

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

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PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Funding Round 2006A

**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**



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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 568,000 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 1.2 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 Acting Governor Richard J. Codey'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 \$83 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$38.4 million for the

development of local parks and recreational facilities, \$16 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations, and \$10.8 million for recreational development 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.

Highlands Funding

Acting Governor Codey is committed to protecting open space and drinking water in the New Jersey Highlands. That commitment is reflected in the increased funding being provided for land acquisitions in the Highlands. This round of project approvals includes the second expenditure of additional funding for land acquisition made available from Public Question #1 approved by the voters in November 2003. 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.

In this round, funding recommendations for acquisition projects in the Highlands total \$36.6 million; \$26.8 million for local acquisition projects and \$9.8 million for nonprofit acquisitions projects.

Funding Formula

Recently, the Department has sought to increase funding to local government units 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 people, 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 2006A funding round, the base award remains \$400,000 for acquisition projects but has been decreased to \$400,000 for development projects based on available funding. Project and applicant caps are:

COUNTY SPONSOR	Project Cap	Applicant Cap
	Acquisition and Development	
Densely Populated	\$1.2 million	2 projects
Highly Populated	\$1 million*	2 projects
Remaining counties	\$800,000*	2 projects

MUNICIPAL SPONSOR	Project Cap	Applicant Cap
	Acquisition and Development	
Urban Aid	\$800,000*	2 projects
Densely/Highly Populated	\$600,000*	2 projects
Non-urban	\$400,000*	2 projects

* plus an additional \$250,000 for counties and \$175,000 for municipalities for land acquisition projects in the Highlands

Local Acquisition Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the acquisition and development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Green Acres non-urban acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over 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. Loans for Urban Aid acquisition projects are at zero percent over thirty years. The Garden State Preservation Trust Act provides this ratio of funding for projects that demonstrate "special need or exceptional circumstances." In this funding round, 13 acquisition projects totaling \$9.2 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 114 Planning Incentive applications totaling \$62.3 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, 9 local governments will receive Site-Specific Incentive awards totaling \$3.9 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 low-interest loan up to the established cap. In this funding round, 21 acquisition projects are being funded in the Standard Acquisition category for a total of \$7.5 million.

Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. 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. 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. Projects sponsored by Densely Populated Counties also receive 50 percent grant funding, with the balance as a low-interest (2%) loan up to a cap.

As recently established, park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or projects sponsored by Highly Populated counties, will receive a 25 percent grant, and a low-interest (2%) loan up to the established cap. Non-urban communities receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the cap. All development loans are repayable over twenty years.

This round of projects includes nearly \$38.4 million for 71 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects across the State. Specifically, \$25.6 million in grants and loans are being approved for 38 development projects in Urban Aid municipalities or sponsored by Densely Populated Counties across New Jersey. Grants and loans for 18 development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or sponsored by Highly Populated Counties, are being approved for a total of \$8.2 million. An additional \$4.5 million in loans will be awarded for 15 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, Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or Densely Populated Counties. In this funding round \$16 million is being approved for acquisition projects by 32 nonprofit organizations, some of which are preserving land throughout the State. In addition, 35 recreational development projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations are being approved for a total of \$10.8 million. As with local acquisitions projects in the Highlands, nonprofit sponsors that acquire land in the Highlands are being awarded an additional funding of \$175,000 for Highland acquisitions. Additional funding also is being awarded to those regional or statewide

preservation organizations that have shown significant progress in acquiring land and spending previously approved Green Acres funding.

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

LOCAL PROJECTS

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Brigantine City

Marina Acquisition

Brigantine City is proposing the purchase of Jersey State Marina, located at 601 Bayshore Avenue. The property is within a business district and the City would like to preserve it as a public marina. The existing buildings on the three lots will be replaced with a small structure for staff. The rest of the grounds will be dedicated to off-street parking.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Egg Harbor Township

Bargaintown Park

The Township of Egg Harbor wants to create a multi-use facility for active and passive recreation at the municipally owned Bargaintown Park. This proposal includes construction of two full size soccer fields, two basketball courts, four tennis courts, a Babe Ruth baseball/softball field, an access road with parking lots, tot lot, restroom building and walking trails throughout.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Galloway Township

Pinehurst West Acquisition

The Township of Galloway proposes to purchase 20 acres in Pinehurst, its western section, to create a balance of open space and parkland for residents of this rapidly growing area, located in the Pinelands Regional Growth Area.

\$238,250 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Hamilton Township

Liepe Tract Extension

The Township of Hamilton proposes to purchase a 38.8-acre parcel adjacent to the existing Liepe Tract Recreation Area for the future development of recreation facilities to meet the needs of a growing population.

\$147,575 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Hammonton Town

Hammonton Recreation Complex

The Town of Hammonton, through its acquisition of 188 acres (the majority of which is for the creation of a wastewater management facility), proposes to develop intense, active recreational facilities on an 80-acre parcel, located on Boyer Avenue. The Town previously received an award from the Green Acres Program to commence this development and now seeks additional funding to continue with the development of active recreational facilities at the Hammonton Recreation

Complex. Development plans include multi-purpose fields (soccer/football), Little League fields, irrigation, trails, landscaping and parking.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Margate City

Upgrades to Jerome Avenue Recreation Facility

The City of Margate proposes to upgrade the existing Jerome Avenue Recreation Facility to include: relocation and reconstruction of the existing tee ball field; construction of a skateboard park within this facility, creating a safe environment for participants; expansion of the existing restroom facility; water fountains, indoor batting cages and playground expansion.

