

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

LOCAL AND NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

2021

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

Recommendations for Funding



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THE GREEN ACRES MISSION

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

General Overview

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program will provide more than \$95 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:

- \$35.8 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects,
- \$42.2 million for local development of parks and recreational facilities,
- \$2.3 million for local stewardship projects,
- \$8.8 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations,
- \$4.9 million for nonprofit recreational development, and
- \$901,000 for nonprofit stewardship projects.

This funding comes from the Corporate Business Tax, through the Preserve New Jersey Act (P.L. 2016, c. 12), the enabling legislation for funding approved by voters in 2014. Additional funding comes from loan and interest repayments, interest earnings, and previously approved projects that did not come to fruition.

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 716,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the state. The total acreage of protected open space across New Jersey now exceeds 1.61 million acres.

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.

This year, special priority was given to projects that meet the Department's priorities. Applicants were encouraged to formulate projects that anticipate and address climate change impacts, advance long-term resilience goals, provide equitable and meaningful public access, and maximize social, environmental, and health benefits to the public, particularly within [Overburdened Communities](#). Nearly 84% of the funding approved to local governments this round is for projects in municipalities that contain Overburdened Communities.

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. In this funding round, \$35.8 million in grants and loans is being approved for 57 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 interest, payable over 30 years. (The list of Urban Aid municipalities is attached as Appendix 3.)
- **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 the established cap.
- **Site-Specific Incentive Acquisitions:** This category is for local governments that have passed an open space tax but do not have the required Open Space and Recreation Plan. While they receive the same 50% grant funding as the Planning Incentive projects, applicants must submit individual applications for each site they want to acquire.
- **Standard Acquisitions:** Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax, have a tax below the required ½ cent rate, or are not collecting their open space tax, qualify for a 25% matching grant with the balance provided as a low-interest (2%) 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 \$42.2 million in grants and loans for 49 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects in 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 eligible for the balance as a zero-interest loan, up to the funding round cap, if the applicant requests it. Projects sponsored by **Densely Populated Counties*** (population density of more than 5,000 people per square mile) will 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. (The list of Densely and Highly Populated municipalities and counties is attached as Appendix 2.)
- **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 located in Urban Aid or Densely or Highly Populated municipalities or in Densely Populated counties, or for projects that primarily serve residents of those populated communities.

This year, approximately \$8.8 million is being awarded to 14 nonprofit organizations for land acquisition projects. Eleven nonprofits are receiving a total of \$4.9 million for park development projects.

Stewardship Projects – Local and Nonprofit

The Preserve New Jersey Act established a new funding category 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 limited passive recreation, not on active recreation facilities.

Awards for local stewardship projects in Urban Aid municipalities are in the form of a 75% matching grant. Local projects in the remaining municipalities, and all nonprofit projects, will receive 50% matching grant awards. This year, we are approving \$2.3 million for 10 local stewardship projects and \$901,000 for 6 nonprofit stewardship projects.

Appendix 3 describes the funding formula used to determine awards.

Funding for all Green Acres projects is contingent upon approval by the Garden State Preservation Trust and by the Legislature's through the passage of an appropriation bill.

Urban Parks Grants

The FY21 and FY22 state budgets included a total of \$6 million to be used for urban parks. The DEP, through Green Acres, created a 100% grant program to incentivize projects in municipalities that contain Overburdened Communities. The DEP set a \$500,000 cap and approved 13 of the 67 applications it received. Applicants were invited to “roll over” their Urban Parks Grant projects into the Green Acres funding round if the Urban Parks Grant application was not approved or if supplemental funding was needed. These rollover requests were considered in addition to any Green Acres applications a local government submitted; all were evaluated using the same criteria.

LOCAL LAND ACQUISITION, PARK DEVELOPMENT, AND STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Atlantic City

Gardner's Basin Improvements

Atlantic City is seeking additional funding to improve Gardner's Basin, which is located on the Absecon Bay waterfront and features breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, Absecon Inlet, Absecon Bay, and the marina district. In addition to scenic vistas of the waterfront, Gardner's Basin provides fishing, boating, sightseeing and dolphin watching cruises. Gardner's Basin serves as an anchor for a multi-city waterfront bike/pedestrian trail that includes the Atlantic City and Ventnor boardwalks. The project will continue to support and encourage passive and active recreational uses of Atlantic City's waterfront parks.

Matching Grant Award \$596,450
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Egg Harbor Township

Tony Canale Park Expansion

Egg Harbor Township is seeking additional funding to improve Tony Canale Park, located on Sycamore Avenue. Proposed improvements include three multi-purpose fields, a synthetic turf field, an access road and two parking areas, a field house to support the recreational amenities, and stormwater management improvements. The proposed improvements will allow the township to accommodate the recreational needs of its growing population.

Loan Award \$900,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Hamilton Township

Leipe Recreation Complex Expansion

Hamilton Township proposes to expand the recreational facilities at Leipe Recreation Complex, located on Leipzig Avenue. The property was purchased with Green Acres assistance. Proposed improvements include construction of a concession and restroom facility, improvements to and expansion of the existing parking lot, new baseball fields, a roller hockey rink, sports and parking lot lighting, a running track, and a passive walking path. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Loan Award \$600,000
Standard Development

Pleasantville City

Bayview Avenue Waterfront Park

The City of Pleasantville is requesting additional funding for construction of a linear waterfront park linking Jokers Field and the Pleasantville Marina. Proposed facilities at Jokers Field include an outdoor Amphitheatre/Gazebo, central lawn/open play area, educational cove, picnic pavilion, splash pad, exercise cove, environmental garden, landscaping and a elevated walkway that leads to the Marina. Enhancement of the existing jogging/walking/bicycle trail that connects the parks, as well as installation of bike racks, decorative fencing and various other site amenities are also proposed. At the Marina, the city proposes construction of a bathroom/office building, dredging to

ensure that the facility can be enjoyed by the public, and a floating dock.

Loan Award	\$558,333
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$75,000</u>
Total Award	\$633,333
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

BERGEN COUNTY

Bergen County

Riverside County Park South

Bergen County is proposing improvements to Riverside County Park South, located in Lyndhurst Township and North Arlington Borough. Proposed improvements include a new all-access point at Park Street and a foot path connection at the Bergen Avenue and River Road intersection; an extended walkway system with footbridges and lighting; fitness stations; a playground and spray park with safety surfacing; riverfront overlooks; a relocated baseball field; and a pavilion. Landscaping, site furnishings, fencing, utilities, and stormwater management improvements are also proposed.

Matching Grant Award	\$1,500,000
Park Development	
Highly Populated County	

Cliffside Park Borough

Gorge Rd Park Improvements

Cliffside Park Borough proposes to improve Gorge Road Park, located adjacent to Cliffside Park High School. The Borough is proposing to add an approximately 4,000 square foot exercise circuit to the park. The new equipment will accommodate various age groups and abilities and will incorporate handicap accessible elements and features for an inclusive play environment.

Matching Grant Award	\$187,500
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

East Rutherford Borough

Richard Outwater House Acquisition

East Rutherford Borough is seeking to acquire the historic Richard Outwater House, located at 231 Hackensack Street. The main structure, a Dutch Colonial Farmhouse, was built in 1821 and listed on the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places in 1983. The Borough intends to renovate the structure in accordance with historic preservation standards and create a passive park on the grounds. The renovated building, which will include ADA access improvements, will serve as office space for the Borough Historical Society and as meeting space for civic groups. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Loan Award	\$200,000
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total Award	\$500,000
Standard Acquisition	

**Fairview Borough
Bergen Boulevard Park**

Fairview Borough is redeveloping a half-acre vacant property located on Bergen Boulevard into a new public recreational facility. Proposed improvements include a dog park, gazebo, exercise equipment area, walking path, parking area, landscaping, and site furnishings. This project will create an important new recreation facility in this densely populated community.

