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PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Funding Round 2005A

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

**Recommended for Funding
to the
Garden State Preservation Trust**



**James E. McGreevey
Governor**

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Commissioner**

The Green Acres Mission

To achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces, whose protection 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 was created in 1961 to meet New Jersey's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected more than 537,443 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State. The total acres of protected open space and farmland across the State has exceeded 1.25 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, protects sensitive habitats for endangered and threatened species, promotes smart growth, and provides a place for public recreation and connection with community and nature.

Quality open space and attractive recreational facilities in cities, suburbs, and other developed communities throughout New Jersey help to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors and help to create an environment where people want to live and work.

Thanks to widespread public support of land preservation for recreation and conservation purposes, and to Governor James E. McGreevey's commitment to smart growth and the environment, New Jersey's legacy of parks, open space, and conservation areas will continue with funding provided under the Garden State Preservation Trust Act.

Current Approvals

This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes funding for \$75 million in state land acquisition projects, \$76.9 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, nearly \$50 million for the development of local parks and recreational facilities, and \$23 million for acquisition and recreational development projects by nonprofit organizations.

Funding is provided for land acquisition in rural, urban and suburban communities throughout New Jersey. Funding for park development is provided to create new parks and to upgrade existing recreational facilities in our communities.

New Funding Initiatives

On November 4, 2003, voters across New Jersey overwhelmingly approved Public Question #1, which increased the bonding cap of the GSPT to provide an additional \$150 million for open space and farmland preservation, and for community parks throughout the state.

Governor McGreevey has made protecting open space and drinking water in the New Jersey Highlands a top priority. In his 2004 State of the Union address, the Governor promised to “take bold steps to preserve that area which supplies drinking water to half of New Jersey’s families.” Those bold steps include committing at least \$50 million of the additional GSPT funding to land preservation in the Highlands. This round of project approvals includes the first expenditure of that additional money. Each municipality and nonprofit organization acquiring land in the Highlands will receive an additional \$175,000 in funding for those purchases, while counties will receive an additional \$250,000 for purchases in the Highlands. Green Acres also is dedicating \$25 million towards direct State land acquisition as part of Governor McGreevey’s commitment to protect the region’s precious natural resources.

In this round, funding recommendations for acquisition projects in the Highlands total \$55,495,500—local projects - \$23,770,500; nonprofit projects - \$6,725,000; and State projects - \$25,000,000.

In addition, Governor McGreevey committed \$50 million of the additional GSPT funding to park development efforts statewide. In order to facilitate those important projects, Green Acres has increased the “base award” used in its funding formula (described below) from \$400,000 last year to \$500,000 this year, for park development projects. This supplemental funding will allow project sponsors to more quickly and fully meet the recreational needs of the residents in New Jersey’s urban, suburban, and rural areas.

Funding Formula

Last year, Green Acres established a new funding formula that would further advance Governor McGreevey's "Parks Where the People Are" initiative, and make our more densely developed communities more liveable. The State increased funding for municipal and county governments working to preserve open space and provide recreational facilities for residents in cities and older densely developed suburban communities.

The Program established categories of "Densely Populated Municipalities" who have a population of at least 35,000, and "Highly Populated Municipalities" with a population density greater than 5,000 people per square mile. Funding for densely and highly populated municipalities is derived through the application of a multiplier that recognizes a municipality or county's population data. 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:

- More than 5,000 people per square mile – 3 times the base award,
- 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 Communities – 2 times the base award
- Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities – 1.5 times the base award
- All others receive the base award

The multiplication factors and base award will vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities.

For the 2005A funding round, the base award remains \$400,000 for acquisition projects and has been increased to \$500,000 for development projects. Project and applicant caps are:

County Sponsor	Project Cap		Applicant Cap
	Acquisition	Development	
Urban	\$1.2 million	\$1.5 million	3 projects
Densely Populated	\$1 million*	\$1.25 million	3 projects
Municipal Sponsor	Project Cap		Applicant Cap
	Acquisition	Development	
Urban Aid	\$800,000*	\$1 million	3 projects
Densely Populated	\$600,000*	\$750,000	3 projects
Non-urban aid	\$400,000*	\$500,000	3 projects

* plus an additional \$250,000 for Highlands counties and \$175,000 for Highlands municipalities

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 acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over thirty years. In this funding round, funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

Local governments acquire a variety of land types for a variety of reasons. Environmentally sensitive lands, historic areas, and sites containing or adjacent to significant water bodies are often acquired for their unique features. In addition, land that does not possess inherently unique or sensitive natural resource characteristics is often acquired because it is suitable for active and passive recreation.

To support the purchase of open space in New Jersey’s cities, where opportunities are extremely limited and generally expensive, the funding ratio for the Urban Aid acquisition projects is 75% grant, 25% loan up to the cap. The Garden State Preservation Trust Act provides this ratio of funding for projects that demonstrate “special need or exceptional circumstances.” In this funding round, fifteen acquisition projects totaling \$10.7 million are being approved in Urban Aid municipalities.

In the last several years, many New Jersey local governments have passed, by voter referendum, a tax used for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes. Many have also prepared the required Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. To encourage and provide support for land acquisition to local governments that have adopted progressive open space policies, Green Acres initiated a grant-funding category known as the Planning Incentive category.

With these Planning Incentive project approvals, Green Acres anticipates a long-term partnership with the local government where local and state funds can be used to acquire land identified in the local government's Plan. Funding in the form of a 50 percent matching grant up to an established cap (based on the population density multiplier), may be augmented in future funding rounds as the local government makes significant progress in its acquisition efforts. In this funding round Green Acres is approving one hundred Planning Incentive applications totaling \$56 million.

Local governments that have a dedicated open space tax or an approved alternative funding method, but do not yet have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan, may qualify for a Site-Specific Incentive award at a 50 percent matching grant ratio. These awards are made for a specific project site. To qualify for additional funding, a local government in this category must file a new application. In this funding round, eight local governments will receive Site-Specific Incentive awards totaling \$3.1 million.

Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax may qualify for funding under the Standard Acquisition category. The award is a 25% matching grant with the balance made in a loan up to the established cap. In this funding round, twenty acquisition projects are being funded in the Standard Acquisition category for a total of \$7 million.

Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects

Recreation needs are as diverse as the people who play. To meet these needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. Whether in urban, suburban or rural areas, parks play an important role in sustaining New Jersey's high quality of life.

The protection of open space and the provision of recreational facilities in New Jersey's densely developed cities are high priorities. Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist

local governments in the development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. To further support park development in Urban Aid communities, these projects will receive 50 percent of the project cost in grant funding, and the balance in a zero-interest loan up to the cap. Non-urban communities receive loan funding up to the cap.

As established last year, park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities will receive a 25 percent grant, and a loan up to the established cap. Loans for park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities and non-urban communities are up to 2 percent and are reimbursable over twenty years.

This round of projects includes nearly \$50 million for eighty-eight local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects across the State. Specifically, thirty-seven development projects at a cost of \$31.3 million in grants and loans are being approved in Urban Aid municipalities across New Jersey. An additional \$18.5 million in loans will be awarded for fifty-one park development projects in non-urban communities.

Nonprofit Projects

Green Acres has long had a successful relationship with the many nonprofit land trust organizations that preserve open space throughout New Jersey. Some are small, local groups; some are international organizations.

Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition statewide, and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid and Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities. In this funding round \$23 million is being approved for twenty-six acquisition projects and twenty-six recreational development projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations. As with sponsors of local acquisitions in the Highlands, nonprofit sponsors that acquire land in the Highlands are being awarded an additional funding of \$175,000 for Highland acquisitions. Similarly, increased park development funding is being provided for the projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations.

State Acquisition Projects

Green Acres also acquires land directly for the State, serving as the real estate agent for the DEP. The Program acquires land that has been offered for sale by property owners. The protected land

becomes part of the system of State Parks, Forests, Natural Areas, and Wildlife Management Areas. Green Acres works with the DEP's divisions of Parks and Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, and the Natural Lands Trust to determine which lands should be preserved. Once acquired, the land is assigned to one of the divisions for management.

The Green Acres Program State Land Acquisition efforts focus on the purchase of parcels that serve to protect the State's water supply and flood prone areas. The Program assigns a value three times higher for water quality protection and two times higher for those lands that will protect flood prone areas, consistent with P.L. 2002 c. 76. The Program proactively seeks offers for lands that protect headwaters; Category 1 streams and buffers; watershed and reservoir lands; aquifer recharge areas; potable wells; riparian buffers; and significant acreage adjacent to existing State parks, forests, wildlife management areas, and other similar lands. These acquisitions serve to protect many of our State's forested lands, wetlands and critical habitat for threatened and endangered species.

Other priorities include purchasing sites to protect habitat for endangered or threatened species independent of water resource protection. Additional priorities include acquisition of the State's natural resources such as forest lands, environmentally sensitive lands, habitat that supports significant plant and animal communities, land that provides buffers to wetlands and reservoir systems. The State also acquires land that will enhance open space, provide recreational opportunities in more populated communities, and provide public access to waterfronts. Green Acres strives to create contiguous parcels of protected open space as additions to existing State Parks, Forests, and Wildlife Management Areas, and to create linkages between existing protected lands.

Increasingly, Green Acres facilitates public and private partnerships to buy and manage open space. The Program works with municipal and county governments, nonprofit organizations, the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Program, and the State Farmland Preservation Program to meet compatible conservation and recreation goals.

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

LOCAL PROJECTS

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Atlantic City

Altman Playground Acquisition

The City seeks to acquire 0.31 acres adjacent to Altman Playground, one of Atlantic City's oldest parks, dedicated by former Mayor Joseph Altman in the 1940's. The Park currently serves as the main active recreation area for residents of the South Inlet Neighborhood by providing basketball and tennis courts, play structures, shelter, seating and beach access. Altman Playground is unique in its location to the public beach and boardwalk. A corporate donation transferred four parcels adjacent to Altman Playground to the City. The City's proposed acquisition of the remaining 0.31 acres would enable the City to own the entire block.

\$382,500 Loan Award

\$127,500 Matching Grant Award

\$510,000 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Densely Populated Municipality

Atlantic City

Rehabilitation of Uptown Park

The City of Atlantic City proposes to rehabilitate the existing Uptown Park Complex. The rehabilitation will upgrade the existing facilities to comply with ADA requirements, resolve grading and erosion concerns and create an active recreation resource for local sports organizations and residence of the community.

Specifically, the existing park will be enhanced by reorienting, delineating and regrading ballfields and installing new sport and security lighting. The perimeter track will be realigned and resurfaced. Basketball and tennis courts will also be resurfaced and seating and related sports equipment installed.

The park entrance will be redesigned and enhanced with pavers and lighting. Landscaping of existing vegetation will be enhanced by selective pruning and feeding and the removal of

unsightly and unhealthy plants. Park enhancements also include installation of a perimeter channel drainage system, perimeter fencing, signage, bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, flagpole and bollards.

\$473,500 Loan Award
\$276,650 Matching Grant Award
\$750,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Brigantine City
Brigantine Golf Club

The City of Brigantine is seeking additional funding to purchase the 150-acre Brigantine Golf Club. The City continues to operate the course as a public course and maintain the surrounding land as undeveloped open space.

\$150,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Brigantine City
Waterfront Improvements

The City of Brigantine proposes the extension of the existing boat ramp at 6th Street and Bayshore Avenue. In addition, the City proposes the expansion and renovation of the existing rowing facility and upgrading of the floating dock. This project will accommodate existing and anticipated demands at the facility.

\$500,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Hammonton Town
Hammonton Recreation Complex

The Town of Hammonton is seeking additional funding to continue with the development of intense active recreational facilities in an 80-acres site located on Boyer Avenue. Park

development plans include multi purpose fields (soccer/football), little league fields, irrigation, trails, landscaping and parking.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Mullica Township

Recreation Field Expansion - Phase II

The Township of Mullica plans to add to existing recreational facilities located at Elwood-Pleasant Mills Road. The Township is seeking additional funds towards the construction of an additional soccer field, a little league field and softball field. Improvements also include the construction of an on-site septic system. The Township is foreclosing on 5 acres of land adjacent to this site to expand the park. Green Acres funds were used previously on this site for recreational development.

\$50,000 Loan Award

Park Development

BERGEN COUNTY

Edgewater Borough

Grand Cove Marina

The site is located at the mouth of the Hudson River, directly across from Manhattan. The land drains directly into the Hudson River and its preservation will help to protect water quality of the river. Visitors to the site will enjoy majestic views of the NYC skyline and can access the Statue of Liberty, Battery Park, Ellis Island as well as the many historically significant sites along the Hudson River.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award
Site-specific Acquisition
Densely Populated Municipality

Franklin Lakes Borough

Woodside Avenue

Franklin Borough proposes to protect a 150-acre site on Woodside Avenue. Approximately, 90 acres of the site consists of the Haledon Reservoir, which holds two ponds and the supporting wetlands. Preservation of this land will protect water resources. This is the largest tract of land within the Borough and there is excellent opportunity for fishing, bird watching and walking along ecologically sensitive trails.

\$347,750 Loan Award
\$ 52,250 Matching Grant Award
\$400,000 Total Award
Standard Acquisition

Garfield City

Passaic River Historic Park Acquisition

Garfield City is proposing to acquire four parcels along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam to Post Ford Park to create a waterfront linear park along the Passaic River. The proposed plans include a passive park with a pedestrian and bicycle pathway along the river corridor.

\$290,000 Loan Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Little Ferry Borough

Boys Club Field Renovations

The Borough of Little Ferry proposes to renovate the existing Boys Club ball field, located at Lakeview Drive and Indian Lake, to meet league safety regulations. These renovations are required to keep the field eligible for regular league play and as a host site for the championship games.

\$ 88,650 Loan Award

\$ 29,550 Matching Grant Award

\$118,200 Total Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Park Ridge Borough

Memorial Field Improvements

Park Ridge Borough plans to make improvements to Memorial Field, located at Mill Road and Park Avenue. The site is used for numerous adult and youth recreation programs. Poor drainage has damaged the fields to the point where they may have to be closed. The project includes regrading of the existing fields to improve drainage, construction of a new subsurface drainage system, and the construction of a new synthetic turf field.

\$500,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Ridgefield Park Village

McGowan Park Addition

The proposed tract is an inholding of McGowan Park, a municipal park, and overlooks Overpeck Creek. The purpose of this acquisition is to protect remaining sensitive waterfront while expanding recreation, conservation and nature education's activities. With this purpose, the Village of Ridgefield Park will have a continuous river walk. The 0.25 acres site will add an additional 106 feet of access to Overpeck Creek.

\$82,000 Loan Award
Standard Acquisition
Densely Populated Municipality

River Vale Township

Watershed Property Acquisition

The Township of River Vale seeks funding to acquire the River Vale Country Club/Golf Course for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes. This 99-acre golf course country club adjoins lands held by United Water Company to protect Lake Tappan.

