

P.L. 2024, CHAPTER 44, *approved July 10, 2024*
Assembly, No. 4572

1 AN ACT appropriating \$101,696,535 from constitutionally
2 dedicated corporation business tax revenues to help local
3 government units acquire or develop lands for recreation and
4 conservation purposes, and for certain administrative expenses.
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6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
7 *of New Jersey:*
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9 1. As used in this act:

10 “Constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues”
11 means corporation business tax revenues dedicated pursuant to
12 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the
13 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for the acquisition or
14 development of lands by local government units for recreation and
15 conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of
16 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

17 “Densely or highly populated municipality” means a
18 municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per
19 square mile, or a population of at least 35,000 persons, according to
20 the latest federal decennial census.

21 “Densely populated county” means a county with a population
22 density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile according to the
23 latest federal decennial census.

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

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

30 “Highly populated county” means a county with a population
31 density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile according to the
32 latest federal decennial census.

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

36 “Stewardship activity” means the same as the term is defined in
37 section 3 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
38 (C.13:8C-45).
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40 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
41 Protection the following sums for the purpose of providing grants or
42 loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for
43 recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 4 of this
44 act and for the purpose of providing grants or loans, or both, to

1 assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and
2 conservation purposes pursuant to section 5 of this act:

3 a. \$50,090,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation
4 business tax revenues. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this
5 subsection, the sum of \$4,292,000 is available due to interest
6 earnings on the constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax
7 revenues;

8 b. \$24,500,000 from the “Garden State Green Acres
9 Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established
10 pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to loan
11 repayments and interest earnings; and

12 c. \$24,696,535 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation
13 Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established pursuant to a
14 Green Acres bond act, made available due to project cancellations
15 and withdrawals.

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17 3. a. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
18 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” the sum of \$52,500,000
19 to implement the provisions of this act.

20 b. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
21 section, the sum of \$2,410,000 is appropriated from the “Preserve
22 New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to the Department of Environmental
23 Protection for the purposes of paying administrative costs
24 associated with administering the applicable provisions of
25 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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27 4. a. The following planning incentive acquisition projects to
28 acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible
29 for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of
30 this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Oakland Boro	Bergen	Boro of Oakland Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$700,000
Burlington County	Burlington	Planning Incentive	1,400,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Planning Incentive	113,150
Medford Twp	Burlington	Open Space Incentive	550,000
Cherry Hill Twp	Camden	Planning Incentive Grant	1,050,000
Livingston Twp	Essex	Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Verona Twp	Essex	Verona Open Space Acquisition	700,000
West Orange Twp	Essex	Open Space Acquisition	1,050,000
Gloucester County	Gloucester	Open Space Plan	1,400,000
Readington Twp	Hunterdon	Greenway Incentive Plan	300,000
Union Twp	Hunterdon	Union Twp Open Space Plan	650,000

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East Windsor Twp	Mercer	East Windsor Open Space Acquisition	330,000
Hamilton Twp	Mercer	Hamilton Township Open Space Acquisition	1,050,000
Princeton Boro	Mercer	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Robbinsville Twp	Mercer	Green Links Program	473,285
West Windsor Twp	Mercer	West Windsor Planning Incentive	700,000
Monmouth County	Monmouth	Planning Incentive Acquisition	1,750,000
Howell Twp	Monmouth	Planning Incentive 2	1,050,000
Hanover Twp	Morris	Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Madison Boro	Morris	Madison Boro Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Brick Twp	Ocean	Open Space & Recreation Plan	1,400,000
Montgomery Twp	Somerset	Open Space Acquisition 5	700,000
Union County	Union	Open Space & Recreation Plan	2,100,000
Knowlton Twp	Warren	Open Space Acquisition	500,000
TOTAL			\$20,766,435

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2 b. The following standard acquisition projects to acquire lands
3 for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding
4 with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Wood-Ridge Boro	Bergen	Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition	\$1,050,000
Monmouth Beach Boro	Monmouth	Robbins Street Project	\$387,500
TOTAL			\$1,437,500

6 c. The following site-specific incentive acquisition projects to
7 acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible
8 for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of
9 this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Park Ridge Boro	Bergen	North 5th Street Acquisition	\$459,950
TOTAL			\$459,950

1 d. The following urban aid acquisition projects to acquire lands
 2 for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding
 3 with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Neptune Township	Monmouth	Division Street Park Acquisition	\$258,000
Phillipsburg Town	Warren	Rails to Trails Acquisition	\$1,400,000
TOTAL			\$1,658,000
GRAND TOTAL			\$24,321,885

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7 5. a. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and
 8 conservation purposes, located in municipalities eligible to receive
 9 State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.) either
 10 as of June 30, 2021 or the effective date of this act, or sponsored by
 11 densely populated counties, are eligible for funding with the
 12 moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Atlantic City	Atlantic	Gardner's Basin Improvements	\$1,400,000
Garfield City	Bergen	Columbus Park Improvements	1,400,000
Mount Holly Twp	Burlington	Iron Works Park Improvements	1,400,000
Willingboro Twp	Burlington	Millcreek Park Pickleball Courts	70,000
Camden County	Camden	Cooper River Park Playground Improvements	1,750,000
Gloucester Twp	Camden	Taylor Avenue Playground Redevelopment	948,630
Vineland City	Cumberland	Romano Complex Improvements	1,400,000
Essex County	Essex	Watsessing Park Playground	1,605,310
Belleville Twp	Essex	Municipal Stadium Grandstand Improvements	1,400,000
Newark City	Essex	Broadway Park	1,400,000
Orange City Twp	Essex	Colgate Park Improvements Phase II	380,830
Hudson County	Hudson	JJ Braddock Park Picnic Area Improvements	1,746,000
Bayonne City	Hudson	Newark Bay Waterfront Phase II	1,400,000
Hoboken City	Hudson	Southwest Park Development	1,400,000
Kearny Town	Hudson	Norman A. Doyle Pavilion Playground	528,380

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Trenton City	Mercer	Amtico Square Skatepark Complex	1,400,000
Carteret Boro	Middlesex	Arthur Kill River Walk North	1,400,000
New Brunswick City	Middlesex	Alec E. Baker Park Renovation	1,400,000
Perth Amboy City	Middlesex	Veteran Memorial Park Improvements	1,400,000
Clifton City	Passaic	Main Memorial Park Improvements	1,400,000
Passaic City	Passaic	Colonel Johnson Park Revitalization	1,400,000
Paterson City	Passaic	Vista Park Development Project	1,400,000
Plainfield City	Union	Rushmore Ave. Rec. Complex – Phase II	1,400,000
TOTAL			\$29,429,150

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2 b. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and
3 conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated
4 municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties, are
5 eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to
6 section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Bergen County	Bergen	Carlton Hill Bergen County Greenway Park	\$1,750,000
Fort Lee Boro	Bergen	Inwood Terrace Park Pool Improvements	375,000
Teaneck Twp	Bergen	Sagamore Park Improvement Project	750,000
South Orange Village Twp	Essex	Cameron Recreation Area Renovation	1,025,000
Monroe Township	Middlesex	Monroe Community Gardens	469,000
Sayerville Boro	Middlesex	Kennedy Park Trail Improvements	325,000
Red Bank Boro	Monmouth	Count Basie Bleacher Replacement	577,875
Passaic County	Passaic	Peckman Preserve Improvements	482,500
Haledon Boro	Passaic	Roe Street Park Improvements	497,145
Prospect Park Boro	Passaic	Hofstra Park Courts Project	255,250
Union Twp	Union	Weber Park Renovation	1,050,000
TOTAL			\$7,556,770

