

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, Park Development,
and Stewardship Projects**

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,

General Overview

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program will provide nearly \$80.7 million in funding to local governments and nonprofit land trusts to acquire open space, develop parks, and perform stewardship activities on parks throughout New Jersey. This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes \$37.14 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$33.17 million for local development of parks and recreational facilities, \$5.79 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations, and \$2.45 million for recreational development by nonprofits. This funding comes from the Preserve New Jersey Act (P.L. 2016, C12), the enabling legislation for funding approved by voters in 2014, as well as loan and interest repayments, interest earnings, and previously approved projects that did not come to fruition. The Preserve New Jersey Act provided funding specifically for stewardship activities, and these recommendations include \$1.38 million for local stewardship projects and nearly \$748,000 for nonprofit stewardship projects.

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 690,000 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 1.5 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.

New Jersey is home to nearly every kind of recreation opportunity. Public lands acquired and improved with Green Acres funding 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 \$37.1 million in grants and loans is being approved for 61 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 funding round 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 provided as 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. This round of projects includes \$33.1 million in grants and loans for 42 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects urban, suburban, or rural areas 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. The Preserve New Jersey Act reinforced this priority by increasing the grant ratio for Urban Aid projects from 50% to 75%. These projects are still eligible for the balance as a zero-interest loan, up to the funding round cap. Projects sponsored by **Densely Populated Counties** (population density of more than 5,000 people per square mile) receive 50% 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:** Communities that do not fall into the Urban Aid or Densely/Highly Populated categories will receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the funding round 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, which range from small, local groups to large, international organizations. Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition statewide, and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid, Densely Populated, or Highly Populated Municipalities, or Densely Populated Counties.

This year, approximately \$5.8 million is being awarded to 20 nonprofit organizations for land acquisition projects. Ten nonprofits are receiving a total of \$2.4 million for park development projects.

Stewardship Projects

For the first time, the Preserve New Jersey Act established funding for stewardship activities by local

governments and nonprofit organizations on lands held for public recreation and conservation purposes. The Act defines stewardship as “an activity, which is beyond routine operations and maintenance...to repair or restore lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes for the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation and conservation purposes.”

In developing this new funding program, Green Acres solicited input from local governments, nonprofits, and natural resource professionals. Based on these discussions, Green Acres decided to focus the limited Stewardship funds on natural resource and conservation projects and not active recreation facilities.

Stewardship grants are in the form of a 50% matching grant for most local projects and all nonprofit projects. For local stewardship projects in an Urban Aid municipality, awards are in the form of a 75% matching grant. This year, we are approving \$1.3 million for 13 local stewardship projects, and nearly \$748,000 for 8 nonprofit stewardship 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, PARK DEVELOPMENT, AND STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

Atlantic County

Hamilton Township

2nd Street Park Acq

The Township of Hamilton and the Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association are pursuing the purchase of a 0.8-acre vacant lot located on the Babcock Creek at the east end of 2nd Street in Mays Landing. Most of the lot is in a natural freshwater tidal marsh and the remainder is shrubby forest. The land provides multiple ecosystem services for nature and flood control. The site is listed as bald eagle habitat and is located fully within a federally designated Wild and Scenic River corridor. This will be a passive pocket park in a developed area.

\$ 40,500 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Standard Acquisition Category

Pleasantville City

Bayview Avenue Waterfront Park

The City of Pleasantville proposes to construct a linear waterfront park that will link the previously named Jokers Field to the Pleasantville Marina. The specific facilities at Jokers Field will include an outdoor Amphitheatre/Gazebo, open play area, walking trails along the waterfront with signage that leads to the Marina and landscaping. At the existing Marina, the City proposes elevation of the parking area to improve stormwater management, construction of a small portable snack/bait shop/restroom building and dredging to ensure that this facility can be enjoyed by the public. Finally, there will be the installation of bike racks, decorative fencing and various other site amenities.

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

Bergen County

Bergen County

Overpeck Park Improvements 2

Bergen County proposes to upgrade existing outdoor recreation activities at Overpeck Park in Area I (Teaneck Creek Park), and to create new recreational opportunities in Area II. Area I improvements will include the restoration of the degraded wetlands and habitat, which will absorb and retain stormwater on the site and provide for new environmental stewardship programs, expanded outdoor nature education programs, and greater opportunities for place-specific public art. Area II improvements will create public access to 75 acres where there currently is no public access, and will include walkways (trails), boardwalks, a footbridge crossing the Teaneck Creek, interpretive signage, and parking. Future plans envision new educational and interactive experiences at this park.

\$ 1,250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated County

Bergen County

Stormwater Canyon Restoration

Bergen County proposes to restore one acre of freshwater wetland and forested riparian habitat environment, replace invasive plants with native species, and improve stormwater management at Overpeck Park in Teaneck. Perhaps most importantly, this represents the critical first step in an effort to restore over 40 acres of habitat in Overpeck County Park Area 1 (Teaneck Creek Park) in Teaneck. Once a flowing stream, today the project waterway, known as Stormwater Canyon, is a deeply incised gully that cannot support healthy native species. Improving the hydrology at the proposed site is at the forefront of restoration because improved hydrology can improve natural habitat. In addition, degraded, flashy hydrology undermines any other attempt at habitat improvement.

**\$ 113,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Bergenfield Boro

Twin Boro Field Improvements

Bergenfield Borough proposes improvements to Twin Boro Field Park, located on Twin Boro Lane at Vivyen Street. Proposed facilities include two synthetic turf baseball/softball fields, a synthetic turf soccer field, a synthetic turf soccer/football field, sports lighting, field amenities, fencing, and stormwater management improvements.

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

Elmwood Park Borough

Birchwood Park Improvements

The Borough of Elmwood Park proposes a playground replacement project at Birchwood Park, located on Birchwood Drive between West Parkway and East Parkway. The Borough will install Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant playground equipment as well as rubber playground surfacing and a vinyl perimeter, creating a safer playground with reduced maintenance requirements. New picnic tables will allow for greater passive recreation use of the park by the public.

**\$ 37,500 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Franklin Lakes Borough

Franklin Lakes Open Space Acquisition

Franklin Lakes Borough seeks to acquire 12.2 acres of developable meadows and woodlands directly adjacent to approximately 125 acres of Green Acres-funded Borough property. Most of the preserved land is open space and woodlands, with an existing extensive network of primitive trails and nature paths, which have been developed with the assistance of the Bergen County Open Space program and the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference. These heavily utilized trails provide the opportunity to promote environmental conservation while allowing residents to safely access and enjoy the Borough's public open spaces. The inclusion of this parcel is a rare opportunity to further expand upon the local trail system. In addition, a portion of the site is located within highly regulated areas including a combination of freshwater wetlands, State open waters, 100-year floodplain and mature woodlands.

**\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Standard Acquisition Category**

Garfield City

Garfield Athletic Complex

The City of Garfield proposes to redevelop Garfield High School's dilapidated and unsafe athletic facilities to serve as a resource for the entire community. The restored Athletic Complex, located at Semel and Palisade Avenues, will feature a synthetic turf football field, running track and various track and field facilities, two sod multipurpose fields (baseball/softball/soccer/lacrosse), and a concession/restroom building. The outer wall of the stadium at the site will be restored, preserving this historic structure. Also included in the project is rehabilitation of tennis and basketball courts, the addition of picnic and seating areas, parking improvements, irrigation, fencing, lighting, stormwater management improvements, and landscaping.

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

Hackensack City

Foschini Park Improvements

The City of Hackensack is proposing improvements to Foschini Park, located at River Street. The City plans to rehabilitate two fields - one little league and one baseball field - that are ringed by East Camden Street. Proposed improvements include the regrading and reseeding of the fields, along with installation of new infield clay. Field amenities, fencing, and lighting will be installed, and stormwater management improvements will be added to address flooding issues at the site.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 200,000 Loan Award
\$ 800,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hillsdale Borough

Hillsdale Flood Buyout Acquisition

Hillsdale Borough proposes the acquisition of land within the Pascack Brook Floodplain/Flood Hazard Area to promote better water quality, enhance the general watershed environment, encourage more recreational use of the water, and to be consistent with the Hillsdale Open Space Commission report. Open space preservation of parcels along waterways is a high priority because of their contribution to the quality of the public water supply, enhancement of flood storage to protect downstream properties, addition to a Greenway Corridor along the Pascack Brook, proximity to existing parkland and walking trails, and creation of seamless open space and recreation when combined with existing open space and potential future acquisitions along the Pascack Brook.