The River Vale Country Club/Golf Course was recently sold to a development partnership; thereby increasing the pressure of impending development on a public recreation facility. Acquiring the River Vale Country Club/Golf Course as a municipal facility will guarantee a legacy of open space in the Township of River Vale and Bergen County for future generations to appreciate and enjoy. In addition, acquisition of the land will ensure that environmentally sensitive lands are preserved, which will help improve air quality, control noise and reduce storm water run-off.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award
Site-specific Acquisition

Rutherford Borough

Open Space Acquisition

Rutherford Borough proposes to acquire four acres between Rutherford and East Rutherford from Jackson Avenue to the Passaic River. Two acres of land are located in Rutherford adjacent

to the Rutherford Memorial Park complex. The acquisition will be used for a walkway/bike path and will connect the Rutherford Recreational Facility to the East Rutherford Bike Path Network, and will provide unique access between the two municipalities and will support passive recreation and a preservation of open space.

\$50,250 Loan Award
\$16,750 Matching Grant Award
\$67,000 Total Award
Standard Acquisition
Densely Populated Municipality

Rutherford Borough

Wall Field Park Improvements

The Borough of Rutherford proposes to construct improvements to the existing Wall Field Park Facility. The proposed improvements to the Park will include the construction of an inline skate rink/skateboard park, a roller hockey rink and upgrading of the existing basketball court. Approval of this project will provide additional recreational opportunities for the community.

\$111,625 Loan Award
\$138,375 Matching Grant Award
\$250,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Waldwick Borough

Open Space Plan

Matching Grant is for the last two remaining vacant parcels within the Borough. These tracts will be used to assist the Borough in its current high demand for active recreation. Soccer fields and tennis courts are the proposed active recreation after acquisition. These tracts will also facilitate as a transition buffer between established residential and industrial properties. There is potential for a linkage to existing Borough Park.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award
Site-specific Acquisition

Woodcliff Lake Borough

Woodcliff Lake Historic Park

The Borough will acquire two parcels adjacent to the Borough's Old Mill Park. The first parcel includes an historic house known as the Westervelt-Lydecker House (1756) and is listed on both the State and National Historic registers. The site would be used as an interpretive area and the grounds for passive recreation. The area is important because of the part it plays in achieving a greenway community park extension. There is a stream that runs along the border of the property.

Purchase of the second tract, the Hathaway property, would link more than 10 acres of continuous recreation land along a planned and partially existing greenway. This tract will supplement existing open space and recreation areas in town for passive and active use.

**\$400,000 Matching Grant Award
Site-specific Acquisition**

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Bordentown City

Black's Creek / Crosswicks Creek Greenway

Bordentown is working with the D&R Greenway for the acquisition of properties along Black's Creek in Bordentown City. The Greenway and City have been successful in acquiring 2 parcels, and will be pursuing 2 additional properties. One of the properties targeted contains typical lowland and wetland vegetation, including broad-leaved deciduous plants and wetland shrubs and grasses. The property is mostly level, with a gentle slope towards Black Creek. The second property is partially wooded, level land with some steep slopes on the northern and eastern edges.

**\$150,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Bordentown Township

Northern Community Park Development

Bordentown Township plans to improve the existing conditions at Northern Community Park on Groveville Road. Upgrades are planned for the tennis courts and the existing picnic area. The park pond will also be dredged.

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

Burlington Township

Tillinghast Property Acquisition

The Township is proposing to acquire 76 acres of farmland owned by the Tillinghast Family. The property consists of open farm fields and wetlands. The tremendous growth that Burlington Township has experienced over the past decade has highlighted the need to preserve the remaining open space and wooded areas that are such an important part of our environment. The

Township is fully committed to preserving the rural character of the entire Mill Lane area.

\$185,000 Loan Award

\$215,000 Matching Grant Award

\$400,000 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Cinnaminson Township

Multi Park Development

The Township plans to install a water well and irrigation system needed to irrigate two soccer fields and two baseball fields at Memorial Park. The Township currently uses water canons from the public water supply to water the fields. Use of a well would eliminate the need to use public treated water with a significant annual savings to the Township. The Township also plans to add lighting to Field #4 where current lighting is below standard.

At Wood Park, the Township plans to provide lighting for five tennis courts. A large community in Cinnaminson uses the tennis courts and extending the playing day by adding lights would be a welcomed addition to the athletic program.

At Ravenswood Park, the Township plans to resurface two basketball courts, and replace the posts, backboards, rims, and nets to update the courts, which have not been refurbished in nearly twenty years.

\$368,200 Loan Award

Park Development

Mt. Laurel Township

Trotter's Crossing Development

The Township is proposing to construct a municipal recreational park on 67 of the 153 acres at Trotter's Crossing. The proposed improvements will include three soccer fields, two softball fields with lighting, two tot lots, a parking lot, a pedestrian walkway and a 6-foot wide 350- foot long nature trail through the wetlands and wooded areas. Interpretive signage will be placed

along the trail to depict animal and plant species that are indigenous to the region.

\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Pemberton Township

North Pemberton Railroad Station Acquisition

The Township is proposing to acquire 9.5 acres of land north of the North Pemberton Railroad Station. The site to be acquired was originally part of the historic Pemberton to Hightstown train station and the Township intends to preserve its historic nature through the reconstruction and rehabilitation of its former uses. The proposed improvements will increase tourism to the North Pemberton Rail Station, which is currently a museum and gift shop.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Acquisition

Pemberton Township

Presidential Lakes Community Center

Pemberton Township proposes to construct a 2,427-square foot community center / pavilion at Orian Branch Recreation Complex in the Presidential Lakes section. The site of the proposed development is vacant land adjacent to the recreation complex and will be added to the existing Orian Branch Park. The community center/pavilion will service summer recreation programs, and provide restroom and storage space.

\$247,300 Loan Award
\$247,300 Matching Grant Award
\$494,600 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

Southampton Township

Goode Farm Acquisition

The Township of Southampton has acquired the Goode Farm, a 188 -acre site located on the south side of Church Road and west side of Red Lion Road. Southampton's Memorial Park is located across Red Lion Road from the project site. This site has extended the Township's greenway, which runs from the Village of Vincentown, through the Mill Pond open space and into Memorial Park. Plans call the newly acquired land to be used for passive and active recreation purposes.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

CAMDEN COUNTY

Audubon Borough

Open Space Preservation

The intensely developed Borough of Audubon intends to preserve 1.64 acres of vacant land at South Barrett and East Merchant Ave. Currently, there are only two open spaces in the Borough, Haddon Lake Park, which is a county park straddling Audubon and Haddon Heights, and the North Merchant Street Ballfields. The preservation of the proposed parcels will provide passive recreation and environmental awareness opportunities for the residents of Audubon.

\$250,875 Loan Award

\$ 83,625 Matching Grant Award

\$334,500 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Berlin Borough

Franklin Ave. Field Development

Berlin Borough is projected to experience a 47% increase in population from 1990 to 2005. In order to meet the needs of current and future populations, the Borough of Berlin proposes the development of a centralized, multi-purpose recreation facility on a 16-acre site at the end of Franklin Avenue. Plans include one softball field, four multi-purpose fields, a tot lot, a jogging path and a parking lot. This park will complement the adjacent Berlin Community School and its existing baseball fields.

\$250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Camden City

New Roosevelt Park Acquisition

Camden City proposes to acquire and demolish the Parkade Building adjacent to City Hall and reclaim the city-owned land as an urban park as part of the comprehensive strategy to revitalize downtown Camden. The New Roosevelt Park Project will create a new urban park on Market Street adjacent to Camden City Hall. The proposed park is a key component for new urban

green space. It is envisioned to be a vibrant public space and a respite from the densely urban environment of downtown Camden.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Acquisition

Camden County

Camden Waterfront Urban Park

Cooper's Ferry is proposing the creation of a new urban park within the heart of the next phase of waterfront development in the City of Camden. This park will provide an engaging and interactive green space for residents and patrons of the NJ State Aquarium, 3-D IMAX theater, and new ferry terminal building located around the proposed park. Plans for the half-acre urban park will include decorative streetscaping, a water pop fountain, and a seasonal sound system. Programming in the park will include various performers and special events.

\$710,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Development

Camden County

Cooper River Boat House

In cooperation with Pennsauken Township, Camden County is proposing to develop the Cooper River Boat House on North Park Drive. The six-lane straight away will provide the perfect water venue for rowing events drawing participants and spectators from around the state and country. In addition to providing the Tri-County region with a functional home base for rowing, the boathouse will be open to the public for a variety of uses. The existing 3.8 mile biking/walking path along both sides of the river will be linked to the boat house. Floating docks will provide better access for fishing. Amenities at the boathouse, including rest rooms and a lobby, will support park users.

\$350,700 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Development

Gloucester Township

Open Space Acquisition

Gloucester Township is proposing to acquire 53.21 acres of land currently known as Country Oaks and 81 acres of land now known as Lake Mathilde. The Township wants to preserve the environmentally significant features of the sites and provide for future active and passive outdoor recreation.

**\$800,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Acquisition**

Gloucester Township

Hickstown Road Development

The Hickstown Road recreation area is a 66-acre parcel of land that was acquired by Gloucester Township with Green Acres assistance. The Park is well suited for recreational development, since the majority of it was formerly used as a gravel/soil removal site and is in an open and disturbed condition, free of vegetation. Gloucester Township would like to continue with their phased multi-purpose recreational facility to include development of a baseball field with lights, pathway and park access road way extension, site lighting, deck hockey rink, parking, drainage and landscaping area.

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

Somerdale Borough

Recreation Facility Development

The Borough of Somerdale desires to rehabilitate the various recreational amenities at the Somerdale Recreation Facility at Hilltop and Dartmouth avenues. To correct a continual and serious problem with the erosion of the infield of the ballfields, the Borough proposes to regrade one ballfield and regrade/partially reconstruct the other. In addition, the Borough proposes to renovate the basketball courts and street hockey court and replace the fence fabric at the batting

cages. The existing restrooms will be rehabilitated/reconfigured to conform with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. The Borough also plans to construct a bituminous path along the perimeter of the site.

\$162,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Winslow Township

Peter Volpa Memorial Park

The Township proposes to expand the park by developing the adjacent parcel. The site is currently wooded and no wetlands or wetlands buffers are present on the site. The plans are to construct three soccer fields with associated parking on the site. The additional fields will service the needs of the residents as well as attract traveling teams and league play from within the region.

\$185,000 Loan Award
\$185,000 Matching Grant Award
\$370,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Avalon Borough

Avalon Recreation Area Development

The Borough of Avalon is requesting additional funding for the previously rehabilitated Eighth Street Recreation Area. This proposal includes the redevelopment of a playground, picnic areas and jogging path. In addition, the Borough proposes to make improvements to three basketball courts, six tennis courts, and to redesign the park to include two Little League fields, two full size and one mini size soccer fields and an adult softball field. The fields will have a new irrigation system installed. A new play area, bathrooms, storage facilities and a snack bar will be also be constructed

\$500,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Cape May City

Cape May City Open Space

Cape May City is coordinating the purchase and preservation of the last large tract of open space in the City (approximately 80 acres). Known as the Sewell Point tract, the land is environmentally sensitive and provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered species and migrating wildlife, particularly neo-tropical songbirds and raptors. The wetlands on the site are of exceptional resource value, and the USFWS has included the site on its list of Priority Wetlands in the State of New Jersey because of the intrinsic habitat values that exist for State and Federal endangered species.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Site-specific Acquisition

Cape May Point Borough

Outdoor Recreational/Educational Park

The Borough of Cape May Point proposes to construct interpretive facilities that are designed to create a sense of awareness, respect and stewardship for the community. The project entails rehabilitation of the existing on-site pavilion to house interpretive displays, a brick paver

walkway, bike rack, trash receptacle, drinking fountain, and native landscaping. The enhancements will include barrier-free accessibility to the proposed environmental interpretive trail.

\$95,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Lower Township

Multi Parks

The Township of Lower is requesting additional funding for the previously approved recreational facilities, Bennett's Crossing, located on US Route 9, and the Rutherford Property, located on Bayshore Road. These properties are currently leased with the intention of being developed into recreation facilities. Nineteen acres at Bennet's Crossing is leased from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife. Thirty-two acres at the Rutherford Property is being leased from the County of Cape May. These recreation complexes will contain multi-use sports fields with sports lighting, tennis courts, playground structure, open play areas, walking trails, picnic areas, passive recreation facilities, landscaping and parking.

\$500,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Middle Township

Park Acquisition

Middle Township is seeking additional funding to help acquire the former Fort Apache Campground, comprising 86 acres in the Rio Grande area of Middle Township. The parcel is one of the few remaining undeveloped parcels in Rio Grande, an area subject to intense development. The proposed acquisition will be developed in the future as an active and passive recreation complex to serve southern Middle Township. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$250,000 Loan Award
Standard Acquisition

Ocean City

Park Acquisition

Ocean City is seeking additional funding for the acquisition and conversion of a former Superfresh Food Store and parking lot into grass athletic fields. The site is approximately 2.19 acres, located in the center of the City. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Standard Acquisition

Sea Isle City

48th Street Recreation Area

The City of Sea Isle City proposes to construct eight (8) tennis courts, a 1,300 foot long jogging-walking path, at the 48th Street Recreation Area. The proposed recreation area would provide a modern, multi-purpose recreation facility for multiple user types. Plans call for a tennis court attendant's building with restrooms, and the installation of landscaping and a parking lot.

\$500,000 Loan Award

Park Development

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Vineland City

Multi Park Development Project

The City of Vineland proposes to develop subsequent phases at two existing parks, both of which have received previous Green Acres funds.

At Fiocchi Park, ballfield lighting will be installed. At Joseph E. Romano Youth Sports Complex, also known as Maple Avenue Sports Complex, plans call for the construction of a practice field, walking track, exercise stations, picnic area, bocce courts, horseshoe pits, parking area, and a restroom/concession/storage building. Walkway lighting and landscaping will also be installed.

\$378,000 Loan Award

\$378,000 Matching Grant Award

\$756,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

ESSEX COUNTY

Essex County

Conservation & Natural Resource Center

The Essex County Park System, in collaboration with the Essex County Office of Environmental Affairs, proposes to construct a Conservation and Natural Resource Center (CNRC). The CNRC, which will be located near the Passaic River in West Essex Park in Roseland Township, will house classrooms, a display area, resource room, office space and restrooms. Programs at the CNRC will provide environmental education and research, promote stewardship of parks and natural areas, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking, nature study and birdwatching. The CNRC plans to address the County's diverse environmental issues, from those that pertain to the more rural areas to those that are of concern in the urban areas.

\$1,000,000 Loan Award

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award

\$1,500,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Essex County

Multi Parks Improvements

Essex County has requested additional funding to improve its park system. The County is proposing to rehabilitate seven urban parks, including Branch Brook Park, Southern Division, Vailsburg Park, and Ivy Hill Park all located in Newark; Watsessing Park located in East Orange and Bloomfield Township; Orange Park in Orange City; Verona Park in Verona, and Irvington Park in Irvington. The County proposes improvements such as upgraded playgrounds with safety surfaces, rehabilitation of athletic fields, landscaping, walkways, park signage, and drinking fountains, and other park amenities.