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1 c. The following standard park development projects are
 2 eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to
 3 section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Burlington Twp	Burlington	Tennis Court Rehabilitation at Green Acres I	\$700,000
Hainesport Twp	Burlington	Creek Turn Park	700,000
Greenwich Twp	Gloucester	Memorial Park Improvements	700,000
Hightstown Boro	Mercer	Dawes Park Recreational and ADA Improvements	127,700
Little Falls Twp	Passaic	Amity Park Playground	145,000
Carneys Point Twp	Salem	Recreational Complex Infrastructure Improvements	700,000
TOTAL			\$3,072,700

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6 d. The following projects for stewardship activities are eligible
 7 for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of
 8 this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Oradell Boro	Bergen	Memorial Field Trail Stewardship Project	\$71,115
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Passive Park Improvements	125,360
Union County	Union	Homestead Farmhouse at Oak Ridge Park	239,900
Union Township	Union	Joe Collins Park Renovation	57,000
Rocky Hill Boro	Somerset	Van Horne Park Raised Walkway	240,235
Passaic County	Passaic	Lambert Castle Landscape Restoration	1,025,000
TOTAL			\$1,758,610

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11 e. The following projects for completely inclusive
 12 playgrounds, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.104 (C.13:8C-
 13 27.1), are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated
 14 pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Bergen County	Bergen	Saddle River County Park Inclusive Playground	\$1,000,000
Dumont Boro	Bergen	Charlie O'Connor Park Improvements	489,570

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Englewood City	Bergen	Mackay Park Playground Improvements Project	540,920
Fort Lee Boro	Bergen	Coytesville Park Playground Improvements Project	562,500
Ridgefield Park Village	Bergen	Fellowship Park Playground Improvements	487,500
Burlington City	Burlington	JFK Park Improvements	750,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Evesboro Downs Park Inclusive Playground	731,845
Willingboro Twp	Burlington	Millcreek Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Pennsauken Twp	Camden	Welcome Home Jake's Place	702,750
Cedar Grove Twp	Essex	Lower Playground Reconstruction	750,000
Maplewood Twp	Essex	Maplecrest Completely Inclusive Playground	750,000
Millburn Twp	Essex	Taylor Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Montclair Twp	Essex	Nishuane Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Verona Twp	Essex	Everett Field Inclusive Playground	750,000
Monroe Twp	Gloucester	Inclusive Playground at Peiffer Community Center	750,000
Washington Twp	Gloucester	Washington Lake Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Hudson County	Hudson	Washington Park Inclusive Playground	1,000,000
Hoboken City	Hudson	Church Square Park Playground Upgrades	750,000
Secaucus Town	Hudson	Ivanoski Park Improvements	750,000
Hunterdon County	Hunterdon	South County Park Inclusive Playground	1,000,000
Clinton Town	Hunterdon	Halstead Street Inclusive Playground	562,500
Clinton Twp	Hunterdon	Runkle Drive Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
East Brunswick Twp	Middlesex	Inclusive Playground at Lenape Park	750,000
Monroe Twp	Middlesex	Inclusive Playground at Monroe Community Gardens	750,000
Old Bridge Twp	Middlesex	Geick Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
South River Boro	Middlesex	Grekoski Park Inclusive Playground	554,250
Belmar Boro	Monmouth	Maclearie Park Inclusive Playground	525,750
Eatontown Boro	Monmouth	Wolcott Park Jake's Law Playground	660,000
Freehold Boro	Monmouth	Lenoir Park Inclusive Playground	508,600
Holmdel Twp	Monmouth	Cross Farm Park All-Inclusive Playground	700,000
Howell Twp	Monmouth	Echo Lake Park Improvements	562,500
Little Silver Twp	Monmouth	Sickles Park Inclusive Playground	750,000

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Oceanport Boro	Monmouth	Blackberry Bay Park All-Inclusive	337,500
West Long Branch Boro	Monmouth	Sorrentino Park Playground Improvements	350,250
Madison Boro	Morris	Dodge Field Playground	517,500
Seaside Heights Boro	Ocean	Beach Playground	750,000
Bloomindale Boro	Passaic	Bogue Pond Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Little Falls Twp	Passaic	Duva Field Playground Updates	726,000
Wayne Twp	Passaic	Inclusive Playground at the Wayne Museum	330,000
Woodland Park Boro	Passaic	Dian Grimes Memorial Park Inclusivity Upgrade	750,000
Montgomery Twp	Somerset	Montgomery All-Inclusive Playground	750,000
Byram Twp	Sussex	CO Johnson Park Inclusive Playground	464,120
Sparta Twp	Sussex	Station Park Inclusive Playground	517,165
Union County	Union	Playground at Warinanco Park	915,000
New Providence Boro	Union	Oakwood Park Playground	750,000
Plainfield City	Union	Rushmore Park Inclusive Playground	665,200
Summit City	Union	Mabie Playground Improvements	750,000
Union Twp	Union	Irene Hoppe Park Renovation	486,000
Phillipsburg Town	Warren	Brainard Street Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
TOTAL			\$33,147,420
GRAND TOTAL			\$74,964,650

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- 2 6. a. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site,
- 3 or type, listed in section 4 or 5 of this act shall require the approval
- 4 of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.
- 5 b. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
- 6 listed in section 4 or 5 of this act are offered funding pursuant
- 7 thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously
- 8 received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green
- 9 Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State
- 10 Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and
- 11 conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant
- 12 to this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as
- 13 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject
- 14 to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its
- 15 successor.

1 7. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
2 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
3 withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts
4 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
5 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres
6 Preservation Trust Fund to assist local government units to acquire
7 or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the
8 purposes of providing:

9 (1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to
10 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,
11 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this
12 act; and

13 (2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of
14 Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit
15 that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated
16 from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or
17 the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for
18 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
19 approved pursuant to this act, subject to the approval of the Joint
20 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional
21 funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include
22 administrative costs.

23 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
24 Protection such sums as may be, or may become, available on or
25 before June 30, 2024, due to interest earnings or loan repayments in
26 any "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to a Green Acres bond
27 act or in the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund,"
28 for the purpose of providing:

29 (1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to
30 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,
31 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this
32 act; and

33 (2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of
34 Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit
35 that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated
36 from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or
37 the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for
38 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
39 approved pursuant to this act, subject to the approval of the Joint
40 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional
41 funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include
42 administrative costs.

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44 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

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This bill appropriates \$101,696,535 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues, and various Green Acres funds to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Of the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$99,286,535 would be used by the DEP to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units in the State to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and \$2,410,000 would be used for the DEP's associated administrative costs. Of the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$24,321,885 is allocated for projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes, as identified in section 4 of the bill, and \$74,964,650 is allocated for projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, as identified in section 5 of the bill.

Of the \$24,321,885 sum being appropriated for projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes: \$20,766,435 is allocated for planning incentive open space acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities and counties that have an open space tax and an approved open space plan); \$1,437,500 is allocated for standard open space acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that do not have an open space tax); \$459,950 is allocated for site-specific incentive acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that have an open space tax, but do not have an open space plan); and \$1,658,000 is allocated for urban aid acquisition projects.

