

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

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**Grants and Loans to
Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations
for Open Space Acquisition and Park Development**

and

State Land Acquisition

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS



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THE GREEN ACRES MISSION

To achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces, the protection of which will preserve and enhance New Jersey's natural environment and its historic, scenic, and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment.

General Overview

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program will provide \$93.4 million in funding to local governments and nonprofit land trusts to acquire open space and develop parks throughout New Jersey. This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes \$52.4 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$36.1 million for local development of parks and recreational facilities, \$3.7 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations, and \$1 million for recreational development by nonprofits. This funding comes from loan and interest repayments, interest earnings, and previously approved projects that did not come to fruition.

In addition, approximately \$9 million will be dedicated to direct acquisitions by the State from willing sellers. Green Acres works with the DEP's divisions of Parks and Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, and the New Jersey Natural Lands Trust to review land offers and determine which lands should be preserved. Once acquired, this land becomes part of the system of state parks, forests, natural areas, and wildlife management areas.

New Jersey's Green Acres program was created in 1961 to meet the State's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected over 680,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State. The total acreage of protected open space across the State now exceeds 1.4 million acres, which represents approximately 30% of the state's land area.

The protection of New Jersey's environmentally sensitive open space, vital water resources, and significant natural and historic resources is critical to the quality of life enjoyed by all New Jerseyans. Preserved open space protects our water supply, preserves sensitive habitats for endangered and threatened species, promotes smart growth, and provides a place for public recreation and connection with community and nature.

Open space and recreation are critical to the quality of life of New Jerseyans as well as visitors to this great State. New Jersey is home to nearly every kind of recreation opportunity. Public lands provide for fishing, hiking, boating, skiing, birding, and simply spending time in the great outdoors. Whether you want to "take me out to the ballgame" or get sand between your toes, New Jersey's public open spaces provide countless ways to play.

Local Acquisition Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the acquisition and development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Green Acres non-urban acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over 30 years. In this funding round, a total of \$52.4

million in grants and loans is being approved for 87 local (county and municipal) land acquisition projects across the State. Funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

- **Urban Aid Acquisitions:** Urban Aid acquisition projects are eligible for a 75% grant and a 25% loan, up to the cap. Loans for Urban Aid acquisition projects are at zero percent, payable over 30 years.
- **Planning Incentive Acquisitions:** This category is for local governments that have passed a tax for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes and have prepared the required Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. Applications are streamlined because the local government has done the required planning when preparing its Open Space and Recreation Plan, which basically serves as its application. Funding is in the form of a 50% matching grant up to an established cap.
- **Site Specific Incentive Acquisitions:** Local governments that have a dedicated open space tax but do not yet have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan, may qualify for a 50% matching grant. These awards are made for a specific project site and future acquisitions require a new application.
- **Standard Acquisitions:** Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax may qualify for a 25% matching grant with the balance made in a low-interest loan up to the established cap. These applications are for a specific parcel.

Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the development of open space for conservation purposes and for diverse recreation needs. To meet these needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. Whether in urban, suburban, or rural areas, parks play an important role in sustaining New Jersey's high quality of life. This round of projects includes \$36.1 million in grants and loans for 44 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects across the State. All development loans are repayable over 20 years.

- **Urban Aid park development:** The provision of recreational facilities in New Jersey's densely developed cities is a high priority for Green Acres. Projects located in a designated Urban Aid municipality receive 50% of the project cost in grant funding, and the balance in a zero-interest loan, up to the cap. Projects sponsored by **Densely Populated Counties** (population density of more than 5,000 people per square mile) also receive 50 percent grant funding, with the balance as a low-interest (2%) loan up to the cap.
- **Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities park development:** Park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities (population density of more than 1,000 people per square mile or total population over 35,000, respectively), or projects sponsored by Highly Populated Counties (population density of more than 1,000 people per square mile), will receive a 25% grant, and a low-interest (2%) loan up to the established cap.

- **Standard development:** Non-urban communities receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the cap.

Nonprofit Projects

Green Acres has had a long and successful relationship with the many nonprofit land trust organizations that preserve open space throughout New Jersey. Some are small, local groups; some are international organizations. Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition statewide, and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid, Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or Densely Populated Counties.

This year, \$3.7 million is being awarded to 16 nonprofit organizations for land acquisition projects. Six nonprofits are receiving a total of \$1 million for park development projects.

Funding for all Green Acres projects is contingent upon the Legislature's passage of an appropriation bill.

A discussion of the funding formula used to determine local awards can be found in Appendix 1.

LOCAL ACQUISITION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Atlantic County

Brigantine City

Former Gulf Station Acquisition

The City of Brigantine is proposing to acquire property along Atlantic Brigantine Boulevard. The site is the former location of a gas station and auto repair shop. The site is adjacent to the Marine Mammal Stranding Center and on the Bonita Tideway. Potential future uses may include improved waterfront public access with parking and walking paths, an open space park with the Brigantine Lighthouse relocated on site as a monument or museum, or the construction of fishing/education pier. The property totals 0.43 acres.

\$ 27,125 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Buena Vista Township

Michael Debbi Park Improvements

Buena Vista proposes improvements at its Michael Debbi Park, the Township's largest park facility, located on Cedar Avenue in the Richland section of the Township. Proposed improvements include improved lighting at the park's baseball, softball, and football fields.

\$ 550,000 Loan Award
Standard Park Development

Hammonton Town

Hammonton Lake Park Expansion

The Town of Hammonton has requested funding to acquire 12.8 acres of land that will serve to expand Hammonton Lake Park. Located along Park Avenue, the proposed acquisition is ideally suited to provide parking and safe access to the highly popular and well-used Hammonton Lake Recreation Park Complex.

\$ 388,750 Matching Grant Award
\$ 161,250 Loan Award
\$ 550,000 Total Award
Standard Acquisition

Bergen County

Cliffside Park Borough

Zalewski Park Improvements

Cliffside Park Borough proposes to refurbish Zalewski Park, located in the southern end of town at the intersection of Gorge Road and Adolphus Avenue. Specific proposed improvements include replacing and expanding playground equipment at the site, installing safety play surfacing, and creating a passive recreation seating area towards the southern area of the park. Additional proposed facilities include fencing, decorative walkways, lighting, and other park amenities.

\$ 79,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Garfield City

20th Century Field Improvements

The City of Garfield has requested funding for improvements at 20th Century Field, the largest City-owned park, located at the intersection of Elizabeth Street and Morrell Place. The City proposes to convert the existing grass soccer field to synthetic turf, improve walkways, and install security cameras throughout the park to enhance safety.

\$ 700,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 400,000 Loan Award
\$1,100,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

North Arlington Borough

River Road Acquisition

The Borough of North Arlington seeks funding to acquire property adjacent to its Little League field on River Road. The land to be acquired is a vacant industrial site. The acquisition will allow expansion of the parking available for the ballfield. Currently, people using the field must park on side streets and cross the busy River Road to access the park.

\$ 362,500 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Teaneck Township

Terhune North Trail

Teaneck Township proposes to extend the Hackensack River Greenway through the construction of an ADA-compliant trail at Terhune North, a preserved property along River Road. The proposed trail will connect to an existing trail at Terhune Park and will provide access to the Hackensack River. A sitting area with butterfly garden will greet visitors along River Road, and there will be additional seating along the water's edge. Native plantings, safety fencing, and interpretive signage will also be installed.

\$ 15,034 Matching Grant Award
\$ 45,102 Loan Award
\$60,136 Total Award

**Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Westwood Borough

Flood Damaged Properties Acquisition

The Borough of Westwood is continuing acquisition of flood-damaged and flood-prone properties, demolition of the structures, and restoration of the land to its natural state. This will help provide flood relief to the area. Westwood is also using grant funds through the Federal Emergency Management Agency for these acquisitions. The priority locations are on Harding Avenue and Nugent Place.

**\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Burlington County

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Willingboro Lakes Park Development

Burlington County proposes extensive improvements to Willingboro Lakes Park. The 105-acre park, which contains two man-made lakes, is located along Route 130, Beverly-Rancocas Road, Lake Drive, and the Rancocas Creek in Willingboro Township. Proposed improvements include: access drives, parking, gates, fencing, landscaping, outdoor classroom/amphitheater, picnic areas and pavilions, fishing docks with accessible facilities, non-motorized boat launch access to the two lakes, restroom building, utilities, information kiosks and interpretive signage, multi-use trails throughout the park, stormwater management improvements, wildlife habitat creation/enhancement, playground structures, and site amenities/furnishings.

**\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Mount Holly Township

Mill Dam Park Redevelopment

Mount Holly Township seeks to refurbish its Mill Dam Park, located on Pine Street between Mill Street and the Rancocas Creek. Specific improvements proposed include basketball and tennis courts, parking improvements, a spray park, and a pavilion with a cooking area. Also planned are a comfort station, fitness trail, shade structures, lighting, picnic tables, landscaping, and utility improvements.

**\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Pemberton Township

West End Park Development

Pemberton Township proposes to create a new park on Scrapetown Road. Proposed facilities for the new West End Park include athletic fields, parking areas, a walking trail, playgrounds, lighting, landscaping, irrigation, stormwater management improvements, utilities, and a concessions and storage building.

\$ 750,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 350,000 Loan Award
\$1,100,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Camden County

Camden City

Whitman Park Improvement Project

To establish a sense of place and make the neighborhood more inviting, Camden City proposes major improvements to the 6.4-acre Whitman Park located on Sayrs Avenue between E. Davis Street and Hallowell Lane. Active recreation upgrades will include basketball courts, baseball fields, a baseball dugout, a football field, and new irrigation systems for the fields. New fencing and lighting within the park are additional proposed features.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Winslow Township

Daniel Calabrese Memorial Park

Winslow Township wishes to replace deteriorating playground equipment, increase safety, and create easy pedestrian access throughout Daniel Calabrese Memorial Park to encourage walking, jogging and other forms of exercise. Included in the plans are a walking and jogging path around the complex with multiple exercise stations and benches. Walkways will also be installed between the baseball fields and from the parking lot to the children's playground to improve access.

