Twp Bridgewater Twp Far Hills Boro Hillsborough Twp Montgomery Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro Raritan Boro
Sussex	Andover Twp Byram Twp Frankford Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hopatcong Boro Sparta Twp Vernon Twp Wantage Twp
Union	Elizabeth City Linden City Springfield Twp Union Twp
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			Harmony Twp Hope Twp Independence Twp Knowlton Twp Liberty Twp Lopatcong Twp Mansfield Twp Oxford Twp Pohatcong Twp Washington Twp White Twp	
(6) Ridgeview Conservancy	Ridgeview Conservancy Acquisitions	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Princeton Boro	290,000
		Somerset	Montgomery Twp	
(7) South Jersey Land and Water Trust	South Jersey Watersheds	Atlantic	All municipalities	575,000
		Camden	All municipalities	
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(8) Tewksbury Land Trust	Land Acquisition	Hunterdon	Tewksbury Twp	450,000
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		Cumberland	Commercial Twp Downe Twp Fairfield Twp Lawrence Twp Maurice River Twp Millville City Vineland City	
		Gloucester	Franklin Twp	
		Ocean	Barnegat Twp Eagleswood Twp Lacey Twp Little Egg Harbor Twp Ocean Twp Stafford Twp	
		Passaic	North Haledon Boro Wayne Twp	
		Salem	Pittsgrove Twp	
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TOTAL				\$5,701,800

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Essex County Parks Foundation	Monte Irvin Orange Park Improvements	Essex	Orange City Twp	1,405,080

SPARK Friends Inc.	Athletic Facility Improvements at Riverfront	Essex	Newark City	1,588,275
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TOTAL **\$3,578,105**

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Harding Land Trust	Gatehouse and Primrose Phase 2	Morris	Harding Twp	9,000

TOTAL **\$309,000**

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7 f. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project sponsor, site,
8 or type, listed in subsection c., d., or e. of this section shall require
9 the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its
10 successor.

11 g. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
12 listed in subsection c., d., or e. of this section are offered funding
13 pursuant thereto, any project of a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit
14 organization that previously received funding appropriated or
15 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
16 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation
17 Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
18 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
19 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
20 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

21 h. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental
22 Protection the unexpended balances, due to project withdrawals,
23 cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
24 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
25 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation
26 Trust Fund to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations
27 to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
28 purposes, for the purposes of: (1) this section; and (2) providing
29 additional funding, as determined by the Department of
30 Environmental Protection, to any project of a qualifying tax exempt
31 nonprofit organization that previously received funding
32 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
33 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres
34 Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes,
35 subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or
36 its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green
37 Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

1 the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation
2 and conservation purposes.

3 Of the amount appropriated by the bill to provide grants to
4 various nonprofit entities: \$5,701,800 is allocated for 11
5 acquisition projects; \$3,578,105 is allocated for four park
6 development projects; and \$309,000 is allocated for two
7 stewardship activity projects. In addition, the bill appropriates
8 \$479,000 to the DEP for the purposes of paying administrative costs
9 associated with administering the applicable provisions of the
10 "Preserve New Jersey Act."

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

13 The bill also would allow the DEP to re-distribute certain other
14 moneys, which have been returned to the department due to project
15 withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, for the purpose of
16 providing additional funding, for recreation and conservation
17 purposes, to previously approved and funded projects of nonprofit
18 entities, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
19 Committee. This additional funding, if provided from a Green
20 Acres bond act, may include administrative costs.