\$449,500 Loan Award

\$150,500 Matching Grant Award

\$600,00 Total Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Ventnor City

Rehabilitation of Ventnor Fishing Pier

To meet the high demand for recreational facilities along barrier islands, the City of Ventnor proposes to demolish an existing, dilapidated fishing pier and ancillary structures. After demolition,

the City will install new pilings, creating a fishing pier with a support building.

\$423,750 Loan Award

\$141,250 Matching Grant Award

\$565,000 Total Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

BERGEN COUNTY

Allendale Borough

Orchard Park Acquisition

The Borough of Allendale seeks funding to acquire a 3-acre parcel that will become a passive recreation park. The preservation of this site, already approved for development, will protect one of the last remaining undeveloped parcels in downtown Allendale. Once preserved, the site will be known as Orchard Park.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Alpine Borough

Booth Tract

The Borough of Alpine requests funds to acquire the Booth Tract. This 2.2-acre property, located off Route 9 and Closter Dock Road, will be a welcome addition to the Borough's existing parkland.

\$300,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Edgewater Borough

Grand Cove Marina Dredging

Edgewater Borough proposes to redevelop and dredge the Grand Cove Marina, located on River

Road. The marina will provide waterfront access to the Hudson River. Visitors will be able to enjoy views of the New York City skyline from a pedestrian walkway along the water's edge. The Borough expects to utilize Green Acres funding for the acquisition of the property.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Edgewater Borough

Veterans Field Improvements

Edgewater Borough has developed a master plan for the redevelopment of Veterans Field, with the goal of ensuring that the park layout will accommodate current and future community needs. Veterans Field is located on River Road, adjacent to the Hudson River. The Borough proposes to renovate or replace athletic fields, basketball courts and tennis courts; install a playground and restroom facilities; add picnic areas along the river; and improve access to the river by upgrading the Hudson River Walkway and installing a boat launch.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Garfield City

Historic Dundee Dam Pedestrian Way and Preserve

With funding assistance from the Green Acres Program, Garfield City is in the process of creating a linear park along the Passaic River, in the vicinity of the Dundee Dam, where General Post crossed

the Passaic River during the Revolutionary War. The City anticipates that the park will have two levels, one at the top of the bank containing pathways for walking, jogging and biking, as well as access to the river's edge from the lower level. The park will provide areas from which to view the magnificent Dundee Dam and abundant river wildlife.

\$ 81,000 Loan Award

\$718,200 Matching Grant Award

\$800,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Garfield City

Garfield City Multi Parks

Garfield City proposes a wide range of improvements at 20th Century Field, located at Elizabeth Street and Gaston Avenue, and at Belmont Oval Park, located on Spring Street at Garden Court South. At 20th Century Field, the City plans to renovate the ball fields and install new lighting, replace the soccer field with an upgraded soccer/football field, install playground equipment in the Toddler Playground area, restore the bikeway/pedestrian pathway throughout the park, and restore the picnic area. At Belmont Oval Park, the City proposes to reconfigure the combined ball field/soccer field at LaFaso Field to create a synthetic turf practice soccer/football field and regulation baseball field, install new bikeway/pedestrian pathways, and renovate the parking area. These improvements will provide a more efficient use of the City's recreation space, and increase the recreation opportunities available to the community.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Hackensack City

Hackensack High School Athletic Field

The City of Hackensack proposes to revitalize the existing high school athletic field with new bleachers, new turf, a utility shed and handicapped accessible construction where needed. The city is an urban center with high population density, making the quantity and quality of public recreation and open space facilities critically important. The rehabilitation of the high school athletic fields will benefit not only the high school students, but the broader community that depends on the facility as a key recreation and open space resource.

\$ 63,000 Loan Award

\$737,000 Matching Grant Award

\$800,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Lodi Borough

Kennedy Park Improvements

The Borough of Lodi proposes to install a synthetic turf athletic field at Kennedy Park, located on Kennedy Drive near Brook Street. This project will provide the Borough with an additional multi-use field that can accommodate nearly year-round use. It is anticipated that the increase of available field space will enable the Borough to better meet the recreation needs of the community.

\$200,000 Loan Award

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

\$800,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Lodi Borough

Memorial Park Improvements

Lodi Borough proposes to rehabilitate the multipurpose field at Memorial Park, which is located along Memorial Drive, adjacent to the Lodi Municipal Complex. Because the fields are so intensively used, the Borough believes that the community will best be served by installation of an artificial turf surface, which provides a more durable playing surface with lower operational and maintenance costs. Green Acres assistance was provided for the acquisition and initial development of Memorial Park. The proposed field rehabilitation will enable Lodi Borough to meet the recreational needs of the community more efficiently.

\$244,125 Loan Award

\$244,125 Matching Grant Award

\$488,250 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Maywood Borough

Thoma Avenue Little League Field

Maywood Borough proposes to construct a baseball/softball field at the northwest end of Thoma Avenue, adjacent to the community pool. The athletic field is needed to accommodate the Borough's sports leagues. An initial funding award to develop the park was made by Green Acres in 2003. The Borough has requested additional funding to construct bleachers and restrooms that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), as well as field lighting, so that the facilities might be used to their full potential.