\$ 153,250 Matching Grant Award
\$ 153,250 Loan Award
\$ 306,500 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Cape May County

Cape May City

Lafayette Street Park Development Phase 1

Cape May City's Lafayette Street Park development project is on a 38-acre parcel located in close proximity to the City's most densely populated neighborhoods. Situated along the main access road into Cape May, the site is bordered by the Cape May Elementary School to the east, Lafayette Street to the south, St. John Street to the west, and Cape Island Creek to the north. Phase 1 encompasses 13 acres, and will consist of active recreation elements. The City proposes reconstruction of the Dellas Little League Baseball/Softball field to accommodate both youth and adult baseball/softball activities with the provision of updated dugouts, concession stand, bleachers, lighting, and a lawn seating area, which will sit atop, and cleverly disguise, the entire park's storage area. A picnic grove area will be situated between Dellas Field and a new multi-purpose athletic field, designed to host soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and general outdoor community events, and a new practice baseball field.

**\$ 500,000 Loan Award
Standard Park Development**

Wildwood City

Fox Park Improvements

The City of Wildwood proposes facility enhancement and safety improvements at Fox Park, which is located in the heart of the City, bordered by Atlantic and Ocean Avenues, between Burk and Montgomery Avenues. The project scope includes a new safety surface at the tot lot, rehabilitation of the tennis courts, and renovation of the softball field with improvements to the infield, outfield irrigation, new dugouts, new fencing and safety netting, lighting and spectator bleachers. These improvements will greatly enhance safety and the public's enjoyment of Fox Park.

**\$ 550,000 Loan Award
Standard Park Development**

Cumberland County

Bridgeton City

City Park Splash Park

The City of Bridgeton has requested funding to construct an aquatic water recreation venue (Splash Park), thus ensuring a more sanitary and safe alternative to traditional swimming pools and lakes. Also included is a security system, construction of a building to house the water pumps and purification systems, fencing, parking and landscaping. The Splash Park is located within the existing historic City Park that already offers numerous recreational facilities and accommodates the Cohanzyck Zoo.

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award

**Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Vineland City

Multi-Field Improvements

The City of Vineland proposes improvements at three parks, in order to meet the recreation needs of the community and to provide a safe environment for park users. At the Joseph E. Romano Sports Complex, located on E. Maple Avenue, the City proposes to install sports lighting at the baseball field, and construct a combination press box, concession stand and storage facility. At Cunningham Park, located at the intersection of N. West Avenue and W. Wheat Road, the City proposes improvements to the North Vineland Challenger League baseball field. The field surface will be replaced with a synthetic material that will better accommodate athletes using wheelchairs and walkers. Finally at Fiocchi Park, located on Galli Drive, the City proposes to install a tot lot near the baseball/softball fields.

\$ 165,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 165,000 Loan Award
\$ 330,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Essex County

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Multi-Parks Improvements

Essex County proposes improvements to two of its largest and most heavily used parks, both located in Newark. At Branch Brook Park, a 360-acre park located in the North Ward, the project scope includes restoration and rehabilitation of the basketball restroom building in the park's Southern Division, as well as enhancement of the playground pavilion. In addition, the Quarry Playground will be updated with new ADA compliant equipment, and the project includes park amenities such as benches, pathways and landscaping. At Weequahic Park, a 311-acre park located in Newark's South Ward, extensive renovations are proposed. The project scope includes renovation of the tennis building and Building #96 restrooms, playground enhancements, upgrading athletic fields with synthetic turf, improvements to the picnic ground, and other amenities such as fencing, signage, pathway lighting, entrance improvements and landscaping.

\$ 1,650,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated County

Bloomfield Township

Third River Park and Preserve

The Township of Bloomfield has requested Green Acres assistance towards the acquisition of a 12.7-acre parcel of land located along the Third River and Spring Brook, and adjacent to a 5.6-acre property previously acquired by the Township. Accessed by Lion's Gate Drive, the site is situated in a highly

developed area, and was used historically for manufacturing. The Township plans to restore the flood plain and associated wetlands, creating flood storage area and wildlife habitat. The resulting 18 acres of preserved parkland will provide unique opportunities for passive and active recreation facilities, as well as environmental education, in an urban setting.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Caldwell Borough

Kiwanis Oval Field Improvement

Caldwell Borough has applied for funding for installation of a synthetic turf at the Kiwanis Oval, located at Provost Square in the borough. The project scope also includes bleachers, ADA-compliant restrooms, maintenance equipment, netting, and privacy slats to protect adjacent properties. The Borough of Caldwell and the Borough of West Caldwell have a joint recreation program, and share the recreation facilities at Kiwanis Oval. Because of the intense use of the available facilities, it has been decided that an artificial turf field will better serve the community, allowing extended playing time and involving less maintenance.

\$ 542,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 283,000 Loan Award
\$ 825,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

East Orange City

Elmwood Park Court Reconstruction

The City of East Orange is seeking funding to reconstruct the existing tennis and handball courts at Elmwood Park, which is located along Oak Street between Elmwood and Rhode Island Avenues. Seven existing tennis courts will be renovated to meet current USTA specifications, including layout, surface, access, and lighting. The project scope also includes two practice walls, an ADA compliant walkway, and ADA compliant bleachers for player and spectator seating.

\$ 495,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 495,000 Loan Award
\$ 990,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Irvington Township

40th Street Park Upgrades

Irvington Township is seeking funding to upgrade the existing facilities at the 40th Street Playground. This is Irvington's third largest park, and contains a playground and ball field. The Township's plans include an addition to the field house to bring it into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities

Act; repairs and upgrades to the existing gate, sidewalks, and fencing; and regrading and improvements to the existing ball field.

\$ 325,250 Matching Grant Award
\$ 325,250 Loan Award
\$ 650,500 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Newark City

Jesse Allen Park

Newark City, along with the Trust for Public Land and the Boys and Girls Club of Newark, are in the process of redeveloping Jesse Allen Park, located at 41-57 Avon Ave. between Irvine Turner Boulevard and Somerset Street in Newark's Central Ward. The first two phases of the project have been completed. The first phase, which was completed without Green Acres assistance, included tennis courts, basketball practice courts, volleyball courts, and a skate park. The second phase, which was completed with Green Acres funding, included a large playground, a water play/spray area, two basketball courts, an outdoor fitness gym, a walking path and sports lighting. The last phase, and the subject of the current funding request, will complete the park renovations with installation of a multi-purpose synthetic turf field.

\$ 850,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

North Caldwell Borough

North Caldwell Boro Open Space Acquisition

The Borough of North Caldwell has requested Green Acres assistance towards the acquisition of a property commonly referred to as the Walker Property. Located in the center of the Borough, and accessed from Mountain Avenue, approximately 10.7 acres of the 17- acre property will be preserved for park purposes. The property features a lawn area, woodlands and a pond fed by Green Brook. The Borough plans to dredge the pond and restore it for recreational use.

\$ 311,250 Matching Grant Award
\$ 238,750 Loan Award
\$ 550,000 Total Award
Standard Land Acquisition

Orange City Township

Multi-Park Development

The City of Orange Township has requested Green Acres funding for improvements at Colgate Park, located at North Center and New Streets; Ropes Playground, which is located at the intersection of Washington and Bradford Streets; and Alden and High Street Park. At Colgate Park, the City proposes to install a new skate park, playground, tee ball area, resurface the basketball courts, and renovate the

pool. At Ropes Playground, the City proposes to install new fencing, a spray park, lighting upgrades, walkways, playground equipment and field house improvements. At High and Alden Street Park, the City proposes to install a synthetic turf athletic field, concrete work, and security, decorative and sports lighting.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Gloucester County

Glassboro Borough

Town Square Park Improvements

As part of an overall redevelopment project, the Borough of Glassboro proposes to create a multi-use recreation facility, known as the Town Square project, on a 1.5-acre parcel located at the intersection of Rowan Boulevard, High Street and Main Street. The first phase of the park development will feature the Great Lawn, which is a space designed to accommodate large events, such as movies and live performances, but can also be used for other active and passive recreation. The project scope includes installation of the lawn, pavers, landscaping, seatwalls, benches, entries to the plaza, signs, bollards, lighting and utilities.

\$ 425,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 425,000 Loan Award
\$ 850,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Mantua Township

Fossil Park Acquisition

The Township of Mantua is proposing to purchase a 62.56-acre former excavation site to preserve the property for future generations to be able to dig for fossils and for tourists to learn about paleontology. The land is currently being used by Drexel University for its paleontology classes. The fossils are curated at the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. This site continues to offer unique fossil resources from the Cretaceous Period 65 Million years ago. Thus the proposed future park will be the home of the Drexel Paleontology program and tours will be available to showcase where the fossils are found.

\$ 550,000 Matching Grant Award
Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Monroe Township

Monroe Township Dog Park

Monroe Township proposes to expand Owens Park with the construction of an off-leash dog park, walking and bicycling trails, a central gathering area including a pavilion, benches, picnic tables and

trash cans, and other amenities such as an access roadway, parking and lighting. Access to the proposed facilities will be from Clayton-Williamstown Road.

\$ 390,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 390,000 Loan Award
\$ 780,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Woodbury City

Woodbury Creek/Stewart Lake Improvements

The City of Woodbury, which is one of the most populated municipalities in Gloucester County, proposes improvements to the trails and recreational overlooks along Woodbury Creek/Stewart Lake. As part of the overall project, the City will stabilize stream banks along Woodbury Creek/Stewart Creek so that a 1.5-mile trail can be created. The trail corridor will connect a parking area at the southernmost boundary at Cooper Street to the waterfront park on Red Bank Avenue, and includes a 70-foot span footbridge. Bikeway connections will also be installed, to provide access to the soccer complex and other destinations. Finally, the City will install a timber scenic overlook that will serve as a wildlife observation platform and a personal watercraft launch area.