Of the \$74,964,650 sum being appropriated for projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes: \$29,429,150 is allocated for local park development projects in urban aid municipalities or sponsored by densely populated counties; \$7,556,770 is allocated for local park development projects in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties; \$3,072,700 is allocated for standard local park development projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that do not meet the criteria of the prior two categories); \$1,758,610 is allocated for stewardship activity projects; and \$33,147,420 is allocated for completely inclusive playground projects, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.104 (C.13:8C-27.1), otherwise known as "Jake's Law." While Green Acres funding for Jake's Law purposes has, in prior funding rounds, been made available only to eligible counties, in the current funding round, both counties and municipalities are eligible for non-competitive grant awards for completely inclusive playground projects thereunder.

The bill defines a "densely or highly populated municipality" as a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile or a population of at least 35,000 persons; a "densely populated county" as a county with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile; and a "highly populated

1 county” as a county with a population density of at least 1,000
2 persons per square mile.

3 The projects listed in the bill have been approved by the DEP
4 and the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT).

5 To the extent that there are funds remaining after the local
6 government unit projects listed in this bill are offered funding, the
7 bill also authorizes the DEP, with the approval of the Joint Budget
8 Oversight Committee (JBOC), to use those funds to provide
9 additional funding for local government unit projects listed in this
10 bill, as well as for local government unit projects previously
11 approved for funding pursuant to various other laws.

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16 Appropriates \$101,696,535 from constitutionally dedicated CBT
17 revenues to DEP for local government open space acquisition and
18 park development projects, and for certain administrative expenses.

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AN ACT appropriating \$101,696,535 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues to help local government units acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and for certain administrative expenses.

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

1. As used in this act:

“Constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues” means corporation business tax revenues dedicated pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for the acquisition or development of lands by local government units for recreation and conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

“Densely or highly populated municipality” means a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile, or a population of at least 35,000 persons, according to the latest federal decennial census.

“Densely populated county” means a county with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

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

“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, P.L.1989, c.183, P.L.1987, c.265, and P.L.1983, c.354.

“Highly populated county” means a county with a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile according to the latest federal decennial census.

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

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

2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the following sums for the purpose of providing grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 4 of this act and for the purpose of providing grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 5 of this act:

a. \$50,090,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this subsection, the sum of \$4,292,000 is available due to interest earnings on the constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues;

b. \$24,500,000 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to loan repayments and interest earnings; and

c. \$24,696,535 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to project cancellations and withdrawals.

3. a. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” the sum of \$52,500,000 to implement the provisions of this act.

b. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this section, the sum of \$2,410,000 is appropriated from the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to the Department of Environmental Protection for the purposes of paying administrative costs associated with administering the applicable provisions of P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

4. a. The following planning incentive acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Oakland Boro	Bergen	Boro of Oakland Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$700,000
Burlington County	Burlington	Planning Incentive	1,400,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Planning Incentive	113,150
Medford Twp	Burlington	Open Space Incentive	550,000
Cherry Hill Twp	Camden	Planning Incentive Grant	1,050,000
Livingston Twp	Essex	Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Verona Twp	Essex	Verona Open Space Acquisition	700,000
West Orange Twp	Essex	Open Space Acquisition	1,050,000
Gloucester County	Gloucester	Open Space Plan	1,400,000
Readington Twp	Hunterdon	Greenway Incentive Plan	300,000
Union Twp	Hunterdon	Union Twp Open Space Plan	650,000
East Windsor Twp	Mercer	East Windsor Open Space Acquisition	330,000
Hamilton Twp	Mercer	Hamilton Township Open Space Acquisition	1,050,000
Princeton Boro	Mercer	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Robbinsville Twp	Mercer	Green Links Program	473,285
West Windsor Twp	Mercer	West Windsor Planning Incentive	700,000
Monmouth County	Monmouth	Planning Incentive Acquisition	1,750,000
Howell Twp	Monmouth	Planning Incentive 2	1,050,000
Hanover Twp	Morris	Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Madison Boro	Morris	Madison Boro Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Brick Twp	Ocean	Open Space & Recreation Plan	1,400,000
Montgomery Twp	Somerset	Open Space Acquisition 5	700,000
Union County	Union	Open Space & Recreation Plan	2,100,000
Knowlton Twp	Warren	Open Space Acquisition	500,000
TOTAL			\$20,766,435

b. The following standard acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Wood-Ridge Boro	Bergen	Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition	\$1,050,000
Monmouth Beach Boro	Monmouth	Robbins Street Project	\$387,500
TOTAL			\$1,437,500

c. The following site-specific incentive acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Park Ridge Boro	Bergen	North 5th Street Acquisition	\$459,950
TOTAL			\$459,950

d. The following urban aid acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Neptune Township	Monmouth	Division Street Park Acquisition	\$258,000
Phillipsburg Town	Warren	Rails to Trails Acquisition	\$1,400,000
TOTAL			\$1,658,000
GRAND TOTAL			\$24,321,885

5. a. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in municipalities eligible to receive State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.) either as of June 30, 2021 or the effective date of this act, or sponsored by densely populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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Atlantic City	Atlantic	Gardner’s Basin Improvements	\$1,400,000
Garfield City	Bergen	Columbus Park Improvements	1,400,000
Mount Holly Twp	Burlington	Iron Works Park Improvements	1,400,000
Willingboro Twp	Burlington	Millcreek Park Pickleball Courts	70,000
Camden County	Camden	Cooper River Park Playground Improvements	1,750,000
Gloucester Twp	Camden	Taylor Avenue Playground Redevelopment	948,630
Vineland City	Cumberland	Romano Complex Improvements	1,400,000
Essex County	Essex	Watsessing Park Playground	1,605,310
Belleville Twp	Essex	Municipal Stadium Grandstand Improvements	1,400,000
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Trenton City	Mercer	Amtico Square Skatepark Complex	1,400,000
Carteret Boro	Middlesex	Arthur Kill River Walk North	1,400,000
New Brunswick City	Middlesex	Alec E. Baker Park Renovation	1,400,000
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Passaic City	Passaic	Colonel Johnson Park Revitalization	1,400,000
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TOTAL			\$29,429,150

b. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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South Orange Village	Essex	Cameron Recreation Area Renovation	1,025,000
Monroe Township	Middlesex	Monroe Community Gardens	469,000
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TOTAL			\$7,556,770

c. The following standard park development projects are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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Hainesport Twp	Burlington	Creek Turn Park	700,000
Greenwich Twp	Gloucester	Memorial Park Improvements	700,000
Hightstown Boro	Mercer	Dawes Park Recreational and ADA Improvements	127,700
Little Falls Twp	Passaic	Amity Park Playground	145,000
Carneys Point Twp	Salem	Recreational Complex Infrastructure Improvements	700,000
TOTAL			\$3,072,700

d. The following projects for stewardship activities are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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Oradell Boro	Bergen	Memorial Field Trail Stewardship Project	\$71,115
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Passive Park Improvements	125,360
Union County	Union	Homestead Farmhouse at Oak Ridge Park	239,900
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TOTAL			\$1,758,610

