

2001 NEW JERSEY LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPEN SPACE FUNDING REFERENDA SUMMARY

There were a total of 54 local government open space funding referendums on the 2001 ballot in New Jersey, two county and 52 municipal. Of these, 36 were for the establishment of a new open space funding program and the remaining 18 were for an increase to or continuation of an existing program. A total of 44 of the referendums passed, 10 failed. Of the 44 that passed, 29 will establish a new municipal open space tax, two will increase the existing open space tax in Middlesex and Morris counties and 11 will increase or continue an existing municipal open space tax. The remaining two referendums that were approved will establish new municipal open space funding programs based on budget and other revenues. Failed municipal referendums consisted of five new taxes, four increases to existing taxes and one to continue an existing tax. The number of municipal open space funding programs is now 178 and the number of counties is 19, bringing the total number of New Jersey local governments with open space funding programs to 197.

Total 2001 Local Government Open Space Funding Referendums: 54

Total Referendums Passed: 44, 2 county, 42 municipal

Total New Municipal Open Space Taxes: 29

Total Increases to an Existing Open Space Tax: 11, 2 county, 9 municipal

Total Continuations of an Existing Open Space Tax: 2

Total Municipal Alternate Funding Method: 2

Total Municipal Referendums Failed: 10

Total Referendums for New Open Space Tax: 5

Total Referendums for Open Space Tax Increase: 4

Total Referendums for Open Space Tax Continuation: 1