\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 350,000 Loan Award
\$ 700,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hudson County

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Lincoln Park West Development Project

Hudson County wishes to continue the restoration of Lincoln Park West with a stormwater management and landscape irrigation system to establish and maintain upland plantings. There will be a walkway within Lincoln Park West to Duncan Avenue. Completion of the riverfront promenade will allow for access to the river's edge, while installation of an observation tower and ADA-compliant viewing pad will allow for unobstructed views of the wetlands. Landscaping will complement the wetlands ecosystem with plants that provide for critical habitats and food resources for residential and migratory wildlife.

\$ 1,650,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Guttenberg Town

Multi Park Improvements

The Town of Guttenberg would like to improve two existing parks - Veteran's Park and Veteran's Memorial Park. At Veteran's Park, located on 69th Street, improvements include the renovation of the water feature, restroom improvements and a new play surface. At Veteran's Memorial Park, located at Toth and Boulevard East, lighting will be added to extend the park usage into the evening hours and enhance the overall park experience. This passive park will offer amazing views of the Hudson River and New York City skyline.

\$ 185,000 Loan Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Harrison Town

Waterfront Park Walkway Acquisition

The Town of Harrison plans the revitalization of 250+ acres of the former industrial waterfront along the Passaic River. A key component of the plan is a proposed waterfront park and walkway. The walkway will encompass the majority of the Passaic River along the town's border. Under this proposal, Harrison seeks to acquire 5 acres of land. The acquired lots will be added to existing municipally-owned property and complete this phase of the walkway.

\$ 566,500 Matching Grant Award
\$ 258,500 Loan Award
\$ 825,000 Total Award
Standard Acquisition
Densely Populated Municipality

Jersey City

Berry Lane Park Development

Jersey City proposes to develop a former industrial site and rail yard into a world-class open space facility. The new open space will be a welcome respite in this densely developed and populated neighborhood. The active and passive recreation facility will serve the varying needs of a diverse population. Features will include tennis courts, basketball courts, a fitness circuit, baseball field, skate park, and a multi-use artificial turf football/soccer field. There will also be a dog run, game tables, playground, spray park, outdoor performance area, and open spaces. Amenities include bicycle racks, decorative lighting, landscaping, signage, trash and recycling receptacles, benches, fencing, permeable pavement and picnic tables, playgrounds, and an expanded groundwater recharge area. Lastly, the park will provide Jersey City's initial segment of the Morris Canal Greenway trail.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Kearny Town

Gunnell Oval Sports Complex Reconstruction

The proposed reconstruction at Gunnell Oval Sports Complex provides for long-range and comprehensive improvement to the facilities following Superstorm Sandy. Proposed improvements include a synthetic turf field, fencing, backstops, bleachers, batting tunnel, benches, dugout shelter, portable pitcher mounds, lighting, basketball court, concession and restroom facilities, drainage, and paving.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

North Bergen Township

76th Street Little League Field Improvements

To provide a more resilient playing surface and extend the field usage, North Bergen Township proposes a total renovation to the facilities at 76th Street Park. Upgrades will include a removable pitching mound to equip the field for multiple sport use, new batting cages, fencing, lighting, security enhancements, tables, benches, a scoreboard, and the installation of an artificial turf field.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Secaucus Town

Downtown Recreation Acquisition

Secaucus Town plans to purchase the existing vacant lot at 107 First Avenue, adjacent to Buchmuller Park, which is a large multi-use recreation area near the center of town. Plans for the site will be to protect the property from future development while allowing for additional access points to Buchmuller Park. A modest-sized community garden, to be managed by the Secaucus Environmental Department in partnership with community groups, is also being considered for the space.

\$ 151,575 Matching Grant Award
\$ 398,425 Loan Award
\$ 550,000 Total Award
Standard Acquisition

Union City

Weehawken - Union City Reservoir Acquisition

Union City, along with Weehawken Township, has requested funding assistance to acquire a reservoir owned by United Water New Jersey, Inc. The property is bordered by Palisade Avenue, Washington Street, and Highpoint Avenue, and encompasses 14.4 acres. The site was vulnerable to development due to its wonderful view of the New York City skyline. Both Weehawken Township and Union City wish to preserve this relatively large property located in a very densely populated area for passive

recreation. Walking paths are proposed on top of the berm that surrounds the reservoir. Both municipalities have also applied to the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund for funding assistance.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Weehawken Township

Weehawken - Union City Reservoir Acquisition

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\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

West New York Town

Donnelly and Veteran's Park Rehabilitation

This project is for structural, drainage, and beautification/ recreational improvements to Donnelly and Veteran's Parks. Structural and drainage problems threaten the integrity of the steep slope where the eastern edge of the park sits. Upgrading the facility will preserve the view, restore and link pedestrian/ bicycle paths to the waterfront, preserve the palisades, and enhance the neighborhood character. Improvements include, resurfacing courts, upgrading a playground, and repairing the walkway and retaining wall. West New York will also install decorative walls to create areas for two patios with tables and games tables. The landscaping will be updated with shade trees and other amenities, including railing, benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, lighting and exercise equipment

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hunterdon County

Lambertville City

McCann Tract Acquisition

The City of Lambertville will acquire approximately 6.69 acres of land which are wooded and suitable for passive recreation and steep slope protection. This property, located between York and Jean Streets, will extend the City's greenway efforts, as it connects to preserved city park land. Foot trails, scenic

overlook areas and nature interpretation are planned.

\$ 235,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 235,000 Loan Award
\$ 470,000 Total Award
Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Middlesex County

Middlesex County

Medwick Park 2

The County of Middlesex is making extensive improvements to its 84-acre Joseph Medwick Park, located in Carteret Borough and Woodbridge Township. As large areas of the park had been closed due to soil contamination, the County proposed to redevelop the remediated park and re-open it for public use. The design fully utilizes the existing limits of the park with many enhanced facilities including lit synthetic turf football, baseball and multi-use athletic fields; a multi-use grassed field; observation decks overlooking the Rahway River; a playground area; extended paved walking/biking paths; re-surfaced tennis courts; restrooms; parking areas; stormwater improvements; fencing; lighting; irrigation; and landscaping.

\$ 1,375,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Carteret Borough

Noe Street Park Acquisition

The Borough of Carteret is seeking to acquire properties to create a new park at Noe Street, near Pershing Avenue. The proposed acquisition area totals 1.65 acres, and was severely damaged by Superstorm Sandy. The Borough proposes clear the improvements on the site and create a pond that will both provide a recreational amenity and improve area stormwater management.

\$ 781,875 Matching Grant Award
\$ 260,625 Loan Award
\$1,042,500 Total Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Milltown Borough

Acquisition for Public Park

The Borough of Milltown will acquire a one acre parcel of land on Washington Avenue to protect the watershed of the Lawrence Brook. The parcel, currently owned by the US Postal Service, will be cleared of improvements and transformed into a park.

\$ 311,750 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Perth Amboy City

Raritan Riverfront Park

Perth Amboy City proposes to develop a waterfront park along Riverview Drive at the base of the Victory Bridge (Route 35), in a section of the City that lacks green space and recreational opportunities. The proposed Raritan Riverfront Park will include an ecological trail, dog park, motorized boat launch, renovated and expanded picnic area, fishing esplanade and cleaning stations, parking areas, native plantings, lighting, utilities, and stormwater management improvements.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Woodbridge Township

East William Street Park Development

East William Street Park, situated between Fraser Street and South Columbus Avenue, is located in the Fords section of Woodbridge Township. This existing park will be improved so that it can serve as a new access point to the Middlesex County Greenway, which runs behind the park. The Greenway is a 3.5-mile long recreational trail system that extends through Woodbridge, Edison and Metuchen. The Township proposes to install a parking lot across the street from the park for park and trail users, a paved access path connecting to the Greenway, an archway at the entrance to the Greenway, and several benches.

\$ 52,500 Matching Grant Awards
\$ 52,500 Loan Award
\$ 105,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Monmouth County

Asbury Park City

Bradley Cove Acquisition

Asbury Park City proposes to purchase the development rights on a 0.6-acre North Beach property at the north end of Ocean Avenue. The property, which is currently vacant, includes approximately 850 feet of oceanfront beach frontage. The redeveloper who currently owns the development rights on the parcel, has plans to build 15 residential townhouses on the site. Instead, the City proposes to develop a waterfront park on the property that would preserve access to the beach and nearby Deal Lake.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Acquisition

Belmar Borough

Maclearie Park Improvements

The Borough of Belmar proposes a complete renovation of Maclearie Park, which is located between NJ Route 35, L Street, and the Shark River. After the park sustained extensive damage from Superstorm Sandy, the Borough decided to reorient the park facilities in a manner that will provide increased passive and active recreation opportunities. The project scope includes two tennis courts, a basketball court, pavilion with picnic and restroom facilities, tot lot and playground, spray park, seasonal band stage, event lawn, multi-use open lawn area, perimeter boardwalk along existing bulkhead, sailboat storage area, parking, pathways, landscaping, lighting, irrigation and site furnishings.

\$ 825,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Hazlet Township

Multi-Park Improvements

Hazlet Township is proposing improvements to five parks: At Veterans Memorial Park, located at Middle Road and Union Avenue, the Township proposes installing a spray park and fencing improvements and replacing an existing volleyball court. At Maple Park, located at New York Avenue and Maple Drive, the Township proposes adding new playground equipment, a field house with restrooms, storage, and concessions, a walking trail, and fencing. At Brookside Avenue Park, the Township proposes creating a new pocket park with playground equipment, benches, a gazebo, and walkways. At Evergreen Park, located on Evergreen Street, the Township proposes a new parking lot, fencing, a dog park, and basketball court upgrades. At the Leocadia Court Complex, the Township proposes to add a fitness trail and outdoor exercise system. Finally, the Township proposes to acquire a portable band shell to be used for concerts and shows within township parks.