e. The following projects for completely inclusive playgrounds, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.104 (C.13:8C-27.1), are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Bergen County	Bergen	Saddle River County Park Inclusive Playground	\$1,000,000
Dumont Boro	Bergen	Charlie O'Connor Park Improvements	489,570
Englewood City	Bergen	Mackay Park Playground Improvements Project	540,920
Fort Lee Boro	Bergen	Coytesville Park Playground Improvements Project	562,500
Ridgefield Park Village	Bergen	Fellowship Park Playground Improvements	487,500
Burlington City	Burlington	JFK Park Improvements	750,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Evesboro Downs Park Inclusive Playground	731,845
Willingboro Twp	Burlington	Millcreek Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Pennsauken Twp	Camden	Welcome Home Jake's Place	702,750
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Maplewood Twp	Essex	Maplecrest Completely Inclusive Playground	750,000
Millburn Twp	Essex	Taylor Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
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Hudson County	Hudson	Washington Park Inclusive Playground	1,000,000
Hoboken City	Hudson	Church Square Park Playground Upgrades	750,000
Secaucus Town	Hudson	Ivanoski Park Improvements	750,000
Hunterdon County	Hunterdon	South County Park Inclusive Playground	1,000,000
Clinton Town	Hunterdon	Halstead Street Inclusive Playground	562,500
Clinton Twp	Hunterdon	Runkle Drive Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
East Brunswick Twp	Middlesex	Inclusive Playground at Lenape Park	750,000
Monroe Twp	Middlesex	Inclusive Playground at Monroe Community Gardens	750,000
Old Bridge Twp	Middlesex	Geick Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
South River Boro	Middlesex	Grekoski Park Inclusive Playground	554,250
Belmar Boro	Monmouth	Maclearie Park Inclusive Playground	525,750
Eatontown Boro	Monmouth	Wolcott Park Jake's Law Playground	660,000
Freehold Boro	Monmouth	Lenoir Park Inclusive Playground	508,600
Holmdel Twp	Monmouth	Cross Farm Park All-Inclusive Playground	700,000
Howell Twp	Monmouth	Echo Lake Park Improvements	562,500
Little Silver Twp	Monmouth	Sickles Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Oceanport Boro	Monmouth	Blackberry Bay Park All-Inclusive	337,500
West Long Branch Boro	Monmouth	Sorrentino Park Playground Improvements	350,250
Madison Boro	Morris	Dodge Field Playground	517,500
Seaside Heights Boro	Ocean	Beach Playground	750,000
Bloomindale Boro	Passaic	Bogue Pond Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Little Falls Twp	Passaic	Duva Field Playground Updates	726,000
Wayne Twp	Passaic	Inclusive Playground at the Wayne Museum	330,000

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Woodland Park Boro	Passaic	Dian Grimes Memorial Park Inclusivity Upgrade	750,000
Montgomery Twp	Somerset	Montgomery All-Inclusive Playground	750,000
Byram Twp	Sussex	CO Johnson Park Inclusive Playground	464,120
Sparta Twp	Sussex	Station Park Inclusive Playground	517,165
Union County	Union	Playground at Warinanco Park	915,000
New Providence Boro	Union	Oakwood Park Playground	750,000
Plainfield City	Union	Rushmore Park Inclusive Playground	665,200
Summit City	Union	Mabie Playground Improvements	750,000
Union Twp	Union	Irene Hoppe Park Renovation	486,000
Phillipsburg Town	Warren	Brainard Street Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
TOTAL			\$33,147,420
GRAND TOTAL			\$74,964,650

6. a. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site, or type, listed in section 4 or 5 of this act shall require the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

b. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects listed in section 4 or 5 of this act are offered funding pursuant thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant to this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

7. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the purposes of providing:

(1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this act; and

(2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding approved pursuant to 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. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental Protection such sums as may be, or may become, available on or before June 30, 2024, due to interest earnings or loan repayments in any "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to a Green Acres bond act or in the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund," for the purpose of providing:

(1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this act; and

(2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and conservation purposes or that

receives funding approved pursuant to 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.

8. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved July 10, 2024.

ASSEMBLY, No. 4572

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 13, 2024

Sponsored by:

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Assemblywoman SHAVONDA E. SUMTER

District 35 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblywoman MITCHELLE DRULIS

District 16 (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset)

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District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

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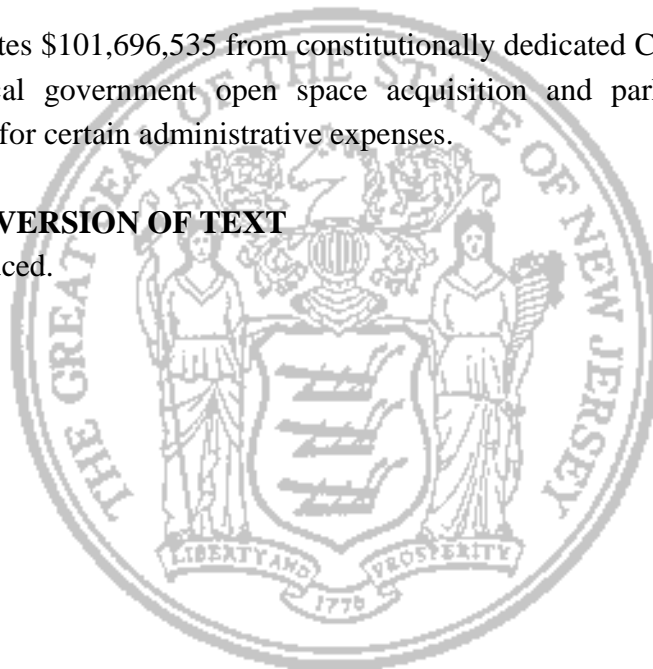
**Assemblyman Atkins, Assemblywomen Fantasia, Murphy, Hall, Peterpaul,
Lampitt, Speight, Swain, Assemblyman Tully, Senators Ruiz and Cryan**

SYNOPSIS

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.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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1 AN ACT appropriating \$101,696,535 from constitutionally
2 dedicated corporation business tax revenues to help local
3 government units acquire or develop lands for recreation and
4 conservation purposes, and for certain administrative expenses.

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

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9 1. As used in this act:

10 “Constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues”
11 means corporation business tax revenues dedicated pursuant to
12 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the
13 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for the acquisition or
14 development of lands by local government units for recreation and
15 conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of
16 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

17 “Densely or highly populated municipality” means a
18 municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per
19 square mile, or a population of at least 35,000 persons, according to
20 the latest federal decennial census.

21 “Densely populated county” means a county with a population
22 density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile according to the
23 latest federal decennial census.

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

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

30 “Highly populated county” means a county with a population
31 density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile according to the
32 latest federal decennial census.

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

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

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40 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
41 Protection the following sums for the purpose of providing grants or
42 loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for
43 recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 4 of this
44 act and for the purpose of providing grants or loans, or both, to
45 assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and
46 conservation purposes pursuant to section 5 of this act:

47 a. \$50,090,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation
48 business tax revenues. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this
49 subsection, the sum of \$4,292,000 is available due to interest

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1 earnings on the constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax
2 revenues;

3 b. \$24,500,000 from the “Garden State Green Acres
4 Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established
5 pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to loan
6 repayments and interest earnings; and

7 c. \$24,696,535 from the “Garden State Green Acres Preservation
8 Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established pursuant to a
9 Green Acres bond act, made available due to project cancellations
10 and withdrawals.

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12 3. a. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” the sum of \$52,500,000
14 to implement the provisions of this act.

