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P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 8, *approved February 4, 2021*
 Senate, No. 3230

1 AN ACT appropriating \$30,387,000 from constitutionally dedicated
 2 corporation business tax revenues for the acquisition of lands by
 3 the State for recreation and conservation purposes and for Blue
 4 Acres projects.

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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. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
 10 Environmental Protection the sum of \$27,348,300 from dedicated
 11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
 12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
 13 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
 14 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
 15 acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation
 16 purposes in accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New
 17 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

18 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
 19 section shall be allocated as follows:

21 Project	22 County	23 Municipality	24 Amount
25 (1) CAPE MAY PENINSULA			26 \$5,500,000
	27 Cape May	28 Cape May City 29 Cape May Point Boro 30 Dennis Twp 31 Lower Twp 32 Middle Twp 33 Ocean City 34 Sea Isle City 35 Upper Twp 36 West Cape May Boro 37 Woodbine Boro	
38 (2) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION			39 3,000,000
	40 Bergen	41 Bogota Boro 42 Carlstadt Boro 43 East Rutherford Boro 44 Fort Lee Boro 45 Garfield City 46 Hackensack City 47 Hasbrouck Heights Boro 48 Leonia Boro Little Ferry Boro Lodi Boro Lyndhurst Twp	

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

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1		
2	Gloucester	National Park Boro
3		West Deptford Twp
4		Westville Boro
5	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
6		East Amwell Twp
7		Flemington Boro
8		Franklin Twp
9		Frenchtown Boro
10		Kingwood Twp
11		Lambertville City
12		Raritan Twp
13		Readington Twp
14		Stockton Boro
15		West Amwell Twp
16		
17	Mercer	All municipalities
18		
19	Middlesex	All municipalities
20		
21	Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp
22		Allentown Boro
23		Colts Neck Twp
24		Englishtown Boro
25		Freehold Boro
26		Freehold Twp
27		Holmdel Twp
28		Manalapan Twp
29		Marlboro Twp
30		Matawan Boro
31		Millstone Twp
32		Roosevelt Boro
33		Upper Freehold Twp
34		Wall Twp
35		
36	Morris	Boonton Town
37		Boonton Twp
38		Butler Boro
39		Chatham Boro
40		Chatham Twp
41		Chester Boro
42		Denville Twp
43		Dover Town
44		East Hanover Twp
45		Florham Park Boro
46		Hanover Twp
47		Harding Twp
48		Kinnelon Boro
49		Lincoln Park Boro
50		Long Hill Twp
51		Madison Boro
52		Mendham Boro
53		Mendham Twp
54		Mine Hill Twp
55		Montville Twp
56		Morris Plains Boro
57		Morris Twp
58		Morristown Town

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1		Mountain Lakes Boro	
2		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp	
3		Pequannock Twp	
4		Randolph Twp	
5		Riverdale Boro	
6		Rockaway Boro	
7		Rockaway Twp	
8		Victory Gardens Boro	
9		Wharton Boro	
10			
11	Passaic	Clifton City	
12		Passaic City	
13			
14	Somerset	All municipalities	
15			
16	Union	All municipalities	
17			
18	(3) DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY		1,000,000
19			
20	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp	
21		Kingwood Twp	
22		Lambertville City	
23		Stockton Boro	
24		West Amwell Twp	
25			
26	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
27		Hamilton Twp	
28		Hopewell Twp	
29		Lawrence Twp	
30		Princeton Boro	
31		Trenton City	
32			
33	Middlesex	New Brunswick City	
34		Plainsboro Twp	
35		South Brunswick Twp	
36			
37	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
38			
39	(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY		3,000,000
40			
41	Atlantic	Buena Boro	
42		Buena Vista Twp	
43			
44	Cape May	Dennis Twp	
45		Lower Twp	
46		Middle Twp	
47		Upper Twp	
48			
49	Cumberland	All municipalities	
50			
51	Gloucester	Clayton Boro	
52		Elk Twp	
53		Franklin Twp	
54		Glassboro Boro	
55		Monroe Twp	
56		Newfield Boro	
57			
58	Salem	Alloway Twp	

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1		Carneys Point Twp	
2		Elmer Boro	
3		Elsinboro Twp	
4		Lower Alloways Creek Twp	
5		Mannington Twp	
6		Oldmans Twp	
7		Pennsville Twp	
8		Pilesgrove Twp	
9		Pittsgrove Twp	
10		Quinton Twp	
11		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
12		Woodstown Boro	
13			
14	(5) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY		1,500,000
15			
16	Burlington	Bordentown City	
17		Bordentown Twp	
18		Chesterfield Twp	
19		Cinnaminson Twp	
20		Delanco Twp	
21		Delran Twp	
22		Eastampton Twp	
23		Hainesport Twp	
24		Lumberton Twp	
25		Mansfield Twp	
26		Medford Twp	
27		Moorestown Twp	
28		Mount Holly Twp	
29		Mount Laurel Twp	
30		North Hanover Twp	
31		Pemberton Twp	
32		Riverside Twp	
33		Southampton Twp	
34		Springfield Twp	
35		Westampton Twp	
36		Willingboro Twp	
37			
38	Camden	Berlin Twp	
39		Camden City	
40		Clementon Boro	
41		Gibbsboro Boro	
42		Gloucester Twp	
43		Haddon Twp	
44		Lindenwold Boro	
45		Pine Hill Boro	
46		Voorhees Twp	
47			
48	Gloucester	Deptford Twp	
49		East Greenwich Twp	
50		Elk Twp	
51		Greenwich Twp	
52		Harrison Twp	
53		Logan Twp	
54		National Park Boro	
55		South Harrison Twp	
56		Westville Boro	
57		Woolwich Twp	
58		West Deptford Twp	

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1			
2	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
3		Delaware Twp	
4		Frenchtown Boro	
5		Kingwood Twp	
6		Lambertville City	
7		Stockton Boro	
8		West Amwell Twp	
9			
10	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
11		Hamilton Twp	
12		Hopewell Twp	
13		Robbinsville Twp	
14		Trenton City	
15			
16	Monmouth	Allentown Boro	
17		Millstone Twp	
18		Upper Freehold Twp	
19			
20	Ocean	Jackson Twp	
21		Plumsted Twp	
22			
23	Salem	Oldmans Twp	
24		Pilesgrove Twp	
25		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
26			
27	(6) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY		3,348,300
28			
29	Bergen	Mahwah Twp	
30		Oakland Boro	
31			
32	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
33		Bethlehem Twp	
34		Bloomsbury Boro	
35		Califon Boro	
36		Clinton Town	
37		Clinton Twp	
38		Glen Gardner Boro	
39		Hampton Boro	
40		High Bridge Boro	
41		Holland Twp	
42		Lebanon Boro	
43		Lebanon Twp	
44		Milford Boro	
45		Tewksbury Twp	
46		Union Twp	
47			
48	Morris	Boonton Town	
49		Boonton Twp	
50		Butler Boro	
51		Chester Boro	
52		Chester Twp	
53		Denville Twp	
54		Dover Town	
55		Hanover Twp	
56		Harding Twp	
57		Jefferson Twp	
58		Kinnelon Boro	