\$1,500,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Essex County

Riverfront Park & Recreation Facility Acquisition

Essex County plans to acquire a 5.6-acre parcel of land adjacent to the Passaic River, near Brill Street in the Ironbound section of Newark. The acquisition of this parcel will extend the area of county- and city- owned parkland along the Passaic River, which already includes Newark City's Joseph Minish Park and Essex County's River Bank Park. Currently, the property is used as a storage facility and is mostly paved. The new parkland will allow access to the River, and provide space for much needed passive and active recreation facilities.

**\$1,200,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Acquisition**

Bloomfield Township

Clark's Pond Restoration

Clark's Pond, located near Broughton Avenue and Beverly Road, has been used for community recreation for decades, and needs immediate improvements to refurbish the pond and the adjacent open space. The proposed project includes dredging the pond, dam repair and stream bank stabilization to recontour the pond and allow for a bio-filtered wetland to improve the water quality of storm water runoff entering the pond. These enhancements will allow for continued fishing and nature walks along the pond shore. The Township is working in coordination with the Friends of Clark's Pond. The Friends intend to landscape the site following completion of the other improvements.

**\$ 250,000 Loan Award
\$ 750,000 Matching Grant Award
**\$1,000,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development****

Bloomfield Township

Halcyon Park Redevelopment

Halcyon Park, in the southwest area of Bloomfield Township, was developed over 100 years ago. The park, which is bordered by Parkway East, Parkway West, and Lexington and Farndale

avenues. The Township has requested additional funding to complete the project, which includes repair of the existing fountain and pool, replacement and addition of walkways, additional lighting, benches, trashcans, and landscaping. The refurbished park will provide a restful place for the community to enjoy.

\$35,050 Loan Award

\$35,050 Matching Grant Award

\$70,100 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

East Orange City

Multi Parks Redevelopment

The City of East Orange proposes improvements to several parks, including Elmwood Park, Haire Park, Columbian Park, Memorial Park, Oval Park, and Soveral Park. These parks are intensively used and in need of various upgrades. The City proposes to repave basketball and tennis courts, replace playground equipment and add safety surfaces, improve athletic fields, upgrade accessory buildings, provide wheelchair access to park facilities and install other park amenities such as benches, game tables, landscaping and lighting. These improvements will greatly increase the public's enjoyment of the parks and provide a safe environment for recreation.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Newark City

Urban Environmental and Ecological Center

The City of Newark has joined the Greater Newark Conservancy in an effort to continue construction of the Greater Newark Conservancy's Urban Environmental and Ecological Center in downtown Newark. This facility is one of New Jersey's first urban environmental education resource centers. The City has requested funding to construct an information center at the entrance to the facility, outdoor teaching pavilions, a butterfly enclosure, completion of the

parking area, and renovation of a building that will serve to support the outdoor displays and activities.

\$500,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Development

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Deptford Township

Fasola Park Development

The Township of Deptford is seeking additional funding for the centrally located Fasola Park located on Delsea Drive off of Route 47. The Park caters to a variety of users in the community. To ensure a safe swimming environment for children and toddlers, the Township of Deptford is proposing to replace their existing outdoor swimming pool and to landscape the area near the pool.

In the mid-1970's, this site received acquisition and development assistance from the Green Acres Program.

**\$250,000 Loan Award
Park Development**

Borough of Glassboro

Downtown Green Space

The Borough of Glassboro seeks funds to purchase lands located between Rowan University and downtown Glassboro along Route 322. The vacant structures on the 9 lots proposed for acquisition will be demolished with the exception of one existing structure, which will be preserved for its historical significance. The Borough plans to create a recreational greenway/park with enhanced natural areas. The park will include bicycle and foot paths.

**\$800,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Acquisition**

Logan Township

Logan Municipal Park Development

The Township of Logan is seeking additional funding for the construction of a skate board/BMX

facility and tennis courts within an existing 51 acre park, that consists of numerous sports fields. In addition, the township plans to construct a play structure at Beckett Road Park, which is part of this newly formed Logan Municipal Park.

\$150,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Woodbury City

Woodbury High School Stadium Complex

The City of Woodbury proposes to undertake various improvements to the leased Woodbury High School Stadium Complex. This community recreation complex has long been the centerpiece of the community activities. The proposed project will ensure the safe use of this multi-purpose recreational facility, which is adjacent to another City recreational area funded through Green Acres.

The City plans to remove unsafe seating and install new seating and new railing at the Stadium, replace the track and field area and renovate the existing parking lot.

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

HUDSON COUNTY

Hudson County

Bayonne/Gregg Park Development

Hudson County proposes to rehabilitate the bulkhead and adjacent promenade in Bayonne / Stephen R. Gregg Park, located on John F. Kennedy Boulevard in Bayonne. Due to the deterioration of the sheet piling below the bulkhead, areas below the promenade are undermined and have subsided. The park is heavily used and is a vital resource for the surrounding highly developed community. The project would encompass the bulkhead from the southwest corner of the park extending eastward along Newark Bay and around the interior of the existing harbor.

\$ 250,000 Loan Award

\$1,250,000 Matching Grant Award

\$1,500,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Hudson County

Laurel Hill Park Development

Hudson County plans to improve the Laurel Hill Park in Secaucus. The project includes shoreline embankment grading and planting along the entire northwestern portion of the site abutting the Hackensack River. Plans also call for the expansion of Parking Lot "C" south of the boat ramp, construction of a restroom building in the center of the sports complex with an expanded parking area at the same location, and construction of two lighted/irrigated soccer fields (each 195' x 330'). A court sports area consisting of three tennis courts and a handball court is also proposed.

\$700,000 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

Hudson County

Multi Parks Playgrounds Development

Hudson County proposes to improve and restore playgrounds in four County Parks: Lincoln Park (in Jersey City), Mercer Park (in Bayonne), Washington Park (in Jersey City and Union City), and West Hudson Park (in Harrison and Kearny). The parks and playgrounds are heavily used

and are vital resources for the highly developed communities that surround them. The project would replace existing play equipment that is worn out and/or does not meet current barrier-free standards, add new play equipment, replace worn safety surfaces, and restore a water play area within Washington Park.

\$ 350,000 Loan Award
\$1,150,000 Matching Grant Award
\$1,500,000 Total Award
Densely Populated
Urban Aid Development

Hoboken City

Northwest Quadrant Acquisition

The City of Hoboken is seeking Green Acres funding for the acquisition of a privately owned site, on 12th Street between Madison and Jefferson streets. The lot measures approximately 200' x 200' and is approximately one acre in size. The City plans to develop the park as a multi-purpose playing field to expand the recreational opportunities for Hoboken residents.

\$375,000 Loan Award
\$325,000 Matching Grant Award
\$700,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Acquisition

Hoboken City

Hoboken Cove Park

The City desires to develop the Hoboken Cove Property as a waterfront park. Half of the site is City-owned and an adjoining piece of property along with \$1,000,000 will be donated by the owner to complete the park improvements. Hudson County Brownfields funds will be used to clean the site. The park will offer unobstructed views of the Manhattan skyline. Design features include a waterfront walkway, an overlook plaza with seating, three separate open lawn areas for free play and events, a garden pavilion / arbor planting, as well as toddler and pre-teen play equipment.

\$ 500,000 Loan Award
\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

Hoboken City

Multi Parks Development

Hoboken City will improve Jackson Street Park to create a passive park within and around the former garage and storage facility. The exterior walls will be retained but the roof will be removed; a play area and seating/garden area will be created within the walls. In addition, a skateboard park will be developed on the northern portion of Castle Point Park. Finally, the City will install artificial turf on the soccer field at Sinatra Park.

\$ 141,000 Loan Award
\$ 859,000 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

Jersey City

Harsimus Stem Embankment Acquisition

Jersey City would like to acquire six parcels, totaling approximately 5.3 acres of the former Conrail right-of-way along Sixth Street from Brunswick Street to Luis Munoz Marin Boulevard. These parcels hold largely intact segments of the Pennsylvania Railroad Harsimus Stem Embankment, an elevated stone structure that formerly served as the Pennsylvania Railroad's freightway eastern terminus. This structure is listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places, is eligible for the National Register, and is a Municipal Landmark. Since the tracks were removed in 1996, the property began returning to nature. The parcels now consist of meadows with shrubs and trees, hosting many bird species and serving as a monarch butterfly flyway. Acquisition of these parcels will immediately secure the site for the public as an historic landmark and passive open space. The sites will be developed over time as passive open space,

and will provide an important avenue for public access to the Hudson River Waterfront/Northern Hudson Bay, and a segment of the proposed East Coast Greenway.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Acquisition

Secaucus Town

Waterfront Acquisition

The Town of Secaucus seeks to obtain certain parcels of land along the Hackensack River. There are several parcels included in this application; the acquisition of all will ensure that the property will not be developed for commercial or residential use. It is the intent of the Town of Secaucus to use the land in the future for open space recreation for both youth and adults. The Town will seek to develop a riverwalk along this property and adjacent parcels. Environmental tours, passive recreation, and general leisure activities are anticipated.

\$225,000 Loan Award
\$175,000 Matching Grant Award
\$400,000 Total Award
Standard Acquisition

Union City

17th Street Playground Improvements

Union City plans to upgrade the 17th Street Playground, which is deteriorated and contains unsafe surfaces and outdated play equipment. The playground is used by neighborhood children and seniors, nearby public schools, and daycare centers in the neighborhood. The proposed project will provide new, safe playground equipment, passive seating areas, and landscaping. The enhancements will improve handicapped access to the park as well.

\$110,000 Loan Award
Urban Aid Development

Weehawken Township

Boulevard East Acquisition

Weehawken Township will acquire a parcel of land across the street from Old Glory Park, which was previously developed with Green Acres funds. The property is directly in front of the American Legion Hall on 49th Street and Boulevard East and would allow the Township to make available additional public open space with a beautiful view of the New York City skyline. This is the last large parcel of undeveloped land that is not dedicated parkland on Boulevard East.

\$118,750 Loan Award
\$ 56,250 Matching Grant Award
\$475,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Acquisition

Weehawken Township

Pershing Road Nature Trail Acquisition

Weehawken Township would like to acquire two small lots at the foot of the stairs on Pershing Road at Liberty Street, above the cliff of the Palisades. The cliffs provide a spectacular view of the New York City skyline. The property to be purchased will be the entrance to a nature trail that is proposed at the base of the cliffs.

\$ 62,500 Loan Award
\$187,500 Matching Grant Award
\$250,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Acquisition

West New York Town

Pier 8 Park Development

The Town of West New York would like to develop a new park on Pier 8 in the Hudson River. Included in the project are bulkheading, planting of lawn and trees, a gazebo, benches, and a walkway. This park will add a new recreational facility to the Town's park system and will

provide access to the water's edge for residents of the Town and region, as well as connect with the Hudson River Walkway.

\$560,000 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Frenchtown Borough

Nishisakawick Watershed Phase I

The Borough, in cooperation with other partners, plans to preserve 150 acres of land along the Rout 29 corridor. Phase I includes the acquisition of 50 acres. The lands contain a tributary of the Delaware River, fields and woodlands, and expansive vistas across the river to Pennsylvania. The property is one of the largest undeveloped tracts of land in the Borough, and is prominently visible from the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park. Preservation of this parcel will protect the rural and historical nature of the small village of Frenchtown. It will provide opportunities for passive recreation and will satisfy the Borough's plans in creating a greenbelt surrounding the Borough.

\$ 20,500 Loan Award

\$379,500 Matching Grant Award

\$400,000 Total Award

Stockton Borough

Open Space Acquisition

In partnership with others, Stockton Borough proposes to acquire and protect the largest single open space parcel remaining in the Borough. Located on the Delaware River bluffs, the 60+ acres parcel overlooks the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park. Protection of this parcel will provide for passive recreation, protect the watershed of the Delaware River and the D&R Canal, preserve critical wildlife habitat, and will preserve the unique rural character of one of Hunterdon County's most historic areas.

\$200,000 Loan Award

Standard Acquisition

MERCER COUNTY

Mercer County

Baldpate Mountain Development

Mercer County proposes to preserve Baldpate Mountain in its natural state while providing facilities to meet the passive recreational needs of the citizens of Mercer County. The property is currently accessed from a one way gravel drive and has several buildings (house barns and outbuildings) at the top of the mountain. Phase I consists of improved access by widening the existing drive, restoration of the existing house as a visitor's center, outbuilding stabilization, parking, trail heads, enhancing and improving existing trails, and upgrading the well, water treatment septic and electric. Also included is the restoration of a garden/horticulture area, orchard, signage and landscaping.

\$1,250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Princeton Township

Coventry Farm Park Development

Coventry Farm Park, a 22.67-acre park, was acquired by Princeton Township in partnership with the D & R Greenway for active recreation. The park is located at the northwest corner of the Great Road and Pretty Brook Road. Specific park improvements include two soccer fields, two baseball fields, a parking area, detention basin, tot lot, restroom facility, bicycle and pedestrian trails, and landscaping.

\$500,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Princeton Township

Greenway Meadow Park Development

Greenway Meadow on Rosedale Road was acquired by Princeton Township in partnership with Delaware & Raritan Greenway. The site contains gently rolling terrain and has been professionally landscaped. Thirteen of the 53 acres will be used for active recreation and the

remaining forty acres for passive enjoyment. Specific park improvements include two soccer fields, one softball field, two parking areas, a new entrance drive into the park, detention basin, bicycle trails, children's play area, restroom facilities, landscaping, benches and other amenities.

\$500,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Trenton City

Cadwalader Park Development

Designed by renowned landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted, Cadwalader Park on Parkside Avenue in the City of Trenton was built between 1890 and 1892 and quickly became a respite for the industrial age population of Trenton. Since its creation, Cadwalader Park has seen many changes, but much of the original design intent as proposed by Olmsted still exists today, unfortunately in varying stages of deterioration. Recognizing that Cadwalader Park is a Trenton treasure, an historic landscape, and a very important part of the city's future, the City of Trenton has embarked on a multi-phase Master Plan for the park.

The \$20 million restoration plan will guide park managers toward re-establishing Cadwalader Park as a regional attraction. This phase will better connect the active recreation area in the lower park to the more passive upper park, as well as link Cadwalader Park to the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park. These planned improvements include parking for the lower park, redesigning the fitness and play areas, replacing the canal bridge, and creating a canoe launch. The picnic grove will be relocated to a site adjacent to the canal and canal bridge, where new picnic pavilions and a playground will be built. This will improve the use of the picnic area by recreation groups and leagues, and give families a better place to picnic near the children's activities. It will also allow for future redevelopment of a concert area on the site of the existing picnic grove.

\$1,000,000 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

Trenton City

Calhoun Street Park Renovation

The City of Trenton plans to enhance Calhoun Street Park, one of the larger recreational areas within the city, to serve a greater number of people. The City, along with the nonprofit Love thy Neighbor, plans 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. The bathhouse will be enlarged to include changing rooms and a public restroom. The plans also call for the installation of irrigation, turf improvements, scoreboards, goals, grandstands, a new playground, and parking.