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	Burlington Twp
	Chesterfield Twp
	Cinnaminson Twp
	Delanco Twp
	Delran Twp
	Evesham Twp
	Fieldsboro Boro
	Florence Twp
	Mansfield Twp
	Medford Twp
	New Hanover Twp
	North Hanover Twp
	Pemberton Twp
	Shamong Twp
	Southampton Twp
	Springfield Twp
	Tabernacle Twp
	Washington Twp
	Woodland Twp
Camden	Camden City
	Merchantville Boro
	Pennsauken Twp
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	Hopewell Twp
	Maurice River Twp
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	Vineland City
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	Woolwich Twp
Hunterdon	All municipalities
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	Ewing Twp
	Hamilton Twp
	Hightstown Boro
	Hopewell Twp
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	Princeton Boro
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	Elmer Boro
	Elsinboro Twp
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	Mannington Twp
	Oldmans Twp
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			Pilesgrove Twp	
			Pittsgrove Twp	
			Quinton Twp	
			Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
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			Cape May Point Boro	
			Dennis Twp	
			Lower Twp	
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		Cumberland	Commercial Twp	
			Downe Twp	
			Fairfield Twp	
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			Lacey Twp	
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			Ocean Twp	
			Stafford Twp	
		Passaic	North Haledon Boro	
			Wayne Twp	
		Salem	Pittsgrove Twp	
		Sussex	Andover Boro	
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4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 10, 2024.

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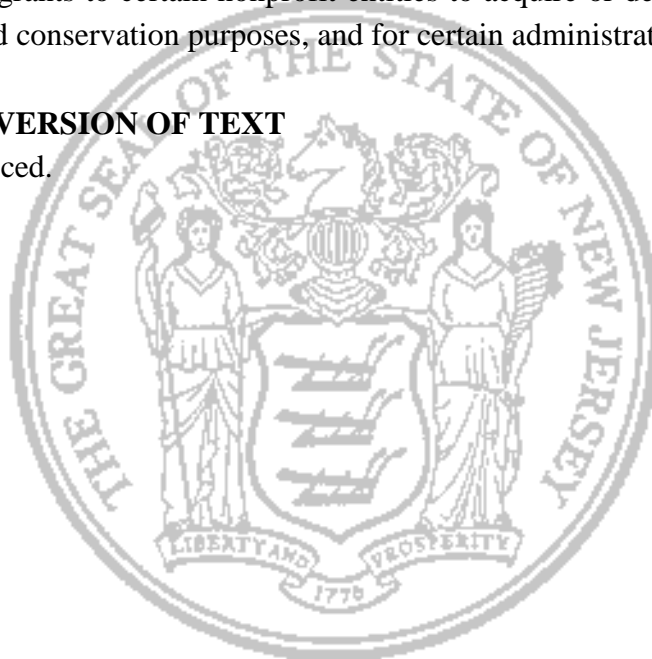
Senators Ruiz, Cryan, Assemblyman Atkins, Assemblywomen Hall, Fantasia, Murphy and Assemblyman Miller

SYNOPSIS

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CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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Morris	All municipalities
Ocean	Lacey Twp Ocean Twp Plumsted Twp
Passaic	West Milford Twp
Salem	Alloway Twp Carneys Point Twp Elmer Boro Elsinboro Twp Lower Alloways Creek Twp Mannington Twp Oldmans Twp Pennsville Twp Pilesgrove Twp Pittsgrove Twp Quinton Twp Upper Pittsgrove Twp Woodstown Boro
Somerset	Bedminster Twp Bernards Twp Bernardsville Boro Branchburg Twp Bridgewater Twp Far Hills Boro Hillsborough Twp Montgomery Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro Raritan Boro
Sussex	Andover Twp Byram Twp Frankford Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hopatcong Boro Sparta Twp Vernon Twp Wantage Twp
Union	Elizabeth City Linden City Springfield Twp Union Twp
Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Franklin Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Greenwich Twp Hardwick Twp Harmony Twp Hope Twp Independence Twp Knowlton Twp Liberty Twp Lopatcong Twp Mansfield Twp Oxford Twp Pohatcong Twp Washington Twp White Twp