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1		Mendham Boro
2		Mendham Twp
3		Mine Hill Twp
4		Montville Twp
5		Morris Plains Boro
6		Morris Twp
7		Morristown Town
8		Mount Arlington Boro
9		Mount Olive Twp
10		Mountain Lakes Boro
11		Netcong Boro
12		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
13		Pequannock Twp
14		Randolph Twp
15		Riverdale Boro
16		Rockaway Boro
17		Rockaway Twp
18		Roxbury Twp
19		Victory Gardens Boro
20		Washington Twp
21		Wharton Boro
22		
23	Passaic	Bloomington Boro
24		Pompton Lakes Boro
25		Ringwood Boro
26		Wanaque Boro
27		West Milford Twp
28		
29	Somerset	Bedminster Twp
30		Bernards Twp
31		Bernardsville Boro
32		Far Hills Boro
33		Peapack-Gladstone Boro
34		
35	Sussex	Byram Twp
36		Franklin Boro
37		Green Twp
38		Hamburg Boro
39		Hardyston Twp
40		Hopatcong Boro
41		Ogdensburg Boro
42		Sparta Twp
43		Stanhope Boro
44		Vernon Twp
45		
46	Warren	Allamuchy Twp
47		Alpha Boro
48		Belvidere Town
49		Franklin Twp
50		Frelinghuysen Twp
51		Greenwich Twp
52		Hackettstown Town
53		Harmony Twp
54		Hope Twp
55		Independence Twp
56		Liberty Twp
57		Lopatcong Twp
58		Mansfield Twp

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1		Oxford Twp	
2		Phillipsburg Town	
3		Pohatcong Twp	
4		Washington Boro	
5		Washington Twp	
6		White Twp	
7			
8	(7) HISTORIC RESOURCES		2,000,000
9			
10	<i>Allaire State Park</i>		
11			
12		Monmouth	Howell Twp
13			Wall Twp
14			
15	<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>		
16			
17		Salem	Pennsville Twp
18			
19	<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>		
20			
21		Somerset	Franklin Twp
22			
23	<i>Historic Sites</i>		
24			
25		Burlington	Medford Twp
26			
27		Monmouth	Red Bank Boro
28			
29	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>		
30			
31		Monmouth	Freehold Twp
32			Manalapan Twp
33			
34	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>		
35			
36		Bergen	New Milford Boro
37			River Edge Boro
38			
39	<i>Proprietary House</i>		
40			
41		Middlesex	Perth Amboy City
42			
43	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>		
44			
45		Somerset	Green Brook Twp
46			Watchung Boro
47			
48	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>		
49			
50		Somerset	Franklin Twp
51			
52	<i>Twin Lights</i>		
53			
54		Monmouth	Highlands Boro
55			
56	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
57			
58		Mercer	Ewing Twp

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1			Hopewell Twp	
2				
3	<i>Waterloo Village</i>			
4				
5		Sussex	Byram Twp	
6			Stanhope Boro	
7				
8	(8) PINELANDS			3,000,000
9				
10		Atlantic	Brigantine City	
11			Buena Boro	
12			Buena Vista Twp	
13			Corbin City	
14			Egg Harbor City	
15			Egg Harbor Twp	
16			Estell Manor City	
17			Folsom Boro	
18			Galloway Twp	
19			Hamilton Twp	
20			Hammonton Town	
21			Mullica Twp	
22			Port Republic City	
23			Weymouth Twp	
24				
25		Burlington	Bass River Twp	
26			Evesham Twp	
27			Medford Lakes Boro	
28			Medford Twp	
29			New Hanover Twp	
30			North Hanover Twp	
31			Pemberton Twp	
32			Shamong Twp	
33			Southampton Twp	
34			Springfield Twp	
35			Tabernacle Twp	
36			Washington Twp	
37			Woodland Twp	
38			Wrightstown Boro	
39				
40		Camden	Berlin Boro	
41			Berlin Twp	
42			Chesilhurst Boro	
43			Waterford Twp	
44			Winslow Twp	
45				
46		Cape May	Dennis Twp	
47			Middle Twp	
48			Upper Twp	
49			Woodbine Boro	
50				
51		Cumberland	Maurice River Twp	
52			Vineland City	
53				
54		Gloucester	Franklin Twp	
55			Monroe Twp	
56				
57		Ocean	Barnegat Twp	
58			Beachwood Boro	

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1		Berkeley Twp	
2		Eagleswood Twp	
3		Jackson Twp	
4		Lacey Twp	
5		Lakehurst Boro	
6		Little Egg Harbor Twp	
7		Manchester Twp	
8		Ocean Twp	
9		Plumsted Twp	
10		South Toms River Boro	
11		Stafford Twp	
12		Toms River Twp	
13		Tuckerton Boro	
14			
15	(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY		5,000,000
16			
17	Sussex	Andover Boro	
18		Andover Twp	
19		Branchville Boro	
20		Frankford Twp	
21		Fredon Twp	
22		Green Twp	
23		Hampton Twp	
24		Lafayette Twp	
25		Montague Twp	
26		Newton Town	
27		Sandyston Twp	
28		Stillwater Twp	
29		Sussex Boro	
30		Walpack Twp	
31		Wantage Twp	
32			
33	Warren	Blairstown Twp	
34		Frelinghuysen Twp	
35		Hackettstown Town	
36		Hardwick Twp	
37		Hope Twp	
38		Knowlton Twp	
39		Liberty Twp	
40			
41	TOTAL		\$27,348,300

43 c. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project site, listed in
44 subsection b. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint
45 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

46 d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
47 listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant
48 thereto, any State project that previously received funding
49 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
50 annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres
51 Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden State
52 Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the
53 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to
54 section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12
55 (C.13:8C-48), for recreation and conservation purposes shall be

1 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
 2 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
 3 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

4 For the purposes of this subsection, “Green Acres bond act”
 5 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
 6 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

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 8 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
 9 Environmental Protection the sum of \$3,038,700 from dedicated
 10 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
 11 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
 12 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
 13 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
 14 acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands
 15 throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to
 16 incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or
 17 that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage.