\$184,000 Loan Award

\$ 66,000 Matching Grant Award

\$250,000 Total Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Norwood Borough

Central Woods Addition

The Borough of Norwood seeks to acquire a 14-acre tract of forested land that contains important endangered and threatened species habitat. This parcel is key to the Central Woods Preservation Project, which seeks to protect forested floodplains and freshwater wetlands and to create a system of trails and open space corridors linking together County parkland, the Closter Nature Center, and Oradell Reservoir.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Oradell Borough

Open Space Acquisition

Oradell Borough recently completed an Open Space and Recreation Plan identifying a variety of properties it wants to acquire for both active and passive recreational use. The plan emphasizes the importance of protecting water resources and enhancing existing County and State preserved lands. A high preservation priority for the Borough is a 1.4-acre site targeted for development. Once it is preserved, the site will be known as Hague Park.

\$275,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Paramus Borough

Paramus Open Space Purchase

The Borough of Paramus requests funding to acquire a series of lots along the Saddle River. The Borough wants to convert the site to a passive park with walkways, fitness stations, a playground and picnic areas. Long-term plans include a bridge to connect the park with a large park across the Saddle River.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

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 Incentive Acquisition

Saddle Brook Township

Mayhill Street Acquisition

The Township seeks funds to acquire a 5-acre wooded parcel along the Saddle River that has significant water resource protection features. The Township is concerned about the ramifications of developing the site and would prefer that the land become a local park. Preserving the tract will protect one of the last remaining open spaces in this community.

\$67,500 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Wallington Borough

Open Space Corridor Acquisition

The Borough of Wallington places a high priority on protecting and preserving the natural features of the Passaic and Saddle River corridors. Long strips of land along the rivers have been targeted for preservation to create a linear park and to protect water quality.

\$114,500 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Mount Laurel Township

Comprehensive Recreation Trail

Mount Laurel Township seeks funding to construct a handicapped accessible nature trail to connect a number of open space, recreation, and environmental education sites in the Township. The trail will run from Trotter's Crossing on Union Mill Road and Walton Avenue to the Kowaleski Property on Gaskill Road. A trail spur will connect to the PAWS Farm Nature Center. Interpretive signage will educate users about the wetland, creek, and wooded areas along the trail. Parking and landscape plantings are also proposed.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Palmyra Borough

Park Acquisitions

The Borough of Palmyra proposes to acquire two parcels of land, one on the corner of Broad and Race Street and on Broad and Market Street. The parcels are currently vacant and will be improved to provide passive and active recreational opportunities for residents and visitors in an underserved area of the Borough.

\$165,000 Loan Award

\$ 55,000 Matching Grant Award

\$220,000 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Springfield Township

Golf Center Preservation

The Township of Springfield proposes to acquire the development rights of the 105-acre golf center, an existing golf course that has been open to the public for over 25 years. The 105-acre site consists of an 18-hole golf course, driving range, 18-hole chip and putt course, 18-hole miniature golf course and a full-service clubhouse, parking area and support buildings.

Springfield proposes to purchase a conservation easement on the golf course property, leaving the ownership of the tract and the operation of the business with its present landowners. The golf course site links several preserved properties in the township and provides public access to the recreational opportunities associated with golfing and direct access to the Barker's Brook stream corridor.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

CAMDEN COUNTY

Camden County

Johnson Park Rehabilitation

Camden County, in conjunction with Cooper's Ferry, the Camden Redevelopment Agency and Rutgers University, proposes a complete restoration of Eldridge R. Johnson Park to its 1930 grandeur. The Johnson Park Rehabilitation will restore a historic park in the Cooper Grant neighborhood of Camden City. Located on Cooper Street, it is one of the most significant properties in the City from an architectural, cultural and historic perspective. Rehabilitation will include the restoration of water features, concrete walks and a plaza, seating, lighting, plantings, while improving barrier-free access to the Walt Whitman Cultural Arts Center.

\$500,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Berlin Township

Township Recreational Park

The Township of Berlin proposes to expand the facilities at the Luke Avenue Recreational Complex. The upgraded facilities will include fencing around the existing baseball, softball and Little League fields, as well as perimeter fencing; a beach volleyball court; tot lot; basketball courts; a concession and restroom building with picnic tables and park benches; a roller skating/ice skating area; a jogging/walking/bicycling path; a gazebo; and parking.

\$250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Camden City

Yorkship Square Park

The Yorkship Square project is a collaborative effort between Camden City, Cooper's Ferry Development Association, and Fairview Main Street. It will help revitalize one of the State's most historic neighborhoods. The proposed renovations at the park include new walkways, a fountain, historic lighting, seating and amenities. Significant landscaping will also be done to enhance the park entrance.

\$250,000 Loan Award

\$250,000 Matching Grant Award

\$500,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Camden City

New Roosevelt Park Acquisition

The New Roosevelt Park project will create a new urban park adjacent to Camden City Hall, on Market Street. This former park site, which once provided a grand entrance to City Hall, is now an obsolete and neglected office building and parking garage. As part of the comprehensive strategy to revitalize downtown Camden, the proposed park is a key component for new urban green space. It is envisioned as a vibrant public space and a respite from the densely urban environment of downtown Camden. The City owns the land, so the first step of the project is the acquisition of the parking structure.

\$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, which was acquired by Gloucester Township with Green Acres assistance. The park is well suited for recreational development, since much of it was formerly used as a gravel/soil removal site and is in an open and disturbed condition, free of vegetation. The Township of Gloucester proposes to add such passive amenities as trails, picnic areas, playgrounds and gazebos to the existing multi-purpose recreational facility.