\$ 324,500 Loan Award

\$ 675,500 Matching Grant Award

\$1,000,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill Waterfront Property Acquisition

The Borough of Carteret would like to acquire approximately four acres of land adjacent to the Borough's existing waterfront park, located off of Middlesex Avenue along the Arthur Kill Waterway. At this time, access to the park is severely limited. Acquisition of this parcel would enable the Borough to provide better access, and a parking area for park visitors. With Green Acres assistance, the Borough is in the process of upgrading the waterfront area by construction of a fishing pier and boat launch. Plans for the park include the development of a gazebo, lighting, a picnic area and pedestrian walkway. The acquisition of this parcel would provide much needed access to the park and river.

\$350,000 Loan Award

\$250,000 Matching Grant Award

\$600,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreation Facility Phase II

The Borough of Carteret plans to construct Phase II of the Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreation Facility. Phase I, which was awarded Green Acres funding, included a floating dock and access ramp. Phase II improvements include a gazebo, lighting, pedestrian walkway, footbridge, benches and landscaping. These improvements will greatly enhance the public use and enjoyment of Borough's waterfront.

\$470,000 Loan Award

\$270,000 Matching Grant Award

\$740,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Carteret Borough

Carteret Borough Park Development

The Borough of Carteret will continue improvements to Carteret Park by dredging the pond to make it more usable for recreation. The 1.8-acre pond is located in the Borough's central park, and is intensively used for fishing and ice skating. Over time, sediment has accumulated in the pond, impacting the survival of fish, and making it more difficult to control aquatic plants and algae. The edge of the pond is in need of stabilization.

\$258,000 Loan Award

\$258,000 Matching Grant Award

\$516,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Middlesex County

New Brunswick Landing

As part of the Raritan River Strategy Plan, Middlesex County and the City of New Brunswick propose to construct a dock near the Richmond Street pedestrian overpass, adjacent to the Delaware and Raritan Canal towpath. The structure, which includes a fixed dock connecting to a floating dock, will provide accommodations for 24 recreational boats. The dock will afford access to the Raritan River from New Brunswick, as well as access from the river to New Brunswick City's Boyd Park, the towpath, and the downtown area. The plans include dredging a channel to allow access to the dock.

\$1,250,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

New Brunswick City

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access to the Raritan River from New Brunswick, as well as access from the river to New Brunswick City's Boyd Park, the towpath, and the downtown area. The plans include dredging a channel to allow access to the dock.

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

Old Bridge Township

Cedar Ridge II Acquisition

The Township of Old Bridge acquired 200 acres to preserve as open space on Higgins and Ticetown roads and Route 516. The tract, which is known as Woodland Trails, was slated for a very intense housing development. The property is a gently rolling woodland with mature trees and excellent soils. Its location, adjacent to the Township-owned Geick Park and Township Board of Education Athletic Complex and schools, provides a unique opportunity to create a major contiguous park stretching from Route 516 to Ticetown Road. Plans include amenities that would support a planned greenway, including pedestrian and bicycle trails. The Township is using Green Acres grant funding and Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program loan funding to finance the acquisition.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award
Urban Aid Acquisition

Perth Amboy City

Perth Amboy Bayview Park

Perth Amboy City is seeking funding to redevelop the popular Bayview Park on the Raritan Bay waterfront. The City is planning to restore an access stairway, replace a small stage and restrooms, and do plantings. A local garden club will maintain the gardens in the park, and concerts will be held in the stage area in the summertime.

\$ 50,000 Loan Award
\$ 950,000 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

Piscataway Township

Open Space Acquisition

Piscataway Township plans to acquire the last large contiguous open space in the township to expand the existing Ambrose-Doty's Brook Park. The total acreage of the planned acquisition is more than 137 acres. The goal is to create a predominately passive park and to conserve open space.

The short-term plan for the site includes the demolition and removal of structures not suitable for future use and a general cleanup of the property. The long-term plans for the site include creating paths and trails for both walking and biking and creating open space play areas for multiple uses including soccer fields.

\$ 75,000 Loan Award

\$525,000 Matching Grant Award

\$600,000 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Densely Populated Municipality

South Amboy Borough

Open Space Acquisition

South Amboy Borough plans to acquire 30 acres of open space in an area of the Borough that has only one park with a playground. The land is vacant and current zoning permits residential construction. The property is located in the Northern Waterfront Redevelopment Area and is a short walking distance to the Raritan Bay. The properties fronting the Bay are the subject of major redevelopment activities in the Borough.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Densely Populated Municipality

Woodbridge Township

Woodbridge Township Skateboard Park

The Township of Woodbridge has encountered a great need for park space for skateboard enthusiasts. Each year, the request for this type of facility has far outweighed the Township's ability to serve this need. The proposed skateboard park will be located near the Sewaren Marina on Cliff Road. The Township plans to create a state-of-the-art facility that will serve residents of Woodbridge and the surrounding communities.

\$ 75,000 Loan Award

\$175,000 Matching Grant Award

\$250,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Freehold Township

Opatut Park Development

Freehold Township would like to develop Opatut Park, a 130-acre site on East Freehold Road and Marlboro Road (Route 79) to serve the northern side of the rapidly developing township. This park will offer active and passive recreational opportunities. Construction will take place in phases, and will include athletic fields, trails, concession/storage buildings, landscaping, and parking.

\$500,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Holmdel Township

Phillips / Veterans Park Development

Holmdel Township recently acquired five acres of land adjacent to Phillips Park on Telegraph Hill Road, which was used as a former Navy housing site. The Township proposes to expand Phillips Park and to develop Veterans Memorial Park on the adjacent property. This expansion will include a 9/11 Veterans Memorial, a pavilion and picnic area, a restroom building, an open play field, parking, and pedestrian walkways. This is the first phase of a multi-phase project.

\$237,500 Loan Award
Park Development

Keansburg Borough

Keansburg Skate Park Development

The Borough of Keansburg intends to redevelop the existing JFK Playground. Plans call for the antiquated playground to be developed into a modern skate park with an associated parking facility. This development will provide the Borough with an updated recreational facility located in a safe environment to be used by the entire community.

\$98,400 Loan Award
\$32,800 Matching Grant Award
\$131,200 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Keyport Borough

Ralph Pier Replacement

Keyport Borough plans to replace the existing Ralph Pier, a 30+ year-old timber pier that was recently deemed structurally unsound. The pier is located on American Legion Drive, and extends into the Raritan Bay. Access to the existing bulkhead and waterfront walkway leading to the pier, is currently restricted. A new pier will improve public access to the bay and provide multiple recreation purposes, including swimming, motor boating, fishing, and sailing.

\$750,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Long Branch City

Manahasset Creek Acquisition

The City of Long Branch would like to acquire 15.3 acres of land and combine it with 6.6 acres of land owned by the City to create a 22-acre park. The proposed park is in the northwest portion of the city, adjacent to the Shrewsbury River. The park will provide active and passive recreation facilities and conservation opportunities that will be enjoyed by residents of both the local neighborhood and regional area. The land is primarily vacant, except for Long Branch Community Center. The newly acquired land will be used for active recreation, with trails through the wetlands near the Manahasset Creek.

\$331,875 Loan Award

\$468,125 Matching Grant Award

\$800,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Long Branch City

Multi Parks Development 2

Long Branch City plans to repair its oceanfront boardwalk, between South Bath Avenue and Brighton Avenue. The waterfront enhancement project will include new support railings, boardwalk replacement to create a wider walkway, and new support beams and joists, all with "Trex" materials. This area is heavily frequented by residents of the City and by many people

who live in outlying communities and the boardwalk remains continuously busy throughout the year.

\$ 450,000 Loan Award
\$ 550,000 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

Middletown Township

Banfield Park Development

Middletown Township would like to create a passive recreation area at Banfield Park, located on Orchard and Church streets. The development includes earthwork for a natural amphitheater, and outdoor stage, and path system around an existing pond located on the site and the construction of a parking lot. This park will include a World Trade Center Memorial, being funded separately. The Township is renovating an existing building on the site into a cultural arts center. The property around the existing building was purchased with Green Acres funding.

\$250,000 Loan award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Neptune Township

Bradley Park Development

Neptune Township plans to acquire and demolish the Bradley Park School and create a neighborhood park. The 1.75-acre site, located on Ridge Avenue, between 9th and 10th avenues, will be developed as a multi-purpose recreation area. The project includes two basketball/multi-purpose areas, a tot lot, a passive recreation area, and walking paths.

\$231,000 Loan Award
\$231,000 Matching Grant Award
\$462,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

Neptune Township

Multi Parks Development

The Township of Neptune plans to make improvements to Loffredo Field (used for Pop Warner Football) located on West Bangs Avenue, Jumping Brook Ballfields (used for Little League Baseball) located on Jumping Brook Road and Sunshine Village Park (used for soccer, basketball, track and a children's playground) located on Sunshine Parkway. The existing land use is recreation as indicated, but each site is underused due to safety issues and other deficiencies. The scope of work, varied across the three sites, includes improving surfaces, miscellaneous grading, drainage and irrigation work, adding and/or reconfiguring fields, landscaping, construction and/or renovation of bleachers, press box, and concession stand/restroom and installation of a scoreboard and lighting. Short- and long-term plans for the sites call for them to remain as athletic fields.

\$ 250,000 Loan Award

\$ 750,000 Matching Grant Award

\$1,000,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Neptune Township

South Riverside Drive Waterfront Acquisition

The Township of Neptune plans to acquire multiple parcels totaling approximately 8 acres along Riverside Drive along the Shark River. The land is being acquired for conservation, shoreline stabilization, flood control and environmental measures. Acquisition of the land will help protect the water resources of the Shark River.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Rumson Borough

Riverside Park Development

Rumson Borough plans to make improvements to Riverside Park, located on Riverside Drive and along the Shrewsbury River. The existing site consists of two baseball fields, two small soccer fields, a tot lot, and a gravel parking lot. The proposed modifications to the park consist of

rehabilitating the two baseball fields, enlarging the soccer fields to standard size, constructing a new tot lot, and expanding and upgrading the parking area.

\$500,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Union Beach Borough

Scholer Park Development

Union Beach Borough will modify the existing configuration of a portion of Scholer Park by converting the existing softball field into an athletic complex including a lighted, irrigated Little League field, a lighted softball field, and two tee-ball fields in the former outfield area. The Borough will improve the Little League field with benches, bleachers, a scoreboard, sod outfield, and landscaping.

\$250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

MORRIS COUNTY

Chester Borough

Chester Open Space Acquisition

Chester Borough plans to acquire a 50-acre unimproved portion of the Larison's Turkey Farm (restaurant) tract for passive open space and limited active recreation purposes. The area to be acquired includes frontage on US Route 206, but excludes frontage on County Route 513 (West Main Street), which is already developed with a restaurant, gift shop, a dwelling, barns, and a garage. Access to the acquired land would be via easement from West Main Street. This site is heavily wooded and includes gently sloping to level lands, long with steep slope and wetland areas with federal threatened and endangered species present. The site would be suitable for primarily passive open space and limited active recreation facilities development.

\$575,000 Matching Grant Award

Site-specific Acquisition

Riverdale Borough

Van Ness House Acquisition

Riverdale Borough plans to purchase a six-acre tract that includes the historic Van Ness House, built in 1724. The ten room house is one of Riverdale's oldest, and is on Morris County's "10 Most Threatened Historic Sites" list. The barn, an overgrown apple orchard, a country store and former slave quarters are still present. There is 797 feet of trout production stream on the property. The site is in the 100 year floodplain of the Pequannock River, a C-1 river.

The site is located along the Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike, one of New Jersey's earliest historic roads. It previously stood across the road from an associated gristmill, which burned in the 1980's. That site was turned into Appel Park, a municipal park along the Pequannock River.

\$575,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Wharton Borough

Multipark Rehabilitation

The Borough of Wharton proposes several park rehabilitation projects to improve to improve the

existing recreational opportunities in the community. At Huff Park, the playground area will be enhanced by installing new equipment, safety surfaces and by improving the access route to the playground at. The Borough also proposes seeding and irrigation to the existing field at Lafayette Park.

\$175,000 Loan Award
Park Development

OCEAN COUNTY

Bay Head Borough

Twilight Lake Waterfront Development

The Borough of Bayhead proposes to develop the Twilight Lake Waterfront, a passive park at a site adjacent to Twilight Lake. The park will include a nature trail, a footbridge, benches, landscaping, and a memorial. The planned park improvements will enhance the recreational opportunities for visitors to the park while protecting the natural resource.

\$147,400 Loan Award

Park Development

Berkeley Township

Veteran's Park Recreation Development

Berkeley Township would like to further develop Veteran's Park located on Veteran's Boulevard. This project calls for development of a softball field and nature path with parking. The softball field will provide the Township with additional park recreation for the residents and complement the newly developed football field and driving range. The nature path will serve as an access route for pedestrian traffic between the proposed softball field and the existing main park entrance. A playground is proposed in addition to the softball field, in order to completely serve the recreational needs of the community. This newly developed area will be served by a thirty space paved parking lot.

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Berkeley Township

Toms River Park Recreation Facilities

Berkeley Township proposes to further develop the Toms River Park Recreation Facilities by adding restroom facilities, irrigation, and the associated utilities to accommodate these improvements. In addition, a paved parking area, landscaping and picnic facilities are proposed. These improvements will meet a serious need as the park is now experiencing high recreational

activity. The planned renovations will complement the existing fields and pavilion, and make this a full use facility.

\$375,000 Loan Award
\$125,000 Matching Grant Award
\$500,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Brick Township

Drum Point Recreation Complex II

The Township would like to develop this vacant site located on Drum Point Road as an addition to the existing recreation complex. The plan includes eight full size soccer fields, a food and refreshment concession building, with storage and restrooms, a skateboard park, and a one-mile walking / jogging track around the site. The fields will be irrigated and lighting will be included to extend the playing schedules into the evening hours. Paved parking for approximately 160 cars will be at the southern portion of the site. The existing parking lot on the north will be expanded.

\$ 800,000 Loan Award
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

Dover Township

Sports Complex Expansion

The Township of Dover proposes to construct a soccer field, tot lot, and parking lot at the Oak Avenue Sports Complex. To allow for circulation between existing and proposed fields, a pedestrian bridge will be constructed across a drainage ditch. The bridge will also provide better access to the restroom and snack bar facilities.

\$277,500 Loan Award
\$ 92,350 Matching Grant Award
\$369,400 Total Award
Park Development

Island Heights Borough

River Avenue Boardwalk Improvements

The Borough of Island Heights will continue to improve the scenic qualities of the waterfront on River Avenue along the Toms River. The improvements will enhance the visual appearance of the area and provide passive recreational activities for area residents. This project proposes to extend the existing boardwalk approximately 1,644 linear feet to traverse the entire length of the existing bulkhead. Landscaping will be done along the length of the proposed boardwalk. Specific improvements shall include boardwalk construction, planting of shade trees, benches, and site lighting.

\$100,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Little Egg Harbor Township

Municipal Recreation Complex VI

The Township of Little Egg Harbor plans to further develop the Municipal Recreation Complex to meet the current and future recreational needs of its residents. The proposed development includes the site preparation and clearing for two little league fields and the installation of lighting for an existing hockey field.