\$ 61,650 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Standard Acquisition Category

New Milford Borough

Kennedy Field Improvements

New Milford Borough proposes to improve the existing athletic fields at Kennedy Field, located at the intersection of Raymond Woods Drive and Columbia Street. Planned improvements include installation of synthetic turf playing surface for multi-use fields, bleachers, a press box, other field equipment, permanent and temporary fencing, field lighting, a walking path around the field perimeter, utilities, and landscaping.

**\$ 647,500 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

North Arlington Borough

Daniel Morris Park Improvements

North Arlington Borough plans to construct a hydraulic powered water spray pad for toddlers and younger children at Daniel Morris Park on River Road on the bank of the Passaic River. The spray park will provide a fun place to cool off, particularly important as the Borough does not have a public pool. Spray park improvements will include utilities, drainage, and walkways to access the facilities.

**\$ 59,800 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Ridgefield Borough

Ridgefield Nature Center Improvements

Ridgefield Borough proposes improvements to the existing Ridgefield Nature Center, including clearing overgrown weeds, eradicating invasive plant species, and removing dead trees to provide a safer and more accessible walking path. These improvements will make it possible for the community, including students at nearby elementary and middle schools, seniors who attend the community center, as well as local residents, to enjoy a safer, more accessible park, thereby helping the overall health of the surrounding community.

**\$ 61,812 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Rutherford Borough

Memorial Park Improvements

The Borough of Rutherford is planning to install field lighting at Memorial Park's natural grass multi-purpose field, adjacent to the end of Darwin Avenue. This field contains two softball fields (Diamonds 5 and 6) and is also utilized as a soccer field. The installation of lights will better accommodate the youth and adult athletic programs that use the fields, and will lessen demand for the fields that already have lighting.

**\$ 148,215 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Wood-Ridge Borough

Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition

The Borough of Wood-Ridge proposes the acquisition of approximately 11.8 acres of land adjacent to a new residential development. The proposed acquisition is a portion of the former Curtiss Wright industrial complex. It is near the newly renovated NJ Transit Westmont Station and a bus stop on Passaic Avenue. The Borough has need for additional recreation resources and this will allow them to expand a variety of recreational opportunities. Potential future development includes both active and passive uses, such as field sports, a playground and shelter, restrooms, a multi-purpose trail, and a dog run. A multipurpose lawn is proposed to allow for open play, people watching, sunbathing, and community events.

**\$ 750,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Standard Acquisition Category**

Burlington County

Burlington County

Stewardship Multi Parks

The Burlington County Department of Resource Conservation proposes to improve stewardship of natural resources and conservation areas at three locations within its growing park and trail system. Stewardship activities are proposed at Pennington Park in Delanco Township, Crystal Lake Park in Mansfield Township, and Kinkora Trail in Mansfield Township. The proposed activities include invasive species removal/control, wildlife habitat restoration and enhancement, freshwater wetlands enhancement, forest/woodland restoration and enhancement, stream corridor enhancement, interpretive signage, and expanded public environmental education.

**\$ 54,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Camden County

Camden County

Cooper River Park Improvements II

Camden County is proposing improvements to Cooper River Park, located along North and South Park Drives in Cherry Hill Township, Pennsauken Township, Camden City, and Collingswood Borough. Cooper River Park is a heavily used park located in the most populous area of Camden County. In this phase, the County plans improvements to Zone 3 (The Great Lawn), Zone 7 (Williamson Field/Picnic Grove/Memorial Gardens), and Zone 15 (Armitage Pavilion). Proposed improvements include plazas, pavilions, decks, fencing, landscaping, gabion walls, lighting, signage, walkways, parking improvements, riparian buffers, and a regatta viewing feature.

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

Camden County

Watchable Wildlife Trail

Camden County will make improvements to the Watchable Wildlife Trail, which runs through Maria Barnaby Greenwald Park, Pennypacker Park, and Hopkins Pond Parks. The trail extends 1.8 miles through Haddonfield Borough and Cherry Hill Township, and provides a great learning experience for residents. This project includes wayfinding signage along these corridors, as well as trail restoration activities on the trail. The project will enhance the trail's educational features and improve access to the existing pathway, making the regional trail system more interactive and easy to explore.

**\$ 50,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Camden City

North Camden Waterfront Park III

The City of Camden, in partnership with local nonprofit organizations, proposes the continued development of the North Camden Waterfront Development Project, a 2.4-mile continuous public waterfront park and greenway trail along the Delaware River waterfront that stretches from the central waterfront through the North Camden neighborhood to the Cramer Hill waterfront. This phase of the project will create RCA Pier Park, the future southern anchor of the Waterfront Park, on a formerly industrial pier currently used for parking. The 2.5-acre park will create a unique natural amenity on the Camden Waterfront with tremendous views of Philadelphia and the Delaware River.

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

Pennsauken Township

Delaware Gardens River View Renewal

Pennsauken Township is proposing improvements to the existing Delaware Gardens Park and Tippin's Pond to increase the recreational opportunities in the community and provide active and passive recreational opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities. Proposed improvements include renovation of existing softball and soccer fields currently in disrepair, removal of an existing exercise path and installation of a new multi-use path that will extend to Tippin's Pond, and installation of new exercise equipment and park benches. The project also aims to restore the picturesque vista to a portion of the property which faces the scenic and historic Delaware River. The project encompasses three parcels and the design proposes to create an interconnected system that links them. The project will aim to rebuild and revitalize the existing facility into a multipurpose complex, making it a destination for local residents as well as residents of neighboring communities.

**\$ 593,845 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Cumberland County

Vineland City

Park Improvement at Burnt Mill Pond

Vineland City proposes park improvements to Burnt Mill Pond Park, located on North Delsea Drive (Route 47), where dense and invasive vegetation has taken hold following storm damage to the existing dam. The City proposes a new 6-foot-wide pedestrian trail along the pond corridor, a pre-fabricated fishing pier/scenic overlook, repair of the existing historic footbridge, and pond de-vegetation of invasive species and dense vegetation that prevent recreational activities on the pond. The proposed improvements will enhance the overall active and passive recreational experience at the park.

\$ 560,625 Matching Grant Award
\$ 186,875 Loan Award
\$ 747,500 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Essex County

Essex County

Multi-Park Improvements

Having completed improvements at Weequahic Park, Glenfield Park and Cedar Grove Park, Essex County wishes to continue renovations at other parks throughout the County Park system. The next series of improvements will focus on Riverbank Park and Vailsburg Park, both located in Newark; Verona Park, located in Verona Township; Yanticaw Park, located in Nutley Township; Grover Cleveland Park, located in the Boroughs of Caldwell and Essex Fells; and other County parks as funding allows. At Yanticaw, Verona, and Grover Cleveland Parks, the playground areas will be refurbished; field house improvements are planned at Vailsburg Park; and at Riverbank Park, the baseball field and stadium will be renovated.

\$ 1,500,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Belleville Township

Belleville Municipal Stadium Improvements

The Township of Belleville is requesting funding to develop and rehabilitate recreational fields at Belleville Municipal Stadium, located on Nolton Avenue. The Stadium currently has bleachers, four ballfields, a synthetic turf football field, and a synthetic turf multipurpose field. The new project will consist of removing two of the existing ballfields; installing a multi-sport facility, including a synthetic track and field event area and a synthetic turf field for softball, football, and soccer; installing a track drainage system; new fencing; new and relocated lighting; and landscape improvements. Belleville Municipal Stadium is the largest and most heavily used municipal park in the Township.

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

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.

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

East Orange City

Columbian Park Improvements

The City of East Orange would like to make comprehensive upgrades to Columbian Playground, an existing park located in the City's 5th Ward. Columbian Playground is a 4.4-acre park space behind George Washington Carver Elementary School and residential properties. The City would like to improve and enhance the recreational resources in East Orange, in accordance with goals established in the 2013 East Orange Parks Master Plan. Improvements will include a rubberized walking track, multipurpose sports field, expanded pool deck, new entrance landscaping and fencing, a new volleyball court, outdoor exercise equipment, repaving the basketball court, and rebuilding the field house. The objective of the proposed improvements is to help make Columbian Playground an inviting space, and prime location for passive and active recreation in East Orange.

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

Newark City

Newark Riverfront Park Acquisition Project

The City of Newark will utilize Green Acres funds to purchase thirteen properties, in fee or easement, along the Passaic River from Bridge Street to 4th Avenue. These properties, when acquired, will constitute the Northern terminus of the Newark Riverfront Park expansion. This segment of the Riverfront Park expansion is commonly referred to as the Lower Broadway Segment. In total, it spans 0.7 miles and will add 2.5 acres of parkland in Newark. The Newark Riverfront Park opened in 2012 and brought passive and active recreation to Newark's Ironbound section along Raymond Boulevard. The Riverfront Park expansion project will connect the existing park along the waterfront to the edge of the City northward. A new phase of the project that will connect the existing park to downtown Newark and expand the park to Madison Street broke ground in October 2016 and is expected to be constructed by the fall of 2017. The next phase of construction is set to commence in the summer of 2017 and will extend from Madison Street to Bridge Street. This request focuses on the acquisition of properties for the final phase from Bridge Street to 4th Avenue.