In addition, the Township proposes to construct support facilities, including restrooms, a concession stand, a park security/maintenance and concession/meeting room, as well as parking lots. Finally, the Township proposes to extend the access road throughout the park, construct additional sports fields and integrate landscaping to create an attractive recreation area for all ages. To date, the Township has developed soccer and football fields and installed a park access road.

\$400,000 Loan Award

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

\$800,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Somerdale Borough

Kiejdan Acquisition

The Borough of Somerdale intends to purchase 8 acres of vacant land surrounded by development. This property has frontage to the South Branch of the Cooper River with about half the property as wetlands associated with the creek. The proposed future use would be primarily passive recreation,

leaving the land in its natural state, with a small portion near Browing Avenue to be dedicated for future active park development.

\$275,000 Loan Award

\$125,000 Matching Grant Award

\$400,000 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Winslow Township

Peter Volpa Memorial Park II

Winslow Township proposes to develop Phase II of Peter Volpa Memorial Park on Sickler Avenue. Phase I expanded the park by developing the adjacent parcel with three soccer fields and associated parking. In this phase, the Township will construct sports lighting for two soccer fields and irrigation for all three.

\$250,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Avalon Borough

Multi-Park Improvements

The Borough of Avalon proposes the construction/rehabilitation of two separate parks located in the vicinity of the Borough's boardwalk. The first park, known as "29th Street Skate Park," consists of the construction of an asphalt skate park with concrete curb, permanent chain link fencing, grading, furnishing and installation of skate park components, benches and trash receptacles. The second park consists of the rehabilitation/reconstruction of the Borough's boardwalk between 24th Street and 28th Street (approximately 1,200 linear feet). This will include demolition of the existing 16-foot-wide boardwalk and replacement in-kind, including construction of a new piling and support structure, decking and handrails. This reconstruction is needed due to the significant threat to public safety associated with the deterioration of the boardwalk support structure.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Lower Township

Multi-Park Improvements

The Township of Lower seeks additional Green Acres assistance for the development of two recreational facilities, Bennett's Crossing and the Rutherford Property. These properties, currently leased, are proposed for development into recreation facilities. Nineteen acres at Bennett's Crossing are leased from the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife. Thirty-two acres at the Rutherford Property are being leased from the County. These proposed recreation complexes will contain multi-use sports fields with sports lighting, tennis and basketball courts, a hockey rink, fencing,

playground structure, open play areas, walking trails, picnic areas, passive recreation facilities, landscaping, access driveways and parking.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Middle Township

Fort Apache Recreation Development

The Township of Middle proposes to develop the former Fort Apache Campground, previously acquired with Green Acres assistance, as an active and passive recreation complex. The southern portion of Middle Township is underserved with recreational facilities and this development, on Fulling Mill Road, will remedy the deficiency. Proposed components include: construction of an access road with associated parking, soccer fields, baseball fields, irrigation, basketball courts, tennis courts, restroom/storage/security/administration building, inline hockey court, bocce court, horseshoe pits, drainage landscaping, site and sports lighting. The Township also proposes to construct a children's pavilion with tot lot and associated play structures. Finally, the site would include a gazebo, nature trails, park signage, picnic tables, benches, and a bird observation blind and platform.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Ocean City

Park Acquisition

Ocean City seeks additional funding for acquisition of the Ocean City Life Saving Station, located on 4th Street. Built in 1885, the Life Saving Station was used as a Coast Guard station from 1910

to 1930. The Life Saving Station has been identified as one of New Jersey's 10 Most Endangered Historic Sites. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this acquisition.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

ESSEX COUNTY

Essex County

Multi-Park Improvements

Essex County has established a 10-year plan to improve its park system. This proposal seeks funding 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 City and Bloomfield Township; Orange Park, located in Orange City Township, Irvington Park in Irvington; and Verona Park in Verona. The County proposes a variety of improvements, such as upgraded playgrounds with safety surfaces, rehabilitation of athletic fields, landscaping, walkways, signage, and drinking fountains. In addition, the County plans improvements at other County parks as funding becomes available.

\$1,200,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Bloomfield Township

Bloomfield Township Acquisition

The Township of Bloomfield plans to acquire a 5.7-acre parcel located along the Third River and Spring Brook. Acquisition of the parcel forms a link in the Bloomfield Greenway, designated in the Township's Master Plan. The Greenway will eventually link all of the Township's open space through walking/hiking and biking trails. The anticipated use of this property for passive and low impact development recreation will provide open space recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to one of the most densely populated areas in the State. The project will also contribute to

the Township's goal of flood prevention by retaining a vital natural buffer that absorbs flooding from the Third River.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Bloomfield Township

Restoration of Upper Memorial Park

The Township of Bloomfield proposes the restoration and improvement of Upper Memorial Park, located at John F. Kennedy Drive between Belleville Avenue and Spring Street. The Township plans to improve pedestrian and bicycle access from Spring Street, as well as the bridge connection over the Third River to access Lower Memorial Park. Other improvements include lighting, parking and fencing improvements, installation of benches and landscaping.

\$218,460 Loan Award

\$218,460 Matching Grant Award

\$436,920 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Irvington Township

Playground Improvements

The Township of Irvington proposes improvements at several parks, including the 40th St Playground; Greene Terrace Playground; Tiny Tots Playground, located at Union Avenue; Eberhardt Playground, located on Western Parkway; Parkway Playground, located on Eastern

Parkway; Civic Square Playground, and Montgomery Avenue Playground. Most of these parks are in need of updated playground equipment and safety surfaces, picnic tables and benches, lighting and landscaping. Basketball and tennis courts also will be renovated where necessary.