\$ 550,000 Loan Award
Standard Park Development

Long Branch City

Manahasset Creek Park

Long Branch City proposes improvements to its Manahasset Creek Park, located along Long Branch Avenue. Proposed improvements include new park facilities, as well as replacement of facilities damaged by Superstorm Sandy. Specific proposed facility improvements include fencing and gates; refurbishment of tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, walkways, and playground and fitness station safety surfacing; replacement of damaged athletic field amenities; removal and replacement of dead trees and plantings; stormwater management upgrades; and a new sitting area with adjacent bocce courts and horseshoe pits.

\$ 312,400 Matching Grant Award
\$ 312,400 Loan Award
\$ 624,800 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Manasquan Borough

Mallard Park Improvements

The Borough of Manasquan proposes to renovate facilities at Mallard Park, which is the Borough's most heavily used park, located at S. Potter and Cedar Avenues. The park currently has a basketball court, two baseball/softball fields and a children's playground. The Borough would like to add a small spray park, shade pavilion, a temporary restroom and utilities, a memorial grove garden area with pavers and landscaping, renovate the existing baseball/softball fields, and construct an asphalt pathway for enhanced pedestrian safety and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant access. The proposed improvements will better meet the recreational needs of the entire community.

\$ 550,000 Loan Award
Standard Park Development

Neptune Township

Shark River Marina Improvements

The Township of Neptune proposes to make various improvements to the Shark River Municipal Marina, located on South Riverside Drive between Highland Avenue and Riverview Court, which was purchased with Green Acres assistance. The proposed work includes the installation of new bulkheading, drainage improvements, installation of new floating docks with utilities, cleats and dock boxes, access ramps, dredging of the marina, and installation of a walkway along the new bulkhead.

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Ocean Township

Blue Acres Acquisition

The Township of Ocean is in the process of buying approximately 4 acres of the Poplar Village senior housing complex off of Overlook Avenue. The acquisition site includes 32 vacant, uninhabitable units that were severely damaged by flooding associated with Hurricane Irene. The Township received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for 75% of the acquisition costs. The structures will be demolished to create open space.

\$ 550,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Red Bank Borough

Count Basie Park Phase III

The Borough of Red Bank is proposing additional improvements at its Count Basie Park, located off of Henry Street. Proposed improvements include converting two ballfields to synthetic turf multi-use fields, replacing an existing press box, and the addition of a walking path, park appurtenances, and landscaping. The two fields are in poor condition due to overuse, and conversion to turf will allow the

Borough to accommodate existing demand for the fields and expand its sports programming to other sports.

\$ 825,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Morris County

Lincoln Park Borough

Lincoln Park Floodplain Acquisition Project

Lincoln Park Borough would like to continue its acquisition of properties that are repetitively flooded, and to demolish the structures and convert the land to open space. The Borough has approved funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that permits them to acquire these properties and elevate several other homes. They are seeking Green Acres funds to match the FEMA acquisition grant.

\$ 550,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Long Hill Township

Passaic River Basin Property Acquisition

Long Hill Township intends to acquire 14 flood-prone properties along the Passaic River. The properties are concentrated in the three lowest lying areas in town and, once acquired, the structures will be demolished and the land deed restricted as open space. This is a condition of the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that Long Hill is also using for this acquisition. The acquisition of riverside properties will enlarge the recharge area along the Passaic River and will help alleviate future flooding within the community.

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Site Specific Incentive

Ocean County

Barnegat Township

Barnegat Boulevard Recreation Complex

The Barnegat Youth Sports Complex is one of the largest sports complexes in the Township and serves all age groups in baseball, soccer, and other sports. The park features one full-sized baseball field, two little league baseball fields, two softball fields, and three soccer fields. The park also provides access to the Barnegat Branch Trail, a rail-to-trail project that currently traverses Barnegat, Ocean, and Berkeley Townships. Barnegat Township proposes to renovate the parking area, install new sports lighting at the

soccer field that currently does not have lighting, and renovate and expand the restrooms so that they are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

**\$ 550,000 Loan Award
Standard Park Development**

Brick Township

Multi-Park Improvements

Brick Township proposes improvements at four Township parks in need of rehabilitation. At Angela Hibbard Park, located on Drum Point Road, the Township proposes to refurbish an existing parking lot, multi-purpose field, basketball court, tennis court and playground and add a dog park and picnic area. Installation of landscaping, security and utility improvements, walkways, and fencing are also planned. At Lake Riviera Community Park, located on Lake Shore Drive, the Township proposes refurbishing existing basketball/pickleball courts, a playground, and a parking lot. Installation of new tennis courts, landscaping, irrigation, security, drainage, walkways, fencing, utilities and other improvements, consistent with a riparian buffer plan, are also planned. At Colorado Park, located at the end of Colorado Avenue, the Township proposes installing a parking lot, basketball courts, playgrounds with safety surfacing, drainage improvements, landscaping, fencing, lighting, irrigation, walkways, utilities, and security improvements. An existing baseball diamond will also be reconfigured. Finally, the Township proposes to construct drainage, landscaping, and walkway improvements and rehabilitate six existing municipal tennis courts, which are located at Chambers Bridge Road adjacent to the Town Hall.

**\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Lakewood Township

Multi-Park Improvements

Lakewood Township proposes improvements to seven Township parks. At Frank Bartolf Park on Brook Road, the Township plans a new basketball court, an enlarged playground, and lighting and irrigation improvements. The Township would like to install new bleachers at four soccer fields and four baseball fields at the John Patrick Sports Complex on Vine Street. At Pine Park on County Line Road, the Township proposes picnic tables as well as fencing and backstops for two baseball fields. Finally, new picnic pavilions are planned for four additional parks: Hearthstone Park on Pine Boulevard, John Street Park on John Street, South Lake Drive Park on South Lake Drive, and North Lake Drive Park on Pine Boulevard.

**\$ 617,845 Matching Grant Award
\$ 482,155 Loan Award
**\$ 1,100,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality****

Seaside Heights Borough

Marina Acquisition

Seaside Heights Borough is proposing to acquire the Cranberry Inlet Marina that is located on Bayside Terrace. The property has 1.62 acres of land and riparian area that has a current tidelands lease for a few boat slips located immediately waterward of the riparian grant. The site is located on the bayfront of the Borough of Seaside Heights.

**\$ 825,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Passaic County

Passaic County

Garret Mountain Improvements

Garret Mountain, located in the City of Paterson and Borough of Woodland Park, is one of Passaic County's largest and most popular parks. Due to the high volume of usage, many of the existing facilities are in dire need of renovation, and additional facilities are necessary to keep the park in safe and operational condition. The County proposes to construct a new ADA-compliant restroom in the Great Meadows section of the reservation, and restrooms will be renovated in the Rocky Hollow and Stony Point sections. The County also proposes to construct two new pavilions in the Great Meadow and auto park lookout area and repair two existing pavilions. Finally, the County plans to add picnic tables, benches and litter receptacles; repave park roads; improve safety of crushed stone pathways; add signage; dredge Barbour's Pond; and install a dock for better water access.

**\$ 1,375,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Passaic City

McDonald Brook Improvements Ph. II

The City of Passaic proposes improvements to Third Ward Park, which is one of the City's most heavily used parks, located on Broadway, Van Houten Avenue and Main Avenue. As part of an effort to alleviate flooding within the park and to improve recreational use of Hughes Lake, the City proposes to dredge the lake, where sediment accumulation currently exacerbates flooding and prevents recreational activities. The City also proposes to install a dock that will be available for the public to launch paddleboats, rowboats, and canoes.

**\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Wayne Township

Alps Road Ballfields

The Township of Wayne proposes to construct a new sports complex located on Alps Road, near Paterson Hamburg Turnpike. The Township previously acquired the 3.64-acre parcel with Green Acres assistance. The new park will provide playing fields for softball, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and football, along with associated parking lots. The Township plans to construct the fields with synthetic turf, which will allow for expanded use by the public, and will enable the Township to better maintain its natural turf fields.

\$ 825,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Union County

Plainfield City

Multi-Parks Improvements

The City of Plainfield is seeking funding to install a multi-use, paved trail known as the Green Brook Trail, and to install artificial turf fields and associated improvements such as fencing, lighting, scoreboards, and bleachers at Rushmore Playground, located off West 3rd Street, and Seidler Field, located between Netherwood Avenue, Garfield Avenue, George Street, and North Avenue.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Roselle Borough

Arminio Field Park Improvement

The Borough of Roselle proposes to renovate the existing Arminio Field, which is located on School Board property, for active and passive recreational purposes. Currently the two parties have a Shared Services Agreement and, if approved, the Borough will enter into a formal Lease Agreement with the Board of Education. Specifically, this project includes the demolition of the existing field house structure, reorientation of the existing football field along with installation of a synthetic turf field, synthetic outdoor regulation track, new pole vault and shot put facilities, new lighting system, seating and restrooms, tennis court resurfacing, a toddler playground that meets the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, passive recreation area with tables, and landscaping and drainage improvements.