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(6) Ridgeview Conservancy	Ridgeview Conservancy Acquisitions	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Princeton Boro	290,000
		Somerset	Montgomery Twp	
(7) South Jersey Land and Water Trust	South Jersey Watersheds	Atlantic	All municipalities	575,000
		Camden	All municipalities	
		Cape May	All municipalities	
		Cumberland	All municipalities	
		Gloucester	All municipalities	
		Salem	All municipalities	
(8) Tewksbury Land Trust	Land Acquisition	Hunterdon	Tewksbury Twp	450,000
(9) The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	Priority Areas Acq	Bergen	All municipalities	1,675,000
		Essex	All municipalities	
		Middlesex	All municipalities	
		Morris	All municipalities	
		Ocean	All municipalities	
		Passaic	All municipalities	
		Somerset	All municipalities	
		Sussex	All municipalities	
		Union	All municipalities	
		Warren	All municipalities	
(10) The Nature Conservancy	Priority Area Acquisition	Atlantic	Estell Manor City Galloway Twp Hamilton Twp Mullica Twp	500,000
		Burlington	Bass River Twp Pemberton Boro Pemberton Twp Washington Twp Woodland Twp	
		Cape May	Cape May City Cape May Point Boro Dennis Twp Lower Twp Middle Twp West Cape May Boro	
		Cumberland	Commercial Twp Downe Twp Fairfield Twp Lawrence Twp Maurice River Twp Millville City Vineland City	
		Gloucester	Franklin Twp	
		Ocean	Barnegat Twp Eagleswood Twp	

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			Lacey Twp	
			Little Egg Harbor Twp	
			Ocean Twp	
			Stafford Twp	
		Passaic	North Haledon Boro	
			Wayne Twp	
		Salem	Pittsgrove Twp	
		Sussex	Andover Boro	
			Andover Twp	
			Frankford Twp	
			Fredon Twp	
			Green Twp	
			Hampton Twp	
			Hardyston Twp	
			Lafayette Twp	
			Montague Twp	
			Newton Town	
			Sandyston Twp	
			Stillwater Twp	
			Walpack Twp	
			Wantage Twp	
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp	
			Blairstown Twp	
			Frelinghuysen Twp	
			Hardwick Twp	
			Hope Twp	
			Knowlton Twp	
(11) The	Watershed	Mercer	Hopewell Boro	140,000
Watershed	Connectors		Hopewell Twp	
Institute			Pennington Boro	
			Princeton Boro	
	TOTAL			\$5,701,800

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d. The following projects for the development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection b. of this section:

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Camden Community Partnership	Elijah Perry Park Improvement Phase II	Camden	Camden City	484,750
Camp Dill Foundation	Camp Dill Improvements	Hunterdon	Clinton Twp	100,000
Essex County Parks Foundation	Monte Irvin Orange Park Improvements	Essex	Orange City Twp	1,405,080
SPARK Friends Inc.	Athletic Facility Improvements at Riverfront	Essex	Newark City	1,588,275
	TOTAL			\$3,578,105

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e. The following stewardship activity projects are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection b. of this section:

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Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.	Lambert Tower Historic Landscape	Passaic	Paterson City	300,000
Harding Land Trust	Gatehouse and Primrose Phase 2	Morris	Harding Twp	9,000
TOTAL				\$309,000

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2 f. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project sponsor, site,
3 or type, listed in subsection c., d., or e. of this section shall require
4 the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its
5 successor.

6 g. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
7 listed in subsection c., d., or e. of this section are offered funding
8 pursuant thereto, any project of a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit
9 organization that previously received funding appropriated or
10 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
11 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation
12 Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
13 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
14 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
15 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

16 h. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental
17 Protection the unexpended balances, due to project withdrawals,
18 cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
19 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
20 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation
21 Trust Fund to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations
22 to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
23 purposes, for the purposes of: (1) this section; and (2) providing
24 additional funding, as determined by the Department of
25 Environmental Protection, to any project of a qualifying tax exempt
26 nonprofit organization that previously received funding
27 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
28 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres
29 Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes,
30 subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or
31 its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green
32 Acres bond act may include administrative costs.