\$250,000 Loan Award

\$250,000 Matching Grant Award

\$500,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Orange City

Alden and Colgate Land Acquisition

The City of Orange plans to expand Alden Street Park with the acquisition of 0.7 acres, located at Alden and High Streets. This acquisition will provide the City with a parcel totaling 3.1 acres, creating the largest undeveloped parcel in Orange City suitable for recreational development. The City hopes to construct active recreation facilities to serve this densely populated neighborhood.

The City also plans to expand Colgate Park, with the acquisition of three adjacent lots. Located at New and North Center Streets, Colgate Park was acquired with Green Acres assistance in the 1970s, and later development included a playground, picnic area and basketball courts. The expansion of the park will allow the City to install such active recreation facilities as soccer and baseball fields.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Orange City

Military Park Expansion

Orange City plans to acquire a 0.40-acre site adjacent to Military Park, located on Main Street. The

acquisition of this parcel will allow for the creation of a new gateway to the City. Military Park was at one time the town commons, and was used as a training ground during the Revolutionary War and as a recruiting ground for the Civil War. Military Park was recently renovated with Green Acres assistance, and provides a peaceful park space within the City.

\$177,500 Loan Award

\$622,500 Matching Grant Award

\$800,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Deptford Township

Fasola Park Development

The Township of Deptford seeks additional funding for this previously approved project, the centrally located Fasola Park, which caters to a range of users in the community. The Township proposes to renovate the existing on-site pool building into a concession/restroom/storage area; renovate the existing picnic pavilion; construct and revamp 6-foot circulation paths; install new entrance signs and an irrigation system; and provide aesthetic landscape improvements and a cul-de-sac, with access road to Sycamore Lane from Orchard Road. Additionally, the Township proposes to demolish the existing municipal pool, concrete deck, filter system and fence.

\$214,725 Loan Award

Park Development

Glassboro Borough

Glassboro Public Schools Playground

The Borough of Glassboro intends to develop a playground area on property located at the Thomas E. Bowe Middle School, which is part of the Glassboro Public School System. To ensure eligibility, the Borough and the Board of Education have entered into a 25-year lease. The Borough of Glassboro has become a partner in this project since it understands the need for playground and park areas within the Borough, and sees this project as a highly effective way to provide these facilities to its residents and their children.

\$ 90,000 Loan Award

\$ 90,000 Matching Grant Award

\$180,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Woodbury City

Stewart Lake Park Development

Stewart Lake Park is a popular municipal recreation facility, used for a variety of organized sports and other recreation activities administered by agencies including the Woodbury Little League, Soccer Club, Midget Football Association, Board of Education, and the YMCA of Gloucester County. Many additional active and passive recreation activities are offered to young and old alike. Due to age and heavy usage, many of the facilities in Stewart Lake Park, located on North Red Bank Avenue and East Evergreen Avenue, are in need of substantial rehabilitation. Previous funding permitted the City of Woodbury to rehabilitate the basketball court and tot lot and to proceed with certain upland recreational improvements. The City is requesting additional funds to make improvements to the boat launch access road, install benches and a trail along the lake shore line, and construct a gangway and floating dock on the lake.

\$175,000 Loan Award

\$175,000 Matching Grant Award

\$350,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Woodbury City

Woodbury High School Stadium Complex

The City of Woodbury proposes to undertake improvements to the leased Woodbury High School Stadium Complex. This community recreation complex has long been the centerpiece of 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 requests Green Acres assistance to remove the unsafe seating and install new

seating and replace rails, replace the track and field area and renovate the existing parking lot.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Woolwich Township

Del Monte Park Project

The Township of Woolwich seeks to develop a 55.5-acre tract of land on High Hill Road into parkland. The project will consist of three soccer fields, one football field, one lacrosse field, one soccer field with lights, one combination baseball/soccer field with lights, two tennis courts, an expanded parking lot, walking trails, a restroom/concession building, playground, four tot lots and a picnic grove/shelter.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

HUDSON COUNTY

Hudson County

Multi-Park Playground Development

Hudson County proposes to improve and restore playgrounds in four County Parks: Lincoln Park (Jersey City), Mercer Park (Bayonne), Washington Park (Jersey City and Union City), and West Hudson Park (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.

\$800,000 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

Bayonne City

North Street Community Park Acquisition

Bayonne City proposes to acquire a parcel on North Street, between Avenue A and North Lane, to be developed as a community park for active recreational use. The property has been unused since its acquisition by the New Jersey Department of Transportation for potential use in the West Side Highway/Route 440 project, which was abandoned in the early 1990s. Located in a predominantly residential neighborhood, the vacant site has a level topography with a gentle north to south grade change. There have been no improvements on the site, but public water, sewer and electricity are available in the adjacent street.

\$ 95,000 Loan Award

\$285,000 Matching Grant Award

\$380,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Hoboken City

1600 Park Avenue Acquisition

The City of Hoboken seeks Green Acres funding for the acquisition of 2.1 acres of vacant land at the northeast entrance to Hoboken, at 1600 Park Avenue. Once acquired, this site will be an extension of the Green Space at Hoboken Cove Park and the 16th Street Pier. Approximately .3 acres of the site lie in Weehawken.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Hoboken City

Multi-Park 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 and the City will install artificial turf on the soccer field at Sinatra Park.

\$200,000 Loan Award

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

\$800,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Jersey City

Owen Grundy Pier and York Street Park

Jersey City proposes the reconstruction of Owen Grundy Pier Park and the walkway to York Street Park, at the foot of Montgomery and York Streets along the Hudson River. Plans call for the replacement of wooden planks, construction of new fencing, and the reconstruction of the seawall to prevent collapse.