\$ 1,100,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

PLANNING INCENTIVE PROJECTS

* denotes Densely/Highly Populated Municipality or Highly Populated County

** denotes Urban Aid Municipality or Densely Populated County

Bergen County

New Milford Boro*	New Milford Open Space Plan	\$ 425,000
Oakland Boro	Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$ 550,000
Ridgewood Village	Open Space Project	\$ 415,000
River Vale Twp	Watershed Property Acq.	\$ 550,000

Burlington County

Bordentown Twp	Bordentown Twp. Open Space Acq.	\$ 550,000
Eastampton Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 550,000
Evesham Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 570,000
Medford Twp	Open Space Incentive	\$ 550,000
Moorestown Twp	Open Space Preservation Plan	\$ 550,000
Mount Laurel Twp*	Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan	\$ 825,000

Camden County

Gibbsboro Boro	Greenway Acquisition	\$ 3,000
Gloucester Twp**	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 1,100,000
Haddonfield Boro	Open Space Acq	\$ 550,000
Voorhees Twp	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 199,000

Cumberland County

Cumberland County	Trails and Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Upper Deerfield Twp	Open Space Acquisitions	\$ 550,000

Gloucester County

Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$ 1,100,000
Harrison Twp	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 315,750
Washington Twp*	Open Space & Recreation Project	\$ 825,000
Woolwich Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 375,000

Hunterdon County

Clinton Twp	Open Space Acq. Plan	\$ 550,000
Delaware Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 550,000
East Amwell Twp	Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$ 310,000
Franklin Twp	Franklin Open Space Plan	\$ 220,000
High Bridge Boro	Open Space Plan	\$ 550,000
Kingwood Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 550,000
Raritan Twp	Land Acquisition Plan	\$ 550,000
Readington Twp	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$ 550,000
Tewksbury Twp	Recreation and Open Space Plan	\$ 350,000

Mercer County		
Mercer County*	Mercer County Planning Incentive	\$ 1,375,000
East Windsor Twp	East Windsor Open Space Acq.	\$ 550,000
Hamilton Twp	Open Space Acq.	\$ 410,000
Hopewell Boro	Greenbelt Acquisitions	\$ 100,000
Hopewell Twp	Hopewell Open Space Acq.	\$ 550,000
Pennington Boro	Greenbelt Planning Incentive	\$ 200,000
Princeton Twp	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	\$ 550,000
West Windsor Twp	West Windsor Planning Inc.	\$ 550,000

Middlesex County		
North Brunswick Twp	North Brunswick Plan	\$ 825,000
South Brunswick Twp*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 744,000

Monmouth County		
Monmouth County*	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 1,375,000
Marlboro Twp	Marlboro Open Space Acq	\$ 825,000
Middletown Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 825,000
Millstone Twp	Millstone Planning Incentive	\$ 550,000
Tinton Falls Boro	Tinton Falls Acquisition	\$ 550,000

Morris County		
Morris County	Morris County Planning Incentive	\$ 1,175,000
Chester Twp	Chester Twp Open Space Acq	\$ 205,000
Hanover Twp	Open Space Acq	\$ 300,000
Harding Twp	Harding Open Space Acq	\$ 550,000
Madison Boro	Madison Borough Open Space Acq.	\$ 500,000
Mendham Twp	Open Space Acq.	\$ 187,800
Pequannock Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 302,000
Rockaway Twp	Open Space Acq	\$ 550,000

Ocean County		
Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 1,375,000
Little Egg Harbor Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 550,000
Manchester Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 825,000
Point Pleasant Beach Boro	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 550,000

Somerset County		
Somerset County	County Open Space Acq.	\$ 1,375,000
Bedminster Twp	Bedminster Parks Expansion	\$ 521,000
Franklin Twp*	Open Space Acq	\$ 825,000
Montgomery Twp	Open Space Acq 5	\$ 550,000
Peapack-Gladstone Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 550,000

Sussex County		
Wantage Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 550,000

	Union County	
Union County**	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 1,650,000
	Warren County	
Warren County	Warren County Open Space Plan	\$ 1,000,000
Allamuchy Twp	Open Space Acq	\$ 150,000
Alpha Boro	Alpha Borough Open Space	\$ 350,000
Blairstown Twp	Blairstown Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 165,000
Frelinghuysen Twp	Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$ 200,000

NONPROFIT ACQUISITION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

American Littoral Society
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Delaware Bay Acquisitions

The American Littoral Society will partner with other land preservation organizations to preserve land for open space and wildlife habitat in the following target areas: Cumberland County - Deerfield Twp., Fairfield Twp., Greenwich Twp., Hopewell Twp., Stow Creek Twp., Upper Deerfield Twp.; Salem County - Elsinboro Twp., Lower Alloways Creek Twp., Mannington Twp., and Pennsville Twp. Generally, targeted acquisitions are characterized by farmland and emergent marshes associated with the Salem River in Salem County and the Cohansey River and Stow Creek in Cumberland County. ALS will also partner with another land preservation organization to preserve land in Cape May County. Regarding the Salem River, the Mannington Meadows component of the project area is mainly freshwater intertidal marsh along the Salem River and its tributaries with bordering farmland. The Stow Creek component is located along the border of Salem and Cumberland Counties and is largely comprised of salt marsh with bordering farms and forests. The Cohansey River Greenway component possesses salt marsh, brackish marsh, freshwater marsh, and adjacent farmland and forest. All components of this project provide important habitat for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, and plants and wildlife in general. The Delaware Bay estuary is one of the few areas left in New Jersey where large undeveloped tracts of land are still available for preservation. These areas will face increasing pressure for development in the future from nearby Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Camden Special Services District
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Joseph Cooper House Renovation

The Camden Special Services District proposes to stabilize and preserve the historic Joseph Cooper House (c.1695), the oldest standing structure in Camden City. The house, listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places, is located along Erie Street, at the southern portion of the recently renovated Pyne Poynt Park. The project's goal is to preserve the remaining structure by stabilizing the walls, adding a pavilion roof, and enhancing the property with details of its rich historical significance. The surrounding plaza will feature picnic tables, grills, benches and other amenities. The adaptive re-use of this historical site will add to the upsurge in civic engagement and public pride in this neighborhood, add to the community revitalization efforts, spur economic development, complement ongoing park and open space projects, and encourage public and private investment.

Cooper's Ferry Partnership
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

North Camden Waterfront Park

The North Camden Waterfront Park is a key component of a long-term plan to develop a continuous public waterfront park and greenway trail along the 2.8-mile North Camden waterfront. Park improvements will include reconstruction of the playing fields, basketball courts, Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant pathways, a playground, stormwater management, fencing, lighting, security cameras, a multipurpose waterfront trail, and other park amenities.

Cramer Hill Community Development Corporation
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Von Nieda Park Improvement III

The Von Nieda Park Improvement Project III will increase public access and upgrade active and passive recreation opportunities in the largest park in the Cramer Hill section of Camden City. A historic stream (Baldwin's Run) will be reconstructed and discharge stormwater collected at Von Nieda to the back channel of the Delaware River. A separate storm sewer with a new outfall to the Delaware River will make the full park acreage accessible. Also included will be additional lighting, fencing, landscaping, site amenities, field restoration, and parking to improve the overall quality and safety of the park.

D&R Greenway Land Trust
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Greenway Acquisitions

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks funding to acquire lands throughout the Delaware and Raritan Greenway Watershed. The acquisitions will create contiguous preserved lands that protect water quality, other significant natural resources, and critical wildlife habitat. Projects include:

Central Stony Brook Greenway Acquisition

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks to complete central New Jersey's most established greenway by acquiring approximately 1,302 acres of land in Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The Stony Brook extends from its headwaters in the Sourland Mountains in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and populated communities in Lawrence and Princeton Township. The proposed acquisitions will link existing preserved lands, enhance biodiversity and critical breeding and migration stopover habitat for migratory birds that require large uninterrupted woodlands, and create a system of interconnected open spaces and trails.

Delaware Bay Estuary Acquisitions

D&R Greenway Land Trust will partner with other land preservation organizations to preserve land for open space and wildlife habitat in the following target areas: Cumberland County - Deerfield Twp., Fairfield Twp., Greenwich Twp., Hopewell Twp., Stow Creek Twp., Upper Deerfield Twp.; Salem County - Elsinboro Twp., Lower Alloways Creek Twp., Mannington Twp., Salem City, Pilesgrove Twp., and Pennsville Twp. Generally, targeted acquisitions are characterized by farmland and emergent marshes associated with the Salem River in Salem County and the Cohansey River and Stow Creek in Cumberland County. Regarding the Salem River, the Mannington Meadows component of the project area is mainly brackish water intertidal marsh along the Salem River and freshwater marshes on its tributaries with bordering farmland. The Stow Creek component is located along the border of Salem and Cumberland Counties and is largely comprised of salt marsh with bordering farms and forests. The Cohansey River Greenway component possesses salt marsh, brackish marsh, freshwater marsh, and adjacent farmland and forest. All components of this project provide important habitat for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, and plants and wildlife in general. The Delaware Bay estuary is one of the few areas left in New Jersey where large undeveloped tracts of land are still available for preservation. These areas will face increasing pressure for development in the future from nearby Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Delaware River Tributaries Acquisition

D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to extend ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area in Mercer, Monmouth and Hunterdon Counties. Extending along the Assunpink Creek, the project is intended to link Howell Living History Farm, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, and the internationally recognized Hamilton/Trenton/Bordentown Marsh. A second objective is to preserve lands connecting the greenbelt surrounding Allentown Borough in Monmouth County southward along the Crosswicks Creek in Mercer County, to the State's new Pleasant Run Wildlife Management Area, to Monmouth County's Walnford Park in Upper Freehold Township, and into Burlington County. D&R Greenway Land Trust's plans for this project complement the extensive and successful open space and farmland preservation efforts in Mercer, Monmouth, and Burlington Counties. The proposed acquisitions will serve to create contiguous lands that protect critical habitat; protect water quality by buffering the Delaware River, Assunpink Creek, Crosswicks Creek and other tributaries of the Delaware; and provide recreational opportunities in furtherance of a regional county-wide trail network, involving State, county and local governments.