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

Nutley Township

Father Glotzbach Soccer Field Turf Project

The Township of Nutley proposes to replace the existing synthetic turf at the Father Glotzbach Park soccer field, located off of Park Avenue. The field is in almost constant use for a minimum of 10 months a year. It is the dedicated soccer and lacrosse field for recreation and travel leagues, the high school teams, and the general public. In the summer, it hosts Camp Nutley and other sports clinics. Due to the constant use, it has outlived its useful life. With its replacement, the tradition of active, safe recreational use will continue.

\$ 262,586 Matching Grant Award
\$ 87,529 Loan Award
\$ 350,115 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Orange City Township

Multipark Improvements

The City of Orange Township has requested Green Acres funding to allow them to continue ongoing 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.

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

West Orange Township

West Orange Multipark Development

The Township of West Orange is requesting Green Acres funds for a multi-field park development project that will greatly enhance two centrally-located public recreational facilities in the community: Degnan Field and Lafayette Field. West Orange is divided into roughly four main sections and the Township believes that each neighborhood should have a quality recreational facility that provides local residents easy access to a range of outdoor activities. Degnan Field serves the Pleasant Valley Way neighborhood; upgrades there will positively impact playing conditions for girls softball and little league baseball. Combined, the proposed improvements will have both short- and long-term benefits that include increasing recreational opportunities for all. Lafayette Field is located in the Township's densely-populated downtown, which has an urban character and serves a mostly minority population. Field developments at this location will include the conversion of an underutilized baseball field into a futsal/volleyball field that will better align with the recreational interests of local residents.

\$ 45,525 Matching Grant Award
\$136,575 Loan Award
\$182,100 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Gloucester County

Franklin Township

Piney Hollow Preservation Area

Franklin Township intends to restore and repair the extensive trail system in the Piney Hollow Preservation Area, located off Piney Hollow and Unexpected Road in Franklin Township. Improvements include restricting vehicular access, restoring and moving trails, establishing boardwalks through flooded areas, and removing or repairing a failed dike across one of the former cranberry bog lakes, a visually spectacular part of the property. Additionally, the Township proposes to erect interpretive signage to develop an awareness and understanding of the site, thereby increasing its use as a passive recreation site.

**\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Glassboro Borough

Town Square Park Improvements

As part of an overall redevelopment project, the Borough of Glassboro is creating 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 Borough completed the first phase of the park development which included paths, landscaping, lighting, a Veterans Memorial, and other passive recreation amenities. The Borough now will complete the second phase, which includes the construction of additional pavilions along with a decorative water fountain.

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

Woodbury City

Stewart Lake Park Improvements

The City of Woodbury, an Urban Aid municipality in Gloucester County, seeks funds to improve existing infrastructure and develop recreational facilities at the Stewart Lake Park which is adjacent to Woodbury Creek/Stewart Lake. The project proposes to replace existing tennis courts with a pavilion, tot-lot and playground, and refurbish the park's picnic area. The proposed improvements will provide recreational uses to a wide variety of local residents and civic organizations, as well as the adjacent Gloucester County YMCA. The improvements to the park will highlight the City's prominent waterways and increase access and utilization of Stewart Lake and the adjoining water bodies. It will also enhance the usability of the existing and future pedestrian and bike paths.

**\$ 499,042 Matching Grant Award
\$ 166,348 Loan Award
\$ 665,390 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Hudson County

Hudson County

Laurel Hill Park Phase IV

Hudson County continues to develop Laurel Hill Park, located in Secaucus, with an emphasis on expanding recreation opportunities and creating safe and enjoyable access to the Hackensack River waterfront. Laurel Hill Park Improvements - Phase IV is a \$6 Million investment in new and refurbished active recreational facilities and connective pathways. The project also includes development of wildlife habitat gardens and native landscaping, including planting over 300 new trees. The County also will stabilize and create a Living Shoreline along the banks of the Hackensack River. Repair of the boat ramp and replacement of the upstream dock is necessary to keep water access safe for small pleasure craft, canoes, and kayaks. Additionally, the installation of a section of the Berlin Wall on a raised exhibit base that sits opposite the fishing promenade provides a passive and contemplative overlook to the river and Sawmill Creek Wildlife Management Area, called the "Jewel of the Meadowlands." Recreational facilities, including two basketball, six tennis and two volleyball courts and an upgraded playground with an aquatic playground will be added.

\$ 1,500,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Bayonne City

Newark Bay Waterfront Project

The City of Bayonne plans to undertake the Bayonne Newark Bay Waterfront Access Infill Project, which is a two-site waterfront development project. Once completed, it will create new public access to the Newark Bay waterfronts as well as recreational and educational opportunities through the creation of 1,200 feet of waterfront pathways. The first site is a 500-foot-long stretch on the Newark Bay waterfront between West 23rd Street and West 25th Street. The completed project will include a shade structure, seating areas, shade trees, and educational signage. The second location is a 700-foot-long stretch of waterfront city-owned land between the G. Thomas DiDomenico Park to the north and the Robbins Reef Yacht Club to the south. The finished site will include kayak access, a boat ramp, benches, and educational signage celebrating the harbor and its history.

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

Harrison Town

Waterfront Park Walkway Acquisition

The Town of Harrison plans to revitalize over 250 acres of the former industrial waterfront along the Passaic River. A key component of the town's plan is the waterfront park walkway. The walkway will encompass the majority of the Passaic River along the town's border. Under this proposal, Harrison seeks to acquire 5.1 acres which will be added to the adjacent lot already owned by the town to complete this phase of the walkway.

\$ 213,250 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Standard Acquisition Category

Hoboken City

Land Acquisition

The City of Hoboken is requesting funding to acquire 0.8 acres of land on Harrison Street and Paterson Avenue. The City's vision for the site, which is currently a parking lot, is to create a multi-use athletic field complex that dually serves Hoboken's open space and recreation needs while increasing green acreage to support stormwater management and flood control capabilities. The property will significantly increase open space acreage in Hoboken and enhance neighborhood access to active recreational amenities in an area that is home to a disproportionate percentage of the City's low-income residents. Additionally, the project is located in the most flood prone area in Hoboken, and has the potential to significantly increase flood mitigation and resiliency efforts.

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

Jersey City

Berry Lane Acquisition

Jersey City would like to acquire additional properties to expand Berry Lane Park, which is located in the Communipaw-Lafayette section of the City. At approximately 17 acres, Berry Lane Park is the largest park in Jersey City, providing both active and passive recreation opportunities. Green Acres previously assisted the City with the acquisition of 7.2 acres, and additional funding will enable the City to preserve another 3.37 acres of much needed open space in this very densely populated community.

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

Jersey City

Jersey City Parks Stewardship

Jersey City intends to install rain gardens in three existing public parks: Thomas McGovern Park, Lafayette Park, and Bayside Park. These parks provide much-needed open space and recreational access to Jersey City's densely populated residential community. The rain gardens will enhance the existing landscape of each park while contributing to improved stormwater management capabilities. As a result, Jersey City's parks will not only continue to serve the recreational needs of the local population, but will also be fitted with appropriate green infrastructure that captures and filters stormwater to alleviate non-point source pollution, and reduce the frequency of combined sewer overflows during severe weather and flood conditions.

\$ 82,672 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
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. Improvements will 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.

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

North Bergen Township

64th Street Field Improvements

The Township of North Bergen proposes a full renovation at the popular 64th Street Field. The improvements will provide residents with a new softball/little league field; new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant bleachers; upgraded press box, snack stand, and storage area; new playground equipment; dog run improvements; and other repairs that will make the facility safer, more user-friendly, and promote active living and a strong sense of community.

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

Union City

Weehawken - Union City Reservoir Acquisition

Union City, along with Weehawken Township, has requested funding assistance for the acquisition of 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.