\$800,000 Matching Grant 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 a Municipal Landmark, is listed on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places, and is eligible for the National Register. With the removal of the tracks 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 secure the site for the public as an historic landmark and passive open space. The sites will be developed over time as 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

Kearny Town

Riverbank Skateboard Park

In response to community requests, Kearny proposes to reconstruct the skate park facilities on Passaic Avenue. The scope of work includes site preparation, infrastructure and equipment installation, and landscaping improvements.

\$138,690 Loan Award

\$138,690 Matching Grant Award

\$277,380 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Kearny Town

Reconstruction of Bell Playground

Kearny Town wishes to reconstruct the facilities at Bell Playground in order to make them safer. The site is the corner parcel bounded by Chestnut, Stewart and Dover Streets. Proposed work will include paths, children's play structures with rubber safety surfaces, a water feature, signage, fencing, landscaping and other amenities.

\$390,850 Loan Award

\$390,850 Matching Grant Award

\$781,700 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Union City

44th Street Acquisition

The City of Union proposes to acquire a 1.77-acre site on 44th and 45th Streets, to serve the recreational needs of the City's northern section. The area has seen a boom in residential development and lacks large-scale recreational opportunities. This site would be the second largest open space parcel in the City. The existing buildings will be demolished and a new multi-purpose recreational facility developed. Future plans include a soccer field, a baseball field, a playground and onsite parking.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Union City

47th Street Pool Improvements

Union City would like to rehabilitate its existing public pool on the corner of 47th Street and Palisade Avenue. The site now has a deteriorated above-ground pool and locker building. The proposed project will provide a new, modern swimming facility with a retractable roof to provide for year-round use. Handicapped access will be improved and there will be landscaping and other amenities.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Weehawken Township

Pershing Road Nature Trail

Weehawken Township would like to create a nature trail on Pershing Road, stretching from the foot of the stairs at Liberty Street all the way to the end of Hamilton. Through zoning restrictions, this land is part of the Palisade Preservation area, and will be the longest stretch of undisturbed Palisades in Hudson County. The project will consist of a nature trail with lighting, some markers, benches, and other amenities.

\$100,000 Loan Award

\$150,000 Matching Grant Award

\$250,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Weehawken Township

Pier B Restoration

Pier B is a pier of approximately 22,400 square feet that was destroyed during Hurricane Floyd. Prior to that storm, the pier, which is about 280 feet by 80 feet from shoreline to water, was used predominantly for fishing. Weehawken would like to rebuild this pier with new or refurbished pilings and a new wooden deck with railings to increase open space/outdoor recreational areas for the community. The pier will be used for fishing at the water's end and for outdoor concerts closer to the shoreline. Pier B abuts Lincoln Park, a 1.5-acre passive park, and is adjacent to a 5-acre parcel recently acquired with Green Acres funds. Restoring Pier B will add to the outdoor activity and completeness of the recreational opportunities available at the Weehawken waterfront.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Frenchtown Borough

Nishisakawick Watershed Phase I

The Borough, in cooperation with others, will preserve 150 acres of land along the Route 29 corridor. 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 & 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 further the Borough's plans to create a greenbelt around the Borough.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Lambertville City

Lambertville Open Space Project

The City of Lambertville will acquire a 16-acre tract of land to protect steep woodlands and provide a public natural area. The property is located in the central portion of the City, adjacent to the Lambertville Elementary School.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive 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 the County. The property is located in Hopewell Township and is bordered by Route 29, Fiddlers Creek Road and Pleasant Valley Road. The County seeks additional funding to improve an existing access drive, restore and convert an existing house into a visitors center, stabilize outbuildings on the site, create parking, enhance and improve existing trails, and upgrade the site's well, water treatment, septic and electric services. Also proposed is restoration of a garden/horticulture area, orchard, landscaping and signage. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$1,000,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Highly Populated County

Hopewell Borough

St. Michael's Orphanage Site

The Borough of Hopewell, in a partnership effort with the D&R Greenway Land Trust and local, county and state governments, seeks to acquire the St. Michael's Orphanage Site, located in Hopewell Township. The 336-acre tract, located on the southern end of Hopewell Borough on Hopewell-Princeton Road, consists of forests, fields and the stream corridor of Beden's Brook. The preservation of this tract would be part of a larger regional preservation effort to create a greenbelt

around the Borough of Hopewell, preserving its village character, protecting natural resources and wildlife habitats, and providing recreational opportunities to the public.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Trenton City

George Page Park Development

The City of Trenton proposes to redevelop an existing passive park at North Olden and Lawrence Street to be upgraded with landscaping and a redesigned entrance with decorative paving, bollards, plantings and benches. A trail for hiking and biking will be constructed, which will link the existing Hetzel Field Park on the opposite side of the Assunpink Creek. Significant stream bank improvements will be made, including an improved slope and vegetative buffer and improved access to the creek. The existing playground equipment will be updated and refurbished, with new paving, benches, and ornamental fencing. A visual link between the park and an historic blacksmith's shop will be created by converting a former gas station into a focal point for public art. The expanse of concrete that marks the site of the former Crescent Wire factory will be removed. Lighted parking, extended trails, and a large grassy area are also planned.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Trenton City

Hetzel Field Park Development

The City of Trenton proposes the rehabilitation of Hetzel Field Park and the development of two