Griggstown Acquisitions

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks to expand and connect the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park with Six Mile Run, Hutcheson Forest and other public open space in Franklin Township, Somerset County. The properties will be protected through fee simple purchase or conservation easements. The land and easements may be transferred to the State, County or Township, as appropriate. Purchased land may become part of the D&R Canal State Park to be used for passive recreation (including hiking, nature study, picnics, and fishing); grassland bird habitat protection; and research by Rutgers University.

Sourland Mountains Acquisition

Expanding on the Sourland Mountains Preserve Initiative, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 2,000 acres of land in the Sourland Mountains extending through Hopewell Township in Mercer County, East and West Amwell Townships in Hunterdon County, and Montgomery and Hillsborough Townships in Somerset County. The Sourlands acquisitions will focus on preserving

biodiversity and the habitat mosaic of the Sourland Mountains and adjoining Amwell and Hopewell valleys and Princeton Ridge area which includes forest, wetlands, shrub lands and grasslands. D&R Greenway Land Trust's plans in this project complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in East Amwell, West Amwell, Hillsborough and Montgomery Townships. The acquisition will expand existing preserved lands in all three counties and create a regional trail network.

In conjunction with the Hunterdon Land Trust and West Amwell Township, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,844 acres of land associated with the Sourland Mountains. The project area includes the mountain ridge between the Alexaukin and Moore's Creek stream corridors and will serve as a critical connector to the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area. This initiative is a component of a larger regional planning incentive area encompassing Mercer, Hunterdon, and Somerset Counties. The acquisition area will concentrate in West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County and expand existing preserved lands to create a regional network of trails in both counties.

Upper Millstone Greenway

D&R Greenway Land Trust plans to participate in the State's Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape project initiative by preserving land to create an east-west link along the Upper Millstone Greenway. The project area runs from Mercer County through Plainsboro and Cranbury Townships toward Monmouth Battlefield State Park and the border of Middlesex County. The project goal is to preserve stream buffers, floodplains, wildlife habitat, migration corridors, wetlands, and woodlands. D&R Greenway's stream corridor protection plans in this project complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in West Windsor, Plainsboro, and Cranbury Townships. The long-term project goal is to assist Middlesex County in its effort to establish a public walkway and bikeway system along a preserved greenway and to establish a regional link across central New Jersey.

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition

The Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space is committed to preserving land throughout Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Lawrence Township in Mercer County to create the Hopewell Valley Park, a regional recreation park system. The park system will serve as an ecological preserve and provide opportunities for passive recreation, such as hiking, bird watching and nature study. A system of trails will be developed for interpretative use.

Friends of West Windsor Open Space

\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Duck Pond Run - Greenway Initiative

In conjunction with the Township of West Windsor, Friends of West Windsor Open Space proposes to acquire select parcels identified in West Windsor's approved Open Space Plan. These acquisitions will contribute to West Windsor's designated Greenbelt and link various stream corridors associated with the Duck Pond Run, Delaware and Raritan Canal, and Big Bear Brook. Portions of these lands may be used for passive recreation such as hiking trails while maintaining open spaces for farming and natural resource conservation.

Hamilton Area YMCA
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Sawmill Improvement Project

The Hamilton Area YMCA is proposing improvements to its Sawmill Day Camp and Recreation Center, located on Sawmill Road. The Y seeks to increase access to safe, high-quality athletic fields at a low cost for youth and adult sports leagues through the conversion of a grass soccer field to synthetic turf. Accessory improvements include fencing, lighting upgrades, and stormwater management improvements. The Y also proposes ADA-compliant walkway improvements, including an extension that will serve as a connector with the planned Crosswicks Creek Greenway trail on adjacent Mercer County property along the Crosswicks Creek.

Harding Land Trust
\$ 125,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Open Spaces and Natural Places of Harding Township

The Harding Land Trust is committed to the protection of lands in Harding Township that border waterways, contribute to the rural character of the area, or are adjacent to preserved open space. The integrity of the Township's water resources is vital to the water quality of the Great Swamp. Many of Harding's stream corridors are forested and buffer the waterways, helping to protect water quality and provide wildlife habitat. The preservation of these lands through fee and easement acquisition will ensure these benefits for the future. Parcels adjacent to the Great Swamp and Jockey Hollow are high priority for preservation efforts. There are also numerous other preserved parcels throughout Harding, owned or restricted by local government or nonprofits. Lands adjacent to these parcels are a high priority for protection.

Hunterdon Land Trust
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

Hunterdon Land Trust seeks funding to continue its preservation efforts throughout the County, to protect rural agricultural landscapes and forests, enhance biodiversity, and provide water quality protection. The organization has ongoing initiatives in the Musconetcong Mountains, identified as a critical treasure of the NJ Highlands Region; the Sourland Mountains Region, which encompasses a vast forested plateau extending through East and West Amwell to the County border and having a profound effect on groundwater quality; and the Delaware River Bluffs, which extend along the western boundary of the entire County and include ancient geological features and endangered plant species, and filter many Delaware River tributaries.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Area Acquisitions

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) has successfully established itself throughout the State with specific regional managers in five regions: Highlands, Western Piedmont, Pine Barrens, Delaware Bay, and South Jersey Metropolitan area. In continuance of its far reaching preservation efforts, NJCF is now facilitating land acquisition projects through the deployment of staff in all five regions of the State simultaneously, involving thousands of acres of New Jersey's landscape.

PROJECT AREAS:

Appalachian Trail Buffers

New Jersey Conservation Foundation has identified lands to be protected along this world-famous corridor including properties in Sussex County.

Arthur Kill Greenway

The project is designed to protect in a connected greenway the network of streamside lands, marshland, floodplain forest and natural areas adjacent to the Arthur Kill, its tributaries and their headwaters. Despite the high population density and profusion of industrial, commercial and residential areas in the watershed, land along the tributaries of the Arthur Kill still supports high quality natural areas and diverse wildlife.

Black River Greenway / North Branch of the Raritan River

New Jersey Conservation Foundation seeks to acquire lands along Black River and Bamboo Brook adjacent to Hacklebarney State Park.

Burden Hill Forest Protection Initiative

New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in conjunction with the Natural Lands Trust (which is also receiving Green Acres funding), proposes to acquire 15,000 acres located within the Burden Hill

Complex. This area consists of the largest forest in Salem County. The organizations' primary objective is to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access to the land will include hiking on the existing trails.

Camden Parks and Greenways

New Jersey Conservation Foundation, as part of its Urban Parks Program, is pursuing open space preservation opportunities in coordination with State, county, city and other nonprofit efforts. Currently, NJCF has significant efforts underway to preserve lands along the Cooper and Delaware Rivers as part of the Camden Greenway. Current preservation opportunities range from shrub/scrub, semi-natural lands to abandoned industrial sites. NJCF plans to connect existing preserved lands and city "pocket parks" to expand the Camden Greenway and Park system.

Delaware Bay Watershed

New Jersey Conservation Foundation's Delaware Bay Watershed project area stretches along the southwestern coast of New Jersey in Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May Counties. The region is a complex patchwork of farms, forests, coastal marshes and freshwater wetlands, interspersed with crossroad villages and a handful of more densely populated towns and small cities. The Watershed features some of the most important migratory bird habitat in the entire western hemisphere. The 1,200-square mile project area is equally recognized for its rich biological diversity, productive farmland and maritime heritage. Under intense development pressure, NJCF is working to protect threatened critical wildlife and natural resources of the Delaware Bay region.

Delaware River Heritage Trail

This is a project starting in Camden and going north through the Delaware River towns up to Trenton as an integral part of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Trail Network, also known as "The Circuit."

Elwood Corridor Project

This project provides for the protection of forest parcels connecting Cape May and the Central Pine Barrens, an important route along the Atlantic flyway for migratory birds.

Forked River Mountain Additions

Through this project, NJCF seeks to protect approximately 20,000 acres of vacant, privately owned pristine Pine Barrens, known as the Forked River Mountains. The area contains a broad representation of the major vegetation/habitats typical of the central Pine Barrens.

Four Mile Circle

The Four Mile Circle area is south of Brendan T. Byrne State Forest (formerly known as Lebanon State Forest) and the New Lisbon Developmental Center, adjacent to the southeast side of Rt. 70, and straddles Sooy Road in Woodland Township. The area contains headwaters and tributaries of the Burrs Mill Brook. The entire project is located in the Pinelands and will connect public and private conservation lands.

Greater Kettle Run

In Burlington County, thousands of upland forest acres are fast becoming a development target. The Kettle Run watershed and its associated ecosystems will be protected through the preservation of this region.

Highlands Region

This project area includes critical landscapes associated with the Musconetcong Mountain and River Valley in Hunterdon and Morris Counties, Scott's Mountain in Warren County, the Vernon Marsh in Sussex County, Arcadia Lake, Pyramid Mountain and the Pequannock Watershed land in Sussex, Morris and Passaic Counties.

Pine Barrens

The Pine Barrens of New Jersey are a 1.1 million-acre mosaic of pine, oak and cedar forests. This area is home to numerous rare plant and animal species that are specially adapted to the nutrient poor, fire-prone conditions that drive the Pine Barrens ecosystem. NJCF's land protection efforts in the Pine Barrens are aimed at ensuring that large contiguous areas are preserved and managed to maintain landscape scale ecological processes and are open to the public so that they might understand and enjoy the region's beauty and importance.

Western Piedmont

Included in this area are the forested stream corridors and headwaters of the Wickecheoke Creek, the Back Brook, and the deeply forested Sourland Mountains.

NY-NJ Trail Conference
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Green Corridors 2

The NY-NJ Trail Conference's Green Corridors Project is a plan to acquire lands to close gaps in major trails, such as the Highlands Trail, the Picatinny Loop Trail (planned), Hewitt Butler Trail, Yellow Trail, Appalachian Trail, Warren Trail, and numerous existing trails managed by the Trail Conference in and around Long Pond Ironworks, Ringwood, Norvin Green and Wawayanda State Parks. The Trail Conference is seeking to eliminate road-walks along these trail systems and provide better access to existing trails.