\$250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Manchester Township

Manchester Soccer Complex Improvements

Manchester Township seeks to improve an existing soccer complex between Colonial Drive and Alexander Avenue. Plans include the construction of a new restroom / concession building and a new grand stand along with the installation of new paved foot paths, an improved irrigation system, paved parking, additional landscaping and site appurtenances.

\$375,000 Loan Award

\$125,000 Matching Grant Award

\$500,000 Total Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Ocean Township

Recreation Area Development

Ocean Township plans to develop a township recreation area. The plans call for the construction of a boat ramp and dock, a restroom, and parking facility that will be used by the general public and the Department of Fish and Wildlife. In addition, the Township plan to develop a park with access to fishing and crabbing, game courts, walking trails, a gazebo and a play area for smaller children. New lighting, sidewalks, landscaping and other amenities are planned for the park as well.

\$500,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Pine Beach Borough

Admiral Farragut Main Development

The site was purchased in 1995 to provide additional open space and increase recreational opportunities for residents of the Borough. In the existing field area, the Borough intends to renovate the soccer field, and construct new basketball and tennis courts. The cinder track will be removed and reconfigured as a shared use walkway. Physical fitness equipment will be removed and relocated. The existing viewing stands and associated wooden stairs and retaining walls will be demolished. New bleachers will be installed and the necessary grading and ground preparation will be completed. Also on this site will be a new playground area, a restroom and storage structure, and a picnic area with tables, benches, and other amenities.

Across Riverside Drive along the dock area, much of the former facilities will be removed due to their present condition. They will be replaced with a boat basin that can accommodate approximately 20 boats. The one story boathouse structure will be removed and replaced with a plaza and sitting area that includes landscaping and a gazebo. Existing bulkhead will be replaced and a new dock system with two piers extending into the Toms River will be added. The new bulkhead will accommodate an 8-foot wide walkway. New ornamental fencing, parking, and pedestrian crosswalks will be provided.

\$500,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Point Pleasant Beach Borough
Oceanfront Boardwalk Redevelopment

Point Pleasant Beach Borough plans to reconstruct the Oceanfront boardwalk within the Borough. In addition to the actual boardwalk, enhancements include associated benches, trash receptacles, and lighting improvements within the boardwalk right-of-way.

\$203,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Seaside Heights Borough
Seasonal Stage at Heiring Tract

Seaside Heights Borough proposes improvements to the Heiring Tract, a gravel parking lot at the beach. The Borough plans to purchase and install a seasonal stage for beachfront arts performances from May through September. The stage and roof system will be erected at the beginning of each summer season and taken down and stored at season's end. The improvements will offer a more professional and comfortable accommodation to the artists who entertain the Seaside visitors during these mid-week concerts.

\$141,975 Loan Award
\$ 47,325 Matching Grant Award
\$189,300 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Seaside Park Borough
Bayview Avenue Walkway II

Seaside Park Borough is continuing the expansion of the Bayview Avenue Walkway. Phase II will expand the path a half mile south to the public boat launch and fishing pier at 13th Avenue. The park connects a several established recreational resources and is anchored by the marina in the north and the fishing pier boat launch in the south. An earlier phase created an eight to ten foot wide extension along Bayview Avenue extending 11 blocks from I Street south to 2nd Avenue.

\$ 500,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Stafford Township

Manahawkin Lake II Development

Stafford Township proposes to enhance the facilities at Manahawkin Lake located at Route 9 and Bay Avenue. Enhancements include building a covered bridge, creating a parking area, and providing a bus shelter. Improvements will also include installing a sidewalk, paved trail, flagpoles, benches, trash receptacles, and landscaping.

\$400,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Stafford Township

Nautilus Park

Stafford Township plans to develop Nautilus Park with soccer and baseball fields, basketball courts, a playground, and a skate park. The project includes utility work, the installation of an irrigation system, installation of landscaping and paths, and the development of a parking area. The Township has already spent \$500,000 on site work.

\$500,000 Loan Award
Park Development

PASSAIC COUNTY

Bloomington Borough

Recreation Redevelopment

The Borough of Bloomington proposes improvements at two borough-owned recreational facilities located at Walter T. Bergen Middle School and Martha B. Day Elementary School. Improvements include stormwater drainage upgrades at both locations, which will help limit field closure due to weather. Additional work at the Walter T. Bergen Middle School includes upgrading the existing athletic fields, installing a new multipurpose field, tennis court resurfacing, construction of restrooms, and the installation of lighting and landscaping. Athletic fields at Martha B. Day Elementary School will be renovated. It is anticipated that this project will help the Borough to better meet the active recreation demands of the community.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Clifton City

Dundee Island Acquisition

Clifton City proposes to preserve 3.5 acres of land along the Passaic River near the Dundee Dam. The land is threatened by private development and the project was put forth in a collaborative effort with area residents concerned with protecting the environment. The greenway project will protect high quality wildlife habitat and create new opportunities for passive recreation.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Passaic County

Garret Mountain Park- Barbour Pond Restoration

Passaic County proposes to improve their Barbour Pond facilities located in the Garret Mountain Reservation in West Paterson. The Barbour Pond restoration project includes the renovation of the boathouse and the dredging and aeration of the pond. After drainage improvements are made to the grassy area in front of the boathouse, the area will be set up as a temporary skating rink area. The project also calls for reconstruction of the gazebo and pergolas, planting of flowering

trees, a parking lot, and trail improvements.

\$ 601,700 Loan Award
\$ 601,700 Matching Grant Award
\$1,203,400 Total Award
Densely Populated Municipality
Urban Aid Development

Paterson City

ATP Site/Haines Overlook Park Riverwalk Extension

The City of Paterson proposes to construct a riverwalk on the banks of the Passaic River, at the former Allied Textile Printing Site (ATP Site) in Paterson's Great Falls Landmark Historic District. The redevelopment of the seven-acre ATP site has been a major objective in the Landmark District, and a focused effort of the National Park Service's Urban History Initiative.

The ATP Site Riverwalk will be open to the public for walking, jogging, bicyclists, and nature observers who want to enjoy the river and wetland ecosystem associated with the Passaic River Corridor. The riverwalk will connect to the existing pedestrian network at the base of Overlook Park directly opposite the Great Falls.

The Great Falls Historic District was entered on the National Register of Historic Places in 1970, and designated a National Historic Landmark in 1976 for its nationally significant role in the history of engineering and industrial development. In addition, the Great Falls have been designated a Natural Landmark by the National Park Service.

\$ 253,035 Loan Award
\$ 746,965 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award
Urban Aid Development

Paterson City

Great Falls & Pocket Parks-Phase 1

Paterson City has embarked on an ambitious project to upgrade all of its neighborhood parks and refurbish Great Falls Overlook Park. This proposal addresses improvements to Great Falls Park, Julius Brandies Park, Lloyd Greene Park, Market and East 24th Triangle Park, Barbour Park and Commons Park (Ralph DiMarcantonio Playground). Generally, the improvements to the neighborhood parks include new play equipment and safety surfaces, fencing, pathways, basketball court resurfacing, restroom renovations and upgrade of other park amenities. Work at Great Falls Overlook Park is intended to provide better access to the viewing area of the Falls. This includes construction of an amphitheater, reconstruction of the fountain, replacement of pathways, landscaping and installation of new benches, picnic tables, lighting and signage.

\$ 512,637 Loan Award

\$ 487,363 Matching Grant Award

\$1,000,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Pompton Lakes Borough

Feinbloom and Sherman Acquisition

The Borough of Pompton Lakes is seeking to preserve approximately 25 acres of wooded and meadow area adjacent to the complex Pequannock River system. This project will protect the quality of nearby waters, preserve wildlife habitat and enhance the quality of life of residents in the entire region. The land is located within the 100-year flood zone and includes frontage on the Pequannock River, which would allow access to the river for canoes and kayaks. The project is adjacent to state-owned land and township open space.

\$43,000 Matching Grant Award

Site-specific Acquisition

Ringwood Borough

Ringwood Skateboard Park

The Borough of Ringwood proposes to construct a Skateboard Park at the C. William Hoffmann, Jr. Recreation Complex, which is centrally located within the community on Borough Parkway.

The park has been designed to challenge both beginning and advanced skaters, and will accommodate skateboarders and rollerbladers.

\$65,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Wayne Township

Barbour Pond Park Athletic Field

Wayne Township seeks funding to install synthetic turf on the Barbour Pond Park Athletic Fields. These field have very high use and do not receive the "down time" required to allow the playing surface to regenerate.

The Township will excavate the existing grass surface and replace it with 78,000 square feet of synthetic grass and a subsurface drainage system that will channel rainwater beneath the playing surface instead of across it. The introduction of this synthetic playing surface will also eliminate chemical, fertilizer and water application as well as discourage Canadian geese from settling on the field. The end product will be an athletic surface that can accommodate several sporting events in succession without the necessary recovery time and a field that will enhance the surrounding environment.

\$ 50,000 Loan Award

\$200,000 Matching Grant Award

\$250,000 Total Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Wayne Township

St. Joseph's Hospital at Wayne Acquisition

In keeping with the open space conservation goals of Wayne Township and Passaic County, the Township seeks funding to acquire 27 acres of land to expand the wildlife corridor and maintain the biodiversity that exists within the High Mountain Preserve. The land targeted for preservation is currently threatened by development.

The High Mountain Preserve, protects more than 460 species of plants, including the imperiled

Torrey's Mountain Mint. The acquisition of the land will enhance access to the High Mountain Preserve owned by the Township.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

West Milford Township

Apple Acres

West Milford Township plans to acquire a 104-acre tract known as Apple Acres. The property consists of grasslands, forests, wetlands and slopes and includes habitat for threatened and endangered species sightings. Twenty acres of the tract have been identified as suitable for active recreation by the Township.

The Township has secured a \$230,000 grant from the Passaic Open Space Trust Fund toward the acquisition.

\$302,500 Matching Grant Award
Site-specific Acquisition

West Paterson Borough

Morris Canal Park Restoration

West Paterson Borough plans to restore and improve a 5,000 linear foot section of the historic Morris Canal Park, between Lackawanna Avenue and Brophy Lane. The restoration includes refurbishing the canal passageway and towpath. A walking trail and linear park will be developed in the restored area between the municipal building and the American Legion Building. Canal Park arches will be placed at the entrances to the towpath, and a pocket park will be developed at the intersection of Mt. Pleasant Avenue and Rose Place. The pocket park will include sitting areas, a garden area, play structures, and a gazebo.

\$250,000 Loan Award
Park Development

SALEM COUNTY

Pittsgrove Township

Pittsgrove Township Acquisition

Pittsgrove Township is participating in a cooperative effort with the State to purchase an 18-hole golf course with approximately 80 acres of surplus wooded uplands and wetlands. The acquisition includes a golf course, driving range, maintenance equipment, and improvements. The golf course will be managed as an addition to Parvin State Park.

The land is within the Muddy Run Watershed; wetlands on the property flow into Parvin Lake State Park Swimming Beach.

\$200,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

SOMERSET COUNTY

Franklin Township

Middlebush Park Improvements

Franklin Township is requesting funds to develop Middlebush Park, a new 81-acre community park adjacent to the municipal complex Town Center in the northern section of the township. The park will include active and passive recreation facilities. Planned with extensive community participation, park improvements will consist of soccer and football fields, a nature trail, a playground, an access road, and a parking lot.

\$113,775 Loan Award

\$153,625 Matching Grant Award

\$267,400 Total Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

SUSSEX COUNTY

Byram Township

C.O. Johnson Park Recreation Expansion

Byram Township proposes expansion of C.O. Johnson Park, located on Roseville Road, to accommodate the growing population in the area. Green Acres previously provided assistance to the Township for park facilities at this location. The Township's plan is based on input from park users, and includes the construction of a new multi-use play area that could be used for soccer or baseball/softball in the future. The Township will relocate existing tennis courts and construct a rollerhockey rink, skateboard park, basketball and handball courts, and a sand volleyball court. The plan also includes an expanded walking jogging path, restroom/concession stand, parking, stormwater runoff facilities, and landscaping.

\$250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

UNION COUNTY

Linden City

Playground Equipment Replacement Project

The City of Linden proposes to upgrade and have the following existing parks comply with the Americans With Disability Act: 1) Lawson Park - camp play structure, contemporary swing set, creative play structure, border material for fall zone and wood carpet resilient material. 2) Cleveland Avenue Park - camp play structure, contemporary swing set, border material for fall zone and wood carpet resilient material. 3) Eddy Avenue Park - camp play structure, contemporary swing set, border material fall zone and wood carpet resilient material. 4) Clinton Street Park - camp play structure, contemporary swing set, border material fall zone and wood carpet resilient material. 5) Newton Street Park - play structure, swing set, border material fall zone and wood carpet resilient material. 6) Wilson Park - play structure, contemporary swing set, border material fall zone and wood carpet resilient material.

\$181,187 Loan Award

\$ 68,813 Matching Grant Award

\$250,000 Total Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Union County

Meisel Avenue Park

The County of Unions desires to redevelop Meisel Avenue Park, located in Springfield Township, to include the following: a six-lane all weather track with a football/soccer field on its interior; softball and baseball fields; a fitness trail; and restroom renovation to the existing fieldhouse.

\$1,100,000 Matching Grant Award

Densely Populated Municipality

Urban Aid Development

WARREN COUNTY

Oxford Township

Hissim Property Acquisition

The acquisition of Block 26, Lot 85 Oxford Township, Warren County will accomplish several land preservation goals and will allow the township to create a valuable year-round active athletic recreational complex while simultaneously curbing residential development. The 44-acre 'Hissam Tract' is a combination of rolling hills, second growth woodlands, some deciduous wooded wetlands, and farm fields.

\$328,500 Loan Award

\$246,500 Matching Grant Award

\$ 575,000 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Phillipsburg Town

Delaware Heights Park Phase I

The Town of Phillipsburg proposes to create a multi-use recreational facility at Delaware Heights Park. To date, the Township has installed a playground, basketball court, baseball field and soccer field. Phase I includes installation of additional playing fields, concession stand, restrooms, pathway and parking facilities. Phase II includes an additional basketball court, tennis court, hockey rink, pavilion and additional parking. The site topography is gently rolling to relatively flat, and mostly covered with grass vegetation.

\$250,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Washington Borough

Washington Borough Municipal Pool

The community pool in Washington Borough serves over 15,000 patrons during the summer, from both Washington Borough and the surrounding area. The Borough plans to improve

accessibility, provide areas for family oriented activities, and install lighting.

\$283,200 Loan Award

Park Development

PLANNING INCENTIVE PROJECTS

Local governments realize that open space preservation is an integral component of community planning. Open space preservation enhances the quality of life within a community, protects natural resources, provides opportunities for outdoor recreation, and helps communities avoid the excessive service costs associated with poorly planned sprawl development. By preserving open space, communities help channel development to appropriate areas, thereby fostering economic growth that is compatible with community character. Similar to other important investments a community makes to provide public infrastructure, such as roads and schools, it makes sense to ensure that fiscal resources are set aside for preservation of open space. Local governments have turned to a dedicated open space tax as a way to fund their land preservation programs.