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

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Middlesex County

New Brunswick Landing

As part of the Raritan River Strategy Plan, Middlesex County and the City of New Brunswick seek additional funding 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. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$ 350,000 Loan Award

\$ 650,000 Matching Grant Award

\$1,000,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreation Facility, Phase II

The Borough seeks funding for additional improvements to Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreation Facility, including the installation of an additional 750 feet of a stationary pier with steel pilings and concrete deck. The expanded pier will allow the community expanded opportunities to fish and birdwatch. Also proposed are a number of marina improvements, including floating docks, over 200 boat slips with utilities, expanded parking, and pump out, fueling, and restroom facilities.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Carteret Borough

Carteret Multi-Park Improvements

Carteret Borough seeks funding to develop and improve three Borough parks: Chrome Park, Civic Center Park and John Street Soccer Park. At Chrome Park, along Bergen Street, Pershing Avenue, and Salem Avenue, the Borough is proposing an interactive water park, new walkways, seating and lighting. Proposed improvements at Civic Center Park, along Harris Street and Pershing Avenue, include installation of turf on three existing ball fields, a new open practice turf field, a picnic area, lighting, restrooms, walkways, and landscaping. The Borough proposes to develop a regulation-size soccer field at John Street Park, on the corner of Beverly Street and Lefferts Street. The proposed field will be the first soccer field in Carteret Borough.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Highland Park Borough

Centennial Park

Highland Park Borough seeks funding to develop Centennial Park, currently a vacant lot at the intersection of River Road and Raritan and Lincoln Avenues. The proposed park will consist of a tree grove with groundcover plantings and raingarden/bioretention areas, interpretive signage, lighting, walkways, and seating. By capturing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and filtering stormwater, the proposed park will mitigate and prevent air and water pollution in the area.

\$120,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Jamesburg Borough

Jamesburg Multi-Park Improvements

Jamesburg Borough seeks funding for improvements at its Augusta Street Recreation Facility, Veterans Memorial Park, and Tillie Davison Park. To maximize the use of existing facilities, proposed improvements at the Augusta Street Recreation Facility, located along Augusta Street in Monroe Township, include installation of concrete stadium seating and lighting. Lighting is also proposed for Veterans Memorial Park, located along Lincoln and Stockton Avenues, as well as new walkways, landscaping and irrigation. Improvements proposed at Tillie Davison Park, located on William Street, include fencing, walkways, and landscaping. These proposed improvements will improve safety, aesthetics, and access to the three parks.

\$75,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

New Brunswick City

New Brunswick Landing

As part of the Raritan River Strategy Plan, Middlesex County and the City of New Brunswick seek additional funding to construct a dock near the Richmond Street pedestrian overpass, adjacent to the Delaware & 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. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$800,000 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, known as Woodland Trails, was slated for intensive 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 an 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 seeks additional funding to redevelop the popular Bayview Park on the Raritan Bay waterfront. The City plans to restore an access stairway, replace a small stage and restrooms, and install landscaping. A local garden club will maintain the gardens in the park, and concerts will be held in the stage area in the summertime. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$500,000 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

Perth Amboy City

Patten Center Park Rehabilitation

Perth Amboy City seeks funding to rehabilitate Patten Center Park, a heavily used facility bordered by Cedar, Dorsey, Fayette, and Read Streets. The City proposes two tot lots, a new basketball court, walkways, landscaping, lighting, seating, and a lawn area for picnicking and informal play.

\$350,000 Loan Award

\$450,000 Matching Grant Award

\$800,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Piscataway Township

Piscataway Open Space Acquisition

Piscataway Township proposes to acquire the last large contiguous open space in the township, which will serve to expand the existing Ambrose-Doty's Brook Park. The total acreage of the planned acquisition is more than 137 acres. The initial and short-term plans for the site include the demolition and removal of structures found not to be suitable for future use and a general cleanup of the property. The long-term plans include creating paths and trails for both walking and biking and creating open space play areas for multiple uses, including soccer fields. The goal is to create a predominately passive park and conserve open space.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

South Amboy City

Open Space Acquisition

The City of South Amboy proposes the acquisition of 30 acres for open space in an area of the city 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 City.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Woodbridge Township

Ferry Street & Riverwalk Park Improvements

Woodbridge Township is seeking funding for improvements to and connections between its Ferry Street and Riverwalk Parks. Proposed improvements at Ferry Street Park include construction and rehabilitation of basketball and tennis courts, a playground, expanded parking, and lighting. Stairs connecting the boat launch to the beach and river below, terraced stairs along the riverwalk on Cliff Road, an extension of the riverwalk, and a boardwalk/walkway along the beach are also proposed.

\$800,000 Matching Grant 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). This park, which will offer both active and passive recreational opportunities, will serve the northern side of this rapidly developing township. Construction will take place in phases, and will include athletic fields, trails, concession/storage buildings, landscaping, and parking.

\$100,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Holmdel Township

Cross Farm Park

Holmdel seeks to expand the park by adding more passive recreational opportunities at Cross Farm Park. This proposal is for the installation of landscaping and amenities. Proposed features include: extensive landscaping, benches, picnic tables, an additional 40 spaces of gravel parking, two paved handicapped parking spaces and additional walkways.