Open Space Institute Land Trust
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Project Priority Areas

The Open Space Institute Land Trust (OSILT), a supporting organization of the Open Space Institute, is focusing their land preservation work in New Jersey in three priority areas:

Ridge and Valley (Warren County): OSILT is partnering with Warren County and the Ridge and Valley Conservancy to acquire key parcels that buffer the Ridge and Valley Trail as well as the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

New Jersey Highlands (Morris and Bergen Counties): OSILT proposes to extend its Highlands work

into New Jersey with a focus on key inholdings in the Highlands Planning Area of Morris County and the Ramapo Mountains of Bergen County along with watershed protective acquisitions.

Urban Parks Conservation (Hudson County): OSILT will partner with Hudson County and the City of Hoboken to identify urban acquisition priorities to create new opportunities for city residents to exercise and play outdoors.

Passaic River Rowing Association
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Passaic River Rowing Association Boathouse

The Passaic River Rowing Association proposes to develop and expand an existing boathouse in Riverside County Park South on Riverside Drive in Lyndhurst, Bergen County. The project would include the expansion of the boathouse to include indoor training facilities, showers, locker rooms, and meeting space, all in support of outdoor recreation.

Save Hamilton Open Space
\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Hamilton Township Greenways, Trails & Rural Resource Conservation

The preservation project area for "Save Hamilton Open Space" is Township-wide with a focus on connections between preserved properties to enhance public access and trail connections and the preservation of the Township's Rural Resource Conservation Zone areas. The land preservation goals of Save Hamilton Open Space are to be consistent with the Township's Master Plan, including the Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan as well as other public and nonprofit open space planning initiatives, including but not limited to Mercer County's Open Space Plan. One initial project is identified for preservation by Save Hamilton Open Space.

South Jersey Land and Water Trust
\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

South Jersey Watersheds

This project focuses on preserving lands near the headwaters and other drainage paths of the beautiful tidal and freshwater rivers flowing through Gloucester and Salem Counties which empty into the Delaware River. Raccoon Creek, Mantua Creek and Oldmans Creeks will be the main focus but other smaller and ecologically important waterways will also be included. The proposed area of preservation

includes all of Gloucester County as well as part of Salem County Carney's Point Township, Oldmans Township and Pilesgrove Township.

Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association

\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Watershed Connectors

This acquisition program for the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association is designed to create stream corridor protection areas along the Stony Brook connecting Hopewell Borough and Pennington Borough through the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association Reserve property. The linkages will follow along the Mount Rose/Princeton Ridge to the Stony Brook that will lead to Mercer County's Curlis Lake Woods, Rosedale Park, and Mercer County Park Northwest. This will also become part of a connector trail between the Sourland Mountains and Princeton and Washington Crossing State Park. The lands targeted for acquisition are a mixture of forest and fields, wetlands, and the stream corridor and the valley of the Stony Brook and the Mount Rose/Princeton Ridge.

Tewksbury Land Trust

\$ 175,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Land Acquisition

Tewksbury Land Trust is working in conjunction with Tewksbury Township to acquire lands identified in the Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Tewksbury Land Trust will acquire more than 150 acres within the watersheds of the Cold Brook, Rockaway Creek, and Lamington River protecting these resources as well as neighboring preserved parcels. All of these Tewksbury Township parcels are contained within the Highlands Region of New Jersey.

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare Open Space and Recreation Plans, Trails Plans and Greenway Plans. As the towns have prepared their plans, the Conservancy has added these towns into their project scope, in order to participate in cooperative acquisition projects. The Conservancy has an extensive list of future projects, with a special focus on protecting wildlife habitat and preserving land in the Highlands, and in the Passaic River wetlands areas. Within the Highlands, the Conservancy is working closely with the State to expand existing wildlife management areas and state parks, and with municipal partners to connect and expand local parks. The newly established South Branch Preserve is a 1,000-acre project area encompassing nearly two miles of

the South Branch of the Raritan River in Morris County protecting the headwaters of the river. More than 1 million New Jersey residents receive their drinking water from this watershed. The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is working with a team of preservation partners to permanently protect this critical natural resource.

The Nature Conservancy
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

The Nature Conservancy seeks to acquire land in several active projects areas. These include: Cape May Project Area, in Cape May and Cumberland Counties; Delaware Bayshore, in Cumberland County; High Mountain Preserve, in Passaic County; Limestone Forest, in Sussex and Warren Counties; Maurice River Project Area, in Cumberland County; East and West Plains and Oswego River Lowlands, in Burlington and Ocean Counties; Elwood Corridor and Hirst Ponds, in Atlantic County; and Forked River Mountain, in Ocean County. The Nature Conservancy priority acquisitions include:

Cape May Project Area

An environmentally sensitive 322 acres, located throughout Cape May and Cumberland Counties, consists of: beaches, mudflats and salt marshes lining the Delaware Bay; the lowland forests of Lizard Tail Swamp and Indian Trail Swamp; the coastal plain ponds at Bennett Bogs; the tidal marshes and oak pine forests of the Eldora site; the headwaters at Goshen Ponds; and wetlands and forests of the Cape May peninsula. This open space preservation will provide for such expanded recreational activities as hiking, birding, nature study, wildlife photography, and hunting, by permit, at designated locations.

Delaware Bay

The Nature Conservancy has identified the need to preserve 1,160 acres to protect critical habitat for spring migratory shorebirds and globally rare plants in the Delaware Bayshore and to expand recreational activities such as hiking, birding, nature study, and wildlife photography.

High Mountain Preserve

High Mountain Park Preserve was one of the original cooperative projects between a nonprofit, a local government, and the State, all using Green Acres funds. Portions of the 298 acres are jointly owned by The Nature Conservancy, Wayne Township, and the NJDEP. The Nature Conservancy plans to continue its acquisition of adjacent lands to add to High Mountain Park Preserve.

Limestone Forest

The Nature Conservancy proposes additions to the Conservancy's existing holdings of 351 acres in the Limestone Forest of Warren and Sussex counties.

Maurice River Project Area

The Nature Conservancy plans to acquire approximately 1,700 acres at three sites within the Maurice River watershed and its tributaries. The property consists of the brackish to freshwater tidal marshes and associated forests along the Maurice River North, as well as those along the Manantico Creek, in addition to the extensive wild rice tidal marsh along the Manumuskin River. These lands will provide

for expanded recreational activities such as hiking, birding, nature study, wildlife photography, and horseback riding, by permit, at a designated location.

East and West Plains

The East Plains protects exemplary occurrences of the globally imperiled upland community - pine plains - as well as a number of associated rare species including broom crowberry (*Corema conradii*) and Buchholz's dart moth (*Argotis buchholzi*). The boundaries of this site are drawn to protect the fireshed of the pitch pine plains also known as the pygmy or dwarf pine forest. The fireshed boundary is comprised of firebreaks such as wetlands, stream corridors, roads and development and defines the extent of the area that would burn if subjected to a fire. The East Plains project would add 300 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

The pygmy pine or dwarf pine forests found in the Pine Barrens' West Plains site are internationally recognized as an ecologically important and globally imperiled resource. These areas are often referred to as "pine plains" and are dominated by a serotinous (closed-cone) race of pitch pine from four to 10 feet high, whose cones open and release seeds only after being subjected to the high temperatures associated with fire. Both globally-rare and state-rare species have also been recorded within the site. The West Plains project would establish a new preserve totaling 2,414 acres.

Oswego River Lowlands

The Oswego River Lowlands site in Bass River and Woodland Townships, Burlington County, is an approximately 10-mile-long and one-mile-wide streamside corridor of Pine Barrens wetlands dominated by pitch pine lowland forest, cedar swamps, hardwood swamps and Pine Barren savannas. The diverse landscape of communities supports numerous globally and state-rare species. This project represents a 450-acre addition to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

Elwood Corridor

This 3,000-acre addition to the Conservancy's existing holdings will provide for the protection of forest parcels connecting Cape May and the Central Pine Barrens, an important route along the Atlantic flyway for migratory birds.

Hirst Ponds

Located in Galloway Township, Atlantic County, near the southern end of the Pine Barrens on the outer coastal plain, this site encompasses two high quality coastal plain vernal ponds - Hirst Pond and Barkwoods Pond - which together support several globally imperiled plant species, including critically imperiled Hirst Brothers' panic grass, as well as the state endangered Pine Barrens tree frog. Coastal plain vernal ponds have severely declined in number over the past two centuries. The project would add 40 to 60 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

Forked River Mountains

This central Pinelands area is dominated by pitch pine oak forest and cedar and hardwood swamps, pitch pine lowlands and bogs. This project would add 7,900 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

Trust for Public Land
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Project Priority Areas

Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition

The Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition Project Area includes 297 acres in Egg Harbor, Galloway and Hamilton townships. Some of the property is environmentally sensitive, but the majority of land to be purchased has recreational development potential and will serve active recreation needs. All land is in the Pinelands Regional Growth Area.

Bay to Bay

The Bay to Bay project area connects the Century Plan (Barnegat Bay area) and Harbor Estuary (Raritan Bay and Arthur Kill, Hudson, and Kill Van Kull Rivers in the NY/NJ Harbor) Project Areas.

Bergen County Open Space Plan Partnership

Trust for Public Land will assist in the implementation of the Bergen County Open Space & Recreation Plan, including lands identified for preservation in the Highlands.

Beyond the Century Plan - Barnegat Bay Initiative

This property is a mix of upland and wetland forest and is currently vacant land in an aquifer recharge area. The land is in the headwaters of Toms River, Oyster Creek, the South Branch of the Metedeconk River, and Manahawkin Mill Creek. Future use will be consistent with habitat conservation in conjunction with passive recreational use, including research, education, and wildlife observation.