Many local governments that have an open space tax have prepared an Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. In order to provide continued support to these local governments for their progressive open space policies, Green Acres initiated a grant-funding category for land acquisition, the Planning Incentive.

The advantage of the Planning Incentive is once Green Acres approves the Plan, the local government can acquire those identified sites without having to file separate, site-specific applications. Funding may be increased as the local government makes significant progress in its acquisition efforts. The Planning Incentive Category has encouraged several municipalities to seek an open space tax in order to be eligible for the favorable grant funding and flexible procedures.

Currently, all of New Jersey's 21 counties and 198 municipalities (of 566, or 35%) have enacted an open space tax. The following local governments have been approved for an initial offering or additional funding, to accomplish their land preservation efforts. The awards are in the form of a 50% matching grant.

PLANNING INCENTIVE AWARDS

+ indicates Densely Populated

MATCHING GRANT

* indicates Highlands

Atlantic County

Atlantic County	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 800,000
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Bergen County

Bergen County+*	Open Space Plan Acquisition	\$1,250,000
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Cresskill Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
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Montvale Borough	Park Acquisition	\$400,000
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Oakland Borough*	Open Space & Recreation	\$575,000
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Park Ridge Borough	Open Space Plan	\$400,000
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Ridgewood Village	Open Space Project	\$400,000
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Burlington County

Burlington County	Planning Incentive	\$800,000
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Bordentown Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
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Eastampton Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
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Evesham Township+	Planning Incentive	\$600,000
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Lumberton Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
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Medford Township	Open Space Incentive	\$400,000
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Moorestown Township	Open Space Preservation Plan	\$400,000
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Mount Laurel Township+	Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan	\$600,000
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Westampton Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
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Camden County

Camden County+	Open Space Plan	\$1,000,000
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Gibbsboro Borough	Greenway Acquisition	\$400,000
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Voorhees Township	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 400,000
Essex County		
Livingston Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
West Orange Township+	Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000
Gloucester County		
Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$800,000
Washington Township+	Open Space & Recreation Project	\$600,000
Hunterdon County		
Hunterdon County*	County Open Space Plan	\$1,050,000
Bethlehem Township*	Open Space Plan Implementation	\$575,000
Delaware Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
High Bridge Borough*	Open Space Plan	\$500,000
Holland Township*	Musconetcong Highlands Greenway	\$575,000
Lebanon Township*	Open Space Plan	\$500,000
Readington Township	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$400,000
Tewksbury Township*	Recreation And Open Space Plan	\$575,000
West Amwell Township	Sourlands / Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Mercer County		
Mercer County+	Mercer County Planning Incentive	\$1,000,000
East Windsor Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Hamilton Township+	Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000
Hopewell Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Pennington Borough	Pennington Greenbelt Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Princeton Township	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000

West Windsor Township	West Windsor Planning	\$400,000
	Middlesex County	
Middlesex County+	Open Space Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Cranbury Township	Cranbury Township Acquisition	\$400,000
East Brunswick Township+	Open Space Plan	\$600,000
Monroe Township	Thompson Park III	\$400,000
North Brunswick Township	North Brunswick Plan	\$600,000
Plainsboro Township	Plainsboro Preservation Acquisition	\$400,000
South Brunswick Township+	Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000
	Monmouth County	
Monmouth County+	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Freehold Township+	Freehold Acquisition Plan	\$600,000
Holmdel Township	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$400,000
Little Silver Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$194,250
Manasquan Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Marlboro Township+	Marlboro Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000
Middletown Township+	Planning Incentive	\$600,000
Ocean Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
	Morris County	
Morris County+*	Morris County Planning Incentive	\$1,250,000
Chatham Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Chester Township*	Open Space Acquisition	\$575,000
Denville Township*	Open Space Acquisition	\$575,000
East Hanover Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000

Florham Park Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Hanover Township*	Open Space Acquisition	\$575,000
Harding Township*	Open Space Acquisition	\$500,000
Jefferson Township*	Jefferson Acquisition Plan	\$575,000
Madison Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Mendham Borough*	Open Space Program	\$500,000
Mine Hill Township*	Open Space Acquisition	\$575,000
Morris Township*	Open Space Acquisition	\$575,000
Mount Olive Township*	Greenway Acquisition	\$575,000
Parsippany-Troy Hills+*	Open Space Acquisition	\$775,000
Pequannock Township*	Planning Incentive	\$575,000
Randolph Township*	Acquisition Program	\$575,000

Ocean County

Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$800,000
Barnegat Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Dover Township+	Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$600,000
Jackson Township+	Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000
Little Egg Harbor Township	Planning Incentive	\$348,000
Manchester Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Plumsted Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Stafford Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000

Passaic County

Passaic County+*	Open Space Plan Acquisitions	\$1,250,000
Ringwood Borough*	Open Space Acquisition	\$575,000

Wanaque Borough*	Open Space Acquisition	\$500,000
Somerset County		
Somerset County*	County Open Space Acquisition	\$1,050,000
Bernardsville Borough*	Bernardsville Borough Open Space	\$100,000
Branchburg Township	Open Space and Greenway Acquisition	\$400,000
Bridgewater Township+	Open Space Plan	\$600,000
Franklin Township+	Open Space Plan Acquisition	\$600,000
Montgomery Township	Open Space Acquisition 5	\$400,000
Peapack-Gladstone Borough*	Open Space Acquisition	\$575,000
Warren Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Sussex County		
Sussex County*	Planning Incentive Grant	\$1,050,000
Byram Township*	Byram Open Space Plan	\$575,000
Frankford Township	Frankford Township Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Fredon Township	Fredon Township Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Green Township*	Green Township Planning Incentive	\$575,000
Vernon Township*	Planning Incentive Acquisitions	\$575,000
Union County		
Union County+	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$1,200,000
Warren County		
Allamuchy Township*	Open Space Acquisition	\$500,000
Greenwich Township*	Greenwich Township Planning Incentive	\$575,000
Knowlton Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000

NONPROFIT PROJECTS

Bayshore Economic Development Corporation

\$ 452,600 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Popamora Point

County: Monmouth

The Bayshore Economic Development Corporation proposes park improvements to Popamora Point, a 16.45-acre triangular shaped parcel owned by both the Monmouth Park Commissioners and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands. The site is located adjacent to the Borough of Highlands and the Sandy Hook Bay.

Proposed improvements to the site include the construction of an entrance road and parking lot, a restroom facility, five observation platforms, and trails connecting the platforms. The site will also serve as an extension of the Henry Hudson Trail, a nine-mile stretch of public open space that extends from Atlantic Highlands to Aberdeen through the Bayshore communities.

Branch Brook Park Alliance

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Branch Brook Park Renovations

County: Essex

The Branch Brook Park Alliance (BBPA) was organized in 1999 to address, in a comprehensive fashion, the restoration of Branch Brook Park's historic landscape and the revitalization of the Park through cultural programming, education and volunteer opportunities. The use of the Middle Division of Branch Brook Park has increased over the past few decades and the historic character of the Olmsted design has been impacted.

The BBPA, in conjunction with Essex County, is the lead nonprofit organization in a collaborative effort involving the North Ward Center, Roberto Clemente League and the Newark Boys and Girls Club, to renovate the park. Proposed renovations include the repositioning of the athletic fields; installation of two field houses with scoreboards, press boxes, bathrooms and concession stands; renovation of an historic storage structure; installation of an improved stormwater management system, irrigation system, pathways, fencing, lighting, and additional parking.

Two additional phases of this project include reforestation, landscaping and wildlife habitat improvements. This work will create a harmonious blend of the Park's historic qualities with the needs of organized sports, providing better access and circulation throughout the park, and providing improved sports facilities.

Canal Society of New Jersey

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Morris Canal Greenway

County: Morris

The Morris Canal Greenway is an in-process recreational trail and greenway corridor that will extend along the historic Morris Canal through Hackettstown, Saxton Falls, Waterloo, Stanhope, Port Morris, Shippensport, Ledgewood and Kenvil. Most of the greenway corridor parallels the Musconetcong River and will link Stephens State Park, Saxton Falls, Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Waterloo Village, Lake Musconetcong State Park and Hopatcong State Park. The land is vacant. Over the short term, it will be used for passive recreation, and environmental and historic preservation. The long-term use is the same with the development of interpretive trails. The current area of land preservation focus is in Roxbury Township, Mount Olive Township, and Stanhope Borough.

Conservation Fund

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Cape May Conservation Fund Acquisition

County: Cape May

The Conservation Fund is coordinating a cooperative project to acquire a 317-acre water supply protection property in Middle Township, Cape May County. The property is within the legislatively approved boundary of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Cape May National Wildlife Refuge, and provides high quality habitat to both state and federally listed endangered species. After acquisition, this site will be restored to warm season grassland habitat, and will provide opportunities for bird watching and other passive recreation.

Cooper's Ferry Development Association

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Camden Waterfront Urban Park

County: Camden

Cooper's Ferry Development Association is proposing the creation of a new urban park within the heart of the next phase of waterfront development in the City of Camden. This park will provide an engaging and interactive green space for residents and patrons of the New Jersey State Aquarium, 3-D IMAX theater, and new ferry terminal building located around the proposed park. Plans for the half-acre urban park include decorative streetscaping, a water pop fountain, and seasonal sound system. Programming around the park will include various performers and special events.

Delaware & Raritan Greenway, Inc.

\$800,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Greenway Acquisitions

**Counties: Burlington, Hunterdon, Mercer,
Middlesex, Monmouth and Somerset**

Delaware & Raritan Greenway 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 habitat. Projects include:

Central Stony Brook Greenway Acquisition

Delaware & Raritan Greenway 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 Mountain 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 habitat for migratory birds that require large uninterrupted woodlands, and create a system of interconnected open spaces and trails.

Delaware River Tributaries Acquisition

Delaware & Raritan Greenway proposes to extend ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area in Mercer, Monmouth and Hunterdon Counties. Extending along the Assunpink Creek, the project is intended to link Howell Living History Farm, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, and the internationally recognized Hamilton/Trenton Marsh. The proposed acquisitions will serve to create contiguous lands that protect critical habitat; protect water quality by buffering the Delaware River, Assunpink 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 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.

Sourlands Mountain Acquisition - West

In conjunction with the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance and West Amwell Township, Delaware & Raritan Greenway proposes to acquire approximately 1,844 acres of land associated with the Sourlands Mountain. 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 to the American Revolution landscape area. This initiative is a component of a larger regional planning incentive area encompassing Mercer and Hunterdon 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.

Sourlands Mountain Acquisition - East

Expanding on the Sourland Mountain Preserve Initiative, Delaware & Raritan Greenway proposes to acquire approximately 1,206 acres of land concentrating on the eastern portion of the Sourlands Mountain extending through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County to the Somerset County border in Montgomery and Hillsborough Townships. The acquisition will expand existing preserved lands in all three counties and create a regional trail network.

Upper Millstone Greenway

The Delaware & Raritan Greenway 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.

Park Development

Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh

County: Mercer

Delaware & Raritan Greenway, in partnership with Hamilton Township, Trenton City, and Mercer County, proposes to develop an Environmental Interpretive Area at a site within the Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh. Proposed development would include trails and boardwalks, along with interpretive signs, native landscapes, and a center for nature studies to include restrooms, interpretive areas, and offices.

Down Neck Sports Community Group

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Independence Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Down Neck Sports Community Group seeks funding to make improvements to Independence Park, an Essex County-owned park located at Walnut Street, Van Buren Street, Adams Street, and Oliver Street in Newark. The project will replace the existing soccer field with synthetic turf, enhance drainage throughout the park, and regrade the softball and baseball fields. Plans also call for the installation of lighting for the soccer field and safety playground equipment to replace existing playground equipment. New decorative lighting will be installed and landscaping will be redesigned throughout the Park.

East Windsor Green Space, Inc.

\$200,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Millstone River - Rocky Brook

County: Mercer

East Windsor Green Space, Inc., in a cooperative project with the Township of East Windsor, proposes to acquire 122 acres of land in East Windsor Township. Preservation of this property will help protect the Millstone River and its tributary, the Rocky Brook. The site is mostly wooded with some farmland and will be left predominately in its natural state. Plans call for the land to provide passive recreation opportunities including trails for hiking, nature study and fishing.

Essex County Parks Foundation

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Belleville Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Essex County Parks Foundation, in conjunction with the County of Essex, proposes improvements to the existing facilities at Belleville Park, a 32-acre county park in Belleville Township. Proposed improvements include the re-grading and repaving of the jogging trail and walkways, removal and replacement of outdated playground equipment to ensure compliance with ADA standards, installation of new drinking fountains, and the renovation of the playground shelter. Fencing and the drainage infrastructure will be rehabilitated and the softball and soccer fields will be rehabilitated and irrigated. Landscaping will be done as required.

Friends of Essex County Parks

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

South Mountain Reservation Improvements

County: Essex

The Friends of Essex County Parks, in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements at South Mountain Reservation, a 2,047-acre county park located in the central section of Essex County in the Townships of West Orange, South Orange, Maplewood and Millburn. The project includes extensive tree planting, restoration of the meadows, reconstruction of damaged trails and replacement of culverts.

Friends of Holmdel Open Space

\$100,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Holmdel Open Space Acquisition

County: Monmouth

The Friends of Holmdel Open Space are working together with Holmdel Township to assist in the preservation of several parcels outlined in Holmdel Township's Open Space Plan.

One of these properties is located at the center of the Township. This 93-acre property includes 38 acres of stream corridor along the Ramanessin Brook, a major stream leading to the Swimming River Reservoir. The property also contains woodlands that will be preserved in their natural state.

Another 7.37-acre parcel is comprised of steep-sloped old-growth forest leading to the East Creek corridor. East Creek runs into Mahoras Brook, which runs out into the Raritan Bay. This property is contiguous to preserved land owned by the Township and managed as a conservation area.

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition

Mercer County

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

Friends of West Windsor Open Space

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Duck Pond Run - Greenway Initiative

County: Mercer

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

Future City, Inc.

\$67,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Keighry Head Community Land Banking

County: Union

Future City, Inc., with the support of the residents of Elizabeth City, desires to create a neighborhood park with open green spaces where people can gather. The site is a vacant lot owned by Elizabeth City located at the corner of Adams Avenue, Mary Street and Jackson Avenue in the city's 5th ward. The proposed park will include open green spaces with ornamental landscaping, benches, lampposts, a flagpole, trees and trash receptacles.

Greater Newark Conservancy

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Urban Environmental & Ecological Center

County: Essex

The Greater Newark Conservancy has requested funding to construct classroom space and facilities that will support the Outdoor Learning Center, located on Prince Street in Newark. The Outdoor Learning Center, which is being constructed with Green Acres assistance, includes a variety of thematic gardens and landscapes that will serve as the basis for programs in environmental science, ecology and horticulture. The proposed project includes educational and exhibit space and other facilities for the public and group visitors to the Outdoor Learning Center. An 1884 former synagogue, listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places, is being restored, and will house many of the new facilities.