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34 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
35 Protection the sum of \$479,000 from dedicated corporation business
36 tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the
37 State Constitution in the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,"
38 established pursuant to section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act,"
39 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for paying administrative costs

1 associated with administering the applicable provisions of
2 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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4 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
5 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
6 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
7 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$10,067,905 to implement the provisions
8 of this act.

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10 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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15 The bill appropriates \$10,067,905 to the Department of
16 Environmental Protection (DEP), of which \$9,588,905 is to provide
17 grants to various nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
18 recreation and conservation purposes, and \$479,000 is to be used by
19 the DEP for associated administrative costs.

20 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
21 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
22 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution. The
23 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.),
24 implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open
25 space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New
26 Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the
27 “Preserve New Jersey Act.” The act provides that a certain amount
28 of the portion of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for
29 the Green Acres program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands
30 for open space, including Blue Acres projects, and development
31 projects on State lands administered by the DEP’s Division of Fish
32 and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to
33 fund local government open space acquisition and development
34 projects; and grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands
35 for recreation and conservation purposes.

36 This bill appropriates funds to be used to provide grants to
37 nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and
38 conservation purposes. Further, of the funding allocated for
39 acquisition and development projects by nonprofit entities, a certain
40 percentage is to be used to fund stewardship activities undertaken
41 by nonprofit entities. A “stewardship activity” is defined in the
42 “Preserve New Jersey Act” as an activity, which is beyond routine
43 operations and maintenance, undertaken to repair or restore lands
44 acquired or developed for recreation and conservation purposes for
45 the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation
46 and conservation purposes.

47 Of the amount appropriated by the bill to provide grants to
48 various nonprofit entities: \$5,701,800 is allocated for 11

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1 acquisition projects; \$3,578,105 is allocated for four park
2 development projects; and \$309,000 is allocated for two
3 stewardship activity projects. In addition, the bill appropriates
4 \$479,000 to the DEP for the purposes of paying administrative costs
5 associated with administering the applicable provisions of the
6 “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

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

9 The bill also would allow the DEP to re-distribute certain other
10 moneys, which have been returned to the department due to project
11 withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, for the purpose of
12 providing additional funding, for recreation and conservation
13 purposes, to previously approved and funded projects of nonprofit
14 entities, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
15 Committee. This additional funding, if provided from a Green
16 Acres bond act, may include administrative costs.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3474

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3474.

The bill appropriates \$10,067,905 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), of which \$9,588,905 is to provide grants to various nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and \$479,000 is to be used by the DEP for associated administrative costs.

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. The “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” 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 to be used to provide grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. Further, of the funding allocated for acquisition and development projects by nonprofit entities, a certain percentage is to be used to fund stewardship activities undertaken by nonprofit entities. A “stewardship activity” is defined in the “Preserve New Jersey Act” as an activity, which is beyond routine operations and maintenance, undertaken to repair or restore lands acquired or developed for recreation and conservation purposes for the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

Of the amount appropriated by the bill to provide grants to various nonprofit entities: \$5,701,800 is allocated for 11 acquisition projects; \$3,578,105 is allocated for four park development projects; and \$309,000 is allocated for two stewardship activity projects. In addition, the bill appropriates \$479,000 to the DEP for the purposes of

paying administrative costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

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

The bill also would allow the DEP to re-distribute certain other moneys, which have been returned to the department due to project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, for the purpose of providing additional funding, for recreation and conservation purposes, to previously approved and funded projects of nonprofit entities, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee. This additional funding, if provided from a Green Acres bond act, may include administrative costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4570

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 13, 2024

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman LINDA S. CARTER

District 22 (Somerset and Union)

Assemblywoman SHANIQUE SPEIGHT

District 29 (Essex and Hudson)

Assemblyman BENJIE E. WIMBERLY

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Co-Sponsored by:

**Assemblyman Atkins, Assemblywomen Hall, Fantasia, Murphy and
Assemblyman Miller**

SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$10,067,905 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and for certain administrative expenses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/28/2024)

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1 AN ACT appropriating \$10,067,905 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues to provide grants to assist
3 qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations to acquire or
4 develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and for
5 certain administrative expenses.