18 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
 19 section shall be allocated as follows:

20

21 Project	22 County	23 Municipality	24 Amount
25 BLUE ACRES			26 \$3,038,700
	27 Every county	28 Every municipality	
29 TOTAL			30 \$3,038,700

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

34 3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
 35 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
 36 cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
 37 reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual
 38 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
 39 Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State Preservation Trust
 40 Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the “Preserve New
 41 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
 42 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for State
 43 projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
 44 purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as
 45 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any
 46 State project that previously received funding appropriated or
 47 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
 48 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
 49 Fund, or the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for
 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding

1 approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of
2 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such
3 additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may
4 include administrative costs.

5 b. For the purposes of this section, "Green Acres bond act"
6 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
7 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

8
9 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
10 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to
11 section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12
12 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$30,387,000 to implement the provisions
13 of this act.

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15 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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20 This bill appropriates the sum of \$30,387,000 to the Department
21 of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the
22 acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
23 purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the
24 "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

25 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
26 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
27 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,
28 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The
29 "Preserve New Jersey Act" implements the constitutional
30 dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic
31 preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion
32 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres
33 program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space,
34 including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State
35 lands administered by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and
36 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local
37 government open space acquisition and development projects; and
38 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
39 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates
40 moneys for State open space acquisition projects, including for Blue
41 Acres projects.

42 Specifically, this bill appropriates \$27,348,300 to the DEP from
43 the "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund" to provide funding for
44 the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
45 purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition
46 by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in
47 nine project categories throughout the State. In addition, this bill
48 appropriates \$3,038,700 to the DEP to provide funding for the

1 acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes,
2 of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred
3 flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands
4 from such damage, i.e., “Blue Acres” projects.

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

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

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

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29 Appropriates \$30.387 million from constitutionally dedicated
30 CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation
31 and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects.

SENATE, No. 3230

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 7, 2020

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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$30.387 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.

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11 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
12 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
13 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
14 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
15 acquisition of lands by the State for recreation and conservation
16 purposes in accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New
17 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

18 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
19 section shall be allocated as follows:

21 Project	22 County	23 Municipality	24 Amount
25 (1) CAPE MAY PENINSULA			26 \$5,500,000
	27 Cape May	28 Cape May City 29 Cape May Point Boro 30 Dennis Twp 31 Lower Twp 32 Middle Twp 33 Ocean City 34 Sea Isle City 35 Upper Twp 36 West Cape May Boro 37 Woodbine Boro	
38 (2) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION			39 3,000,000
	40 Bergen	41 Bogota Boro 42 Carlstadt Boro 43 East Rutherford Boro 44 Fort Lee Boro 45 Garfield City 46 Hackensack City 47 Hasbrouck Heights Boro 48 Leonia Boro 49 Little Ferry Boro 50 Lodi Boro 51 Lyndhurst Twp 52 Maywood Boro 53 Moonachie Boro 54 New Milford Boro North Arlington Boro Palisades Park Boro Ridgefield Park Village	

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

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1	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp
2		East Amwell Twp
3		Flemington Boro
4		Franklin Twp
5		Frenchtown Boro
6		Kingwood Twp
7		Lambertville City
8		Raritan Twp
9		Readington Twp
10		Stockton Boro
11		West Amwell Twp
12		
13	Mercer	All municipalities
14		
15	Middlesex	All municipalities
16		
17	Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp
18		Allentown Boro
19		Colts Neck Twp
20		Englishtown Boro
21		Freehold Boro
22		Freehold Twp
23		Holmdel Twp
24		Manalapan Twp
25		Marlboro Twp
26		Matawan Boro
27		Millstone Twp
28		Roosevelt Boro
29		Upper Freehold Twp
30		Wall Twp
31		
32	Morris	Boonton Town
33		Boonton Twp
34		Butler Boro
35		Chatham Boro
36		Chatham Twp
37		Chester Boro
38		Denville Twp
39		Dover Town
40		East Hanover Twp
41		Florham Park Boro
42		Hanover Twp
43		Harding Twp
44		Kinnelon Boro
45		Lincoln Park Boro
46		Long Hill Twp
47		Madison Boro
48		Mendham Boro
49		Mendham Twp
50		Mine Hill Twp
51		Montville Twp
52		Morris Plains Boro
53		Morris Twp
54		Morristown Town
55		Mountain Lakes Boro
56		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
57		Pequannock Twp
58		Randolph Twp

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1		Riverdale Boro	
2		Rockaway Boro	
3		Rockaway Twp	
4		Victory Gardens Boro	
5		Wharton Boro	
6			
7	Passaic	Clifton City	
8		Passaic City	
9			
10	Somerset	All municipalities	
11			
12	Union	All municipalities	
13			
14	(3) DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY		1,000,000
15			
16	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp	
17		Kingwood Twp	
18		Lambertville City	
19		Stockton Boro	
20		West Amwell Twp	
21			
22	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
23		Hamilton Twp	
24		Hopewell Twp	
25		Lawrence Twp	
26		Princeton Boro	
27		Trenton City	
28			
29	Middlesex	New Brunswick City	
30		Plainsboro Twp	
31		South Brunswick Twp	
32			
33	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
34			
35	(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY		3,000,000
36			
37	Atlantic	Buena Boro	
38		Buena Vista Twp	
39			
40	Cape May	Dennis Twp	
41		Lower Twp	
42		Middle Twp	
43		Upper Twp	
44			
45	Cumberland	All municipalities	
46			
47	Gloucester	Clayton Boro	
48		Elk Twp	
49		Franklin Twp	
50		Glassboro Boro	
51		Monroe Twp	
52		Newfield Boro	
53			
54	Salem	Alloway Twp	
55		Carneys Point Twp	
56		Elmer Boro	
57		Elsinboro Twp	
58		Lower Alloways Creek Twp	

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1		Mannington Twp	
2		Oldmans Twp	
3		Pennsville Twp	
4		Pilesgrove Twp	
5		Pittsgrove Twp	
6		Quinton Twp	
7		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
8		Woodstown Boro	
9			
10	(5) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY		1,500,000
11			
12	Burlington	Bordentown City	
13		Bordentown Twp	
14		Chesterfield Twp	
15		Cinnaminson Twp	
16		Delanco Twp	
17		Delran Twp	
18		Eastampton Twp	
19		Hainesport Twp	
20		Lumberton Twp	
21		Mansfield Twp	
22		Medford Twp	
23		Moorestown Twp	
24		Mount Holly Twp	
25		Mount Laurel Twp	
26		North Hanover Twp	
27		Pemberton Twp	
28		Riverside Twp	
29		Southampton Twp	
30		Springfield Twp	
31		Westampton Twp	
32		Willingboro Twp	
33			
34	Camden	Berlin Twp	
35		Camden City	
36		Clementon Boro	
37		Gibbsboro Boro	
38		Gloucester Twp	
39		Haddon Twp	
40		Lindenwold Boro	
41		Pine Hill Boro	
42		Voorhees Twp	
43			
44	Gloucester	Deptford Twp	
45		East Greenwich Twp	
46		Elk Twp	
47		Greenwich Twp	
48		Harrison Twp	
49		Logan Twp	
50		National Park Boro	
51		South Harrison Twp	
52		Westville Boro	
53		Woolwich Twp	
54		West Deptford Twp	
55			
56	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
57		Delaware Twp	
58		Frenchtown Boro	