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

Weehawken Township

Weehawken Recreation Pier and Bridge Project

The Township of Weehawken is requesting Green Acres funding to expand the recreational capabilities and accessibility of its Waterfront Park and Recreation Center and Recreation Pier (Pier B). This project involves the construction of an extension to its Recreation Pier (Pier B), the creation of a Hudson River pedestrian bridge, as well as the addition of a kayak launch to its Recreation Pier. Stretching 450 feet into the Hudson River, Pier B has been symbolic of the Township's effort to create open space and enhance its waterfront attractions. Sitting on 26 concrete pilings, the pier features five pods connected by aluminum bridges, with seating and lighting, for both passive and active recreation which includes sightseeing, fishing, strolling, and photography against a front row view of the New York City skyline and the Hudson River. The pier's attractive, modern modular design allows it to be expanded upon in the future with additional pods and bridges. In fact, the structural design of Pier B earned the Township of Weehawken a first-place award from the New Jersey Society of Municipal Engineers during the 2016 New Jersey League of Municipalities.

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

West New York Town

Historic Miller Stadium Field Surface Improvement

Providing residents with quality parks and playgrounds and subsequent opportunities for recreation, are important in urban areas. The Town of West New York requests funding to make improvements to Miller Stadium, including replacing the natural grass surface with a more resilient multi-purpose synthetic turf field. The project also includes renovation of its bleachers and grandstand infrastructure. This project would alleviate congestion in West New York's limited functional open space and open up adequate space for its youth recreation leagues.

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

Mercer County

Mercer County

Roebing Park Wetlands Restoration

The tidal marsh habitat in John A. Roebing Park hosts rare wildlife species and also functions as a migratory stopover for several avian species. The park is also an important historical and archaeological site. The project proposes the removal of existing invasive Phragmites species and restoration of native marsh vegetation in the freshwater tidal marshes of the park. The project also aims to increase flora and fauna diversity and improve habitat for threatened & endangered species, improve recreational opportunities in the marsh by restoring navigable channels, and improve overall visitor experience to the park.

\$ 59,350 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Trenton City

Hetzel Field Park Development

Trenton City proposes the rehabilitation of an existing urban park and the development of two adjacent properties to expand Hetzel Field Park, improve visibility and access, and provide parking. A landscaped plaza entrance at North Olden Avenue will welcome the community into the park. The proposed plans call for the renovation of a historic pool house, including a picnic pavilion and picnic area. The pool will be repaired and a new spray pool with fountains will be created. Plans also include three fenced basketball courts, reconfigured softball fields, a trail system, lighting, benches, and bleachers.

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

Middlesex County

Middlesex County

Perth Amboy Arthur Kill Waterfront

Middlesex County is proposing the remediation and redevelopment of a brownfield site in Perth Amboy City into a public park. The property is located at Washington and High Streets, on the Arthur Kill waterfront. The

project will include a football/soccer field, a baseball field, a playground, and a public access walkway at the shoreline. Associated amenities will include a parking lot and comfort station. The project will aim to fulfill the City's need for additional playing fields and park lands described in the City's Master Plan Recreation Element while enhancing opportunities for residents to access the waterfront.

\$ 1,250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill Waterfront Park Phase III

The Borough of Carteret proposes to acquire property along Roosevelt Avenue and Waterfront Access Road. This five acre parcel, an existing brownfield, will be rehabilitated to provide open space for public use. This acquisition will expand the existing Arthur Kill Waterfront Park that currently contains a volleyball court, mini golf course, comfort station and playground. Future plans for the expansion include a riverwalk, an observation deck, a fixed pier, a floating dock, a boat launch, a pier extension, an urban beach, a Ferris Wheel, an outdoor amphitheater, and improved landscaping throughout the site so the area can be used for recreational purposes such as walking, running, and cycling.

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

Woodbridge Township

Heards Brook Stewardship

The Township of Woodbridge intends to restore and enhance wetland and terrestrial uplands in a current Blue Acres buyout area. Blue Acres buys flood-damaged properties, demolishes the houses, and restores the property to open space. This stewardship project would increase the area's stormwater resiliency as part of a floodplain and open space restoration plan developed by the Township and Rutgers Cooperative Extension. The project area includes an existing playground, and adjacent Green Acres funded open space, which is currently separated by a fence and drainage ditch. This project includes two phases: 1) reconstructing the existing drainage ditch to a more natural curvature and reclaiming floodplain habitat along the new channel and 2) restoring 1 acre of Blue Acres property into a formal native tree border and warm season meadow.

\$ 164,735 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality

Monmouth County

Avon-by-the-Sea Borough

Sylvan Lake Restoration

The Borough of Avon-By-The-Sea is proposing a natural solutions-based project that incorporates the creation of bio-swales and constructed wetlands, designed to mitigate the nonpoint source pollution impacting Sylvan Lake. The project will also create habitat, improve biodiversity, stabilize an eroding shoreline, discourage resident goose populations, improve water quality of water discharged to recreational beaches, provide public access points for recreational activities, and foster community volunteerism and engagement.

\$ 281,750 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Long Branch City

Branchport Park Improvements

The City of Long Branch wishes to address a number of facility upgrades and improvements within Branchport Park, located on Atlantic Avenue along Branchport Creek, a branch of the Shrewsbury River. The proposed project will include replacing 1,400 linear feet of existing wooden bulkhead with composite bulkhead to address shoreline protection, removing and replacing the existing concrete boat ramp, and establishing a floating dock at the boat ramp to allow safe boarding and transfer on and off boats.

\$ 750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Middletown Township

Multi-Park Improvements

Middletown Township is proposing a multi-park improvement project that will rehabilitate ten existing municipal parks in the community. Security and ADA accessibility improvements are planned at all the parks. At Tindall Park, a dog park, tennis and basketball court resurfacing, and walkway improvements are planned. At McMahan Park, the Township plans field house and lighting improvements. Croydon Hall Fields improvements consist of security and ADA improvements. Fencing improvements are planned at Normandy Park, Fairview Acres Park, and Lincroft Acres Park, with soccer field resurfacing also planned at Lincroft Acres. At Bodman Park, the Township proposes resurfacing basketball courts. Sports lighting and field resurfacing are proposed at the Nutswamp School Fields. Field restoration is also proposed at Hillside Park, as well as tennis court resurfacing. New signage will be installed at Poricy Park.

\$ 369,250 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Neptune Township

Flood Prone Property Acquisition

The Township of Neptune is proposing to acquire a 2.5-acre vacant parcel in the Shark River Hills section of the Township. This will ensure that this flood-prone land will not be developed for residential or commercial uses, which would put people in harm's way during future storms. The property provides linkage to the Shark River waterfront park properties including the Shark River Municipal Marina along Riverside Drive.

\$ 960,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 40,000 Loan Award
\$ 1,000,000 Total Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Morris County

Morristown Town

Open Space Expansion

The Town of Morristown seeks to acquire the 11-acre "Loyola" property adjacent to Foote's Pond Wood.

Foote's Pond Wood is a 14-acre park on James Street, which is a gateway into Morristown from neighboring Morris Township. The core pond area was gifted to Morristown in 1939 by the Robert Foote Estate for passive recreational use. The town has recently made improvements to the park. By acquiring this adjacent site, the town will be able to provide additional recreational opportunities.

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Standard Acquisition Category

Ocean County

Berkeley Township

Veterans Park Improvements

Berkeley Township proposes improvements to Veterans Park, located on Forest Hills Parkway. The Township wishes to replace an existing soccer field with a synthetic turf multi-purpose field with associated field improvements. The field will be constructed of a permeable material, and drainage improvements will be constructed to promote infiltration of stormwater. Landscaping improvements are also proposed.

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 550,000 Loan Award
\$ 750,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Brick Township

Multi-Park Improvements 2

Brick Township is proposing the complete renovation and rehabilitation of three community parks: Birchwood Park, Bayside Park, and Bernie Cook Memorial Park. The proposed improvements and enhancements will serve to augment the safety, usability, and accessibility of these parks to the benefit of the community they serve. Proposed improvements include playgrounds for 2 to 5 year olds and 6 to 12 year olds, gazebos, skate park facilities, softball fields, basketball courts, walking tracks, multipurpose fields, fencing, lighting, landscaping, security cameras, and parking.

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

Passaic County

Passaic County

Dey Mansion Improvements

Passaic County proposes to improve and expand the landscaping at the historic Dey Mansion in Wayne Township. Dey Mansion was built in 1772 and served as the headquarters for General George Washington in 1780. It is listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. It has been improved with funds from the New Jersey Historic Trust and is open to the public for heritage tourism. This stewardship project will restore the historic landscape of the gardens and grounds of Dey Mansion, which was reconstructed between 1937-1941 by the Olmsted Brothers and has since fallen into disrepair.