Matching Grant Award \$90,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

**Garfield City
Columbus Park Improvements**

Garfield City is planning improvements to Columbus Park, located on Outwater Lane. Proposed improvements include both active and passive recreational opportunities. Passive recreational features include a patio area with a fountain, an amphitheater, and benches, while active recreational developments will include playgrounds and bike/walking/jogging paths. Parking and access drive improvements, stormwater management facilities, lighting, landscaping, and a restrooms building are also proposed.

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**Hackensack City
Columbus & Carver Park Improvements**

Hackensack City plans improvements at two City parks: Carver Park, located between First and Second Streets at Clay Street, and Columbus Park, located at West Franklin Street and Old Hoboken Road. At Carver Park, the City proposes to rehabilitate basketball courts and improve walkways. At Columbus Park, the City proposes to renovate and improve accessibility of playground equipment and safety surfacing. Athletic field improvements are also planned. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Loan Award \$161,928
Matching Grant Award \$1,038,072
Total Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**North Arlington Borough
Fisher Field Improvements**

North Arlington Borough proposes improvements at Fisher Field, located on 6th Street. Proposed improvements include new playground equipment and safety surfacing, a new basketball court, four pickleball courts, walkway improvements, and improved accessibility from the corner of Riverview Ave and Veterans Place. Landscaping, fencing, benches, picnic tables, and an irrigation system are also proposed.

Matching Grant Award \$117,682
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Wallington Borough

Hathaway Park Improvements

Wallington Borough proposes new recreational facilities for its popular Hathaway Park, located along the Passaic River on Hathaway Street. Proposed improvements include a spray park, a new tennis court, basketball court renovation, picnic tables, and a passive seating area. Drainage improvements and site furnishings are also planned. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$219,384
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Wood-Ridge Borough

Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition

Wood-Ridge Borough is requesting supplemental funding toward the acquisition of an 11.8-acre property, located on Johnson Drive. The project site, which abuts a new residential development, is a portion of the former Curtiss Wright industrial complex. 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 grassy field is also planned for open play and community events.

Matching Grant Award \$750,000
Standard Acquisition

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Burlington County

Willingboro Lakes Improvements Ph II

Following a successful 2020 Phase 1 park improvement project, Burlington County is proposing additional improvements to its Willingboro Lakes Park, located on Beverly-Rancocas Road in Willingboro Township. Proposed Phase II improvements include expanded parking, improved public access to the lakes and Rancocas Creek, a fishing pier, handicapped-accessible trails and walkway improvements, boardwalks, additional picnic pavilions, and site furnishings. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

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

Evesham Township

Black Run Preserve Stewardship

Evesham Township is proposing to improve Black Run Preserve, a 1,300-acre nature preserve on Kettle Run Road between the Marlton Lakes and Kings Grant neighborhoods. Proposed activities include improving existing trails and trailheads and adding signage to enhance the accessibility and safety of the site.

Matching Grant Award \$50,000
Stewardship Project

Pemberton Township

Pemberton Sports Field Lighting

Pemberton Township proposes to add sports lighting at two Township parks. At the Pemberton Sports Complex, located on Pemberton-Browns Mills Road, sports lighting will be added to two baseball/softball fields. At Nesbit Park, located on Anderson Road, sports lighting will be added to two football fields, a practice field and a game field. These improvements will allow the fields' users to extend their seasons and practice and game times, as well as enable the parks to host more teams and tournaments.

Loan Award	\$285,000
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$915,000</u>
Total Award	\$1,200,000
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

Cumberland County

Cumberland County

Trail Development at Mid-County Park

Cumberland County proposes the development of a 5.2-mile trail system at Mid-County Park, located on Morias Avenue in the City of Millville. Project plans include a pervious trail appropriate for walking, bicycling and horse riding, and restoration of an existing asphalted area to natural conditions.

Matching Grant Award	\$486,060
Stewardship Project	

Vineland City

Romano Complex Improvements

The City of Vineland proposes improvements at the Joseph E. Romano Sports Complex, located on Maple Avenue. Proposed improvements include the development of an inclusive playground and sensory garden; development of exercise circuit stations around the existing running/walking track; and construction of a restroom facility and parking. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award	\$1,200,000
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

ESSEX COUNTY

Essex County

Multi-Park Improvements 2021

Essex County proposes improvements to two County recreation facilities. At the Turtle Back Zoo, located on Northfield Avenue in West Orange Township, the County will partner with the Essex County Parks Foundation and the Zoological Society of New Jersey to construct a new Amazing Asia Exhibit. The new exhibit, which will highlight several threatened and critically endangered Asian species, will include new habitats and viewing areas for the public. At Weequahic Park,

located on Meeker Avenue in Newark, the County proposes to renovate the Divident Hill Memorial Pavilion and surrounding area, convert two ballfields to synthetic turf with lighting and bleachers, and make improvements to the park's picnic area and entrance.

Matching Grant Award \$1,519,525
Park Development
Densely Populated County

Belleville Township

Fairway Park River Bank Walkway

Belleville Township proposes to add a new riverside walking path at Fairway Park, located on Riverdale and Fairway Avenues. The path will run alongside the Third River and feature a 10-foot wide walking path, boardwalk, native landscaping, and interpretive signage. A damaged chain link fence near the riverbank will be removed to restore waterfront access, and the riverbank will be stabilized to prevent erosion.

Matching Grant Award \$267,012
Stewardship Project

Belleville Township

Fairway Park Improvements

Belleville Township is proposing improvements to Fairway Park, located at Riverdale and Fairway Avenues. Proposed improvements include a prefabricated restroom, a dog park, replacement of the park's current playground with an ADA accessible playground, upgrades to the baseball field, and construction of a new access road for maintenance. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$601,954
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Bloomfield Township

Bloomfield Township Third River Park and Preserve

Bloomfield Township seeks additional Green Acres assistance towards the acquisition of a 12.7-acre property located along the Third River and Spring Brook and accessed by Lion's Gate Drive. The site, which was used historically for manufacturing, is situated in a highly developed area. The Township has acquired the site and restored the flood plain and associated wetlands, creating flood storage area and wildlife habitat. Passive and active recreation facilities have also been added.

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

Bloomfield Township

Clarks Pond South and Vassar Field Improvements

Bloomfield Township proposes to replace the existing turf on the Clarks Pond South softball field on Dewey Street and Vassar Field little league field on Byrd Avenue, which have become worn and unsafe. The project will include the complete removal and replacement of the synthetic turf systems on the two fields. The proposed work will address safety concerns for the youth participants who play on the fields. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$503,160

**Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

**East Orange City
Oval Park Improvements**

The City of East Orange proposes improvements to Oval Park, located between Grove Place and Eaton Place. Park renovations will include restoring the natural turf multi-purpose playing field, constructing a circuit rubberized walking path that encircles the field, razing and rebuilding the field house, resurfacing the basketball courts, adding spectator seating, and landscaping. The proposed improvements will make Oval Park a more inviting space and encourage more residents to visit this centrally located park. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**Newark City
Broadway Park**

The City of Newark, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, plans to develop Broadway Park for passive and active recreation. Broadway Park, which was acquired with Green Acres funds, consists of vacant lots located in the North Ward between Broadway and Oraton Street, adjacent to Luis Muñoz Marin Elementary School. Proposed improvements include playgrounds, playing fields, additional lighting, art, rain gardens, and a community garden. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**Orange City Township
Military Park Improvements**

Orange City Township seeks to make improvements to Military Park, a centrally located pocket park on Main Street in the commercial district. Military Park features monuments that honor World War II veterans. The proposed project will include new sidewalks, trees, and other plantings, and will make improvements to the monument viewing area. These improvements will improve the visitor experience and make Military Park more functional and attractive. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

**Glassboro Borough
South Delsea Drive Sports Complex Turf Project**

The Borough of Glassboro proposes to replace the existing grassed football field at South Delsea Drive Park, located on South Delsea Drive, with a synthetic turf multi-purpose field that will accommodate football, soccer, lacrosse, and field hockey.