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1		Kingwood Twp	
2		Lambertville City	
3		Stockton Boro	
4		West Amwell Twp	
5			
6	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
7		Hamilton Twp	
8		Hopewell Twp	
9		Robbinsville Twp	
10		Trenton City	
11			
12	Monmouth	Allentown Boro	
13		Millstone Twp	
14		Upper Freehold Twp	
15			
16	Ocean	Jackson Twp	
17		Plumsted Twp	
18			
19	Salem	Oldmans Twp	
20		Pilesgrove Twp	
21		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
22			
23	(6) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY		3,348,300
24			
25	Bergen	Mahwah Twp	
26		Oakland Boro	
27			
28	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
29		Bethlehem Twp	
30		Bloomsbury Boro	
31		Califon Boro	
32		Clinton Town	
33		Clinton Twp	
34		Glen Gardner Boro	
35		Hampton Boro	
36		High Bridge Boro	
37		Holland Twp	
38		Lebanon Boro	
39		Lebanon Twp	
40		Milford Boro	
41		Tewksbury Twp	
42		Union Twp	
43			
44	Morris	Boonton Town	
45		Boonton Twp	
46		Butler Boro	
47		Chester Boro	
48		Chester Twp	
49		Denville Twp	
50		Dover Town	
51		Hanover Twp	
52		Harding Twp	
53		Jefferson Twp	
54		Kinnelon Boro	
55		Mendham Boro	
56		Mendham Twp	
57		Mine Hill Twp	
58		Montville Twp	

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1		Morris Plains Boro
2		Morris Twp
3		Morristown Town
4		Mount Arlington Boro
5		Mount Olive Twp
6		Mountain Lakes Boro
7		Netcong Boro
8		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
9		Pequannock Twp
10		Randolph Twp
11		Riverdale Boro
12		Rockaway Boro
13		Rockaway Twp
14		Roxbury Twp
15		Victory Gardens Boro
16		Washington Twp
17		Wharton Boro
18		
19	Passaic	Bloomington Boro
20		Pompton Lakes Boro
21		Ringwood Boro
22		Wanaque Boro
23		West Milford Twp
24		
25	Somerset	Bedminster Twp
26		Bernards Twp
27		Bernardsville Boro
28		Far Hills Boro
29		Peapack-Gladstone Boro
30		
31	Sussex	Byram Twp
32		Franklin Boro
33		Green Twp
34		Hamburg Boro
35		Hardyston Twp
36		Hopatcong Boro
37		Ogdensburg Boro
38		Sparta Twp
39		Stanhope Boro
40		Vernon Twp
41		
42	Warren	Allamuchy Twp
43		Alpha Boro
44		Belvidere Town
45		Franklin Twp
46		Frelinghuysen Twp
47		Greenwich Twp
48		Hackettstown Town
49		Harmony Twp
50		Hope Twp
51		Independence Twp
52		Liberty Twp
53		Lopatcong Twp
54		Mansfield Twp
55		Oxford Twp
56		Phillipsburg Town
57		Pohatcong Twp
58		Washington Boro

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9

1		Washington Twp	
2		White Twp	
3			
4	(7) HISTORIC RESOURCES		2,000,000
5			
6	<i>Allaire State Park</i>		
7			
8		Monmouth	Howell Twp
9			Wall Twp
10			
11	<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>		
12			
13		Salem	Pennsville Twp
14			
15	<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>		
16			
17		Somerset	Franklin Twp
18			
19	<i>Historic Sites</i>		
20			
21		Burlington	Medford Twp
22			
23		Monmouth	Red Bank Boro
24			
25	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>		
26			
27		Monmouth	Freehold Twp
28			Manalapan Twp
29			
30	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>		
31			
32		Bergen	New Milford Boro
33			River Edge Boro
34			
35	<i>Proprietary House</i>		
36			
37		Middlesex	Perth Amboy City
38			
39	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>		
40			
41		Somerset	Green Brook Twp
42			Watchung Boro
43			
44	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>		
45			
46		Somerset	Franklin Twp
47			
48	<i>Twin Lights</i>		
49			
50		Monmouth	Highlands Boro
51			
52	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
53			
54		Mercer	Ewing Twp
55			Hopewell Twp

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1	<i>Waterloo Village</i>		
2			
3		Sussex	Byram Twp
4			Stanhope Boro
5			
6	(8) PINELANDS		3,000,000
7			
8		Atlantic	Brigantine City
9			Buena Boro
10			Buena Vista Twp
11			Corbin City
12			Egg Harbor City
13			Egg Harbor Twp
14			Estell Manor City
15			Folsom Boro
16			Galloway Twp
17			Hamilton Twp
18			Hammonton Town
19			Mullica Twp
20			Port Republic City
21			Weymouth Twp
22			
23		Burlington	Bass River Twp
24			Evesham Twp
25			Medford Lakes Boro
26			Medford Twp
27			New Hanover Twp
28			North Hanover Twp
29			Pemberton Twp
30			Shamong Twp
31			Southampton Twp
32			Springfield Twp
33			Tabernacle Twp
34			Washington Twp
35			Woodland Twp
36			Wrightstown Boro
37			
38		Camden	Berlin Boro
39			Berlin Twp
40			Chesilhurst Boro
41			Waterford Twp
42			Winslow Twp
43			
44		Cape May	Dennis Twp
45			Middle Twp
46			Upper Twp
47			Woodbine Boro
48			
49		Cumberland	Maurice River Twp
50			Vineland City
51			
52		Gloucester	Franklin Twp
53			Monroe Twp
54			
55		Ocean	Barneget Twp
56			Beachwood Boro
57			Berkeley Twp
58			Eagleswood Twp