\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Passaic County

Weasel Brook Park Improvements 2

Passaic County is requesting funds to complete Phase II of the rehabilitation of Weasel Brook Park. Planned improvements include repaving of all existing walkways and pathways, replacement of playground equipment, pedestrian safety improvements near the bridge and pond, tree planting, lighting upgrades, interpretive and wayfinding signage, pavilion roof repair, erosion control, replacement of benches and tables, and upgrades to the existing spray park.

\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Clifton City

Athenia Park 2

The City of Clifton is requesting funding to assist its efforts to complete the full redevelopment of the Athenia Steel Recreation Complex, located off of Clifton Avenue. As part of Phase II improvements at the site, the City proposes construction of a synthetic turf multi-purpose field and junior-sized soccer field; a multi-purpose field house (concessions, covered patio, restrooms, conference rooms for instructional classes, etc.); a passive recreation area including shuffleboard courts, bocce ball courts, and pickleball courts; parking improvements; walkways; fencing; sports field lighting; a storage building; and landscaping.

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

Little Falls Township

Little Falls Blue Acres Acquisition

Little Falls Township has been implementing an aggressive acquisition program since 2012, utilizing both Green Acres and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) buyout funds. The Township received a 2015 grant from FEMA for 59 properties. A 25% match is needed for 29 of those properties which were not on the Severe/Repetitive Loss flood designation list. Many of these residences were initially going to be elevated, but the extreme flooding has cause many residents to reconsider and instead, choose acquisition.

\$ 612,050 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Site Specific Incentive Category

Passaic City

Third Ward Veterans Memorial Park Improvements

The City of Passaic proposes to significantly enhance the amenities at its largest and most popular park, Third Ward Veteran's Memorial Park, to promote passive and active recreation. Specifically, the City seeks to install synthetic turf in two grass baseball/softball fields, add new fencing around the perimeter of these turf fields, rehabilitate a third baseball field, resurface seven worn and largely unusable tennis courts, renovate dilapidated bathrooms, and improve walkways. These enhancements are necessary to ensure the park is safe, clean, and accommodating and that its facilities are reliably functional.

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

Paterson City

Ryle Avenue/West Broadway Corridor Acquisitions

The City of Paterson requests funding for the acquisition of three acres consisting of 14 privately-held properties, located along the Ryle Avenue/West Broadway corridor, to serve as an addition of new urban parkland within the Great Falls Historic District. The proposed project aims to reinvest in an area that is now an important gateway to the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. By creating parkland, the project will enhance the public welfare and recreational quality of life of residents. The proposed acquisition will connect trails within Mary Ellen Kramer Park, Paterson Vistas Park and the Great Falls Gateway Park, strengthening the recreational and aesthetic quality of the area adjacent to the Passaic River. This project area will be a significant addition of open space to the Great Falls Historic District and particularly to urban Paterson City, and will support the preservation and protection of historic, cultural and scenic resources within the City of Paterson.

\$ 1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
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 acres 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 usage by the public, and will enable the Township to better maintain its natural turf fields.

\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Woodland Park Borough

Rose Place Park Woods

Woodland Park Borough plans to improve and enhance the existing woods and buffers within a portion of Rose Place Park. As the woods have matured, numerous trees and plantings have died or become diseased, reducing the available buffering. This increases required maintenance for removal of fallen trees/limbs and poses a safety hazard to both park users and residential properties. In order to improve the health of the woods, the Borough is proposing to assess the condition of the existing trees and identify which should be removed, remove all dead and fallen trees and limbs, and plant replacement trees to include deciduous and evergreen trees. All replacement plantings will be native species and selected based upon site specific growing conditions to maximize biodiversity.

\$ 50,250 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Somerset County

Bound Brook Borough

Multi Park Improvements

The Borough of Bound Brook plans to implement a two-site development project in order to improve the

quality of active and passive recreation opportunities and public open spaces within the borough. First, the project will replace the playground equipment and safety surface at Billian Legion Park, which is extremely deteriorated and in need of replacement. The project scope also includes repairs and improvements to the baseball field facilities, including the batting cage and fencing, in order to improve the quality of the playing field. Finally, the project scope includes new pool filters at the Municipal Pool, located at Codrington Park. Hundreds of borough residents and visitors of all ages utilize the municipal pool throughout the summer months.

\$ 104,855 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Peapack & Gladstone Borough

Liberty Pond Park Restoration

Peapack & Gladstone Borough seeks to enhance the water quality and wildlife habitat of Peapack Pond by providing a well to replace the under-functioning Mill Race as an alternate fresh water source for the pond, as well as plant aquatic vegetation to improve the water quality and habitat of the pond. This will have a beneficial impact on the water quality of the adjacent Peapack Brook, a C1 trout-producing stream that feeds the pond. In addition the Borough plans to enhance the pond shoreline and install educational/interpretive signage.

\$ 101,707 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Somerville Borough

Chambres Park Improvement

Somerville Borough proposes improvements to active and passive recreational facilities at Chambres Park, a Somerville neighborhood park in Bridgewater Township (owned and operated by Somerville Borough). Due to overflow from an underdeveloped sewer line onsite, the facility was forced to close. The issue has been remediated and the Borough is proposing improvements in an effort to revitalize the space, including: a basketball court, soccer/multi-purpose field, baseball field, tot lot playground, and picnic area with pavilion.

\$ 143,355 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Union County

Fanwood Borough

Fanwood Nature Center Rescue Initiative

The Borough of Fanwood proposes to save a heavily forested 8-acre parcel of open space from overgrowth of invasive plant species. The site is next to the Fanwood Nature Center on Terrill Road. Currently, the Fanwood Nature Center is underused due to the encroachment of various invasive plant species. As part of this project, the Borough proposes to remove poisonous plant species, rehabilitate walking trails and pathways, and landscape the main walking and spectator areas with natural plant species. The Borough also will redevelop the existing butterfly gardens, add species identification signage, and install protective animal-safe fencing around the perimeter of the Fanwood Nature Center.

\$ 62,803 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Fanwood Borough

Forest Road Park Development

The Borough of Fanwood proposes the first phase of the redevelopment of Forest Road Park, located off of Forest Road/Woodruff Place. The proposed passive and active recreational amenities will ensure that all users, regardless of age or ability, will benefit from the project. Specifically, the Borough proposes the removal of the existing tennis courts and installation of two handball courts, implementation of an efficient irrigation system to support new landscaping, installation of a gazebo along with connecting walking paths and redevelopment of the existing basketball court to make it regulation-sized.

\$ 151,250 Matching Grant Award
\$ 273,750 Loan Award
\$ 425,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Rahway City

Madden Field Park Improvements

The City of Rahway is requesting funding to develop and rehabilitate field facilities at Madden Field Park located at Capobianco Plaza. Specifically, the project will include clearing and grading of the site and installation of a synthetic multi-sport surface to replace the existing grass surface. This will include a regulation football/soccer field, small practice football fields, and baseball fields with dugouts, along with removal of the existing play structure. Additionally, the City proposes the installation of a bullpen and baseball batting cages, fencing, new and relocated facility lighting, bleachers on concrete pads, site drainage, and landscaping.

\$ 1,000,000 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 re-surfacing, an ADA compliant toddler playground, passive recreation area with tables, landscaping and drainage improvements.

\$ 900,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 100,000 Loan Award
\$ 1,000,000 Total 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

Cresskill Borough	Cresskill Borough Park Expansion	\$ 276,515
Oakland Borough	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 500,000
River Vale Township	Watershed Property Acquisition	\$ 500,000

Burlington

Burlington County	Planning Incentive	\$1,000,000
Medford Township	Open Space Incentive	\$ 500,000
Moorestown Township	Open Space Preservation Plan	\$ 487,220

Cumberland

Cumberland County	Trails & Open Space Acquisition	\$ 600,000
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Essex

Livingston Township	Township of Livingston Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
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Gloucester

Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$1,000,000
Washington Township*	Open Space & Recreation Project	\$ 708,000

Hunterdon

Hunterdon County	County Open Space Plan	\$ 700,000
Delaware Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
East Amwell Township	Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$ 368,500
Kingwood Township	Open Space Plan	\$ 289,000
Lebanon Township	Lebanon Township Preservation Priorities	\$ 500,000
Readington Township	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$ 500,000
Tewksbury Township	Recreation and Open Space Plan	\$ 500,000

Mercer

Mercer County*	Mercer County Planning Incentive	\$1,250,000
Hamilton Township**	Hamilton Township Open Space Acquisition	\$ 456,880
Hopewell Township	Hopewell Open Space Acquisition	\$ 230,000
Princeton	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	\$ 375,500
West Windsor Township	West Windsor Planning Inc.	\$ 500,000

Middlesex

East Brunswick Township*	Open Space Plan	\$ 70,000
North Brunswick Township*	North Brunswick Plan	\$ 750,000