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

Washington Township
Washington Lake Park - Phase II

Washington Township is proposing improvements around Cedar Pond within Washington Lake Park, which is located at Chapel Heights Road, Hurfville-Cross Keys Road and Greentree Road. Proposed improvements include pond bank restoration and stabilization to prevent further erosion, native landscaping, and pathway improvements around the pond. This work will improve safety and enhance opportunities to enjoy the water and the surrounding wildlife and vegetation.

Matching Grant Award \$315,000
Stewardship Project

Westville Borough
Thomas West Park Pond Improvements

Westville Borough proposes improvements to restore the ecological health of the pond at Thomas West Park, located at Duncan Avenue, Delsea Drive (NJ 47), and Boundary Lane. By clearing debris and sediment that has accumulated over time, the proposed work will help prevent the buildup of algae in the pond, contribute to climate resiliency by increasing flood storage, protect the Big Timber Creek watershed, and improve the pond's overall aesthetic.

Matching Grant Award \$65,540
Stewardship Project

HUDSON COUNTY

Bayonne City
DiDomenico Park and Pool

Bayonne City proposes to improve DiDomenico Park, which is located at West 16th Street and Avenue A. The project proposes tennis and basketball court improvements, including surface repairs, fencing, nets, benches, goals, and other court amenities. The existing tot lot area will be resurfaced, and new ADA-compliant equipment, accessories, and seating will be added. Exterior and interior upgrades to the pool building are also proposed. The kiddie pool perimeter will be repaired to ensure a safe swimming area for small children. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hoboken City
Cove Park Waterfront Improvements

The City of Hoboken proposes to improve Cove Park, located along Park Avenue at Weehawken Cove. Proposed improvements include bulkhead repair and rehabilitation of the segment of the Hudson River Waterfront Walkway that passes through the park. The project will restore public access to this section of waterfront walkway and ensure continuous pedestrian and bicycle access to

recreational waterfront facilities.

Matching Grant Award \$576,300
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hoboken City
Southwest Park Development

The City of Hoboken is seeking to expand and improve Southwest Park on Harrison Street. Proposed improvements at the expanded park include pickleball courts, basketball courts, play structures, a community garden, benches, landscaping, hopscotch, open programming space, and other features. Also proposed at the site is a subsurface detention tank with the capacity to capture 600,000 gallons of stormwater as part of the Hudson River-Rebuild-By-Design Project, which will help protect Hoboken from flooding and the effects of climate change. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Jersey City
Leonard Gordon Park

Jersey City plans to improve accessibility at Leonard Gordon Park, located on Kennedy Boulevard in the Heights section of the City. Proposed improvements include pathways, green infrastructure raingardens, landscaping, and ornamental lighting to make the site more resilient and attractive. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Kearny Town
Passaic River Shoreline and Dock

To increase public access to the Passaic River, Kearny Town proposes to develop and improve recreational facilities at Passaic Avenue and Bellevue Turnpike. Proposed improvements include the construction of a new floating dock with three ramps, riverbank stabilization, bulkhead reconstruction, stabilization of the area around the existing boathouse, and green infrastructure improvements. A new gazebo picnic area with perimeter rain gardens and pollinators is also proposed.

Loan Award \$234,750
Matching Grant Award \$965,250
Total Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Kearny Town
Harvey Field Improvement

Kearny Township proposes to improve Harvey Field, located off Schuyler Avenue. Proposed improvements include upgrading the existing soccer and baseball fields located in the eastern portion of the complex to synthetic turf and converting an existing parking lot to a green infrastructure permeable surface to allow for better drainage and reduced surface runoff. Sidewalks

also will be installed to improve pedestrian flow through the complex. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Union City

4100 Palisade Avenue Acquisition

The City of Union City proposes to acquire 0.29 acres on Palisade Avenue. Once acquired, the City plans to demolish the existing building and develop a new recreational facility with a soccer field for younger children. The facility will serve the northern section of the City, which is undergoing a boom in residential development and has a deficit of recreational field space. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

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

Weehawken Township

Waterfront Multi-Use Pavilion II

The Township of Weehawken is requesting additional funding to construct a multi-use rink pavilion and other recreational amenities at the southwestern portion of its waterfront South Park. This grant request is for the second phase of a three-phased project to expand recreation opportunities in a densely populated urban area along the Hudson River. This phase consists of an ice rink with an interchangeable surface that will allow for basketball in the summer months, a pavilion and support building, a great lawn, a basketball court and a tennis half-court. The rink pavilion will have an open-air roof structure that will shield the ice from the sun but will be open on the sides to allow for scenic views and fresh air. Bleacher-style seating will be available in a support building where visitors can rent skates, purchase refreshments, utilize bathroom facilities and warm up in the winter or cool off in the summer. The building footprints were designed to have a minimal environmental impact and additional sustainable planning features.

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

West New York Town

Washington Park Improvement Project

West New York Town proposes renovations to Washington Park, located on 66th Street. Proposed renovations include playground improvements, amphitheater seating, fencing, lighting, a mini synthetic turf soccer field, hardscaping repairs, and installation of video surveillance equipment. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$537,964
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Lambertville City

Closson Property Acquisition

The City of Lambertville is requesting funding for the acquisition of a portion of the Closson property, which is located on Route 29 (North Main Street) and is one of the last remaining larger properties targeted for open space/park purposes in this largely developed community. The City will use Green Acres funding for 6.2 acres of the open portion of the property. This land holds significant potential for outdoor recreation development, and its preservation will protect a historic landscape within the Lambertville Historic District, listed in both the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places.

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

MERCER COUNTY

Ewing Township

ESCC Pool Area Improvements

Ewing Township proposes to renovate and repair the municipal pool and historic bath house located at the Ewing Senior-Community Center on Lower Ferry Road. Work will include renovation and repair of the camp pool, reconstruction of the baby pool area, construction of a sand volleyball court, bath house renovations and improvements, fencing, sidewalk repair, landscaping and other amenities. The historic significance of the bath house will be maintained. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Loan Award \$393,292
Matching Grant Award \$131,098
Total Award \$524,390
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Mercer County

Watson's Creek Living Shoreline

Mercer County is requesting funds for the construction of a 500-linear-foot living shoreline along Watson's Creek at John A. Roebling Memorial Park at Westcott and Sewell Avenues in Hamilton Township. The County proposes to restore severely eroded shoreline in the tidal wetland, while taking care to preserve significant Native American artifacts, thereby providing habitat for submerged aquatic vegetation and creating a site for future freshwater mussel reintroduction. The proposed improvements will attenuate wave energy and tidal fluctuations, reduce erosion and sedimentation, and filter stormwater runoff, while maintaining a natural shoreline gradient and providing enhanced nearshore habitat.

Matching Grant Award \$150,000
Stewardship Project

Trenton City

Amtico Square Skatepark Complex

Trenton City proposes to convert the former American Biltrite Rubber site at 3 Amtico Square, into a skatepark with night sky friendly lighting and a shade structure. Several multi-purpose game

courts will be constructed at the park for bicycle polo, street soccer, tennis, basketball, and volleyball. A trail will be built along the creek toward Capital City Farm and the D & R Canal Towpath. A green infrastructure parking lot and renovations to the existing covered bridge, which will allow for expansive views up and down the creek, are also proposed.