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1		Jackson Twp	
2		Lacey Twp	
3		Lakehurst Boro	
4		Little Egg Harbor Twp	
5		Manchester Twp	
6		Ocean Twp	
7		Plumsted Twp	
8		South Toms River Boro	
9		Stafford Twp	
10		Toms River Twp	
11		Tuckerton Boro	
12			
13	(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY		5,000,000
14			
15	Sussex	Andover Boro	
16		Andover Twp	
17		Branchville Boro	
18		Frankford Twp	
19		Fredon Twp	
20		Green Twp	
21		Hampton Twp	
22		Lafayette Twp	
23		Montague Twp	
24		Newton Town	
25		Sandyston Twp	
26		Stillwater Twp	
27		Sussex Boro	
28		Walpack Twp	
29		Wantage Twp	
30			
31	Warren	Blairstown Twp	
32		Frelinghuysen Twp	
33		Hackettstown Town	
34		Hardwick Twp	
35		Hope Twp	
36		Knowlton Twp	
37		Liberty Twp	
38			
39	TOTAL		\$27,348,300

41 c. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project site, listed in
 42 subsection b. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint
 43 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

44 d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
 45 listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant
 46 thereto, any State project that previously received funding
 47 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
 48 annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres
 49 Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden State
 50 Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the
 51 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to
 52 section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12
 53 (C.13:8C-48), for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
 54 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the

1 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
 2 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

3 For the purposes of this subsection, “Green Acres bond act”
 4 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
 5 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

6
 7 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of
 8 Environmental Protection the sum of \$3,038,700 from dedicated
 9 corporation business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section
 10 II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New
 11 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
 12 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the
 13 acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of lands
 14 throughout the State that have been damaged by, or may be prone to
 15 incurring damage caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or
 16 that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage.

17 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
 18 section shall be allocated as follows:

19

20 Project	21 County	22 Municipality	23 Amount
24 BLUE ACRES			\$3,038,700
	Every county	Every municipality	
26 TOTAL			\$3,038,700

27

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

31
 32 3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
 33 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
 34 cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
 35 reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual
 36 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
 37 Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State Preservation Trust
 38 Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the “Preserve New
 39 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
 40 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for State
 41 projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
 42 purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as
 43 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any
 44 State project that previously received funding appropriated or
 45 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
 46 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
 47 Fund, or the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for
 48 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
 49 approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of

1 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such
2 additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may
3 include administrative costs.

4 b. For the purposes of this section, “Green Acres bond act”
5 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
6 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

7
8 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
9 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
10 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
11 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$30,387,000 to implement the provisions
12 of this act.

13
14 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

15
16
17 STATEMENT

18
19 This bill appropriates the sum of \$30,387,000 to the Department
20 of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the
21 acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
22 purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the
23 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

24 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
25 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
26 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,
27 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The
28 “Preserve New Jersey Act” implements the constitutional
29 dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic
30 preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion
31 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres
32 program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space,
33 including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State
34 lands administered by the DEP’s Division of Fish and Wildlife and
35 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local
36 government open space acquisition and development projects; and
37 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
38 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates
39 moneys for State open space acquisition projects, including for Blue
40 Acres projects.

41 Specifically, this bill appropriates \$27,348,300 to the DEP from
42 the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to provide funding for
43 the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
44 purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition
45 by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in
46 nine project categories throughout the State. In addition, this bill
47 appropriates \$3,038,700 to the DEP to provide funding for the
48 acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes,

1 of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred
2 flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands
3 from such damage, i.e., “Blue Acres” projects.

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

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

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

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3230

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 10, 2020

The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 3230.

This bill appropriates the sum of \$30,387,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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

Specifically, this bill appropriates \$27,348,300 to the DEP from the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in nine project categories throughout the State. In addition, this bill appropriates \$3,038,700 to the DEP to provide funding for the acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage, i.e., “Blue Acres” projects.

The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” P.L.2019, c.136 amended the “Preserve New Jersey Act” to incorporate the purposes of the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund” into the “Preserve New

Jersey Green Acres Fund,” rather than having two separate funds, both providing moneys to the DEP’s Green Acres program for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. Of the funding allocated for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes by the State, a minimum of 10 percent is to be allocated for Blue Acres projects.

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

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

ASSEMBLY, No. 5115

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED DECEMBER 7, 2020

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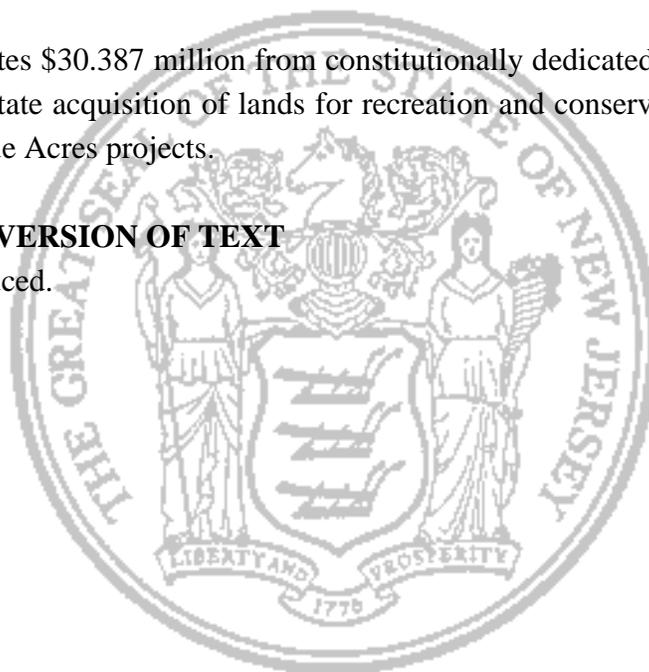
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SYNOPSIS

Appropriates \$30.387 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT appropriating \$30,387,000 from constitutionally dedicated
2 corporation business tax revenues for the acquisition of lands by
3 the State for recreation and conservation purposes and for Blue
4 Acres projects.

5
6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

8
9 1. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
10 Protection the sum of \$27,348,300 from dedicated corporation
11 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
12 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres
13 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New
14 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the acquisition of
15 lands by the State for recreation and conservation purposes in
16 accordance with the provisions of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,”
17 P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

18 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
19 section shall be allocated as follows:

21 Project	22 County	23 Municipality	24 Amount
25 (1) CAPE MAY PENINSULA			26 \$5,500,000
	27 Cape May	28 Cape May City 29 Cape May Point Boro 30 Dennis Twp 31 Lower Twp 32 Middle Twp 33 Ocean City 34 Sea Isle City 35 Upper Twp 36 West Cape May Boro 37 Woodbine Boro	
38 (2) CROSSROADS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION			39 3,000,000
	40 Bergen	41 Bogota Boro 42 Carlstadt Boro 43 East Rutherford Boro 44 Fort Lee Boro 45 Garfield City 46 Hackensack City 47 Hasbrouck Heights Boro 48 Leonia Boro 49 Little Ferry Boro 50 Lodi Boro 51 Lyndhurst Twp 52 Maywood Boro 53 Moonachie Boro 54 New Milford Boro North Arlington Boro Palisades Park Boro Ridgefield Park Village	