Camden Balanced Communities Acquisition

TPL has targeted 300 acres of land for preservation in the Camden Greenways/Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Voorhees Township Open Space and Recreation Plan. The majority of the property is being obtained for passive recreation, including research, education, and wildlife observation. Targeted lands include stream corridors, forests, wetlands, and habitat for native, rare, endangered, and threatened species.

Cape May Balanced Communities

TPL will assist local governments in Cape May County to acquire parks and open space for the public to connect to the outdoors.

Delaware River Inland

TPL will augment Burlington County's comprehensive land preservation effort by partnering with the County and the Rancocas Conservancy, a local nonprofit, in implementing Burlington County's Farmland and Open Space Strategic Plans.

Essex County Open Space

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Essex County Open Space Plan.

Harbor Estuary Acquisition

Trust for Public Land will expand the Arthur Kill River watershed protection project by acquiring the

remaining viable wetland systems in the area, including salt marshes, freshwater wetlands, and adjacent forests. The project area spans four counties and seven municipalities along the Arthur Kill River and its watershed surrounding the New Jersey Harbor (part of the greater New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary and Bight that stretches from the tidal boundaries on the Hudson River to the confluence of the Hudson, Arthur Kill, and Kill Van Kull Rivers in the NY/NJ Harbor). This area is New Jersey's most developed and densely populated. The conservation value of the remaining salt marshes, freshwater wetlands and adjacent forests is, therefore, extremely significant.

Hudson County Open Space

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Hudson County Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Hunterdon County Open Space Partnership

Trust for Public Land proposes to partner with Hunterdon County to acquire properties and easements identified in the County's Open Space Plan. The proposed areas of preservation are mostly open space, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetland areas. Future use, in most cases, will be consistent with active or passive recreation, with conservation of sensitive areas.

Interstate 195 Corridor

Trust for Public Land will assist in the acquisition of lands along the rapidly developing Interstate 195 corridor in Monmouth and Mercer counties.

Metedeconk Watershed Protection

The proposed areas of preservation are part of the Metedeconk River Watershed in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Properties targeted are mostly open, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetlands areas. The Metedeconk Watershed is a 70-square mile sub-watershed of the Barnegat Bay watershed. The biggest challenge facing this watershed is the booming population growth rate, which has led to the loss of forests and small isolated wetlands. Present zoning in the watershed would allow most of the open space to be developed.

Morris Open Space Acquisition

Trust for Public Land will assist in the acquisition of lands adjacent to Allamuchy State Park, the Scherman-Hoffman Audubon Sanctuary, and Wildcat Ridge Wildlife Management Area. Federal Forest Legacy and Land and Water Conservation Fund money may be used to assist with these acquisitions. Preserved properties will add to and provide a buffer to existing open space.

Passaic Open Space Acquisition

TPL will assist in the acquisition of property within Passaic County.

Somerset Open Space Partnership

TPL will assist in the acquisition of property within Somerset County.

Sussex Open Space Partnership

TPL will assist in the acquisition of property within Sussex County.

Upper Delaware River Watershed

Trust for Public Land is negotiating to acquire hundreds of acres of land located along Scotts Mountain, linking to Jenny Jump State Forest. These acquisitions are aimed at protecting source water supplies and will supplement existing regional parkland resources.

Wanaque Gap

As part of its work to preserve water supply areas in northern New Jersey, TPL has targeted a large "gap" of unprotected land in the Wanaque watershed immediately south of Sterling Forest, between the northern and southern portions of Norvin Green State Forest. This land will be acquired and/or protected through conservation easements.

Washington Park Association \$ 150,000 Matching Grant Award Park Development

Washington and Lincoln Park Improvements

Washington Park straddles the border of Union City and Jersey City on the edge of the Palisades Cliffs. The proposed Landscape Improvement project is planned in three sections of Washington Park as demonstration gardens of sustainable urban plantings and water management techniques to address storm water issues. It will establish additional wildlife habitats while providing opportunity for wildlife observation. Improved opportunities for individuals that require barrier-free access will also be incorporated. The Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage project will enhance the visitor's experience at both Lincoln and Washington Parks. Currently there is no directional or interpretive signage at either park, making it a challenge for visitors to know of all the opportunities available. The goal of the project is to develop a comprehensive directional and interpretive signage system for the recreational, environmental, and historic components in both parks. Also in Lincoln Park West along the Hackensack River, proposed improvements include a butterfly garden, perennial shade gardens, two fishing lakes, a dog run, and recreation fields.

STATE LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS

Categories

Barnegat Bay Watershed Greenway

The Barnegat Bay is the most widely used recreational resource in New Jersey, yet its ecosystem is fragile and dependent on the preservation of coastal islands, wetlands, and critical uplands. Preservation of open lands within the Barnegat Bay Watershed will promote the continued enjoyment of this critical natural and recreation resource by millions of residents and visitors each year.

Crossroads of the American Revolution

More Revolutionary War battles took place in New Jersey than in any other state, as the creation of the 14-county Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area attests. Remarkably, many vestiges of the Revolutionary era still remain, including mines, mills, soldier's footpaths, leaders' homes, encampment sites, battlegrounds, and barracks. Many of these sites are already preserved in public ownership; many more can still be preserved. What is even more remarkable, though, is that much of the landscape over which Washington's army crossed en route from battle to battle is still open land. The basis of this project is to preserve land, through a variety of methods and with a variety of partners, which will help interpret New Jersey's role in the American Revolution.

Delaware River Watershed Greenway

Many consider the Delaware River Valley one of the most scenic areas of the Mid-Atlantic States. A trip down the 115 miles that the river meanders along New Jersey's western border would reveal dramatic palisades at the Delaware Water Gap, the steep rise of the Kittatinny Mountains, forested islands, rolling valleys, towns, historic villages, and farms. The Delaware River also serves as a section of a major flyway for migratory birds. The amount of access varies throughout the length of the river, but remarkably, the vast majority of the New Jersey land along its length is only sparsely developed and retains its scenic quality. Efforts are underway to secure greater public access, broaden the width of public holdings within its corridor, and protect the scenic and historic resources of the Delaware River and its tributaries.

Highlands Greenway

Sweeping across the north central portion of New Jersey, nearly 1 million acres of forests in the Highlands surround and protect the source waters for one-third of New Jersey's citizens. Serving as a spectacular green belt around some of the nation's most densely populated cities and suburbs, the majority of the Highlands' mountains, ridges, forests, and fields are privately held and are thus vulnerable to development. Preservation of the greenbelt is critical to ensuring the integrity of New Jersey's water supplies and maintaining the state's biodiversity.

Natural Areas

New Jersey's natural areas protect threatened or endangered plant and animal species. Green Acres is committed to protecting these environmentally sensitive regions of New Jersey. Green Acres plans to expand dozens of Natural Areas throughout the state, ranging geographically from Woodbine Bogs in Cape May County, to Strawberry Hill in Mercer County, to Ramapo Lake Natural Area in Bergen and Passaic counties.

Pinelands

The only nationally designated reserve of its kind in the country, the Pinelands harbors species found nowhere else in the world. Its sandy soils filter billions of gallons of annual rainfall into New Jersey's largest drinking water aquifer. Comprising 1 million acres, the majority of which are privately held, the Pinelands continue to offer important opportunities for land and resource preservation. Permanent protection of open spaces in the Pinelands will ensure excellent water quality, ecosystem integrity, sustainable agricultural production, and the continuance of such resource-based recreation as canoeing, hunting, and camping.

Ridge and Valley Greenway

Bounded by the Highlands to the east and the uppermost reaches of the Delaware River to the west, the Ridge and Valley region is made up of ridges including the Kittatinny and Jenny Jump, and valleys including the Paulinskill and Wallkill. These are popular areas for camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, and cross-country skiing. The ridge-tops offer amazing vistas of New Jersey, N

The purchase of additional lands in the Ridge and Valley Region will create linkages between publicly owned lands, including the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area, Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park, Jenny Jump State Forest, and Bear Swamp Wildlife Management Area. Acquisitions in this region promote public access while also helping to protect surface water quality in the watersheds of the Upper Delaware River, the Paulinskill, the Wallkill and the Pequest River, and aquifer recharge areas for public drinking water supplies. This project area will further protect the habitat of a variety of wildlife species, including such endangered plants and animals as the dwarf wedge mussel, bog turtle, bobcats, and rattlesnake.

Appendix 1

Local Funding Formula

Awards to local government units continue to be based on a formula that provides additional funding to cities and older densely developed suburban communities. The Program established a system that factors in the total population or population density of a municipality or county. The recommendations to the Garden State Preservation Trust reflect the following factors, assuming that a “base award” is presented to those municipal and county sponsors outside of the population centers:

County sponsors:

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| ▪ Densely populated (More than 5,000 people per square mile) | 3 times the base award |
| ▪ Highly populated (More than 1,000 people per square mile) | 2.5 times the base award |
| ▪ Less than 1,000 people per square mile | 2 times the base award |

Municipal sponsors:

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| ▪ Urban Aid | 2 times the base award |
| ▪ Densely/Highly Populated
(Densely populated: more than 5,000 people per square mile)
(Highly populated: more than 35,000 total population) | 1.5 times the base award |
| ▪ All others | Base award |

The multiplication factors and base award vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities. This round, the base award is \$550,000 for acquisition projects and development projects. In addition, applicants are limited to one project. Project award caps are:

COUNTY SPONSOR	Project Cap
Densely Populated	\$1,650,000
Highly Populated	\$1,375,000
Remaining counties	\$1,100,000
MUNICIPAL SPONSOR	Project Cap
Urban Aid	\$1,100,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$ 825,000
Remaining municipalities	\$ 550,000