Loan Award	\$200,000
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$1,000,000</u>
Total Award	\$1,200,000
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill River Walk North

Carteret Borough plans to expand its Waterfront Park, located off of Industrial Highway along the Arthur Kill. Proposed improvements will consist of the extension of an ADA-accessible waterfront walkway north from the Waterfront Park to Noes Creek, including boardwalk, railing, lighting, and site furnishings. A portion of the walkway will extend out over the water for a scenic overlook. The new walkway will increase the public's access to the Arthur Kill and offer a passive recreational resource for all ages. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award	\$1,200,000
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

Edison Township

Glendale Park Acquisition Project

Edison Township is seeking to acquire an 11.5-acre property on Glendale Avenue with approximately 400 feet of riverfront on the Raritan River to create a new waterfront park. The acquisition will serve as vital green space and protection of critical wildlife habitat. The Township plans future recreational amenities at the site, including playground areas and public access to Raritan River. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award	\$750,000
Standard Acquisition	

Old Bridge Township

Cottrell Farm Park Development

Old Bridge Township is requesting additional funding for development of the Cottrell Farm property, located at Highway 516 and Cottrell Road, into a passive and active recreational facility. The park will be developed in four phases, the first of which involves rehabilitation of the historic buildings on site and will not be funded by Green Acres. Proposed improvements in Phases 2 through 4 include a walking/fitness trail, a splash pad, a community/memorial garden, a gazebo and picnic grove with pavilion, a playground, a butterfly garden, an amphitheater, parking improvements, stormwater management improvements, signage, landscaping, utilities, a restroom building, fencing, and lighting.

Matching Grant Award	\$1,200,000
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**Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Perth Amboy City

Veteran Memorial Park Improvements

Perth Amboy City proposes to improve the Veterans Memorial Youth League Complex, located on Dorothy Avenue. Proposed improvements include converting four grass baseball fields to synthetic turf multi-purpose fields for baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse. The City will also add an expanded patio and picnic area with a shade structure, sheltered dugouts, scoreboards, landscaping, fencing, stormwater management improvements, and a walking trail that will connect the Complex to the adjacent Willow Pond Park.

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Fair Haven Borough

Spagnuolo Acquisition

Fair Haven Borough proposes acquisition of the Spagnuolo property, located at Fair Haven Road on the Navesink River. Acquisition of the property will expand recreational use of the adjacent municipal fishing pier and provide additional land for new uses.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Standard Acquisition

Freehold Borough

Liberty Park Improvements

The Borough of Freehold plans to add various recreational improvements to Liberty Park, located along Liberty Street. Proposed improvements include converting walking paths in the park to a new fitness trail with workout stations, rehabilitating basketball courts, and adding picnic tables, site furnishings, and a new ADA-compliant parking lot. Freehold Borough is a first-time recipient of Green Acres funding. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award \$127,243
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Hazlet Township

North Hazlet Community Park

Hazlet Township plans to renovate and upgrade North Hazlet Community Park, located at Eighth Street and Brown Avenue. Proposed improvements include playgrounds with safety surfacing, basketball courts, a recreation pavilion, walkways, parking improvements, sports and walkway lighting, picnic tables and benches, irrigation, a security system, fencing, and landscaping. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Loan Award \$600,000
Standard Development

**Highlands Borough
Snug Harbor Skate Park**

Highlands Borough plans to renovate and upgrade its skate park facility at Snug Harbor Park, located at the corner of Snug Harbor Avenue and Bay Avenue. Proposed improvements include construction of a new concrete skate park, parking lot improvements, picnic tables, fencing, signage, and park furnishings. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Loan Award	\$449,260
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$149,753</u>
Total Award	\$599,013
Park Development	
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality	

**Middletown Township
Poricy Park Watershed Improvements**

The Township of Middletown is planning stewardship improvements to Poricy Park, located on Oak Hill Road. Proposed improvements include replacement of various wooden docks and boardwalks that extend over the ponds and streams that are located throughout the Poricy Park Watershed. These improvements will ensure safer and more functional access to the fossil beds, streams, ponds, wooded areas, and other natural resources located in the 154-acre park.

Matching Grant Award	\$143,500
Stewardship Project	

**Middletown Township
Multi-Park Improvements**

Middletown Township is requesting additional funding for its multi-park improvement project. In Phase III, the Township proposes improvements to Bodman, Poricy, and Tindall Parks. At Bodman Park, located on Market Street, the Township proposes improvements to the picnic area, as well as security and ADA accessibility improvements. At Poricy Park, located Oak Hill Road, signage and ADA accessibility improvements are proposed. At Tindall Park, located on Tindall Road, proposed improvements include rehabilitation of two basketball courts and eight tennis courts, walkways, a retaining wall, and landscaping.

Loan Award	\$553,312
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$184,438</u>
Total Award	\$737,750
Park Development	
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality	

**Millstone Township
Barneget Bay Preserve**

Millstone Township proposes improvements to Barneget Bay Preserve, a 13-acre site located on Burnt Tavern Road. The proposed project involves creating a trail throughout the property, which will provide access to a tributary of the Toms River. Interpretive signage, an ADA-accessible bird blind for birdwatching and photography, removal of invasive plant species and native plantings, and a small parking lot are also proposed.

Matching Grant Award	\$108,330
Stewardship Project	

MORRIS COUNTY

Lincoln Park Borough

Lincoln Park Floodplain Acquisition

Lincoln Park Borough continues to acquire repetitively flooded properties to move people out of harm's way and convert the land to open space for passive recreation. The Borough has used a combination of grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Morris County Flood Mitigation Program as the match for Green Acres funding.

Matching Grant Award \$213,518
Standard Acquisition

Parsippany-Troy Hills Township

Kosut Tract Acquisition

Parsippany-Troy Hills Township is seeking to acquire the Kosut tract, a 5.4-acre property on Knoll Road, surrounded by over 11 acres of existing Township open space. The project site is the final property to be secured for this project area. Once the property is acquired, the Township will pursue plans to conduct conservation activities and create a new municipal park.

Matching Grant Award \$400,000
Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

OCEAN COUNTY

Brick Township

Multi-Park Improvements 2

Brick Township is requesting additional funding to complete its multi-park improvement project. In Phase III, the Township proposes improvements to Bayside Park, located along Route 35 South. Proposed improvements include playground equipment and safety surfacing, shade structures, boardwalk decking and paver patio areas, fish bait cleaning stations and safety ladders, walkways, lighting, utilities, irrigation, security improvements, landscaping, parking lot improvements, and site furnishings.

Matching Grant Award \$1,102,536
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Brick Township

Mallard Point Park Redevelopment

Brick Township proposes improvements to Mallard Point Park, a waterfront pocket park located on the Tunes Brook, a tidal tributary of the Kettle Creek. Project plans include shoreline stabilization, dock reconstruction, walkways, fencing, lighting, landscaping, signage, a tot lot, seating and shade structures. The park is next to the Township fishing pier and once improved, the area will provide improved public access to the water for fishing, kayaking, and crabbing. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award	\$712,500
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

**Seaside Heights Borough
North Bayfront Boat Ramp**

Seaside Heights Borough proposes to reconstruct an existing concrete boat ramp located on the westerly shoreline of the Barnegat Bay along US Highway 35 North. The existing boat ramp is in disrepair and needs to be replaced because it does not conform with recommended design standards for recreation boating.

Loan Award	\$214,875
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$71,625</u>
Total Award	\$286,500
Park Development	
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality	

PASSAIC COUNTY

**Passaic County
Lambert Castle Landscape Restoration**

Passaic County is proposing to restore the historic and cultural landscape surrounding Lambert Castle, located on Valley Road in Paterson City. Proposed improvements include an enhanced planting area to serve as a buffer between the historic property and parking area, a restored irrigated lawn area, reconstruction of the trellis structure walkway, statuary exhibit space, and ADA accessibility improvements. The landscape restoration will allow the area to reflect the original historic landscape around the Castle and ensure that the estate adheres to historical and environmental preservation measures as outlined by City of Paterson, Passaic County, and State guidelines.