15 b. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
16 section, the sum of \$2,410,000 is appropriated from the “Preserve
17 New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to the Department of Environmental
18 Protection for the purposes of paying administrative costs
19 associated with administering the applicable provisions of
20 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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22 4. a. The following planning incentive acquisition projects to
23 acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible
24 for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of
25 this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Oakland Boro	Bergen	Boro of Oakland Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$700,000
Burlington County	Burlington	Planning Incentive	1,400,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Planning Incentive	113,150
Medford Twp	Burlington	Open Space Incentive	550,000
Cherry Hill Twp	Camden	Planning Incentive Grant	1,050,000
Livingston Twp	Essex	Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Verona Twp	Essex	Verona Open Space Acquisition	700,000
West Orange Twp	Essex	Open Space Acquisition	1,050,000
Gloucester County	Gloucester	Open Space Plan	1,400,000
Readington Twp	Hunterdon	Greenway Incentive Plan	300,000
Union Twp	Hunterdon	Union Twp Open Space Plan	650,000
East Windsor Twp	Mercer	East Windsor Open Space Acquisition	330,000
Hamilton Twp	Mercer	Hamilton Township Open Space Acquisition	1,050,000

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Princeton Boro	Mercer	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Robbinsville Twp	Mercer	Green Links Program	473,285
West Windsor Twp	Mercer	West Windsor Planning Incentive	700,000
Monmouth County	Monmouth	Planning Incentive Acquisition	1,750,000
Howell Twp	Monmouth	Planning Incentive 2	1,050,000
Hanover Twp	Morris	Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Madison Boro	Morris	Madison Boro Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Brick Twp	Ocean	Open Space & Recreation Plan	1,400,000
Montgomery Twp	Somerset	Open Space Acquisition 5	700,000
Union County	Union	Open Space & Recreation Plan	2,100,000
Knowlton Twp	Warren	Open Space Acquisition	500,000
TOTAL			\$20,766,435

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b. The following standard acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Wood-Ridge Boro	Bergen	Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition	\$1,050,000
Monmouth Beach Boro	Monmouth	Robbins Street Project	\$387,500
TOTAL			\$1,437,500

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c. The following site-specific incentive acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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Park Ridge Boro	Bergen	North 5th Street Acquisition	\$459,950
TOTAL			\$459,950

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Ridgefield Park Village	Bergen	Fellowship Park Playground Improvements	487,500
Burlington City	Burlington	JFK Park Improvements	750,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Evesboro Downs Park Inclusive Playground	731,845
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Millburn Twp	Essex	Taylor Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
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Monroe Twp	Gloucester	Inclusive Playground at Peiffer Community Center	750,000
Washington Twp	Gloucester	Washington Lake Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Hudson County	Hudson	Washington Park Inclusive Playground	1,000,000
Hoboken City	Hudson	Church Square Park Playground Upgrades	750,000
Secaucus Town	Hudson	Ivanoski Park Improvements	750,000
Hunterdon County	Hunterdon	South County Park Inclusive Playground	1,000,000
Clinton Town	Hunterdon	Halstead Street Inclusive Playground	562,500
Clinton Twp	Hunterdon	Runkle Drive Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
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Eatontown Boro	Monmouth	Wolcott Park Jake's Law Playground	660,000
Freehold Boro	Monmouth	Lenoir Park Inclusive Playground	508,600
Holmdel Twp	Monmouth	Cross Farm Park All-Inclusive Playground	700,000
Howell Twp	Monmouth	Echo Lake Park Improvements	562,500
Little Silver Twp	Monmouth	Sickles Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Oceanport Boro	Monmouth	Blackberry Bay Park All-Inclusive	337,500
West Long Branch Boro	Monmouth	Sorrentino Park Playground Improvements	350,250

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Madison Boro	Morris	Dodge Field Playground	517,500
Seaside Heights Boro	Ocean	Beach Playground	750,000
Bloomindale Boro	Passaic	Bogue Pond Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Little Falls Twp	Passaic	Duva Field Playground Updates	726,000
Wayne Twp	Passaic	Inclusive Playground at the Wayne Museum	330,000
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Montgomery Twp	Somerset	Montgomery All-Inclusive Playground	750,000
Byram Twp	Sussex	CO Johnson Park Inclusive Playground	464,120
Sparta Twp	Sussex	Station Park Inclusive Playground	517,165
Union County	Union	Playground at Warinanco Park	915,000
New Providence Boro	Union	Oakwood Park Playground	750,000
Plainfield City	Union	Rushmore Park Inclusive Playground	665,200
Summit City	Union	Mabie Playground Improvements	750,000
Union Twp	Union	Irene Hoppe Park Renovation	486,000
Phillipsburg Town	Warren	Brainard Street Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
TOTAL			\$33,147,420
GRAND TOTAL			\$74,964,650

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2 6. a. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site,
3 or type, listed in section 4 or 5 of this act shall require the approval
4 of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

5 b. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
6 listed in section 4 or 5 of this act are offered funding pursuant
7 thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously
8 received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green
9 Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State
10 Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and
11 conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant
12 to this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as
13 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject
14 to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its
15 successor.

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17 7. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
18 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
19 withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts
20 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
21 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres

1 Preservation Trust Fund to assist local government units to acquire
2 or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the
3 purposes of providing:

4 (1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to
5 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,
6 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this
7 act; and

8 (2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of
9 Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit
10 that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated
11 from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or
12 the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for
13 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
14 approved pursuant to this act, subject to the approval of the Joint
15 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional
16 funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include
17 administrative costs.

18 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
19 Protection such sums as may be, or may become, available on or
20 before June 30, 2024, due to interest earnings or loan repayments in
21 any "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to a Green Acres bond
22 act or in the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund,"
23 for the purpose of providing:

24 (1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to
25 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,
26 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this
27 act; and

28 (2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of
29 Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit
30 that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated
31 from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or
32 the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for
33 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
34 approved pursuant to this act, subject to the approval of the Joint
35 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional
36 funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include
37 administrative costs.

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39 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill appropriates \$101,696,535 from constitutionally
45 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues, and various
46 Green Acres funds to the Department of Environmental Protection
47 (DEP). Of the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$99,286,535
48 would be used by the DEP to provide grants or loans, or both, to
49 assist local government units in the State to acquire or develop

1 lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and \$2,410,000
2 would be used for the DEP's associated administrative costs. Of
3 the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$24,321,885 is allocated
4 for projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation
5 purposes, as identified in section 4 of the bill, and \$74,964,650 is
6 allocated for projects to develop lands for recreation and
7 conservation purposes, as identified in section 5 of the bill.

8 Of the \$24,321,885 sum being appropriated for projects to
9 acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes:
10 \$20,766,435 is allocated for planning incentive open space
11 acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities and
12 counties that have an open space tax and an approved open space
13 plan); \$1,437,500 is allocated for standard open space acquisition
14 projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that do not have an
15 open space tax); \$459,950 is allocated for site-specific incentive
16 acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that have
17 an open space tax, but do not have an open space plan); and
18 \$1,658,000 is allocated for urban aid acquisition projects.