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

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1		East Amwell Twp
2		Flemington Boro
3		Franklin Twp
4		Frenchtown Boro
5		Kingwood Twp
6		Lambertville City
7		Raritan Twp
8		Readington Twp
9		Stockton Boro
10		West Amwell Twp
11		
12	Mercer	All municipalities
13		
14	Middlesex	All municipalities
15		
16	Monmouth	Aberdeen Twp
17		Allentown Boro
18		Colts Neck Twp
19		Englishtown Boro
20		Freehold Boro
21		Freehold Twp
22		Holmdel Twp
23		Manalapan Twp
24		Marlboro Twp
25		Matawan Boro
26		Millstone Twp
27		Roosevelt Boro
28		Upper Freehold Twp
29		Wall Twp
30		
31	Morris	Boonton Town
32		Boonton Twp
33		Butler Boro
34		Chatham Boro
35		Chatham Twp
36		Chester Boro
37		Denville Twp
38		Dover Town
39		East Hanover Twp
40		Florham Park Boro
41		Hanover Twp
42		Harding Twp
43		Kinnelon Boro
44		Lincoln Park Boro
45		Long Hill Twp
46		Madison Boro
47		Mendham Boro
48		Mendham Twp
49		Mine Hill Twp
50		Montville Twp
51		Morris Plains Boro
52		Morris Twp
53		Morristown Town
54		Mountain Lakes Boro
55		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
56		Pequannock Twp
57		Randolph Twp
58		Riverdale Boro

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1		Rockaway Boro	
2		Rockaway Twp	
3		Victory Gardens Boro	
4		Wharton Boro	
5			
6	Passaic	Clifton City	
7		Passaic City	
8			
9	Somerset	All municipalities	
10			
11	Union	All municipalities	
12			
13	(3) DELAWARE AND RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY		1,000,000
14			
15	Hunterdon	Delaware Twp	
16		Kingwood Twp	
17		Lambertville City	
18		Stockton Boro	
19		West Amwell Twp	
20			
21	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
22		Hamilton Twp	
23		Hopewell Twp	
24		Lawrence Twp	
25		Princeton Boro	
26		Trenton City	
27			
28	Middlesex	New Brunswick City	
29		Plainsboro Twp	
30		South Brunswick Twp	
31			
32	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
33			
34	(4) DELAWARE BAY WATERSHED GREENWAY		3,000,000
35			
36	Atlantic	Buena Boro	
37		Buena Vista Twp	
38			
39	Cape May	Dennis Twp	
40		Lower Twp	
41		Middle Twp	
42		Upper Twp	
43			
44	Cumberland	All municipalities	
45			
46	Gloucester	Clayton Boro	
47		Elk Twp	
48		Franklin Twp	
49		Glassboro Boro	
50		Monroe Twp	
51		Newfield Boro	
52			
53	Salem	Alloway Twp	
54		Carneys Point Twp	
55		Elmer Boro	
56		Elsinboro Twp	
57		Lower Alloways Creek Twp	
58		Mannington Twp	

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1		Oldmans Twp	
2		Pennsville Twp	
3		Pilesgrove Twp	
4		Pittsgrove Twp	
5		Quinton Twp	
6		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
7		Woodstown Boro	
8			
9	(5) DELAWARE RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY		1,500,000
10			
11	Burlington	Bordentown City	
12		Bordentown Twp	
13		Chesterfield Twp	
14		Cinnaminson Twp	
15		Delanco Twp	
16		Delran Twp	
17		Eastampton Twp	
18		Hainesport Twp	
19		Lumberton Twp	
20		Mansfield Twp	
21		Medford Twp	
22		Moorestown Twp	
23		Mount Holly Twp	
24		Mount Laurel Twp	
25		North Hanover Twp	
26		Pemberton Twp	
27		Riverside Twp	
28		Southampton Twp	
29		Springfield Twp	
30		Westampton Twp	
31		Willingboro Twp	
32			
33	Camden	Berlin Twp	
34		Camden City	
35		Clementon Boro	
36		Gibbsboro Boro	
37		Gloucester Twp	
38		Haddon Twp	
39		Lindenwold Boro	
40		Pine Hill Boro	
41		Voorhees Twp	
42			
43	Gloucester	Deptford Twp	
44		East Greenwich Twp	
45		Elk Twp	
46		Greenwich Twp	
47		Harrison Twp	
48		Logan Twp	
49		National Park Boro	
50		South Harrison Twp	
51		Westville Boro	
52		Woolwich Twp	
53		West Deptford Twp	
54			
55	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
56		Delaware Twp	
57		Frenchtown Boro	
58		Kingwood Twp	

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1		Lambertville City	
2		Stockton Boro	
3		West Amwell Twp	
4			
5	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
6		Hamilton Twp	
7		Hopewell Twp	
8		Robbinsville Twp	
9		Trenton City	
10			
11	Monmouth	Allentown Boro	
12		Millstone Twp	
13		Upper Freehold Twp	
14			
15	Ocean	Jackson Twp	
16		Plumsted Twp	
17			
18	Salem	Oldmans Twp	
19		Pilesgrove Twp	
20		Upper Pittsgrove Twp	
21			
22	(6) HIGHLANDS GREENWAY		3,348,300
23			
24	Bergen	Mahwah Twp	
25		Oakland Boro	
26			
27	Hunterdon	Alexandria Twp	
28		Bethlehem Twp	
29		Bloomsbury Boro	
30		Califon Boro	
31		Clinton Town	
32		Clinton Twp	
33		Glen Gardner Boro	
34		Hampton Boro	
35		High Bridge Boro	
36		Holland Twp	
37		Lebanon Boro	
38		Lebanon Twp	
39		Milford Boro	
40		Tewksbury Twp	
41		Union Twp	
42			
43	Morris	Boonton Town	
44		Boonton Twp	
45		Butler Boro	
46		Chester Boro	
47		Chester Twp	
48		Denville Twp	
49		Dover Town	
50		Hanover Twp	
51		Harding Twp	
52		Jefferson Twp	
53		Kinnelon Boro	
54		Mendham Boro	
55		Mendham Twp	
56		Mine Hill Twp	
57		Montville Twp	
58		Morris Plains Boro	