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

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10 1. a. For the purposes of this section:

11 “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” means the
12 fund established pursuant to section 19 of P.L.1999, c.152
13 (C.13:8C-19).

14 “Green Acres bond act” means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119,
15 P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992, c.88, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265,
16 and P.L.1983, c.354.

17 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” means the fund
18 established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”
19 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48).

20 “Stewardship activity” means the same as the term is defined in
21 section 3 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
22 (C.13:8C-45).

23 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
24 Protection the sum of \$9,588,905 from the dedicated corporation
25 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
26 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres
27 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New
28 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the purpose of
29 providing grants to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit
30 organizations to acquire lands for recreation and conservation
31 purposes pursuant to subsection c. of this section, to develop lands
32 for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to subsection d.
33 of this section, and to undertake stewardship activities pursuant to
34 subsection e. of this section.

35 c. The following projects for the acquisition of lands for
36 recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with
37 the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection b. of this section:

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Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
(1) Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space	Hopewell Valley Park Acq	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Pennington Boro	137,500
(2) Friends of Princeton Open Space	Millstone River Watershed	Mercer	Princeton Boro	140,000
(3) Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation	Watershed Protection Program	Sussex	Frankford Twp	220,000

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(4) Hunterdon Land Trust	Hunterdon Open Space Plan Priority Areas	Hunterdon	All municipalities	500,000
(5) New Jersey Conservation Foundation	Priority Area Acquisitions	Atlantic	Buena Vista Twp Egg Harbor City Egg Harbor Twp Estell Manor City Folsom Boro Galloway Twp Hamilton Twp Hammonton Town Mullica Twp Weymouth Twp	1,074,300
		Burlington	Bass River Twp Beverly City Bordentown City Bordentown Twp Burlington City Burlington Twp Chesterfield Twp Cinnaminson Twp Delanco Twp Delran Twp Evesham Twp Fieldsboro Boro Florence Twp Mansfield Twp Medford Twp New Hanover Twp North Hanover Twp Pemberton Twp Shamong Twp Southampton Twp Springfield Twp Tabernacle Twp Washington Twp Woodland Twp	
		Camden	Camden City Merchantville Boro Pennsauken Twp	
		Cape May	Lower Twp Middle Twp	
		Cumberland	Fairfield Twp Greenwich Twp Hopewell Twp Maurice River Twp Millville City Stow Creek Twp Upper Deerfield Twp Vineland City	
		Gloucester	Franklin Twp Logan Twp South Harrison Twp Woolwich Twp	
		Hunterdon	All municipalities	
		Mercer	East Windsor Twp Ewing Twp Hamilton Twp Hightstown Boro Hopewell Twp Lawrence Twp Trenton City Princeton Boro Robbinsville Twp	

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	West Windsor Twp
Middlesex	Cranbury Twp Edison Twp
Monmouth	Allentown Boro Millstone Twp Upper Freehold Twp
Morris	All municipalities
Ocean	Lacey Twp Ocean Twp Plumsted Twp
Passaic	West Milford Twp
Salem	Alloway Twp Carneys Point Twp Elmer Boro Elsinboro Twp Lower Alloways Creek Twp Mannington Twp Oldmans Twp Pennsville Twp Pilesgrove Twp Pittsgrove Twp Quinton Twp Upper Pittsgrove Twp Woodstown Boro
Somerset	Bedminster Twp Bernards Twp Bernardsville Boro Branchburg Twp Bridgewater Twp Far Hills Boro Hillsborough Twp Montgomery Twp Peapack-Gladstone Boro Raritan Boro
Sussex	Andover Twp Byram Twp Frankford Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hopatcong Boro Sparta Twp Vernon Twp Wantage Twp
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Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Franklin Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Greenwich Twp Hardwick Twp Harmony Twp Hope Twp Independence Twp Knowlton Twp Liberty Twp Lopatcong Twp Mansfield Twp Oxford Twp Pohatcong Twp Washington Twp