Matching Grant Award	\$500,000
Stewardship Project	

**Passaic County
Dundee Island Park Phase II**

Passaic County, Passaic City, and Trust for Public Land intend to continue their partnership to improve Dundee Island Park, located on Veterans Court in Passaic City. Proposed improvements for Phase II include improved parking facilities; refurbished soccer field; playground and spray park; fitness and exercise equipment area; community garden; boat launch; river walk and landscaping improvements to the riparian area, including native planting; ornamental security lighting throughout the entire park; art and place-making features, including sculpture designed by a local artist; and an amphitheater. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award	\$1,800,000
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

Passaic City

Multi-Park Improvements 2021

The City of Passaic proposes enhancements to its two largest and most popular parks: Veteran’s Memorial Park and Pulaski Park. At Veteran's Memorial Park, located at Passaic and Van Houten Avenues, the City proposes baseball field lighting and drainage, playground safety surfacing, parking lot improvements, tennis court rehabilitation and lighting, basketball court lighting, and landscaping. At Pulaski Park, located on 4th Street, proposed improvements include a new fitness trail, pump track, bike park, dog park, playground equipment, landscaping, and security cameras.

Matching Grant Award \$1,200,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Paterson City

Vista Park Development Project

Paterson City is requesting additional funding for the development of Vista Park, located off Jasper Street. Vista Park provides beautiful views of the city, Garret Mountain County Reservation, and Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park, which lies across the Passaic River. Proposed improvements include 40,000 square feet of green space, pathways, a loop trail, an amphitheater, picnic areas, meadows, playgrounds, observation decks, timber steps, an outdoor classroom, lighting, comfort amenities, and parking.

Matching Grant Award \$221,558
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

SALEM COUNTY

Carneys Point Township

Carneys Point Recreation Complex

Carneys Point Township is seeking additional funding to improve Carneys Point Recreation Complex. Proposed improvements include removal of an underutilized street hockey court, installation of two pavilions with amenities, rehabilitation of a restroom building, playground improvements, sidewalks and pedestrian walkways, lighting, and landscaping.

Loan Award \$600,000
Standard Development

SOMERSET COUNTY

Bound Brook Borough

North Park Project

The Borough of Bound Brook proposes to improve North Park, a small undeveloped park on Rose and Schindler Lanes. Currently, North Park is largely inaccessible to residents and visitors. There are no trails or other facilities, and invasive plant species have taken over. The proposed project consists of clearing the site of invasive species and installing 10-foot-wide stone dust nature trails throughout the park to create new passive park in the Borough.

Matching Grant Award	\$300,000
Stewardship Project	

Bound Brook Borough
Billian Legion Park Development

The Borough of Bound Brook plans to add new playground equipment at the Billian Legion Park, located at East High Street and East 2nd Street. Existing playground equipment at the park is insufficient in size and does not meet the recreational needs of the community. The new play space will include swings, crawling structures, a young children’s (ages 2-5) playground, and climbing structures. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Matching Grant Award	\$70,325
Park Development	
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality	

UNION COUNTY

Hillside Township
Athletic Courts Resurfacing Project

The Township of Hillside is planning to resurface the athletic courts at Sanford Park (located on Hillside Avenue next to the William H. Buie Community Center) and Central Avenue Park (adjacent to the Township pool). These basketball and tennis courts are very popular and, as a result of the high usage, the playing surfaces have significant wear and tear. The proposed upgrades will greatly improve the playing experience for the public. (Urban Parks Grant rollover request.)

Loan Award	\$76,137
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$228,413</u>
Total Award	\$304,550
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

Mountainside Borough
Our Lady of Lourdes Fields Acquisition

The Borough of Mountainside proposes to acquire a 4.4-acre tract of recreation land, located at 300 Central Avenue. The privately-owned property contains existing athletic fields, and this acquisition will ensure the continued recreational use by the Borough's youth sports program.

Matching Grant Award	\$478,000
Standard Acquisition	

Plainfield City
Rushmore Avenue Recreation Complex -Phase II

The City of Plainfield proposes to continue improvements to the Rushmore Avenue Recreational Complex, located on West 3rd Street. The city will focus on improvements to the pool and playground area, replacing the existing kiddie pool with a proposed splash pad, constructing a new pavilion and asphalt walkway, and installing park benches, picnic tables, signage, a decorative park entranceway arch, and landscaping.

Matching Grant Award	\$1,200,000
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

Rahway City

East Cherry Street Park Acquisition

The City of Rahway is proposing to acquire a 0.11-acre property located on East Cherry Street in the City's downtown district. The project site is adjacent to two city-owned lots, and the City plans to consolidate the three properties and create a pocket park to increase the public's access to park space in the downtown area.

Loan Award	\$44,750
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$134,250</u>
Total Award	\$179,000
Land Acquisition	
Urban Aid Municipality	

Roselle Borough

Home Terrace Park Improvement

The Borough of Roselle proposes to completely renovate Home Terrace Park, located between St. George Avenue and E. Highland Parkway, for active and passive recreational use. Proposed improvements include the relocation and installation of playground equipment with a rubber safety surface, construction of a splash park and concrete walkways, and installation of decorative lights, park benches and landscaping.

Loan Award	\$60,413
Matching Grant Award	<u>\$1,139,587</u>
Total Award	\$1,200,000
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

WARREN COUNTY

Hardwick Township

White Lake Natural Resource Area Addition

Hardwick Township seeks to acquire a 62-acre property at County Route 521 and Stillwater Road, adjacent to the Warren County White Lake Natural Resource Area and across from the NJ White Lake Wildlife Management Area. The property, which is open land, contains wooded areas dominated by Eastern red cedar, home to the state endangered Metalmark butterfly. The project site is underlain by limestone and hosts a variety of other rare and endangered plants and animals. The subject property also serves as a ground-water recharge area for springs that feed White Lake. Once the property is acquired, the Township anticipates entering into a management agreement with the County.

Matching Grant Award	\$265,000
Site Specific Incentive Acquisition	

PLANNING INCENTIVE ACQUISITIONS

Applicant	Project Name	County	Matching Grant Award
Oakland Borough	Open Space & Recreation	Bergen	\$500,000
River Vale Twp	Watershed Property Acq	Bergen	\$500,000
Burlington County	Planning Incentive	Burlington	\$1,000,000
Bordentown Twp	Bordentown Twp Open Space Acq	Burlington	\$500,000
Eastampton Twp	Planning Incentive	Burlington	\$111,500
Evesham Twp*	Planning Incentive	Burlington	\$750,000
Medford Twp	Open Space Incentive	Burlington	\$500,000
Moorestown Twp	Open Space Preservation Plan	Burlington	\$500,000
Mount Laurel Twp*	Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan	Burlington	\$750,000
Gibbsboro Borough	Greenway Acquisition	Camden	\$400,000
Caldwell Borough	Caldwell OSRP Update	Essex	\$250,000
Livingston Twp	Township of Livingston Open Space	Essex	\$500,000
Verona Twp	Verona Open Space Acquisition	Essex	\$500,000
Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	Gloucester	\$1,000,000
Bethlehem Twp	Open Space Plan Implementation	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Delaware Twp	Open Space Acquisition	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Kingwood Twp	Open Space Plan	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Raritan Twp	Land Acquisition Plan	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Readington Twp	Greenway Incentive Plan	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Union Twp	Union Township Open Space Plan	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Mercer County*	Mercer County Planning Incentive	Mercer	\$1,250,000
Hamilton Twp*	Hamilton Township Open Space Acq.	Mercer	\$750,000
Lawrence Twp	Open Space Plan Acq.	Mercer	\$500,000
Pennington Borough	Pennington Greenbelt Planning Incentive	Mercer	\$375,000
Princeton	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	Mercer	\$500,000
Robbinsville Twp	Green Links Program	Mercer	\$500,000
West Windsor Twp	West Windsor Planning Inc.	Mercer	\$500,000
Middlesex County*	Middlesex County Open Space Acq.	Middlesex	\$1,250,000
North Brunswick Twp*	North Brunswick Plan	Middlesex	\$750,000
South Brunswick Twp*	Open Space Acquisition	Middlesex	\$750,000
Monmouth County*	Planning Incentive Acq	Monmouth	\$1,250,000
Holmdel Twp*	Holmdel Planning Incentive Acq.	Monmouth	\$500,000
Howell Twp	Planning Incentive 2	Monmouth	\$750,000
Millstone Twp	Planning Incentive-Project Evergreen	Monmouth	\$500,000
Madison Borough	Madison Borough Open Space Acq	Morris	\$500,000