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1		Morris Twp
2		Morristown Town
3		Mount Arlington Boro
4		Mount Olive Twp
5		Mountain Lakes Boro
6		Netcong Boro
7		Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp
8		Pequannock Twp
9		Randolph Twp
10		Riverdale Boro
11		Rockaway Boro
12		Rockaway Twp
13		Roxbury Twp
14		Victory Gardens Boro
15		Washington Twp
16		Wharton Boro
17		
18	Passaic	Bloomington Boro
19		Pompton Lakes Boro
20		Ringwood Boro
21		Wanaque Boro
22		West Milford Twp
23		
24	Somerset	Bedminster Twp
25		Bernards Twp
26		Bernardsville Boro
27		Far Hills Boro
28		Peapack-Gladstone Boro
29		
30	Sussex	Byram Twp
31		Franklin Boro
32		Green Twp
33		Hamburg Boro
34		Hardyston Twp
35		Hopatcong Boro
36		Ogdensburg Boro
37		Sparta Twp
38		Stanhope Boro
39		Vernon Twp
40		
41	Warren	Allamuchy Twp
42		Alpha Boro
43		Belvidere Town
44		Franklin Twp
45		Frelinghuysen Twp
46		Greenwich Twp
47		Hackettstown Town
48		Harmony Twp
49		Hope Twp
50		Independence Twp
51		Liberty Twp
52		Lopatcong Twp
53		Mansfield Twp
54		Oxford Twp
55		Phillipsburg Town
56		Pohatcong Twp
57		Washington Boro
58		Washington Twp

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1		White Twp	
2			
3	(7) HISTORIC RESOURCES		2,000,000
4			
5	<i>Allaire State Park</i>		
6			
7	Monmouth	Howell Twp	
8		Wall Twp	
9			
10	<i>Fort Mott Officers Quarters</i>		
11			
12	Salem	Pennsville Twp	
13			
14	<i>Griggstown Muletenders Barracks</i>		
15			
16	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
17			
18	<i>Historic Sites</i>		
19			
20	Burlington	Medford Twp	
21			
22	Monmouth	Red Bank Boro	
23			
24	<i>Monmouth Battlefield</i>		
25			
26	Monmouth	Freehold Twp	
27		Manalapan Twp	
28			
29	<i>New Bridge Landing</i>		
30			
31	Bergen	New Milford Boro	
32		River Edge Boro	
33			
34	<i>Proprietary House</i>		
35			
36	Middlesex	Perth Amboy City	
37			
38	<i>Register Eligible Sites</i>		
39			
40	Somerset	Green Brook Twp	
41		Watchung Boro	
42			
43	<i>Rockingham Farmstead</i>		
44			
45	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
46			
47	<i>Twin Lights</i>		
48			
49	Monmouth	Highlands Boro	
50			
51	<i>Washington Crossing State Park</i>		
52			
53	Mercer	Ewing Twp	
54		Hopewell Twp	
55			
56	<i>Waterloo Village</i>		
57			
58	Sussex	Byram Twp	

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1		Stanhope Boro	
2			
3	(8) PINELANDS		3,000,000
4			
5	Atlantic	Brigantine City	
6		Buena Boro	
7		Buena Vista Twp	
8		Corbin City	
9		Egg Harbor City	
10		Egg Harbor Twp	
11		Estell Manor City	
12		Folsom Boro	
13		Galloway Twp	
14		Hamilton Twp	
15		Hammonton Town	
16		Mullica Twp	
17		Port Republic City	
18		Weymouth Twp	
19			
20	Burlington	Bass River Twp	
21		Evesham Twp	
22		Medford Lakes Boro	
23		Medford Twp	
24		New Hanover Twp	
25		North Hanover Twp	
26		Pemberton Twp	
27		Shamong Twp	
28		Southampton Twp	
29		Springfield Twp	
30		Tabernacle Twp	
31		Washington Twp	
32		Woodland Twp	
33		Wrightstown Boro	
34			
35	Camden	Berlin Boro	
36		Berlin Twp	
37		Chesilhurst Boro	
38		Waterford Twp	
39		Winslow Twp	
40			
41	Cape May	Dennis Twp	
42		Middle Twp	
43		Upper Twp	
44		Woodbine Boro	
45			
46	Cumberland	Maurice River Twp	
47		Vineland City	
48			
49	Gloucester	Franklin Twp	
50		Monroe Twp	
51			
52	Ocean	Barnegat Twp	
53		Beachwood Boro	
54		Berkeley Twp	
55		Eagleswood Twp	
56		Jackson Twp	
57		Lacey Twp	
58		Lakehurst Boro	

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1		Little Egg Harbor Twp	
2		Manchester Twp	
3		Ocean Twp	
4		Plumsted Twp	
5		South Toms River Boro	
6		Stafford Twp	
7		Toms River Twp	
8		Tuckerton Boro	
9			
10	(9) RIDGE AND VALLEY GREENWAY		5,000,000
11			
12	Sussex	Andover Boro	
13		Andover Twp	
14		Branchville Boro	
15		Frankford Twp	
16		Fredon Twp	
17		Green Twp	
18		Hampton Twp	
19		Lafayette Twp	
20		Montague Twp	
21		Newton Town	
22		Sandyston Twp	
23		Stillwater Twp	
24		Sussex Boro	
25		Walpack Twp	
26		Wantage Twp	
27			
28	Warren	Blairstown Twp	
29		Frelinghuysen Twp	
30		Hackettstown Town	
31		Hardwick Twp	
32		Hope Twp	
33		Knowlton Twp	
34		Liberty Twp	
35			
36	TOTAL		\$27,348,300

38 c. Any transfer of any funds, or change in project site, listed in
 39 subsection b. of this section shall require the approval of the Joint
 40 Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

41 d. To the extent that moneys remain available after the projects
 42 listed in subsection b. of this section are offered funding pursuant
 43 thereto, any State project that previously received funding
 44 appropriated or reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any
 45 annual appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres
 46 Preservation Trust Fund, established pursuant to the "Garden State
 47 Preservation Trust Act," P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the
 48 "Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund," established pursuant to
 49 section 6 of the "Preserve New Jersey Act," P.L.2016, c.12
 50 (C.13:8C-48), for recreation and conservation purposes shall be
 51 eligible to receive additional funding, as determined by the
 52 Department of Environmental Protection, subject to the approval of
 53 the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor.

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1 For the purposes of this subsection, “Green Acres bond act”
2 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
3 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

4
5 2. a. There is appropriated to the Department of Environmental
6 Protection the sum of \$3,038,700 from dedicated corporation
7 business tax revenues pursuant to Article VIII, Section II, paragraph
8 6 of the State Constitution in the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres
9 Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the “Preserve New
10 Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for the acquisition, for
11 recreation and conservation purposes, of lands throughout the State
12 that have been damaged by, or may be prone to incurring damage
13 caused by, storms or storm-related flooding, or that may buffer or
14 protect other lands from such damage.