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			White Twp	
(6) Ridgeview Conservancy	Ridgeview Conservancy Acquisitions	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Princeton Boro	290,000
		Somerset	Montgomery Twp	
(7) South Jersey Land and Water Trust	South Jersey Watersheds	Atlantic	All municipalities	575,000
		Camden	All municipalities	
		Cape May	All municipalities	
		Cumberland	All municipalities	
		Gloucester	All municipalities	
		Salem	All municipalities	
(8) Tewksbury Land Trust	Land Acquisition	Hunterdon	Tewksbury Twp	450,000
(9) The Land Conservancy of New Jersey	Priority Areas Acq	Bergen	All municipalities	1,675,000
		Essex	All municipalities	
		Middlesex	All municipalities	
		Morris	All municipalities	
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		Sussex	All municipalities	
		Union	All municipalities	
		Warren	All municipalities	
(10) The Nature Conservancy	Priority Area Acquisition	Atlantic	Estell Manor City Galloway Twp Hamilton Twp Mullica Twp	500,000
		Burlington	Bass River Twp Pemberton Boro Pemberton Twp Washington Twp Woodland Twp	
		Cape May	Cape May City Cape May Point Boro Dennis Twp Lower Twp Middle Twp West Cape May Boro	
		Cumberland	Commercial Twp Downe Twp Fairfield Twp Lawrence Twp Maurice River Twp Millville City Vineland City	
		Gloucester	Franklin Twp	

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		Ocean	Barnegat Twp Eagleswood Twp Lacey Twp Little Egg Harbor Twp Ocean Twp Stafford Twp	
		Passaic	North Haledon Boro Wayne Twp	
		Salem	Pittsgrove Twp	
		Sussex	Andover Boro Andover Twp Frankford Twp Fredon Twp Green Twp Hampton Twp Hardyston Twp Lafayette Twp Montague Twp Newton Town Sandyston Twp Stillwater Twp Walpack Twp Wantage Twp	
		Warren	Allamuchy Twp Blairstown Twp Frelinghuysen Twp Hardwick Twp Hope Twp Knowlton Twp	
(11) The Watershed Institute	Watershed Connectors	Mercer	Hopewell Boro Hopewell Twp Pennington Boro Princeton Boro	140,000
	TOTAL			\$5,701,800

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d. The following projects for the development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection b. of this section:

Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Camden Community Partnership	Elijah Perry Park Improvement Phase II	Camden	Camden City	484,750
Camp Dill Foundation	Camp Dill Improvements	Hunterdon	Clinton Twp	100,000
Essex County Parks Foundation	Monte Irvin Orange Park Improvements	Essex	Orange City Twp	1,405,080
SPARK Friends Inc.	Athletic Facility Improvements at Riverfront	Essex	Newark City	1,588,275
	TOTAL			\$3,578,105

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1 e. The following stewardship activity projects are eligible for
2 funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to subsection b. of
3 this section:
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Nonprofit Organization	Project	County	Municipality	Approved Amount
Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.	Lambert Tower Historic Landscape	Passaic	Paterson City	300,000
Harding Land Trust	Gatehouse and Primrose Phase 2	Morris	Harding Twp	9,000
TOTAL				\$309,000

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6 f. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project sponsor, site,
7 or type, listed in subsection c., d., or e. of this section shall require
8 the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its
9 successor.