19 Of the \$74,964,650 sum being appropriated for projects to
20 develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes:
21 \$29,429,150 is allocated for local park development projects in
22 urban aid municipalities or sponsored by densely populated
23 counties; \$7,556,770 is allocated for local park development
24 projects in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored
25 by highly populated counties; \$3,072,700 is allocated for standard
26 local park development projects (i.e., projects located in
27 municipalities that do not meet the criteria of the prior two
28 categories); \$1,758,610 is allocated for stewardship activity
29 projects; and \$33,147,420 is allocated for completely inclusive
30 playground projects, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.104
31 (C.13:8C-27.1), otherwise known as "Jake's Law." While Green
32 Acres funding for Jake's Law purposes has, in prior funding rounds,
33 been made available only to eligible counties, in the current funding
34 round, both counties and municipalities are eligible for non-
35 competitive grant awards for completely inclusive playground
36 projects thereunder.

37 The bill defines a "densely or highly populated municipality" as
38 a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons
39 per square mile or a population of at least 35,000 persons; a
40 "densely populated county" as a county with a population density of
41 at least 5,000 persons per square mile; and a "highly populated
42 county" as a county with a population density of at least 1,000
43 persons per square mile.

44 The projects listed in the bill have been approved by the DEP
45 and the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT).

46 To the extent that there are funds remaining after the local
47 government unit projects listed in this bill are offered funding, the

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1 bill also authorizes the DEP, with the approval of the Joint Budget
2 Oversight Committee (JBOC), to use those funds to provide
3 additional funding for local government unit projects listed in this
4 bill, as well as for local government unit projects previously
5 approved for funding pursuant to various other laws.

ASSEMBLY BUDGET COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 4572

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Assembly Budget Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 4572.

This bill appropriates \$101,696,535 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues, and various Green Acres funds to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Of the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$99,286,535 would be used by the DEP to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units in the State to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and \$2,410,000 would be used for the DEP's associated administrative costs. Of the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$24,321,885 is allocated for projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes, as identified in section 4 of the bill, and \$74,964,650 is allocated for projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, as identified in section 5 of the bill.

Of the \$24,321,885 sum being appropriated for projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes: \$20,766,435 is allocated for planning incentive open space acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities and counties that have an open space tax and an approved open space plan); \$1,437,500 is allocated for standard open space acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that do not have an open space tax); \$459,950 is allocated for site-specific incentive acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that have an open space tax, but do not have an open space plan); and \$1,658,000 is allocated for urban aid acquisition projects.

Of the \$74,964,650 sum being appropriated for projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes: \$29,429,150 is allocated for local park development projects in urban aid municipalities or sponsored by densely populated counties; \$7,556,770 is allocated for local park development projects in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties; \$3,072,700 is allocated for standard local park development projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that do not meet the criteria of the prior two categories); \$1,758,610 is allocated for stewardship activity projects; and \$33,147,420 is allocated for completely inclusive playground projects, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.104 (C.13:8C-27.1), otherwise known as "Jake's Law." While Green

Acres funding for Jake's Law purposes has, in prior funding rounds, been made available only to eligible counties, in the current funding round, both counties and municipalities are eligible for non-competitive grant awards for completely inclusive playground projects thereunder.

The bill defines a "densely or highly populated municipality" as a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile or a population of at least 35,000 persons; a "densely populated county" as a county with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile; and a "highly populated county" as a county with a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile.

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

To the extent that there are funds remaining after the local government unit projects listed in this bill are offered funding, the bill also authorizes the DEP, with the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee (JBOC), to use those funds to provide additional funding for local government unit projects listed in this bill, as well as for local government unit projects previously approved for funding pursuant to various other laws.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This bill is not certified as requiring a fiscal note.

SENATE, No. 3473

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 17, 2024

Sponsored by:

Senator JOHN F. MCKEON

District 27 (Essex and Passaic)

Senator PARKER SPACE

District 24 (Morris, Sussex and Warren)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senators Ruiz and Cryan

SYNOPSIS

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.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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

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1 AN ACT appropriating \$101,696,535 from constitutionally
2 dedicated corporation business tax revenues to help local
3 government units acquire or develop lands for recreation and
4 conservation purposes, and for certain administrative expenses.

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

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9 1. As used in this act:

10 “Constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax revenues”
11 means corporation business tax revenues dedicated pursuant to
12 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the
13 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for the acquisition or
14 development of lands by local government units for recreation and
15 conservation purposes in accordance with the provisions of
16 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

17 “Densely or highly populated municipality” means a
18 municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per
19 square mile, or a population of at least 35,000 persons, according to
20 the latest federal decennial census.

21 “Densely populated county” means a county with a population
22 density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile according to the
23 latest federal decennial census.

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

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

30 “Highly populated county” means a county with a population
31 density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile according to the
32 latest federal decennial census.

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

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

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40 2. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
41 Protection the following sums for the purpose of providing grants or
42 loans, or both, to assist local government units to acquire lands for
43 recreation and conservation purposes pursuant to section 4 of this
44 act and for the purpose of providing grants or loans, or both, to
45 assist local government units to develop lands for recreation and
46 conservation purposes pursuant to section 5 of this act:

47 a. \$50,090,000 from constitutionally dedicated corporation
48 business tax revenues. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to this
49 subsection, the sum of \$4,292,000 is available due to interest

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1 earnings on the constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax
2 revenues;

3 b. \$24,500,000 from the “Garden State Green Acres
4 Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established
5 pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to loan
6 repayments and interest earnings; and

7 c. \$24,696,535 from the “Garden State Green Acres
8 Preservation Trust Fund” and any Green Acres fund established
9 pursuant to a Green Acres bond act, made available due to project
10 cancellations and withdrawals.

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12 3. a. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
13 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” the sum of \$52,500,000
14 to implement the provisions of this act.

15 b. Of the amount appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
16 section, the sum of \$2,410,000 is appropriated from the “Preserve
17 New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to the Department of Environmental
18 Protection for the purposes of paying administrative costs
19 associated with administering the applicable provisions of
20 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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22 4. a. The following planning incentive acquisition projects to
23 acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible
24 for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of
25 this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Oakland Boro	Bergen	Boro of Oakland Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$700,000
Burlington County	Burlington	Planning Incentive	1,400,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Planning Incentive	113,150
Medford Twp	Burlington	Open Space Incentive	550,000
Cherry Hill Twp	Camden	Planning Incentive Grant	1,050,000
Livingston Twp	Essex	Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Verona Twp	Essex	Verona Open Space Acquisition	700,000
West Orange Twp	Essex	Open Space Acquisition	1,050,000
Gloucester County	Gloucester	Open Space Plan	1,400,000
Readington Twp	Hunterdon	Greenway Incentive Plan	300,000
Union Twp	Hunterdon	Union Twp Open Space Plan	650,000
East Windsor Twp	Mercer	East Windsor Open Space Acquisition	330,000
Hamilton Twp	Mercer	Hamilton Township Open Space Acquisition	1,050,000

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Princeton Boro	Mercer	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Robbinsville Twp	Mercer	Green Links Program	473,285
West Windsor Twp	Mercer	West Windsor Planning Incentive	700,000
Monmouth County	Monmouth	Planning Incentive Acquisition	1,750,000
Howell Twp	Monmouth	Planning Incentive 2	1,050,000
Hanover Twp	Morris	Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Madison Boro	Morris	Madison Boro Open Space Acquisition	700,000
Brick Twp	Ocean	Open Space & Recreation Plan	1,400,000
Montgomery Twp	Somerset	Open Space Acquisition 5	700,000
Union County	Union	Open Space & Recreation Plan	2,100,000
Knowlton Twp	Warren	Open Space Acquisition	500,000
TOTAL			\$20,766,435