Green Fields Foundation

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Anderson Park Improvement Project

County: Essex

The Green Fields Foundation proposes to make improvements to Anderson Park, an Essex County owned park located at Bellevue Avenue, North Mountain Avenue, and Parkside Road in Montclair Township. The project will reconstruct the open grassy area in the center of the park, which has become worn from overuse and poor soil. A restroom facility with on-site storage will be constructed.

Improvements are also proposed to other site amenities, including replacement of water fountains, benches and trash receptacles, the addition of decorative lighting fixtures along existing pathways, and new signage throughout the park. The historic Olmsted landscape features will be preserved and restored. Trees will be trimmed and new landscaping will be planted. New curbs will be installed at the south end of the park.

Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Grover Cleveland Park Restoration Project

County: Essex

The Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy, in partnership with Essex County, is dedicated to the maintenance, restoration and enhancement of Grover Cleveland Park, located in the boroughs of Caldwell and Essex Fells. The project scope includes restoration of the Children's House, which is located adjacent to and supports the existing playground. Restoration plans call for upgraded restroom facilities, equipment storage, and an area for outdoor education. The tennis storage house will be refurbished as well. The Conservancy plans to renovate the athletic fields and basketball court, rehabilitate the pond, walkways and pavilion, and replace and add new benches and water fountains.

Harding Land Trust

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Open Spaces & Natural Places of Harding

County: Morris

The Harding Land Trust is committed to the protection of lands in Harding Township that border waterways, contribute to the rural character of the area, or are adjacent to preserved open space. The integrity of the Township's water resources is vital to the water quality of the Great Swamp. Many of Harding's stream corridors are forested and buffer the waterways, helping to protect water quality and provide wildlife habitat. The preservation of these lands through fee and easement acquisition will ensure these benefits for the future.

Sweeping agricultural fields are still found throughout Harding Township, and contribute significantly to the area's rural character and general beauty. Preservation of these areas will provide the additional benefit of wildlife habitat. The endangered bog turtle is just one species found in Harding that thrives in the open landscape that Harding Land Trust is targeting for preservation.

Parcels adjacent to the Great Swamp and Jockey Hollow are high priority for preservation efforts. There are also numerous other preserved parcels throughout Harding, owned or restricted by local government or nonprofits. Lands adjacent to these parcels are a high priority for protection.

Helping People Help Themselves

\$82,500 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Open Space Acquisition

**Counties: Bergen, Monmouth,
Ocean, and Passaic**

Helping People Help Themselves is seeking to acquire a site which will be used as a camp for disadvantaged urban children who may only have used paved lots for outdoor recreation. Property acquired will allow the children to be exposed to a more natural setting for recreation. The site will be developed with multi-use trails, off-road vehicle trails, fishing areas if water is available, and a camping area.

Historical Society of Princeton

\$248,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Updike Farm Acquisition

County: Mercer

The Historical Society of Princeton is preserving the 6-acre historic Updike Farm in Princeton Township, protecting the integrity of one of Mercer County's remaining farmsteads. The farm barns and buildings will be open to the public as an historic interpretive center. This project will also help protect the wetlands and Stony Brook flood plain, and provide passive recreation and a link to the Institute Woods and Princeton Battlefield State Park.

Mercer County is a partner to the project.

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance

\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Hunterdon Open Space

County: Hunterdon

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance (HLTA) is seeking funding to continue its preservation efforts throughout the County HLTA seeks to protect rural agricultural landscapes and forests, enhance biodiversity, and provide water quality protection. The organization has ongoing initiatives in the Musconetcong Mountain, the Sourland Mountain Region, and the Delaware River Bluffs. Musconetcong Mountain is identified as a critical treasure of the NJ Highlands Region. The Sourland Mountain Region encompasses a vast forested plateau extending through East and West Amwell townships to the County border that has a profound effect on groundwater quality. The Delaware River Bluffs extend along the western boundary of the entire County and are comprised of ancient geological features, endangered plant species and land that buffers many Delaware River tributaries.

Irvington Amateur Radio Team

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Irvington Park Rehabilitation Project

County: Essex

The Irvington Amateur Radio Team (I-ART) has applied for funding for improvements at Irvington Park, an Essex County Park located in Irvington Township.

While the I-ART initially came to the park to teach amateur radio classes in the existing field house, the Team has since become an integral park partner. The I-ART members patrol the park 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, which has dramatically increased park safety and usage. They have worked with Essex County to replace outdated playground equipment. Other I-ART activities at Irvington Park include an annual fishing derby, a summer food program for school children, community watch training, organized park clean up events, and local education about park stewardship and ecology.

In collaboration with Essex County, the I-ART proposes the following park improvements that are urgently needed if the park is to provide continued recreation opportunities to area residents: restoration of the Field House and Pond House, safety surface for the playground, perimeter fencing, installation of water fountains, restoration of the athletic fields and basketball courts, resurfacing of the track, improved drainage, safety lighting, and installation of trash cans, bollards and bike racks.

Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Ivy Hill Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association is planning to make improvements to Ivy Hill Park, an Essex County-owned park located adjacent to Mt. Vernon Place and Seton Hall University in Newark and South Orange. The Association plans to improve restrooms for handicap accessibility, replace water fountains, upgrade and add lighting throughout the Park, regrade all fields, and re-roof and rehabilitate the covered patio/playground shelter for outdoor play. The improvements will add portable bleachers for field games, replace trash receptacles, add bicycle racks, resurface tennis courts, regrade and rubberize a jogging/walking track, and replace missing and/or damaged decorative fencing.

Liga Roberto Clemente de Newark, Inc.

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Branchbrook Park Middle Division Sports

County: Essex

Liga Roberto Clemente de Newark (LRCN), in addition to other community services, organizes youth sports leagues in Newark City, particularly baseball activities for older children. The LRCN has collaborated with Essex County and several other nonprofit organizations to make improvements to the athletic facilities located at the Middle Division of Branch Brook Park. Like the LRCN, many athletic leagues rely on these facilities for their programming needs. Upgrade of the facilities will increase the opportunities for these organizations, as well as other park users, to enjoy recreation activities at Branch Brook Park.

Love Thy Neighbor

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Calhoun St. Park Renovation

County: Mercer

The nonprofit Love Thy Neighbor is partnering with the city of Trenton to renovate Calhoun Street Park, one of the larger recreational areas in the City. The project envisions transforming part of the park into a football and soccer field facility. Proposed lighting at both fields will address the community's need for expanded playing time. 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 in the renovation plans.

Metuchen-Edison YMCA

\$50,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Oakcrest Swim Club

County: Middlesex

The YMCA proposes to acquire a 13-acre parcel that is presently a privately-owned day camp and summer outdoor pool club. The Township of Edison is also a partner to this acquisition. The YMCA will continue to use the property as a day camp and maintain the outdoor swim pool with the possibility of adding a conference / environmental center. The recreational fields on the property will be used by the Township and the YMCA.

Monmouth Conservation Foundation

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Open Space Plans 2

County: Monmouth

Monmouth Conservation Foundation seeks funding to work in conjunction with Monmouth County and municipalities in the county that have passed open space referendums: the boroughs of Atlantic Highlands, Oceanport, Shrewsbury, and Tinton Falls, and the townships of Colts Neck, Freehold, Howell, Holmdel, Manalapan, Millstone and Upper Freehold.

The Foundation focuses on preserving farmlands and conservation areas in the Monmouth County Panhandle region (Millstone and Upper Freehold) and the Navesink River and Atlantic Highlands areas in Middletown Township.

Montclair Grass Roots, Inc.

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Glenfield Park Improvements

County: Essex

Montclair Grass Roots, Inc., in collaboration with Essex County, plans improvements at Glenfield Park, which is bordered by Maple, Woodland, and Bloomfield Avenues in Montclair and Glen Ridge Townships. The plans call for the regrading and resurfacing of the softball fields and the regrading of the football field. The old fitness course will be removed and new fitness stations will be installed throughout the perimeter path. The irrigation system will be improved, a new gazebo constructed, and missing fencing will be replaced. The request also includes dredging, repairing of channel walls, and replacement of an historic balustrade, benches and bridge at The Glen. Eroded slopes will be replanted, safety railings added, and a lighted, paved path will be installed.

Montgomery Friends of Open Space

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Montgomery Conservation Plan

County: Somerset

Montgomery Friends of Open Space (MFOS) is seeking funds for land preservation to assist in the implementation of Montgomery Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan. MFOS will target properties that are contiguous to other open space lands or those with the potential to link open space lands, particularly those that offer stream corridor protection along the high bank of the Back Brook and acquisitions within the Township's planned greenway.

Morris Land Conservancy

\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Priority Areas Acquisition

**Counties: Bergen, Essex, Morris,
Passaic, Somerset, Sussex and
Warren**

Morris Land Conservancy has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare open space plans. As the towns have prepared their plans, the Conservancy has continually added these towns into their project scope, in order to be able to participate in co-operative acquisition projects. The Conservancy has an extensive list of future projects, with a special focus on protecting wildlife habitat and preserving land in the Highlands, and in the Passaic River wetlands areas.

Within the Highlands, the Conservancy is working closely with the State to expand existing wildlife management areas and state parks, and with municipal partners to connect and expand local parks. The proposed Troy Meadows acquisition is a co-operative project with Army Corps and the State of New Jersey to acquire property as part of the Preservation of Natural Flood Storage Areas element of the Passaic River Flood Damage Reduction project.

National Biodiversity Parks

\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Project Priority Areas

**Counties: Burlington, Ocean
and Sussex**

National Biodiversity Parks, Inc. is focusing on acquisition of property within the following priority areas to ensure protection of federal and state endangered and threatened species:

Hamburg Foothills

The Hamburg Foothills is located entirely within the Hardyston Township and Franklin Borough section of the Highlands Physiographic Province and in the Wallkill River watershed. The Foothills represent a series of low level knolls interspersed with tributary streams emanating from the Hamburg Mountain ridge to the east. The streams connect a series of freshwater wetlands and pristine limestone fens.

Pinelands

The Northern Pinelands Fringe Area is located in New Hanover and North Hanover Township, in Burlington County and Plumsted and Jackson Townships in Ocean County. Sections of these townships lie along the northern border of the Pinelands Management Area (PMA). The expansion of the project area will provide a buffer for the PMA, including important headwaters of the Crosswicks Creek. Priority acquisitions will connect various disjointed areas of Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area and the PMA with Colliers Mills.

Natural Lands Trust

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Delaware Estuaries Acquisition

Counties: Cumberland and Salem

Natural Lands Trust proposes to acquire a 1,600-acre hardwood swamp that is adjacent to other protected areas in Downe Township, Cumberland County. This acquisition would serve as a crucial link between the state Wildlife Management Area and other nonprofit holdings. The site will be managed as part of the Glades Wildlife Refuge, with passive public access through a trail system.

Natural Lands Trust, in conjunction with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, proposes to acquire 15,000 acres located within the Burden Hill Complex. This area comprises the largest forest in Salem County. The organizations' primary objective is to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access would include hiking on the existing trails.

In addition, Natural Lands Trust will acquire lands in an area extending from the Maurice River to Bear Swamp West Wildlife Management Area in Cumberland County that includes cedar swamp, uplands, wetlands and tidal marshes. The land will be preserved in its natural state.

Nature Preservation Council, Inc.

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Bass River / Egg Harbor Wildlife & Nature Acquisition

County: Burlington

The proposed acquisition consists of 581.4 acres located in Bass River Township, Burlington County and 23.5 acres located in Egg Harbor Township, Atlantic County. The property, which is currently undeveloped woodlands, will be kept in its natural state and will be open to the public for passive wildlife observation and wildlife habitat study and restoration. Future plans call for the construction of wildlife observation stands.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

\$975,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Priority Area Acquisitions

Counties: Burlington, Camden, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) will continue its Watershed/Greenway initiative throughout New Jersey and will add the Scotts Mountain to their Highlands Region acquisition plans.

Arcadia Lake Acquisition

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation will acquire land in West Milford Township in its continuing efforts to preserve the Highlands region. The properties are extensively wooded with wetlands and upland forests, steep slopes, ridge tops, and open waters. Trail linkages are planned to connect Township property and Norvin Green State Forest with these parcels.

Arthur Kill Greenway

The project is designed to permanently protect the network of streamside lands, marshland, floodplain forest and natural areas adjacent to the Arthur Kill, its tributaries and their headwaters in a connected greenway. 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

NJCF seeks to acquire lands along Black River and Bamboo Brook adjacent to Hacklebarney State Park. Lands may be transferred to the state or county-park system for management.

Burden Hill Forest Protection Initiative

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in conjunction with the Natural Lands Trust - which is also receiving Green Acres funding - proposes to acquire 15,000 acres located within the Burden Hill Complex. This area consists of the largest forest in Salem County. The

organizations' primary objective would be to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access to the land would 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.

Forked River Mountain Additions

Through this project, NJCF seeks to permanently 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. The project would create a massive greenway by connecting Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area with Double Trouble State Park, Wells Mills County Park, and proposed additions to the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge along Barnegat Bay. The project would protect headwaters of three major Pineland streams and tributaries to Barnegat Bay: Cedar Creek, Forked River, and Oyster Creek. Recreation, education, and interpretive use will be addressed in the overall management plan. The area will provide opportunities for passive, low-intensity recreational activities such as hiking, fishing, birding, and wildlife photography. This is a cooperative project, with Green Acres nonprofit funds already committed to acquisition efforts in this region by The Nature Conservancy, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and the Forked River Mountain Coalition.

Pequannock Watershed Inholdings

The NJCF proposes to purchase various inholdings within Newark's Pequannock Watershed lands. The Foundation is seeking to complement the State's purchases of Newark's holdings in order to prevent fragmentation in the environment siting the region as a Natural Heritage Priority Site.

Scotts Mountain

The Foundation has expanded its statewide efforts to include Scotts Mountain, encompassing portions of White, Franklin, Washington, Lopatcong, and Greenwich townships in Warren County. Lands within Scotts Mountain contain significant forests, critical streams and wetlands including those associated with Merrill Creek Reservoir, as well as provide opportunities for extensive hiking trails.

Sparta Mountain Greenway

The Foundation seeks to acquire land along the Sparta Mountain Greenway, which runs along the westernmost ridge of New Jersey's Highlands. The Greenway links Hamburg Mountain Wildlife Management Area in the north with Allamuchy State Park in the south. Targeted acquisition priorities include Gerard Wood, Morris Lake Reservoir, and lands adjacent to Allamuchy State Park.

Wickecheoke Creek Greenway

Continuing its preservation successes along the Wickecheoke Creek in Delaware Township, New Jersey Conservation Foundation proposes to expand its approved and ongoing project scope by acquiring an additional 32 parcels of land along the creek. The project area consists of a mix of hardwood forests, fertile farmland, and important historic sites. It also contains significant tracts of contiguous forest that are important habitat for migratory birds and many rare and endangered species. New Jersey Conservation Foundation has identified approximately 1,861 acres of land for stream corridor preservation and expanded buffer protection.

New York – New Jersey Trail Conference

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Green Corridors

County: Sussex

The New York - New Jersey Trail Conference's Green Corridors Project is a plan to acquire lands to create green corridors and hiking trail connections between state parks, watershed management areas, wildlife management areas and other public open spaces, leaving the land in its original undeveloped state. The only planned development for these areas is hiking trails to allow public use and access to the corridors and trails.