10 g. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
11 listed in subsection c., d., or e. of this section are offered funding
12 pursuant thereto, any project of a qualifying tax exempt nonprofit
13 organization that previously received funding appropriated or
14 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
15 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation
16 Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
17 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
18 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
19 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

20 h. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental
21 Protection the unexpended balances, due to project withdrawals,
22 cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
23 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
24 appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation
25 Trust Fund to assist qualifying tax exempt nonprofit organizations
26 to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
27 purposes, for the purposes of: (1) this section; and (2) providing
28 additional funding, as determined by the Department of
29 Environmental Protection, to any project of a qualifying tax exempt
30 nonprofit organization that previously received funding
31 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
32 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres
33 Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes,
34 subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or
35 its successor. Any such additional funding provided from a Green
36 Acres bond act may include administrative costs.
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38 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
39 Protection the sum of \$479,000 from dedicated corporation business
40 tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the
41 State Constitution in the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,"

1 established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”
2 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for paying administrative costs
3 associated with administering the applicable provisions of
4 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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6 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
7 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
8 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
9 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$10,067,905 to implement the provisions
10 of this act.

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12 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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15 STATEMENT

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17 The bill appropriates \$10,067,905 to the Department of
18 Environmental Protection (DEP), of which \$9,588,905 is to provide
19 grants to various nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
20 recreation and conservation purposes, and \$479,000 is to be used by
21 the DEP for associated administrative costs.

22 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
23 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
24 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution. The
25 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.),
26 implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open
27 space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New
28 Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the
29 “Preserve New Jersey Act.” The act provides that a certain amount
30 of the portion of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for
31 the Green Acres program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands
32 for open space, including Blue Acres projects, and development
33 projects on State lands administered by the DEP’s Division of Fish
34 and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to
35 fund local government open space acquisition and development
36 projects; and grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands
37 for recreation and conservation purposes.

38 This bill appropriates funds to be used to provide grants to
39 nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and
40 conservation purposes. Further, of the funding allocated for
41 acquisition and development projects by nonprofit entities, a certain
42 percentage is to be used to fund stewardship activities undertaken
43 by nonprofit entities. A “stewardship activity” is defined in the
44 “Preserve New Jersey Act” as an activity, which is beyond routine
45 operations and maintenance, undertaken to repair or restore lands
46 acquired or developed for recreation and conservation purposes for
47 the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation
48 and conservation purposes.

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1 Of the amount appropriated by the bill to provide grants to
2 various nonprofit entities: \$5,701,800 is allocated for 11
3 acquisition projects; \$3,578,105 is allocated for four park
4 development projects; and \$309,000 is allocated for two
5 stewardship activity projects. In addition, the bill appropriates
6 \$479,000 to the DEP for the purposes of paying administrative costs
7 associated with administering the applicable provisions of the
8 “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

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

11 The bill also would allow the DEP to re-distribute certain other
12 moneys, which have been returned to the department due to project
13 withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, for the purpose of
14 providing additional funding, for recreation and conservation
15 purposes, to previously approved and funded projects of nonprofit
16 entities, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight
17 Committee. This additional funding, if provided from a Green
18 Acres bond act, may include administrative costs.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4570

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4570.

The bill appropriates \$10,067,905 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), of which \$9,588,905 is to provide grants to various nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and \$479,000 is to be used by the DEP for associated administrative costs.

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. The “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.), implements the constitutional dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic preservation. The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” 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 to be used to provide grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes. Further, of the funding allocated for acquisition and development projects by nonprofit entities, a certain percentage is to be used to fund stewardship activities undertaken by nonprofit entities. A “stewardship activity” is defined in the “Preserve New Jersey Act” as an activity, which is beyond routine operations and maintenance, undertaken to repair or restore lands acquired or developed for recreation and conservation purposes for the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation and conservation purposes.