Monmouth

Monmouth County*	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$1,250,000
Allentown Borough	Mercer-Monmouth Regional Greenbelt	\$ 500,000
Howell Township*	Planning Incentive 2	\$ 750,000
Marlboro Township*	Marlboro Open Space Acquisition	\$ 750,000

Millstone Township	Millstone Planning Incentive-Project Evergreen	\$ 500,000
Morris		
Chatham Township	Chatham Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Denville Township	Denville Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Hanover Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 469,325
Kinnelon Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 181,000
Madison Borough	Madison Borough Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Ocean		
Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$1,000,000
Harvey Cedars Borough	James Street Wetlands Project	\$ 50,000
Manchester Township*	Planning Incentive	\$ 750,000
Point Pleasant Beach Borough	Open Space & Recreation Acquisition	\$ 364,330
Somerset		
Somerset County*	County Open Space Acquisition	\$1,250,000
Bedminster Township	Bedminster Parks Expansion	\$ 500,000
Bernardsville Borough	Open Space and Recreation Lands	\$ 500,000
Montgomery Township	Open Space Acquisition 5	\$ 500,000
Peapack & Gladstone Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Union		
Union County**	Union County Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$1,500,000
Warren		
Alpha Borough	Alpha Borough Open Space	\$ 90,000
Washington Borough	Washington Borough Open Space Acquisitions	\$ 500,000

NONPROFIT PROJECTS

African American Fund of NJ
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Ambrose Ward Mansion Grounds Renovation

County: Essex

Improvements are proposed to the exterior grounds of the Ambrose Ward Mansion, located in East Orange City. The Ambrose Ward Mansion, which is listed on the NJ Register of Historic Places, is the only remaining mansion in the area formerly called "Mansion Row." The proposal is to create a garden oasis in the center of the East Orange's Evergreen Square Halsted Transit Village. The proposed improvements will enhance the aesthetic features of the property so that it can be visited and enjoyed by many residents, organizations, and guests of the City.

Brookdale Park Conservancy, Inc.
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Brookdale Park Improvement Project

County: Essex

The Brookdale Park Conservancy seeks Green Acres funding to complete several integral improvements and enhancements to the existing facilities at Brookdale Park. At over 120 acres, the Park is one of the largest in the Essex County Parks system. Located in both Montclair and Bloomfield, Brookdale is a hub of regional active and passive open space recreation for residents from all over Essex County. The Park has a gently rolling topography, with a mixture of walkways, trail ways, and grassy fields. Designed by the Olmstead Brothers - designers of New York City's Central Park - Brookdale was conceived in the Olmstead's signature naturalistic aesthetic. As such, the Park's design attempts to retain the look and feel of a natural, undeveloped setting. Given the Park's location at the border of two densely populated municipalities, the facilities at the Park have become worn through use and time. In response, the Conservancy proposes a series of improvements that will vastly increase the Park's ability to adequately, safely, and cleanly serve the communities in which it is located. To begin with, the Conservancy will upgrade the restroom building, including updated low flow fixtures; baby changing stations in men's and women's restrooms; and upgrades to ensure that the restrooms are fully ADA-compliant. The Conservancy also will add and replace numerous way-finding signs throughout the property in order to aid park-goers. Additionally, the Conservancy will add several pedestrian benches and replace worn benches in an effort to meet rising demand, as well as adding and replacing park appurtenances, such as garbage cans. Finally, to retain the naturalistic feel of the property and ensure local green space, the Conservancy will undertake significant landscaping improvements using native plant species to the greatest extent possible.

Camden Special Services District
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

North Camden Waterfront Park III

County: Camden

Camden Special Services District, in partnership with the City of Camden and other local nonprofit organizations, proposes the continued development of the North Camden Waterfront Development Project, a 2.4 mile continuous public waterfront park and greenway trail along the Delaware River waterfront that stretches from the central waterfront through the North Camden neighborhood to the Cramer Hill waterfront. This phase of the project will create RCA Pier Park, the future southern anchor of the Waterfront Park, on a formerly industrial pier currently used for parking. The 2.5-acre park will create a unique natural amenity on the Camden Waterfront with tremendous views of Philadelphia and the Delaware River.

Congregation Ahavas Sholom
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Lincoln Avenue Schoolyard Improvements

County: Essex

The Congregation Ahavas Shalom intends to make improvements to the Lincoln Avenue School yard, located in Newark City. The current site is located in a residential neighborhood and consists of asphalt pavement with painted games and a couple planters, one used for growing vegetables. The objective is to create a recreation facility that will benefit the school and neighboring community. The project will support the school by providing constructive activities for the students during recess and a variety of outdoor learning opportunities. The project will promote physical health through a variety of activities to include playground equipment, water spray, basketball and track. Emotional health will be supported through areas for respite, gathering, events and the addition of vegetation to the site. The gardens will be used to reconnect students with the natural world and teach concepts and skills that integrate with several subjects, such as math, science, art, health and physical education, and social studies, as well as several educational goals, including personal and social responsibility. An area in front of the school will be transformed into a kitchen garden where students will gain an understanding of the true source of their food, and will learn focus and patience, cooperation, teamwork and social skills.

Cooper's Ferry Partnership
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

N. Camden Waterfront Park II

County: Camden

With Phase II of the North Camden Waterfront Park, Cooper's Ferry seeks to continue building upon the success of Phase I, which included the complete rehabilitation of Pyne Poynt Park. This is a key component of a long term plan to develop a continuous waterfront park and greenway trail along the 2.4 mile North Camden waterfront. Park elements will include a multi-use waterfront greenway trail, construction of a boat launch, fishing pier, and scenic overlooks. Planned improvements include lighting, security cameras, fencing, ADA accessible pathways, picnic tables, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, and other amenities.

Crossroads of the American Revolution
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

National Heritage Area Preservation Project

Counties: Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union

The Crossroads of the American Revolution Association is applying for funds to preserve lands within the federally designated Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, which is one of 49 federally designated National Heritage Areas. New Jersey's heritage area is a region of thematically related Revolutionary War sites and landscapes in 213 municipalities and in 14 counties, extending from Bergen County to Gloucester County. The Crossroads of the American Revolution Association intends to partner with other preservation organizations in pursuing preservation of lands to accomplish the goals outlined in the National Heritage Area Plan, which include securing New Jersey's rare and threatened historic landscapes, creating awareness of the State's distinctive Revolutionary War related cultural resources and acting as a catalyst for heritage tourism and related economic development.

D&R Greenway Land Trust
\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Greenway Acquisitions

**Counties: Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland,
Essex, Gloucester, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer,
Middlesex, Monmouth, Salem, Somerset**

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 Township, Fairfield Township, Greenwich Township, Hopewell Township, Stow Creek Township, Upper Deerfield Township; and Salem County - Elsinboro Township, Lower Alloways Creek Township, Mannington Township, Salem City, Pilesgrove Township, and Pennsville Township. Generally, targeted acquisitions are characterized by farmland and emergent marshes associated with the Salem River in Salem County and the Cohansy 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 Cohansy 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 Abbott Marshlands. 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.

Rails/Circuit Trails

D&R Greenway Land Trust is working with Mercer County, Hamilton Township, and Robbinsville Township to preserve the historic Camden & Amboy Rail line. The trail will be a five mile multi-use trail built over the first railroad in New Jersey. Once complete, the trail will connect to other planned trails along the Assunpink Greenway, Capital to the Coast, and Union Transportation Trails as well as the D&R Canal Path. At some future point, efforts will be put forth to continue along the Camden & Amboy line into Bordentown City, connecting to the Delaware River Heritage Trail, D&R Canal, and other trails planned in the Circuit Trails Network. Circuit Trails are planned 750 miles of trails in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Additionally, D&R Greenway intends to explore the potential of other existing abandoned rail lines in and through Trenton City to add to the network and further connect communities.

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, Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, Montgomery Friends of Open Space, 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.

Essex County Parks Foundation
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Multi-Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Essex County Parks Foundation, in partnership with Essex County, plans renovations to Branch Brook Park. Established as the nation's first county park, and designed in the naturalistic tradition of Frederick Law Olmstead, the park has become a vital feature of the Newark community and beyond. At this time, the partners plan to refurbish the athletic field located in the park's Middle Division with new field lighting, bleachers, new benches, signage and other amenities.

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition

County: Mercer

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 Passaic County Parks
\$ 88,500 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Garret Mountain Deer Fence

County: Passaic

Friends of Passaic County Parks proposes a 5-acre deer enclosure in Garret Mountain Reserve, located in Paterson City and West Paterson Borough. The purpose of the project is to increase diversity and dynamics of the indigenous ecosystem by restoring the forest ecosystem that has been damaged through human influences and out of balance herbivore populations. The habitat is important for birds along the Atlantic flyway and protects the water reservoir on Garret Mountain.