15 b. The funds appropriated pursuant to subsection a. of this
16 section shall be allocated as follows:

17

18 Project	19 County	20 Municipality	21 Amount
22 BLUE ACRES			23 \$3,038,700
	24 Every county	25 Every municipality	
26 TOTAL			27 \$3,038,700

28

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

32 3. a. There is reappropriated to the Department of
33 Environmental Protection the unexpended balances, due to project
34 cancellations or cost savings, of the amounts appropriated or
35 reappropriated from this act, any Green Acres bond act, any annual
36 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
37 Fund, established pursuant to the “Garden State Preservation Trust
38 Act,” P.L.1999, c.152 (C.13:8C-1 et seq.), or the “Preserve New
39 Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to section 6 of the
40 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-48), for State
41 projects to acquire or develop lands for recreation and conservation
42 purposes, for the purpose of providing additional funding, as
43 determined by the Department of Environmental Protection, to any
44 State project that previously received funding appropriated or
45 reappropriated from any Green Acres bond act, any annual
46 appropriations act, the Garden State Green Acres Preservation Trust
47 Fund, or the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” for
48 recreation and conservation purposes or that receives funding
approved pursuant to section 1 of this act, subject to the approval of
the Joint Budget Oversight Committee or its successor. Any such

1 additional funding provided from a Green Acres bond act may
2 include administrative costs.

3 b. For the purposes of this section, “Green Acres bond act”
4 means P.L.2009, c.117, P.L.2007, c.119, P.L.1995, c.204, P.L.1992,
5 c.88, and P.L.1989, c.183.

6
7 4. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund,” established pursuant to
9 section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12
10 (C.13:8C-48), the sum of \$30,387,000 to implement the provisions
11 of this act.

12
13 5. This act shall take effect immediately.

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16 STATEMENT

17
18 This bill appropriates the sum of \$30,387,000 to the Department
19 of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the
20 acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
21 purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the
22 “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

23 The funding in this bill is provided from constitutionally
24 dedicated corporation business tax (CBT) revenues pursuant to
25 Article VIII, Section II, paragraph 6 of the State Constitution,
26 approved by the voters of the State in November 2014. The
27 “Preserve New Jersey Act” implements the constitutional
28 dedication of CBT revenues for open space, farmland, and historic
29 preservation. The act provides that a certain amount of the portion
30 of dedicated CBT revenues allocated each year for the Green Acres
31 program is to be used for: the acquisition of lands for open space,
32 including Blue Acres projects, and development projects on State
33 lands administered by the DEP’s Division of Fish and Wildlife and
34 Division of Parks and Forestry; grants and loans to fund local
35 government open space acquisition and development projects; and
36 grants to nonprofit entities to acquire or develop lands for
37 recreation and conservation purposes. This bill appropriates
38 moneys for State open space acquisition projects, including for Blue
39 Acres projects.

40 Specifically, this bill appropriates \$27,348,300 to the DEP from
41 the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to provide funding for
42 the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation
43 purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition
44 by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in
45 nine project categories throughout the State. In addition, this bill
46 appropriates \$3,038,700 to the DEP to provide funding for the
47 acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes,
48 of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred

1 flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands
2 from such damage, i.e., “Blue Acres” projects.

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

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

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

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 5115

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 15, 2020

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5115.

This bill appropriates the sum of \$30,387,000 to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including for Blue Acres projects, pursuant to the “Preserve New Jersey Act,” P.L.2016, c.12 (C.13:8C-43 et seq.).

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

Specifically, this bill appropriates \$27,348,300 to the DEP from the “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” to provide funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. This appropriation allocates funding for the acquisition by the State of lands for recreation and conservation purposes in nine project categories throughout the State. In addition, this bill appropriates \$3,038,700 to the DEP to provide funding for the acquisition by the State, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties throughout the State that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, or that may buffer or protect other lands from such damage, i.e., “Blue Acres” projects.

The “Preserve New Jersey Green Acres Fund” was established by section 6 of the “Preserve New Jersey Act.” P.L.2019, c.136 amended the “Preserve New Jersey Act” to incorporate the purposes of the “Preserve New Jersey Blue Acres Fund” into the “Preserve New

Jersey Green Acres Fund,” rather than having two separate funds, both providing moneys to the DEP’s Green Acres program for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes. Of the funding allocated for the acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes by the State, a minimum of 10 percent is to be allocated for Blue Acres projects.

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

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Office of Legislative Services notes that this bill appropriates \$30,387,000 in constitutionally dedicated funds to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Governor Murphy Takes Action on Legislation

02/4/2021

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

S-2384/A-4129 (Greenstein, Gill/Spearman, Vainieri Huttle, Mukherji) – Requires health care facilities to report certain coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) data related to health care workers and certain first responders

S-2607/A-2785 (Smith, Greenstein/Benson, McKeon) – Requires land use plan element of municipal master plan to include climate change-related hazard vulnerability assessment

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S-3220/A-5122 (Sweeney, Turner, Cruz-Perez/Spearman, Dancer, Johnson) – Permits exemption from civil service law enforcement examination requirement for entry level-law enforcement officers

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S-3230/A-5115 (Greenstein, Corrado/Moriarty, Conaway, Calabrese, Chiaravalloti) – Appropriates \$30.387 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to DEP for State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including Blue Acres projects

S-3256/A-5084 (Scutari, Ruiz/Kennedy, Calabrese) – Reclassifies possession of psilocybin as disorderly persons offense

A-4941/S-3122 (Mejia/Sacco) – Authorizes State Treasurer to sell and convey certain surplus real property located in Town of Secaucus, Hudson County

A-4943/S-3092 (Wirths, Space, Bergen/Oroho) – Authorizes State Treasurer to sell and convey certain surplus real property located in Borough of Franklin, Sussex County

A-5113/S-3235 (Timberlake, Sumter, Caputo/Beach, Pou) – Appropriates \$11,777,499 from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues to NJ Historic Trust for grants for certain historic preservation projects and associated administrative expenses

A-5114/S-3229 (DeAngelo, Speight, Swain/Codey, Corrado) – Appropriates \$37.16 million from constitutionally dedicated CBT revenues for recreation and conservation purposes to DEP for State capital and park development projects

A-5116/S-3196 (Johnson, Auth, Schepisi/Cardinale, Smith) – Authorizes State Treasurer to sell and convey certain surplus real property located in the Township of Mahwah, County of Bergen

Governor Murphy conditionally vetoed the following bill:

S-3252/A-5089 (Vitale) – CONDITIONAL – Clarifies that County Option Hospital Fee Pilot Program expires five years after each participating county has collected fee and that participating counties in program are not liable for fee imposed on hospitals

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Governor Murphy absolute vetoed the following bill:

S-3283/A-5151 (Addiego, Lagana, Gopal/Egan, Armato, Downey, Bramnick) – ABSOLUTE – Concerns emergency unemployment benefits and shared work benefits

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