Applicant	Project Name	County	Matching Grant Award
Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	Ocean	\$1,000,000
Manchester Twp*	Planning Incentive	Ocean	\$750,000
Point Pleasant Beach Borough	Open Space & Recreation Acq	Ocean	\$500,000
Passaic County*	Open Space Plan Acquisitions	Passaic	\$1,250,000
Somerset County	County Open Space Acq	Somerset	\$1,000,000
Bernardsville Borough	Open Space and Recreation Lands	Somerset	\$500,000
Montgomery Twp	Open Space Acq 5	Somerset	\$500,000
Peapack & Gladstone Borough	Open Space Acq	Somerset	\$500,000
Frankford Twp	Frankford Township Planning Incentive	Sussex	\$462,500
Union County*	Union County Open Space & Recreation	Union	\$1,500,000

* Densely or Highly Populated Municipality/County

**Congregation Ahavas Shalom
Lincoln Elementary Schoolyard**

Congregation Ahavas Shalom has requested additional funding to create an active and passive recreation facility at the Lincoln Avenue School Yard, located on Richelieu Terrace in Newark, to benefit the school children and the community. Proposed improvements include playgrounds with safety surfacing, green infrastructure, a running track, a synthetic turf area, a painted games area, mini basketball courts, benches, picnic/game tables, drinking fountains, amphitheater seating, and raised planting beds and shade trees throughout.

Matching Grant Award \$250,000
Park Development

**D&R Greenway Land Trust
Greenway Acquisitions**

D&R Greenway Land Trust is dedicated to preserving significant watershed lands and large-scale landscapes in central New Jersey, encompassing portions of the Delaware, Raritan and Millstone River watersheds and the Delaware & Raritan Canal. D&R Greenway has identified multiple proposed acquisitions that will help create contiguous preserved lands that protect water quality, significant natural resources, critical wildlife habitat, and natural areas for passive recreational opportunities. The Land Trust's focus preservation areas include, but are not limited to: Central Stony Brook watershed, Delaware Bay Estuary, Delaware River tributaries, historic Griggstown, the Sourland Mountains and the Upper Millstone Greenway. D&R Greenway Land Trust is also involved in creating multi-use trails and potential projects outside these watersheds. Counties include: Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Salem and Somerset.

Matching Grant Award \$1,000,000
Land Acquisition

**D&R Greenway Land Trust
Multi-Park Stewardship**

D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes stewardship activities at three of its preserves. At Cider Mill, on Cider Mill Road in East Amwell Township, a grassland improvement initiative is proposed to improve biodiversity and function. The forage and breeding habitat for grassland birds will be enhanced and invasives will be removed. To improve biodiversity and function at Hillman Preserve, located at Pennington-Rocky Hill Road in Hopewell Township, a multi-season meadow will be created. The meadow will provide for pollinators and increase human interest along the Lawrence-Hopewell trail extension. Invasives will be removed, and a native species seed mix will be planted. Between the forest and meadow edge, a scrub shrub habitat will be created to improve the interior habitat. Finally, at Point Breeze, located on Pine Street in Bordentown Township, D&R Greenway will remove invasive species, build trails, restore habitat, and develop gardens.

Matching Grant Award \$172,900
Stewardship Project

**Essex County Parks Foundation
Amazing Asia Exhibit - Turtle Back Zoo**

Essex County Parks Foundation will partner with Essex County and the Zoological Society of New Jersey to improve the Turtle Back Zoo, located on Northfield Avenue in West Orange Township. The proposed project will involve construction of a new Amazing Asia Exhibit, which will highlight several threatened and critically endangered Asian species. The exhibit will include new habitats and viewing areas for the public.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Park Development

**Flat Rock Brook Nature Association
Boardwalk Trail Restoration**

Flat Rock Brook Nature Association is requesting additional funding to improve the Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, located on Van Nostrand Avenue in Englewood City. Proposed improvements include restoration to the native habitat boardwalk and observation deck. The current boardwalk is significantly deteriorated and prone to flooding. The environmentally friendly improvements will increase visitor safety and upgrade the boardwalk to current ADA standards. The viewing platform will also be replaced, allowing easier access and plenty of space for staff and volunteer trail guides. A concrete landing will connect the boardwalk to the handicapped parking spot and building access.

Matching Grant Award \$25,000
Stewardship Project

**Flat Rock Brook Nature Association
Jones Road Area Restoration**

The Flat Rock Brook Nature Association proposes to enhance the Jones Road portion of their Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, located on Middlesex Avenue in Englewood City. Proposed improvements include a new outdoor classroom pavilion, a nature-themed playground, picnic grove, bridge overlook deck with seating, improved ADA accessibility to new and existing trails, and native plantings. The project will greatly increase accessibility, usage, and environmental quality of a very important part of the preserve.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Park Development

**Friends of Hopewell Quarry, Inc.
Quarry Swim Club**

The Friends of Hopewell Quarry, Inc. formed to facilitate the acquisition of the 7.4-acre Quarry Swim Club property in Hopewell Township, Mercer County, for outdoor recreation and open space purposes. The property also lies within a critical greenway corridor adjacent to preserved open space lands. The property will continue as an active outdoor recreational facility, providing outdoor swimming for the public to use and enjoy.

Matching Grant Award \$91,450
Land Acquisition

**Friends Of Hopewell Valley Open Space
Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition**

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

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Land Acquisition

**Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.
Rifle Camp Park Amphitheater**

The Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc. proposes additional improvements to Rifle Camp Park, a unit of the Passaic County Park System located at Rifle Camp Road in Woodland Park Borough. The project includes construction of a new outdoor amphitheater at the park and ADA improvements to enhance site accessibility. The site provides recreation for residents of nearby urban areas.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Park Development

**Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc.
Lambert Tower Historic Landscape**

Friends of Passaic County Parks plans to restore the natural environment surrounding the Lambert Observatory Tower, located on Park Road in Paterson City. Proposed historic landscape restoration improvements include plantings, pathways, hardscaping, stone wall and stairway repairs, and signage. All work will adhere to the historical and environmental preservation measures as outlined by City of Paterson, Passaic County and State guidelines.

Matching Grant Award \$290,000
Stewardship Project

**Friends of Princeton Open Space
Millstone River Watershed**

The Friends of Princeton Open Space (FOPOS) is working with preservation partners, including local governments and other local and regional nonprofit land conservancies, to preserve two of the last remaining parcels of undeveloped land in Princeton. The properties are located within a unique ecological area that contains mature forests and significant wetlands, habitat for endangered and threatened species, and nesting habitat for migratory birds that require large areas of contiguous and unfragmented forest. FOPOS also works with Princeton on lands targeted for preservation on its Open Space Master Plan.

Matching Grant Award \$250,000
Land Acquisition

**Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation
Watershed Protection Program**

The Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation is dedicated to protecting and improving water quality through open space protection and management measures in the upper Paulins Kill Watershed, with particular focus on the Culver Lake and Lake Owassa areas. This project focuses on acquiring forests, fields, and high-quality wetlands for the protection of Culver Lake. Lands will be open to the public for passive recreation and nature study.

Matching Grant Award \$230,000
Land Acquisition

**Hamilton Partnership for Paterson
Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center**

The Hamilton Partnership for Paterson is requesting additional funding to improve the open space adjacent to the planned Alexander Hamilton Visitor Experience Center that will welcome visitors to Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. Proposed improvements include a plaza, sculpture,

outdoor exhibits and information, native plantings, picnic area, rain garden, bicycle facilities, and permeable pavers.