Friends of Passaic County Parks
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Goffle Brook Park Improvements

County: Passaic

The Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc. is proposing improvements to athletic fields in a portion of Goffle Brook Park that is south of Diamond Bridge Road in Hawthorne Borough. Hawthorne is a densely populated community with a growing need for youth and adult baseball/softball and soccer facilities. Currently the existing softball fields are too close in proximity to each other to allow for simultaneous use of the facilities. The improvements consist of removing three existing softball fields and converting the area to two softball fields and a grass soccer field. Irrigation is also proposed in order to improve field maintenance capabilities. The project will serve to meet the recreational needs of the community while addressing numerous safety concerns at the existing facilities.

Friends of Princeton Open Space
\$ 50,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Billy Johnson Nature Preserve Restoration

County: Mercer

The Friends of Princeton Open Space proposes a two-year restoration effort on an 18-acre young forest parcel of the Mountain Lake Management Area in Princeton, which is located on a tributary to Stony Brook, a Category One waterway. Currently, the heavily-visited and highly visible part of the Preserve is thoroughly choked with common invasive plant species. The proposed stewardship activities will serve to restore diverse, native plant communities that will, in turn, support local fauna and provide important ecosystem services; enhance Mountain Lakes' value to park visitors; and help foster an interest in land preservation and stewardship throughout the Princeton community.

Friends of Princeton Open Space
\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Millstone River Watershed

County: Mercer

The Friends of Princeton Open Space intends to partner with other regional nonprofit land conservancies on two significant land preservation projects located along the "Princeton Ridge." This is a unique ecological area within Princeton Township that contains mature forests and significant wetlands, habitat for endangered and threatened species, and nesting habitat for migratory birds that require large areas of unfragmented forest.

Fyke Nature Association
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Ramapo Mountain Conservation Area

County: Bergen

Fyke Nature Association is partnering with Bergen County, Mahwah Township, Oakland Borough, Bergen SWAN, New Jersey Audubon Society, NY-NJ Trail Conference, Ramapough Conservancy, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to increase holdings for Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Ramapo Valley County Reservation, and Ringwood State Park.

Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association
\$ 81,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

2nd Street Park Acquisition

County: Atlantic

The Great Egg Harbor Watershed Association and the Township of Hamilton are pursuing the purchase of a 0.8-acre vacant lot located on the Babcock Creek at the east end of 2nd Street in Mays Landing. Most of the lot is in a natural freshwater tidal marsh and the remainder is shrubby forest. The land provides multiple ecosystem services for nature and flood control. The site is listed as bald eagle habitat, and is located fully within a federally designated Wild and Scenic River corridor. This will be a passive pocket park in a developed area.

Harding Land Trust
\$ 54,525 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Primrose Farm Restoration

County: Morris

Harding Land Trust proposes to convert a 12-acre hayfield into a perennial meadow that will offer enhanced ecological services to the surrounding property and wildlife throughout the region. Native forbs and flowering

plants will provide a great benefit to wildlife by providing food, nesting habitat, and cover for a range of species. Wildflower meadows are important to butterflies, bees, and other pollinators whose populations have been in decline. The meadow is part of a larger 127.5-acre property, acquired with Green Acres funding, located on Bailey's Mill Road, Lee's Hill Road, and Brook Drive South.

Hunterdon Land Trust
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

County: Hunterdon

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.

Isles, Inc.
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Calhoun Street Park Renovation

County: Mercer

Calhoun Street Park is one of the larger recreational areas within the City of Trenton and will service a greater number of people with the proposed renovations. Isles is partnering with the City to transform the site into a football and soccer field facility. Proposed lighting at both fields will accommodate a great need by allowing for expanded playing time. The existing basketball courts will be renovated and the bathhouse will be enlarged to include changing rooms and a public restroom. Irrigation, scoreboards, turf improvements, goals, grandstands, a new playground, and parking are also included.

Lamington Conservancy
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Central Lamington Project

Counties: Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset

The Central Lamington project area consists of 28,396 acres of the Lamington River drainage located within Somerset, Morris, and Hunterdon Counties. Lamington Conservancy plans to work closely with partner nonprofits and local governments in identifying and targeting acquisitions that interlock with other preservation projects. Within the target area of Tewksbury Township, Chester Township, Washington Township (Morris), Bedminster Township, and Peapack-Gladstone Borough, the Lamington Conservancy anticipates protecting 2,000 acres through fee and easement acquisition.

Monmouth Conservation Foundation
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Open Space Plans 2

County: Monmouth

MCF works in partnership with Monmouth County and municipalities which have passed open space referendums: Atlantic Highlands Borough, Colts Neck Township, Freehold Township, Howell Township, Holmdel Township, Manalapan Township, Middletown Township, Millstone Township, Oceanport Borough, Shrewsbury Borough, Tinton Falls Borough and Upper Freehold Township. Areas of focus are: 1) farmlands

and conservation areas of the Monmouth County Panhandle region (Millstone and Upper Freehold townships) and 2) the Navesink River and Atlantic Highlands areas in Middletown Township. Some of MCF's recent preservation efforts are focused on sites adjacent to Monmouth County Huber Woods and Hartshorne Woods Parks in Middletown Township and Clayton Park and Crosswicks Creek linear parks in Upper Freehold Township.

Musconetcong Watershed Association

\$ 52,453 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Musconetcong Island Access Project

County: Hunterdon

The Musconetcong Watershed Association (MWA) owns a 1/4 acre island in Franklin Township, on the Musconetcong River, a National Wild and Scenic River. This island is within the Asbury Historic District and adjacent to a five-story historic stone grist mill the MWA is currently renovating. The island can be accessed by stairs leading down to the river from the Asbury-West Portal Road. The property contains a derelict cinderblock building which the MWA proposes to remove, while also making improvements to the stairs to promote safer recreational use of the site. The MWA also will restore the site with native species to improve its quality as habitat. The MWA envisions the island being used for public fishing, swimming, and boating access.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

\$ 100,020 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Preserve Improvements

Counties: Mercer and Ocean

The New Jersey Conservation Fund proposes stewardship improvements to two properties in Mercer and Ocean counties. The Mount Rose Preserve in Hopewell Township, Mercer County, includes an old, dilapidated parking lot that is unnecessary and unsightly. The proposed project will remove the existing impervious parking lot and plant the area with native plant species to create a native meadow habitat or other native early successional plant communities. The Candace McKee Ashmun Preserve in Lacey and Ocean Townships, Ocean County, is subject to chronic and severely damaging illegal off-road vehicle use. The illegal vehicular traffic causes damage to native plant and animal communities, as well as erosion and sedimentation of the North, South, and Middle Branches of the Forked River, all of which are important tributaries to the Barnegat Bay. NJCF proposes erecting approximately 2,700 feet of guardrail and one heavy duty gate for the purpose of blocking unauthorized and illegal vehicular access.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Area Acquisitions

Counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren

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 a connected greenway 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 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.

Central Jersey

The Central Jersey Project Area consists of an amazing mosaic of productive farmland and grasslands, upland and wetland forests, as well as moderately steep slopes along a network of small creeks providing recreational resources and important habitat for a variety of wildlife. Many greenway and trail projects spill over into adjacent municipalities in Mercer, Monmouth, Burlington, and Ocean counties,

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
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Green Corridors 2

County: Bergen

NY-NJ Trail Conference is partnering with Bergen County, Mahwah Township, Oakland Borough, Bergen SWAN, Fyke Nature Association, the New Jersey Audubon Society, Ramapough Conservancy, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to increase holdings for Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Ramapo Valley County Reservation, and Ringwood State Park.

Passaic River Coalition
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Passaic River Preservation Project

Counties: Bergen, Essex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union

The Passaic River Coalition has identified multiple priority acquisition areas throughout the Passaic River Basin. Properties to be acquired will provide watershed and water supply protection, and waterfront access.

Central Passaic Basin Protection: Acquisition of property in Essex and Morris counties within the Central

Passaic Basin for headwater protection, water quality protection, flood plain protection, and wetlands protection.

Greenwood Lake/Wanaque River Greenway: Acquisition of property in Passaic County for waterfront access to and protection of Greenwood Lake and the Wanaque River.

Liberty Corner Greenway/Upper Passaic River Greenway: Acquisition of wetlands and flood plain areas along the Upper Passaic River and tributaries in Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union counties for stream corridor and water quality protection.

