

**The following Public Question will appear on the
November 3, 2009 General Election Ballot**

**GREEN ACRES, WATER SUPPLY AND
FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, AND FARMLAND
AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
BOND ACT OF 2009**

YES

Shall the "Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$400 million to provide moneys for (1) the acquisition and development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including lands that protect water supplies, (2) the preservation of farmland for agricultural or horticultural use and production, (3) the acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, and (4) funding historic preservation projects; and providing the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, with full public disclosure of all spending, be approved?

NO

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT

Approval of this act would authorize \$400 million in funding for Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds. The Green Acres program acquires land that protects water supplies and preserves open space, including parks, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood prone or affected areas. It also funds park improvements and facilities. Of the total sum authorized: (1) \$218 million will be used for Green Acres; (2) \$146 million will be used for farmland preservation purposes; (3) \$24 million will be used for the "Blue Acres" program by which the State may purchase from willing sellers, for open space preservation purposes, properties that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage; and (4) \$12 million will be used for historic preservation purposes. All spending of the authorized bond proceeds will be subject to full public disclosure.

Nina Mitchell Wells, Secretary of State