Matching Grant Award \$225,000
Park Development

Harding Land Trust

Gatehouse and Primrose Phase 2

Harding Land Trust proposes additional stewardship work at its Gatehouse property, located at Harter Road, and Primrose Farm, located at Brook Drive South, in Harding Township. At the Gatehouse property, the focus will be on landscape improvements along the streetscape and main meadow, as well as planting a wide variety of species in the woodland understory, sedge meadow, vernal pool/wet meadow areas of the property. At Primrose Farm, the Trust will create a buffer around a Green Acres-funded wildflower meadow, including native plantings and invasive species management to increase overall landscape health and resiliency.

Matching Grant Award \$80,000
Stewardship Project

Hunterdon Land Trust

Hunterdon Open Space Plan Priority Areas

Hunterdon Land Trust is seeking funding to continue its preservation efforts throughout Hunterdon County, including rural agricultural landscapes and forests within New Jersey's Highlands Region, the Sourland Mountain Region and the Delaware River Bluffs. The preservation of these critical regions will help protect ancient geological features, endangered plant and animal species, and the quality of surface and ground water.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Land Acquisition

Lamington Conservancy

Central Lamington Project

The Central Lamington project area consists of 28,396 acres of the Lamington River watershed located within Somerset, Morris, and Hunterdon counties. Lamington Conservancy works closely with partner nonprofits and governments to identify and target acquisitions that interlock with other preservation projects. Within its target area, Lamington Conservancy anticipates protecting 2,000-acres through fee and easement acquisitions.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Land Acquisition

Monmouth Conservation Foundation

Open Space Plans 2

Monmouth Conservation Foundation works in partnership with Monmouth County and municipalities which have passed open space referenda, including 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.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Land Acquisition

Natural Lands Trust, Inc.

Delaware Estuaries Acquisition

Natural Lands Trust proposes additional acquisitions of ecologically sensitive areas, such as cedar swamps, wetlands, uplands adjacent to wetlands, and tidal marshes. Proposed acquisitions focus on lands adjacent to existing protected areas in Alloway, Lower Alloways Creek, and Quinton Townships in Salem County, and the City of Millville and Commercial, Maurice River, Downe, and Stow Creek Townships in Cumberland County. The acquisitions serve as critical links between State Wildlife Management Areas and nonprofit holdings, protecting sensitive ecosystems from fragmentation and preserving land in its natural state. NLT encourages passive public access to its lands through existing trail systems.

Matching Grant Award \$100,000
Land Acquisition

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Priority Area Acquisitions

New Jersey Conservation Foundation continues to work toward the permanent preservation of high priority areas throughout the New Jersey. Targeted acquisitions include critical mountain landscapes, sensitive wetlands, habitat for special flora or fauna, forests and fields for climate resiliency, pristine waterways, and vital recreation lands in rural and urban communities.

Matching Grant Award \$1,000,000
Land Acquisition

Rancocas Conservancy

Rancocas Watershed Acquisition

The Rancocas Conservancy focuses on 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 watershed-wide project area also includes parcels along Kettle Run and the Irick Brick Homestead. Acquired lands are open to the public for birding, hiking, and other forms of passive recreation.

Matching Grant Award \$495,000
Land Acquisition

Raritan Headwaters Association

Raritan Headwaters Acquisitions

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 focuses its land preservation priorities on lands that provide critical source water protection and groundwater recharge.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Land Acquisition

Ridge and Valley Conservancy

Open Space Conservation Plan

Ridge and Valley Conservancy focuses on protecting and preserving limestone forest communities,

wetland bogs, areas of contiguous forest or forest buffer areas, and prime farmland within the Appalachian Valley and Ridge Region of northwestern New Jersey. Limestone and continuous forest stands provide critical habitat for owls, raptors, bobcat, and migrating songbirds. They provide large volumes of high-quality runoff and ground water recharge to sustain streams and aquifers in the region and they have significant scenic value due to their location on ridge tops. Bogs and surrounding lands preserve bog turtle habitat. Proposed use is for preservation and restoration of native species, including rare plants and endangered animal species, and soil and water quality protection. Lands are open to the public for hiking on designated trails, environmental education programs, and natural resource interpretive activities.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Land Acquisition

Ridgeview Conservancy
Province Line Woods Acquisition

Ridgeview Conservancy, along with a consortium of preservation partners, seeks to purchase a 153-acre property, known as Province Line Woods, located in Princeton, for conservation, passive recreation, and education. This property is an environmentally sensitive area, covered with mature deciduous upland forests and extensive wetlands; it is the largest unprotected forest in Princeton. The forested property serves as an important local reservoir for biodiversity, including suitable habitat for federal and state listed species, such as the NJ bobcat, the red-shouldered hawk, the wood turtle, and the barred owl.

Matching Grant Award \$250,000
Land Acquisition

South Jersey Land and Water Trust
South Jersey Watersheds

South Jersey Land and Water Trust's (SJLWT) South Jersey Watersheds project focuses on preserving lands near the headwaters and other drainage paths of the tidal and freshwater rivers that flow through Gloucester and Salem Counties to the Delaware River. Lands near Raccoon, Mantua and Oldmans Creeks are the main areas of focus, but other smaller and ecologically important waterways are also included. Emphasis is placed on the "priority habitats" identified by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in its study of the region, Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Watershed. The proposed area of preservation includes all of Gloucester County as well as parts of Salem County, including Carney's Point, Oldmans, and Pilesgrove townships. Acquisitions are managed by SJLWT or a local government partner.

Matching Grant Award \$394,410
Land Acquisition

South Mountain Conservancy
South Mountain Reservation Improvements 2021

The South Mountain Conservancy proposes improvements to South Mountain Reservation at Glen Avenue and Brookside Drive in Millburn Township. Proposed improvements include restorative plantings and ground resurfacing throughout the Rahway Fairy Trail, as well as improvements to the dog park, picnic area, and Locust Grove parking area. New signage, benches, and other park furnishings are also proposed.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Park Development

SPARK Friends, Inc.

Independence Park Improvements 2021

SPARK Friends proposes to improve Independence Park, located on Adams Street in the heart of Newark’s Ironbound neighborhood. Proposed improvements include a new multi-purpose synthetic turf field, additional sports lighting, benches, and signage. The project will also repave and renovate damaged pathways, improve current park lighting, and beautify the park’s entrance with plantings.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Park Development

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

Priority Areas Acquisitions

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey (TLCNJ) focuses its acquisition work on watershed protection for the Delaware River and its tributaries, the South Branch of the Raritan River, the West Brook, and the Pequannock Watershed. TLCNJ also works with municipal partners to develop open space plans, acquire land for municipal parks, and buy repetitively flooded homes.

Matching Grant Award \$1,000,000
Land Acquisition

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

Nancy Conger West Brook Riparian

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey (TLCNJ) proposes stewardship activities on a 43-acre property it recently added to its Nancy Conger West Brook Preserve in West Milford Township, Passaic County. A weir on the site was previously breached, reducing the size and height of the pond and allowing it to become overwhelmed with phragmites. A primary goal of this restoration is to reduce the temperature and improve the quality of water flowing from the property. Proposed activities include treating the existing phragmites; removing the breached weir, which will allow the new stream channel to become established; and seeding the new shoreline with native wetland plants. TLCNJ also proposes to restore a 2.5-acre field in the western portion of the site by demolishing a dilapidated barn, sheds, and fencing and planting trees. Finally, they will also blaze a trail along the pond to access a proposed wildlife blind and stream sensor.