Lower Passaic River Greenway: Targeting properties to provide waterfront access in densely populated areas in Bergen, Essex and Passaic counties.

Pequannock/Pompton Greenway: Preservation of properties in the Pequannock River Watershed in Morris and Passaic counties.

Ramapo Greenway: Acquisition of property in the Ramapo Mountain region in Bergen and Passaic counties adjacent to local and county parkland and in proximity to Ringwood State Park.

Russia Brook/Rockaway River Greenway: Acquisition of property along the Russia Brook, which is a headwater tributary of the Rockaway River, and along the Rockaway River in Morris and Sussex counties.

Saddle River Watershed: Acquisition of property with the Saddle River watershed in Bergen County, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Saddle River.

Upper Passaic Watershed Protection: Acquisition of property within the Upper Passaic River watershed in Morris (including Morristown and the Whippany River Watershed) and Somerset counties, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Upper Passaic.

Urban Passaic Watershed: Acquisition of properties for waterfront access in urban areas of Essex and Passaic counties.

Wyanokie Highlands: Acquisition of property between Norvin Green State Park and the Wanaque Reservoir in Passaic County. Lands acquired will provide a buffer to and linkage between the park and reservoir.

Passaic River Rowing Association

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Passaic River Rowing Association Boathouse

County: Bergen

The Passaic River Rowing Association proposes to expand an existing boathouse in Riverside County Park South in Lyndhurst and North Arlington on Riverside Drive. The expanded boathouse will include additional boat storage, indoor training facilities, bathrooms and showers, locker rooms, and meeting space, all in support of outdoor recreation.

Rancocas Conservancy

\$ 214,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Rancocas Watershed Acquisition

County: Burlington

The Rancocas Conservancy is interested in the preservation of wooded riparian areas, headwaters, and other

lands critical to wildlife and water quality protection throughout the Rancocas Creek watershed. Some of the most critical areas have been identified in the "Rancocas Creek Greenway Implementation Plan for the Main Stem." The intention is to have one watershed-wide project area that includes the parcels along Kettle Run and the Irick Brick Homestead. Once acquired, the land will be open to the public for birding, hiking, and other forms of passive recreation.

Raritan Headwaters Association
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Raritan Headwaters Acquisitions

Counties: Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset

The Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) serves the headwaters region of the Raritan Basin, also designated by the NJDEP as the Watershed Management Area 8 (WMA8). The organization targets land acquisition and preservation projects within the 470-square-mile watershed that contains all or portions of 39 municipalities within Hunterdon, Morris, and Somerset counties. RHA is focusing its land preservation priorities on lands that provide critical source water protection and groundwater recharge.

Ridge and Valley Greenway
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Open Space Conservation Plan

Counties: Sussex, Warren

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.

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.

Save Hamilton Open Space
\$ 150,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Hamilton Township Greenways, Trails & Rural Resource Conservation

County: Mercer

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.

Tewksbury Land Trust
\$ 98,150 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Fox Hill Stewardship Project

County: Hunterdon

Tewksbury Land Trust (TLT) seeks to enhance natural resources and public trails on lands owned by TLT and Raritan Headwaters Association along Cold Spring, Palatine, and Fox Hill Roads in Tewksbury Township. The three properties - Lance Farm Preserve, Sullivan & Whitman, and Fox Hill Preserve - are part of a larger effort by TLT and its partners to preserve a greenbelt and establish a 10 mile trail near the historic village of Oldwick. TLT proposes an intensive natural resource enhancement initiative, including invasive species removal, planting of native vegetation, and construction of deer exclusion area; interpretive signage and information kiosk; small parking areas and trailheads for improved access; and an inviting, improved trail system.

Tewksbury Land Trust
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Land Acquisition

County: Hunterdon

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
\$ 54,250 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Wildflower Meadow Restoration

County: Morris

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey proposes wildflower meadow restoration to 31 acres of the South Branch Preserve in Mount Olive Township. This project will convert four former agricultural fields to a native wildflower meadow to support the habitat for pollinator species, in particular the Monarch butterfly, a species which is in danger of being lost in New Jersey. This involves the removal of invasive plant species and planting with native wildflowers. Upon completion, a hiking trail will be constructed through the meadow and interpretive materials will be developed to educate the public about what has been done at the Preserve and why. The primary objectives of this project are to: 1) employ a restoration model that will deliver a durable native wildflower meadow planting using best practices that others can learn from and apply to future projects; and 2) create habitat for pollinator species, including the Monarch Butterfly.

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey
\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

**Counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland,
Gloucester, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Sussex, Warren**

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare Open Space and Recreation Plans, Trail 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 water resources in the Highlands and Ridge and Valley regions of the state. Within the Highlands, The Conservancy places emphasis on the Pequannock Watershed, the Ramapo Mountains, and acquisitions that

benefit the Highlands Trail. The Conservancy is also working closely with the State within the Highlands 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
\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

Counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May, Cumberland, Ocean, Passaic, Sussex, Warren

The Nature Conservancy seeks to acquire land in several active projects areas, including: 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:

Bobcat Alley

TNC has ambitious goals for protecting and connecting habitats in Bobcat Alley in northern New Jersey. Bobcat Alley contains 32,000 acres of land that are home to important headwater forests, contain important rare species habitats, and are an area of regional importance for climate change adaptation efforts. The NJ Endangered Species Program leads a partner-driven habitat connectivity project that independently identified TNC's proposed corridor as an excellent migratory route for species like Bobcat and Black Bear for movement in this area. The goal is to protect an additional 9,000 acres over the next ten years, with partners, to create a protected lands corridor to ensure this migration route stays healthy and intact. Our efforts aim to connect the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to Allamuchy Mountain State Park, anchored by TNC's Blair Creek and Johnsonburg Swamp Preserves. As of early 2017, TNC has preserved 1,500 acres in this corridor.

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.

Delaware River Bluffs

The spectacular Delaware River Bluffs run from Lambertville to Reigelesville along the Delaware River. They are critical components of the Wild and Scenic River as well as the Scenic Byway. They contain important water resources as well as critical habitats.

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
\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Project Priority Areas

Counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Sussex, Union, Warren

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.

William Penn Delaware River Watershed Association

The Trust for Public Land is participating in the Delaware River Watershed Initiative. The William Penn Foundation has organized and funded numerous nonprofits in New Jersey and Pennsylvania to collaborate toward achieving a measurable goal of improved water quality in the Delaware River watershed through land protection, restoration and education. TPL is focusing on the Kirkwood-Cohansey Cluster. Scientists have determined the number one threat to the water quality in the Kirkwood-Cohansey is development of forested lands. The Trust for Public Land is working to help protect water quality here through land preservation. The inclusion of the Mullica and Great Egg Harbor watersheds in the *Delaware River* Watershed Initiative indicates the importance of the Kirkwood-Cohansey aquifer to the water quality and quantity of the lower Delaware River.

United Community Corporation

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

West Side Park Improvements

County: Essex

The United Community Corporation (UCC) seeks funding to complete several integral improvements and enhancements to the existing facilities at West Side Park, located in the Newark's Central Ward, between South 17th and South 13th Streets. At just over thirty-one acres, it is the ninth largest park in the Essex County Parks system. Currently, the Park's focus is to provide active recreational opportunities for local residents. The neighborhood has a troubling shortfall of recreational open space. As such, the demand placed on these facilities is inordinately high, which causes the facilities to rapidly wear. This project seeks to stem the tide of time and use, and improve and enhance the recreational facilities at the Park. To that end, the UCC will refurbish the tennis courts and basketball courts; modernize the play surfaces; add new field lighting; construct modern, ADA-compliant bleachers; refurbish the existing restroom building; and add and replace park appurtenances and wayfinding signs throughout the Park.

Zoological Society of NJ

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development

Turtle Back Zoo Penguin Exhibit

County: Essex

In partnership with Essex County, the Zoological Society of New Jersey has requested funding to install a new, state-of-the art penguin exhibit and recreational education pavilion at South Mountain Reservation's Turtle Back Zoo, which is located off of Northfield Avenue in West Orange. The exhibit will include a 40,000-gallon pool with underwater and above-water viewing areas, food preparation kitchen, and a structure that will house office space for the animal caretaker, as well as educational displays to engage Zoo visitors. In addition, the project includes new/replacement park benches, wayfinding signs, and other amenities.

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 \$500,000 for acquisition projects and development projects. In addition, applicants are limited to one project. Project award caps are:

<i>COUNTY SPONSOR</i>	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

Nonprofit Awards

The majority of nonprofit organizations will receive a \$250,000 (or the amount requested, if lower). Nonprofit organizations that acquire land statewide will receive \$500,000.