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b. The following standard acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Wood-Ridge Boro	Bergen	Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition	\$1,050,000
Monmouth Beach Boro	Monmouth	Robbins Street Project	\$387,500
TOTAL			\$1,437,500

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c. The following site-specific incentive acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Park Ridge Boro	Bergen	North 5th Street Acquisition	\$459,950
TOTAL			\$459,950

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d. The following urban aid acquisition projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Neptune Township	Monmouth	Division Street Park Acquisition	\$258,000
Phillipsburg Town	Warren	Rails to Trails Acquisition	\$1,400,000
TOTAL			\$1,658,000
GRAND TOTAL			\$24,321,885

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3 5. a. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and
4 conservation purposes, located in municipalities eligible to receive
5 State aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.) either
6 as of June 30, 2021 or the effective date of this act, or sponsored by
7 densely populated counties, are eligible for funding with the
8 moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Atlantic City	Atlantic	Gardner's Basin Improvements	\$1,400,000
Garfield City	Bergen	Columbus Park Improvements	1,400,000
Mount Holly Twp	Burlington	Iron Works Park Improvements	1,400,000
Willingboro Twp	Burlington	Millcreek Park Pickleball Courts	70,000
Camden County	Camden	Cooper River Park Playground Improvements	1,750,000
Gloucester Twp	Camden	Taylor Avenue Playground Redevelopment	948,630
Vineland City	Cumberland	Romano Complex Improvements	1,400,000
Essex County	Essex	Watsessing Park Playground	1,605,310
Belleville Twp	Essex	Municipal Stadium Grandstand Improvements	1,400,000
Newark City	Essex	Broadway Park	1,400,000
Orange City Twp	Essex	Colgate Park Improvements Phase II	380,830
Hudson County	Hudson	JJ Braddock Park Picnic Area Improvements	1,746,000
Bayonne City	Hudson	Newark Bay Waterfront Phase II	1,400,000
Hoboken City	Hudson	Southwest Park Development	1,400,000
Kearny Town	Hudson	Norman A. Doyle Pavilion Playground	528,380
Trenton City	Mercer	Amtico Square Skatepark Complex	1,400,000
Carteret Boro	Middlesex	Arthur Kill River Walk North	1,400,000

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New Brunswick City	Middlesex	Alec E. Baker Park Renovation	1,400,000
Perth Amboy City	Middlesex	Veteran Memorial Park Improvements	1,400,000
Clifton City	Passaic	Main Memorial Park Improvements	1,400,000
Passaic City	Passaic	Colonel Johnson Park Revitalization	1,400,000
Paterson City	Passaic	Vista Park Development Project	1,400,000
Plainfield City	Union	Rushmore Ave. Rec. Complex – Phase II	1,400,000
TOTAL			\$29,429,150

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b. The following projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, located in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties, are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Bergen County	Bergen	Carlton Hill Bergen County Greenway Park	\$1,750,000
Fort Lee Boro	Bergen	Inwood Terrace Park Pool Improvements	375,000
Teaneck Twp	Bergen	Sagamore Park Improvement Project	750,000
South Orange Village Twp	Essex	Cameron Recreation Area Renovation	1,025,000
Monroe Township	Middlesex	Monroe Community Gardens	469,000
Sayerville Boro	Middlesex	Kennedy Park Trail Improvements	325,000
Red Bank Boro	Monmouth	Count Basie Bleacher Replacement	577,875
Passaic County	Passaic	Peckman Preserve Improvements	482,500
Haledon Boro	Passaic	Roe Street Park Improvements	497,145
Prospect Park Boro	Passaic	Hofstra Park Courts Project	255,250
Union Twp	Union	Weber Park Renovation	1,050,000
TOTAL			\$7,556,770

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c. The following standard park development projects are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Burlington Twp	Burlington	Tennis Court Rehabilitation at Green Acres I	\$700,000
Hainesport Twp	Burlington	Creek Turn Park	700,000
Greenwich Twp	Gloucester	Memorial Park Improvements	700,000
Hightstown Boro	Mercer	Dawes Park Recreational and ADA Improvements	127,700
Little Falls Twp	Passaic	Amity Park Playground	145,000
Carneys Point Twp	Salem	Recreational Complex Infrastructure Improvements	700,000
TOTAL			\$3,072,700

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2 d. The following projects for stewardship activities are eligible
3 for funding with the moneys appropriated pursuant to section 2 of
4 this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Oradell Boro	Bergen	Memorial Field Trail Stewardship Project	\$71,115
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Passive Park Improvements	125,360
Union County	Union	Homestead Farmhouse at Oak Ridge Park	239,900
Union Township	Union	Joe Collins Park Renovation	57,000
Rocky Hill Boro	Somerset	Van Horne Park Raised Walkway	240,235
Passaic County	Passaic	Lambert Castle Landscape Restoration	1,025,000
TOTAL			\$1,758,610

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7 e. The following projects for completely inclusive
8 playgrounds, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.104 (C.13:8C-
9 27.1), are eligible for funding with the moneys appropriated
10 pursuant to section 2 of this act:

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT	COUNTY	PROJECT	APPROVED AMOUNT
Bergen County	Bergen	Saddle River County Park Inclusive Playground	\$1,000,000
Dumont Boro	Bergen	Charlie O'Connor Park Improvements	489,570
Englewood City	Bergen	Mackay Park Playground Improvements Project	540,920
Fort Lee Boro	Bergen	Coytesville Park Playground Improvements Project	562,500

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Ridgefield Park Village	Bergen	Fellowship Park Playground Improvements	487,500
Burlington City	Burlington	JFK Park Improvements	750,000
Evesham Twp	Burlington	Evesboro Downs Park Inclusive Playground	731,845
Willingboro Twp	Burlington	Millcreek Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Pennsauken Twp	Camden	Welcome Home Jake's Place	702,750
Cedar Grove Twp	Essex	Lower Playground Reconstruction	750,000
Maplewood Twp	Essex	Maplecrest Completely Inclusive Playground	750,000
Millburn Twp	Essex	Taylor Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Montclair Twp	Essex	Nishuane Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Verona Twp	Essex	Everett Field Inclusive Playground	750,000
Monroe Twp	Gloucester	Inclusive Playground at Peiffer Community Center	750,000
Washington Twp	Gloucester	Washington Lake Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Hudson County	Hudson	Washington Park Inclusive Playground	1,000,000
Hoboken City	Hudson	Church Square Park Playground Upgrades	750,000
Secaucus Town	Hudson	Ivanoski Park Improvements	750,000
Hunterdon County	Hunterdon	South County Park Inclusive Playground	1,000,000
Clinton Town	Hunterdon	Halstead Street Inclusive Playground	562,500
Clinton Twp	Hunterdon	Runkle Drive Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
East Brunswick Twp	Middlesex	Inclusive Playground at Lenape Park	750,000
Monroe Twp	Middlesex	Inclusive Playground at Monroe Community Gardens	750,000
Old Bridge Twp	Middlesex	Geick Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
South River Boro	Middlesex	Grekoski Park Inclusive Playground	554,250
Belmar Boro	Monmouth	Maclearie Park Inclusive Playground	525,750
Eatontown Boro	Monmouth	Wolcott Park Jake's Law Playground	660,000
Freehold Boro	Monmouth	Lenoir Park Inclusive Playground	508,600
Holmdel Twp	Monmouth	Cross Farm Park All-Inclusive Playground	700,000
Howell Twp	Monmouth	Echo Lake Park Improvements	562,500
Little Silver Twp	Monmouth	Sickles Park Inclusive Playground	750,000
Oceanport Boro	Monmouth	Blackberry Bay Park All-Inclusive	337,500
West Long Branch Boro	Monmouth	Sorrentino Park Playground Improvements	350,250

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2 6. a. Any transfer of funds, or change in project sponsor, site,
3 or type, listed in section 4 or 5 of this act shall require the approval
4 of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

5 b. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
6 listed in section 4 or 5 of this act are offered funding pursuant
7 thereto, any project of a local government unit that previously
8 received funding appropriated or reappropriated from any Green
9 Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or the Garden State
10 Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for recreation and
11 conservation purposes, or that receives funding approved pursuant
12 to this act, shall be eligible to receive additional funding, as
13 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, subject
14 to the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its
15 successor.