Of the amount appropriated by the bill to provide grants to various nonprofit entities: \$5,701,800 is allocated for 11 acquisition projects; \$3,578,105 is allocated for four park development projects; and \$309,000 is allocated for two stewardship activity projects. In addition, the bill appropriates \$479,000 to the DEP for the purposes of

paying administrative costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.”

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

The bill also would allow the DEP to re-distribute certain other moneys, which have been returned to the department due to project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, for the purpose of providing additional funding, for recreation and conservation purposes, to previously approved and funded projects of nonprofit entities, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee. This additional funding, if provided from a Green Acres bond act, may include administrative costs.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

07/10/2024

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

S-2792/A-3697 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Spearman, Park, Simmons) - Appropriates \$500,000 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and "2009 Farmland Preservation Fund" to State Agriculture Development Committee for municipal planning incentive grants for farmland preservation purposes

S-2793/A-3698 (Cruz-Perez, Turner/Reynolds-Jackson, Fantasia, Stanley) - Appropriates \$1.723 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues and "2009 Farmland Preservation Fund" to State Agriculture Development Committee for grants to certain nonprofit organizations for farmland preservation purposes

S-2825/A-3906 (Gopal/Peterpaul, Donlon, Flynn) - Removes time limitation on issuance of additional alcoholic beverage licenses within boundaries of former federal military installations

S-3192/A-4454 (Diegnan, Moriarty/Freiman, Pintor Marin, DiMaio) - "Real Estate Consumer Protection Enhancement Act"

S-3275/A-4448 (Gopal, McKeon/Donlon, Pintor Marin, Wimberly) - Revises various provisions of film and digital media content production tax credit program

S-3371/A-4457 (Pou, Singer/Freiman) - Revises limits for net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values for certain annuity policies and contracts from \$100,000 to \$250,000

S-3384/A-4426 (Burzichelli, Schepisi/Katz, Atkins, Drulis) - Appropriates funds to DEP for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2025

S-3385/A-4602 (Singleton/Lopez) - Concerns deadline for municipality to report certain non-residential development fee information

S-3474/A-4570 (Greenstein/Carter, Speight, Wimberly) - Appropriates \$10,067,905 to DEP from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for grants to certain nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and for certain administrative expenses

A-1677/S-3263 (Lampitt, Bagolie, Stanley/Diegnan, Turner) - Authorizes extended terms for lease and purchase contracts for electric school buses; permits New Jersey School Boards Association to serve as government aggregator to obtain energy services for local units

A-3772/S-2334 (McCann Stamato, Sampson, Lopez/Stack, McKnight) - Revises process for property tax lien holder to foreclose right to redeem property tax lien; allows property owner to protect remaining equity

A-4046/S-3303 (Pintor Marin, Spearman/Pou, Mukherji) - Extends certain accommodations for businesses participating in State economic development programs

- A-4425/S-3383 (Ramirez, Spearman, Atkins/Gopal, Mukherji)** - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for environmental infrastructure projects for FY2025
- A-4458/S-3342 (Sumter, Sampson/Greenstein, Sarlo)** - Establishes exemptions and revises implementation timeline for requirement that newly constructed townhouses be installed with automatic fire sprinkler system
- A-4478/S-3367 (Calabrese, Karabinchak, Wimberly/Burzichelli)** - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for transportation infrastructure projects for FY2025; makes appropriation
- A-4572/S-3473 (Donlon, Sumter, Drulis/McKeon, Space)** - Appropriates \$101,696,535 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for local government open space acquisition and park development projects, and for certain administrative expenses
- A-4581/S-3471 (Haider, Sampson, Tully/Mukherji, O'Scanlon)** - Authorizes NJ Infrastructure Bank to expend certain sums to make loans for Community Hazard Assistance Mitigation Program projects for FY 2025
- A-4587/S-3451 (Stanley/Cryan, Pou)** - Increases hours required for individual to obtain licensure as teacher in cosmetology and hairstyling or as massage and bodywork therapist