North Ward Center

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Branch Brook Park Middle Division

County: Essex

The North Ward Center, Inc. (NWC) is a nonprofit organization that promotes neighborhood revitalization and self-sufficiency of low-income families residing in Essex County, particularly in Newark. The NWC has collaborated with Essex County and several other nonprofit organizations to make improvements at the Middle Division of Branch Brook Park. The NWC, which sponsors many sports teams, is involved with renovation of the athletic fields and the creation of a harmonious blend of the Park's historic qualities with the needs of organized sports. The proposed renovations will improve the vital active recreation space and encourage greater use of the park in general.

Passaic River Coalition

\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

\$126,500 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Highlands

Passaic River Preservation Project

**Counties: Bergen, Essex, Morris,
Passaic, Somerset, Sussex and
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.

Clinton Woods

Acquisition of a 42 acre property adjacent to Bearfort Mountain Natural Area and Waywayanda State Park in West Milford Township.

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 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

Restoration of Mary Ellen Kramer Park

County: Passaic

The Passaic River Coalition, in cooperation with Paterson City, proposes to restore Mary Ellen Kramer Park, which is located at the Great Falls. The project entails extensive landscaping, restoration of pathways, and installation of benches and lighting. This project will improve access throughout the park and enhance the public's visual enjoyment of the magnificent falls.

Save Ellis Island, Inc.

\$120,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Pedestrian Walkway Restoration

County: Hudson

Save Ellis Island, Inc. is a nonprofit organization created to assist in the restoration of Ellis Island, a 25.7-acre historic site located in both New York and Jersey City, New Jersey. The original use of the island was as the first federal immigration station in the United States. The immigration station was abandoned in 1954. In 1965, Ellis Island was made a National Monument, in recognition of the important role Ellis Island played in the history of the United States and in the lives of 12 million immigrants who came through the island.

The immigration buildings continued to deteriorate and visitors were not permitted on the island. In 1990, the main immigration building was restored and visitors returned. Thirty buildings and much of the grounds remain to be restored.

This project consists of the restoration of a pedestrian passageway that will allow public access to the open space on the New Jersey side of Ellis Island. The funds will allow the public to reach the four acres of open courtyard and additional open space, as well as the historic hospital structures, on Islands 2 and 3, all of which are scheduled for restoration.

South Jersey Land Trust

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Mantua Creek

County: Gloucester

South Jersey Land Trust is planning to preserve two properties along the Mantua Creek in West Deptford Township, consisting of 146 acres of fields and woods. The parcels offer excellent public access and recreational opportunities, including birding, fishing, boating, canoeing, hiking. The land also provides a scenic view of the tidal Mantua Creek. Due to its significant recreational potential, the properties have been proposed to become a new wildlife management area.

SPARK-Friends of Riverbank Park

\$255,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Riverbank Park Improvements

County: Essex

SPARK-Friends of Riverbank Park proposes improvements at Riverbank Park, an Essex County-owned park bordered by Raymond Boulevard, Van Buren Street, Market Street, and Somme Street in the Ironbound section of Newark. The Friends of Riverbank Park propose to improve the landscaping throughout the park, install fencing, update signage, and erect a new outdoor display case. Tables and amenities will also be provided for additional activities.

Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association

\$400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Watershed Connectors

County: Mercer

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

Teaneck Creek Conservancy

\$450,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Outdoor Classroom and Boardwalk

County: Bergen

The Teaneck Creek Conservancy (TCC) is a nonprofit group dedicated to the reclamation and revitalization of 46 acres in Bergen County's Overpeck County Park in Teaneck Township. Teaneck Creek and associated wetlands traverse this section of the park, which is also known as Area 1. The TCC proposes to construct a trail system, boardwalk, and environmental center to allow public access for hiking, wildlife observation and nature study. The design of the facility includes opportunities for historic interpretation, from the time of occupation of the site by Native Americans to present day conditions.

Tewksbury Land Trust

\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

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. In 2004, the Trust seeks to complete the purchase of three parcels comprising more than 150 acres of land. The properties provide for the protection of water quality, forested habitat, and provide a connection to existing preserved open space. All of these Tewksbury Township parcels are contained within the Highlands Region of New Jersey.

Trust For Public Land

\$975,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Highlands

Project Priority Areas

Counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and 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.

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.

Camden Balanced Communities Act

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.

Beyond the Century Plan - Barnegat Bay Initiative

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.

Congress Hall Lawn Acquisition

TPL seeks to acquire a 2-acre property that is the only undeveloped oceanfront parcel left in Cape May City. Currently used as parking in the summer, the lot is poorly maintained cement, lawn, and dirt. The goal is to acquire an easement and return the Lawn to a commons area.

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 area of preservation are

mostly open space, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetland areas. Future use, in most cases, shall be consistent with active or passive recreation with conservation of sensitive areas.

Long Valley Open Space

TPL is working in Washington Township, Morris County, to create a greenway between the Musconetcong River and South Branch of the Raritan River, in the Stony Brook drainage area. The Stony Brook is a Category 1 trout production stream. Preserved lands will be used for passive recreation such as hiking and fishing.

Metedeconk Watershed Protection

The proposed areas of preservation are part of the Metedeconk River Watershed in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Properties targeting 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.

Sparta Open Space:

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Sparta Township Open Space Plan.

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 Park, for acquisition and/or protection through conservation easements.

Newark City - Multi Parks Development

County: Essex

The Trust for Public Land, working with Newark City, local residents and community groups, plans to design and construct recreation facilities at several City Parks. The initial project is planned for Hayes Park West, which is located on 18th Street across the street from the proposed New Central High School site. The new facilities may include a track, tennis courts, picnic area, community garden, play areas and athletic fields. The park will be designed to compliment the recreation facilities that will be constructed at the school, and to provide all members of the community with the best possible recreation opportunities.

Upper Raritan Watershed Association

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Minebrook Watershed Protection

County: Somerset

The Upper Raritan Watershed Association is assisting the Borough of Bernardsville in the implementation of its Open Space and Recreation Plan. Preserved properties will remain in their natural state and provide links between existing open space and natural areas. The first priority acquisition is located at the confluence of two first order tributaries to Category 1 waterways (Twin Lake Brook and Pickle Brook) with associated exceptional resource value wetlands and riparian areas.

Watsessing Park Conservancy

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Watsessing Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Watsessing Park Conservancy, in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements at Watsessing Park, located in Bloomfield Township and East Orange City. The proposed renovations include rubberizing the ¼-mile running track and restoration of six bridges. Decorative low pedestrian lighting will be installed around the pathway. Other proposed improvements include fencing, grading and landscaping to control soil erosion, and the redesign of the catwalk that connects two sections of the park.

Weequahic Park Association

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Weequahic Lake Restoration

County: Essex

The Weequahic Park Association (WPA) has requested additional funding for improvements at Weequahic Park, which is owned by Essex County. The WPA proposes to restore Weequahic Lake, which was once a popular fishing location in Newark City. Over time, the lake has declined due to erosion and unfiltered stormwater discharges. The WPA plans to reverse adverse factors affecting the lake ecology by stabilizing the perimeter of the lake and providing a protective vegetative buffer. The Association will also provide in-lake treatments to create a more stable aquatic ecosystem. The Association plans to install walking paths and interpretive signage and to create opportunities for environmental education at the site.

West Side Park Conservancy

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

West Side Park Field House Restroom Reconstruction

County: Essex

The West Side Park Conservancy/Friends of West Side Park, Inc., (WSPC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of the West Side Park neighborhood, and has identified the restoration and conservation of West Park as paramount to this goal. West Side Park, which is owned by Essex County, and located in Newark, provides athletic fields for ten area schools and recreation opportunities for the community as a whole. The WSPC proposes to rehabilitate the restrooms, which are now closed due to disrepair. The tennis and basketball courts will be repaved, lighting installed, and water fountains replaced. There are also plans to reconstruct the walking path, athletic fields, improve drainage, install additional lighting and other park amenities.

Zoological Society of NJ, Inc.

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Turtle Back Zoo Enhancement

County: Essex

The Zoological Society of New Jersey plans enhancement projects at Turtle Back Zoo, which is owned by Essex County, and is located in West Orange. Currently, a black bear exhibit is proposed. The exhibit will include multiple public viewpoints, dry moats, plant materials and architectural elements to provide a visual screen and delineate the boundaries of the exhibit. Turtle Back Zoo will have signage located in various parts of the Zoo directing visitors to the Black Bear Exhibit. The exhibit itself will have relevant information posted on the specific characteristics of the Black Bear. Additional exhibit planning is underway, that will enhance visitor experiences and public education.

STATE ACQUISITION PROJECTS

Barnegat Bay Watershed Greenway

\$3,000,000

The Barnegat Bay is the most widely used recreational resource in New Jersey, yet its ecosystem is fragile and dependent on the preservation of coastal islands, wetlands, and critical uplands. Preservation of open lands and moderation of harmful uses of the Bay and along the rivers and streams which feed it, will allow the continued enjoyment of this critical natural and recreation resource by millions of residents and visitors each year.

Cape May Peninsula

\$5,000,000

Cape May is host to increasing numbers of tourists every year. This increase is due to the presence of Cape May Point State Park, Higbee Beach Wildlife Management Area, and the natural wonders that can be witnessed at these sites. Located on the Atlantic Flyway, both of these state facilities have drawn worldwide attention for the spectacle of the spring and fall migration of birds. Particularly notable are the spring migration of warblers and the fall migration of raptors. Tourists flocking to Cape May to witness these spectacles have also become a rite of the spring and fall migrations. Green Acres will continue its program of expanding Cape May Point State Park, Higbee Beach Wildlife Management Area, and other important wildlife areas to protect wildlife and provide public access.

Crossroads of the American Revolution

\$2,000,000

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

Delaware and Raritan Canal Greenway**\$3,000,000**

The Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park is a designated national recreation trail. It serves as a link between rolling countryside of the Piedmont and Inner Coastal Plain Provinces and urban areas. The park, as it exists now, is a relatively narrow strip along its 70 miles length. Green Acres and its preservation partners would like to widen the park and provide greater protection to its neighboring resources. One of the major project initiatives is to connect the Delaware and Raritan Canal Greenway into a system of existing and planned greenways in the region.

Delaware Bay Watershed**\$4,000,000**

The Delaware Bayshore is an area of global ecological significance: millions of shorebirds and thousands of raptors rely upon the area's food sources and habitat for their survival during migration. The fragile web of marine and terrestrial species can only be sustained through preservation of contiguous blocks of habitat. In addition, this region's economic base is greatly enhanced by the growing ecotourism industry that is directly linked to the preservation of the Bayshore's natural resources. The primary focus of this project is the protection of the major river corridors that drain into the Delaware Bay.

Delaware River Watershed**\$4,000,000**

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

Great Egg Harbor Watershed**\$1,000,000**

The Great Egg Harbor River runs from Berlin Borough in South Jersey through the Pinelands to the Atlantic Ocean. It is the longest Pinelands River and one of two federally-designated Wild and Scenic Rivers in New Jersey. The State is working to acquire and protect lands along the

River to provide continuous public ownership of the river corridor. The land the State is seeking to preserve is primarily coastal estuarine and provides habitat for threatened and endangered species such as the least tern and the piping plover.

Harbor Estuary **\$2,000,000**

The New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program is a unique regional partnership of federal, state, interstate, and local agencies, citizens, and scientists working to protect and restore the natural resources of the estuary. Land along the Arthur Kill, Hudson River, Raritan Bay, and in the Hackensack Meadowlands is being considered for preservation. While Green Acres funds have previously been used in this region of the state, this specific dedication of funds will demonstrate New Jersey's long-term commitment to this cooperative effort.

Highlands Greenway **\$25,000,000**

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

Historic Resources **\$1,000,000**

New Jersey is dedicated to protecting sites that have played a role in the history of the state and nation. The following are examples of the types of historic sites the state has preserved and continues to expand: Allaire State Park, Monmouth Battlefield, New Bridge Landing, Princeton Battlefield, Proprietary House, Twin Lights, Washington Crossing State Park and Waterloo Village.

Natural Areas **\$2,000,000**

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

Nonprofit Camps**\$1,000,000**

Purchase of nonprofit camps, in both fee and easement, began as a way to preserve existing facilities that might otherwise be lost to development. The purchase of conservation easements will allow continued operation of the camp, while preserving the natural resource values of the land. In most cases, the camps are adjacent to, or complement, existing state holdings.

Pinelands**\$8,000,000**

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

Raritan River Watershed Greenway**\$3,000,000**

Portions of Hunterdon, Morris and Somerset counties are located within the watershed basin of the Raritan River, a suburban area of the state that is faced with increasing residential development pressure. Green Acres will pursue land preservation efforts in the Raritan River watershed to protect areas of natural diversity and historic resource value, including the Sourland Mountains, the largest contiguous wooded area in central New Jersey. Other parcels of open space also will be preserved, creating a greenway network connecting existing and future public open space and recreation areas throughout central New Jersey.

Ridge and Valley Greenway**\$4,000,000**

Bounded by the Highlands to the east and the uppermost reaches of 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, New York, and Pennsylvania. The region is also traversed by the world famous Appalachian Trail.

The purchase of additional lands in the Ridge and Valley Region will create linkages between publicly owned lands such as the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area, Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park, Jenny Jump State Forest, and Bear Swamp Wildlife Management Area. These efforts would serve to 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 many endangered plant and animals such as the dwarf wedge mussel, bog turtle, bobcats, and rattlesnake.

Trails **\$3,000,000**

The mission statement of the Green Acres Program includes the goal of establishing “an interconnected system of open spaces.” One of the reasons is that these connections - often called trails, greenways, or blueways - allow people and wildlife to move between, and better enjoy, public and private protected land. Preserving the scenic viewshed along new and established trails and greenways is also a high priority. Existing recreation trails can suffer problems of overuse and user conflicts. Many trails must host hikers as well as motorized vehicles; these uses often are viewed as incompatible. New Jersey realizes that it is in the public's best interest to purchase land to expand and protect single purpose and multi-purpose recreation trails.

Urban Parks **\$4,000,000**

Providing recreation and environmental education opportunities in urban areas is a national priority. Across the country, the departure of jobs and population from urban centers has compromised the quality of life in our largest cities. Urban public open space and recreation areas have suffered from a lack of funding, maintenance, available land and staffing. Creating and enhancing public open space in our urban areas not only improves the quality of life for urban dwellers and workers; it often is a catalyst for urban redevelopment and renewal, and serves a critical role in controlling urban and suburban sprawl. Recognizing the need for, and importance of urban public open space and recreation facilities, New Jersey provides parks, recreation areas and facilities, and protects historic resources such as Liberty State Park, the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, and the Walt Whitman House. Liberty State Park situated in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty, is New Jersey's most popular state park, entertaining millions of visitors each year. Green Acres will continue to acquire land and develop

recreation facilities in New Jersey's cities to expand and enhance recreational opportunities for the residents and visitors to these important places.