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17 7. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
18 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
19 withdrawals, cancellations, or cost savings, of the amounts
20 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
21 annual appropriations act, or the Garden State Green Acres

1 Preservation Trust Fund to assist local government units to acquire
2 or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, for the
3 purposes of providing:

4 (1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to
5 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,
6 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this
7 act; and

8 (2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of
9 Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit
10 that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated
11 from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or
12 the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for
13 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
14 approved pursuant to this act, subject to the approval of the Joint
15 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional
16 funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include
17 administrative costs.

18 b. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
19 Protection such sums as may be, or may become, available on or
20 before June 30, 2024, due to interest earnings or loan repayments in
21 any "Green Trust Fund" established pursuant to a Green Acres bond
22 act or in the "Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund,"
23 for the purpose of providing:

24 (1) grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units to
25 acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes,
26 for projects approved as eligible for such funding pursuant to this
27 act; and

28 (2) additional funding, as determined by the Department of
29 Environmental Protection, to any project of a local government unit
30 that previously received funding appropriated or reappropriated
31 from any Green Acres bond act, any annual appropriations act, or
32 the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust Fund for
33 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
34 approved pursuant to this act, subject to the approval of the Joint
35 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such additional
36 funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may include
37 administrative costs.

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39 8. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill appropriates \$101,696,535 from constitutionally
45 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues, and various
46 Green Acres funds to the Department of Environmental Protection
47 (DEP). Of the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$99,286,535

1 would be used by the DEP to provide grants or loans, or both, to
2 assist local government units in the State to acquire or develop
3 lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and \$2,410,000
4 would be used for the DEP's associated administrative costs. Of
5 the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$24,321,885 is allocated
6 for projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation
7 purposes, as identified in section 4 of the bill, and \$74,964,650 is
8 allocated for projects to develop lands for recreation and
9 conservation purposes, as identified in section 5 of the bill.

10 Of the \$24,321,885 sum being appropriated for projects to
11 acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes:
12 \$20,766,435 is allocated for planning incentive open space
13 acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities and
14 counties that have an open space tax and an approved open space
15 plan); \$1,437,500 is allocated for standard open space acquisition
16 projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that do not have an
17 open space tax); \$459,950 is allocated for site-specific incentive
18 acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that have
19 an open space tax, but do not have an open space plan); and
20 \$1,658,000 is allocated for urban aid acquisition projects.

21 Of the \$74,964,650 sum being appropriated for projects to
22 develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes:
23 \$29,429,150 is allocated for local park development projects in
24 urban aid municipalities or sponsored by densely populated
25 counties; \$7,556,770 is allocated for local park development
26 projects in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored
27 by highly populated counties; \$3,072,700 is allocated for standard
28 local park development projects (i.e., projects located in
29 municipalities that do not meet the criteria of the prior two
30 categories); \$1,758,610 is allocated for stewardship activity
31 projects; and \$33,147,420 is allocated for completely inclusive
32 playground projects, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.104
33 (C.13:8C-27.1), otherwise known as "Jake's Law." While Green
34 Acres funding for Jake's Law purposes has, in prior funding rounds,
35 been made available only to eligible counties, in the current funding
36 round, both counties and municipalities are eligible for non-
37 competitive grant awards for completely inclusive playground
38 projects thereunder.

39 The bill defines a "densely or highly populated municipality" as
40 a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons
41 per square mile or a population of at least 35,000 persons; a
42 "densely populated county" as a county with a population density of
43 at least 5,000 persons per square mile; and a "highly populated
44 county" as a county with a population density of at least 1,000
45 persons per square mile.

46 The projects listed in the bill have been approved by the DEP
47 and the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT).

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1 To the extent that there are funds remaining after the local
2 government unit projects listed in this bill are offered funding, the
3 bill also authorizes the DEP, with the approval of the Joint Budget
4 Oversight Committee (JBOC), to use those funds to provide
5 additional funding for local government unit projects listed in this
6 bill, as well as for local government unit projects previously
7 approved for funding pursuant to various other laws.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3473

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 26, 2024

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 3473.

This bill appropriates \$101,696,535 from constitutionally dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues, and various Green Acres funds to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Of the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$99,286,535 would be used by the DEP to provide grants or loans, or both, to assist local government units in the State to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, and \$2,410,000 would be used for the DEP's associated administrative costs. Of the total amount appropriated by the bill, \$24,321,885 is allocated for projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes, as identified in section 4 of the bill, and \$74,964,650 is allocated for projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes, as identified in section 5 of the bill.

Of the \$24,321,885 sum being appropriated for projects to acquire lands for recreation and conservation purposes: \$20,766,435 is allocated for planning incentive open space acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities and counties that have an open space tax and an approved open space plan); \$1,437,500 is allocated for standard open space acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that do not have an open space tax); \$459,950 is allocated for site-specific incentive acquisition projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that have an open space tax, but do not have an open space plan); and \$1,658,000 is allocated for urban aid acquisition projects.

Of the \$74,964,650 sum being appropriated for projects to develop lands for recreation and conservation purposes: \$29,429,150 is allocated for local park development projects in urban aid municipalities or sponsored by densely populated counties; \$7,556,770 is allocated for local park development projects in densely or highly populated municipalities or sponsored by highly populated counties; \$3,072,700 is allocated for standard local park development projects (i.e., projects located in municipalities that do not meet the criteria of the prior two categories); \$1,758,610 is allocated for stewardship activity projects; and \$33,147,420 is allocated for completely inclusive playground projects, pursuant to section 4 of P.L.2018, c.104 (C.13:8C-27.1), otherwise known as "Jake's Law." While Green

Acres funding for Jake's Law purposes has, in prior funding rounds, been made available only to eligible counties, in the current funding round, both counties and municipalities are eligible for non-competitive grant awards for completely inclusive playground projects thereunder.

The bill defines a "densely or highly populated municipality" as a municipality with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile or a population of at least 35,000 persons; a "densely populated county" as a county with a population density of at least 5,000 persons per square mile; and a "highly populated county" as a county with a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile.

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

To the extent that there are funds remaining after the local government unit projects listed in this bill are offered funding, the bill also authorizes the DEP, with the approval of the Joint Budget Oversight Committee (JBOC), to use those funds to provide additional funding for local government unit projects listed in this bill, as well as for local government unit projects previously approved for funding pursuant to various other laws.

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