Matching Grant Award \$60,000
Stewardship Project

The Watershed Institute

Watershed Connectors

The Watershed Institute's acquisition program is designed to create stream corridor protection areas along the Stony Brook, connecting land in Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, Pennington Borough, and Princeton through The Watershed Institute's Reserve properties. The greenway linkages will follow along the Mount Rose/Princeton Ridge to the Stony Brook and then to Mercer County's Curlis Lake Woods, Rosedale Park and Mercer County Park Northwest. The acquisitions will also become part of a connector trail between the Sourland Mountains and Princeton and Washington Crossing State Parks. Lands targeted for acquisition are a mixture of forests and fields, wetlands, and the stream corridor and the valley of the Stony Brook and the Mount Rose/Princeton Ridge greenway.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Land Acquisition

Trust For Public Land
Multi Park Improvements

Trust for Public Land (TPL) continues to partner with Newark City to improve parks and provide additional recreational opportunities to the City's residents. TPL and Newark will construct a multi-purpose synthetic turf athletic field at Jesse Allen Park for a third phase of improvements, which also is being funded with a National Park Service, Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program grant. Next, TPL and Newark will renovate Broadway Park, located between Broadway and Oraton Street. Broadway Park is adjacent to Luis Muñoz Marin Elementary School, where TPL is partnering with Newark Public Schools to renovate the schoolyard in conjunction with the Broadway Park renovations.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Park Development

Zoological Society of New Jersey
Amazing Asia Exhibit - Turtle Back Zoo

The Zoological Society of New Jersey will partner with Essex County and Essex County Parks Foundation to improve the Turtle Back Zoo, located on Northfield Avenue in West Orange Township. The proposed project will involve construction of a new Amazing Asia Exhibit, which will highlight several threatened and critically endangered Asian species. The exhibit will include new habitats and viewing areas for the public.

Matching Grant Award \$500,000
Park Development

APPENDIX 1

LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA

Green Acres continues to base awards to local governments on a formula that provides additional funding to cities and older densely developed suburban communities. Green Acres 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 a “base award” is presented to those municipal and county sponsors outside of the population centers:

County sponsors:

- 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:

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

The multiplication factors and base award vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities. For the 2021 funding round, the base award is \$500,000 for acquisition projects and \$600,000 for park development and stewardship projects.

Project award caps are:

COUNTY SPONSOR	ACQUISITION PROJECT CAP	PARK DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP PROJECT CAP
Densely Populated	\$1,500,000	\$1,800,000
Highly Populated	\$1,250,000	\$1,500,000
Remaining counties	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000

MUNICIPAL SPONSOR	ACQUISITION PROJECT CAP	PARK DEVELOPMENT/STEWARDSHIP PROJECT CAP
Urban Aid	\$1,000,000	\$1,200,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$ 750,000	\$ 900,000
Remaining municipalities	\$ 500,000	\$ 600,000

Nonprofit Awards

Most nonprofit organizations will receive a \$500,000 matching grant award (or the requested amount, if lower) for land acquisition, park development, or stewardship projects. Nonprofit organizations that successfully acquire land statewide or throughout large regions will receive \$1,000,000 for their broader acquisition efforts.

APPENDIX 2

URBAN AID MUNICIPALITIES LIST
FY 2021

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>County</u>
Asbury Park City*	Monmouth	Mount Holly Township*	Burlington
Atlantic City	Atlantic	Neptune City Borough*	Monmouth
Bayonne City	Hudson	Neptune Township*	Monmouth
Belleville Township	Essex	New Brunswick City*	Middlesex
Bergenfield Borough	Bergen	Newark City	Essex
Bloomfield Township	Essex	North Bergen Township	Hudson
Brick Township*	Ocean	Nutley Township	Essex
Bridgeton City*	Cumberland	Old Bridge Township*	Middlesex
Camden City	Camden	Orange City	Essex
Carteret Borough*	Middlesex	Passaic City	Passaic
Cliffside Park Borough	Bergen	Paterson City	Passaic
Clifton City	Passaic	Pemberton Township*	Burlington
East Orange City	Essex	Penns Grove Borough*	Salem
Elizabeth City	Union	Pennsauken Township*	Camden
Garfield City	Bergen	Perth Amboy City	Middlesex
Glassboro Borough*	Gloucester	Phillipsburg Town*	Warren
Gloucester City*	Camden	Plainfield City	Union
Gloucester Township*	Camden	Pleasantville City*	Atlantic
Hackensack City	Bergen	Rahway City	Union
Harrison Town	Hudson	Roselle Borough	Union
Hillside Township	Union	Salem City*	Salem
Hoboken City*	Hudson	Trenton City	Mercer
Irvington Township	Essex	Union City	Hudson
Jersey City	Hudson	Vineland City*	Cumberland
Kearny Town*	Hudson	Weehawken Township*	Hudson
Lakewood Township*	Ocean	West New York Town	Hudson
Lindenwold Borough*	Camden	Willingboro Township*	Burlington
Lodi Borough	Bergen	Winslow Township*	Camden
Long Branch City*	Monmouth	Woodbridge Township*	Middlesex
Millville City*	Cumberland	Woodbury City*	Gloucester
Monroe Township*	Gloucester		
Montclair Township*	Essex		

*Meet criteria by budget language

APPENDIX 3

DENSELY AND HIGHLY POPULATED MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES LIST

Atlantic

Egg Harbor Twp.
Galloway Twp.
Ventnor City

Bergen

Bogota Borough
Dumont Borough
Edgewater Borough
Elmwood Park Borough
Englewood City
Fair Lawn Borough
Fairview Borough
Fort Lee Borough
Hasbrouck Heights Borough
Leonia Borough
Little Ferry Borough
Maywood Borough
New Milford Borough
North Arlington Borough
Palisades Park Borough
Ridgefield Park Village
River Edge Borough
Rochelle Park Twp.
Rutherford Borough
Saddle Brook Twp.
Teaneck Twp.
Wallington Borough
Wood-Ridge Borough

Burlington

Evesham Twp.
Mount Laurel Twp.
Riverside Twp.

Camden

Audubon Borough
Audubon Park Borough
Cherry Hill Twp.
Collingswood Borough
Haddon Twp.
Merchantville Borough
Mount Ephraim Borough
Oaklyn Borough
Woodlynne Borough

Essex

Caldwell Borough
Glen Ridge Borough
Maplewood Twp.

South Orange Village Twp.
West Orange Twp.

Gloucester

Washington Twp.

Hudson

East Newark Borough
Guttenburg Town

Mercer

Ewing Twp.
Hamilton Twp.

Middlesex

Dunellen Borough
East Brunswick Twp.
Edison Twp.
Highland Park Borough
Jamesburg Borough
Monroe Twp.
North Brunswick
Piscataway Twp.
Sayreville Borough
South Amboy City
South Brunswick Twp.
South River Borough

Monmouth

Belmar Borough
Bradley Beach Borough
Freehold Borough
Freehold Twp.
Highlands Borough
Howell Twp.
Keansburg Borough
Keyport Borough
Lake Como Borough
Manalapan Twp.
Marlboro Twp.
Middletown Twp.
Red Bank Borough
Shrewsbury Twp.

Morris

Dover Town
Morristown Town
Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.
Victory Gardens Borough

Ocean

Berkeley Twp.
Jackson Twp.
Manchester Twp.
Seaside Heights Borough
Toms River Twp.

Passaic

Haledon Borough
Hawthorne Borough
Little Falls Twp.
Prospect Park Borough
Wayne Twp.

Somerset

Bound Brook Borough
Bridgewater Twp.
Franklin Twp.
Hillsborough Twp.
North Plainfield Borough
Somerville Borough
South Bound Brook Borough

Union

Fanwood Borough
Garwood Borough
Linden City
Roselle Park Borough
Union Twp.
Winfield Twp.

Densely Populated Counties

Essex
Hudson
Union

Highly Populated Counties

Bergen
Camden
Mercer
Middlesex
Monmouth
Morris
Passaic