\$350,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Keyport Borough

Keyport Waterfront Park Improvements

The Keyport Waterfront Park is located along American Legion Drive between Broad Street and Front Street. The Borough of Keyport proposes to improve this area with a plaza and promenade pavers, restrooms, a tennis court, a playground structure, a water play spray fountain, a bandshell/stage with lighting, a pier with gazebo, benches, a walkway along the bulkhead, shade tree plantings with shrubs and ornamental lighting.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Long Branch City

Manahasset Creek Acquisition

The City of Long Branch would like to complete its acquisition of land to create a 22-acre park 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. Additional parcels in the City may be identified for preservation in the future.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Marlboro Township

Marlboro Township, Park Phase II

Marlboro Township proposes to configure and upgrade two existing 310-foot by 210-foot soccer fields, add four new 220-foot by 150-foot soccer fields; provide sports field lighting for the four new fields; replace the irrigation system with an irrigation well; construct an emergency access road from the middle school parking lot to the soccer fields; provide additional parking; construct a pavilion with picnic tables, walking/jogging pathway, restroom/concession building and several sitting areas; enhance a pond for passive recreation use and provide landscaping.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Middletown Township

Banfield Park Development

Middletown Township intends to construct a parking lot, a natural amphitheater, an outdoor stage, and a path system around an existing pond located at Banfield Park. This park also will be the site of a World Trade Center Memorial, being funded separately. The Township also is renovating the existing building into a cultural arts center. The property around the existing building was purchased with Green Acres funding.

\$35,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Neptune Township

South Riverside Drive Waterfront

The Township of Neptune plans to acquire multiple parcels totaling approximately 8 acres along Riverside Drive on 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

Neptune Township

Multi-Park Development

The Township of Neptune will 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. Although the existing sites are used for recreation, they are underutilized due to safety and other concerns. 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.

\$125,000 Loan Award

\$375,000 Matching Grant Award

\$500,000 Total Award

Urban Aid Development

Rumson Borough

Gunning Island Acquisition

The Borough of Rumson owns approximately half of Gunning Island, located at the mouth of the Shrewsbury River, and would like to acquire the remaining 20.8 acres. In the past, the entire site was used for dredge spoils, with remediation and ecosystem restoration activities completed on the portion owned by the Borough. The dredge spoil disposal cells have created a unique geography for potential habitat restoration, and there is an existing salt marsh that contains low marsh and buffer species, as well as small pockets of high marsh and salt panne species. There is also a mudflat that is utilized by many species of wading birds. The goal of the restoration project would be to create a collection of diversified habitats that would provide foraging and breeding grounds for a variety of species. The Borough would like to manage this property as a wildlife preserve that would be accessible to kayakers, canoeists and birders, with the development of an internal loop trail.

\$150,000 Loan Award

\$250,000 Matching Grant Award

\$400,000 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Wall Township

Ridgewood Road Sand Mine Acquisition

Wall Township plans to acquire approximately 82 acres of what is now a sand mine on Ridgewood Road to add to its open space for active outdoor recreation and conservation uses. The property is in close proximity to municipal, state and county parks within the area and will serve as a central connection point.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

MORRIS COUNTY

Chester Borough

Chester Open Space Acquisition

Chester Borough plans to acquire a 50-acre unimproved portion of the Larison's Turkey Farm tract for passive open space and limited active recreation purposes. The area to be acquired includes frontage on 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, along 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 Incentive Acquisition

Highlands

Riverdale Borough

Van Ness House Acquisition

Riverdale Borough proposes to purchase property along the Paterson-Hamburg Turnpike, one of New Jersey's earliest historic roads. The site, which currently contains a house and outbuildings, is in the 100-year floodplain of the Pequannock River, a Category One river. There is a 797 foot portion of a trout production stream on the property. The property, which is nearly six acres, is

located across the road from Appel Park, a municipal park along the Pequannock River.

\$575,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Highlands

OCEAN COUNTY

Berkeley Township

Bayview Park

The Township of Berkeley proposes to develop 3.35 acres along Clamming Creek, near the Barnegat Bay, to create a new park in a densely populated area of the township currently without such facilities. The park will include a playground structure, horseshoe pits, a boardwalk with viewing platform, a walking path, picnic tables, a gravel parking area, appropriate signage and landscaping.

\$259,875 Loan Award

\$ 86,625 Matching Grant Award

\$346,500 Total Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Dover Township

Castle Park Playground Renovation

Dover Township would like to renovate Castle Park Playground, on North Bay and Oak Avenue, in accordance with today's safety standards. The proposal calls for retrofitting or replacing the equipment to make nearly all components accessible. The renovated unit will have ramps, turnarounds, enclosed slides, and free-standing structures. All work will be done with special consideration given to those children visually and hearing impaired children, as well as those who are wheelchair-bound and developmentally challenged.

\$165,000 Loan Award

\$ 55,000 Matching Grant Award

\$220,000 Total Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Little Egg Harbor Township

Municipal Recreation Complex VI

In order to meet current and future recreational needs of its residents, the Township of Little Egg Harbor wishes to further develop the Municipal Recreation Complex off Route 539. The proposed development will include 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

Point Pleasant Borough

Riverfront Park Development

The Borough of Point Pleasant proposes to develop 6.69 acres of land on River Road to create a new recreational park. Improvements will include a multipurpose field, a basketball court, a bocce court, horseshoe pits, a beach volleyball court, two play units, a walking path, picnic tables, bicycle racks, a parking area and support facilities.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Stafford Township

Doc Cramer Park, Phase II

Stafford Township wishes to further improve Doc Cramer Park along Lakeview Terrace with lighting for the existing softball field. The proposed lighting will extend the scheduling to allow for night games and for additional day games.

\$125,430 Loan Award

Park Development

PASSAIC COUNTY

Passaic County

Lambert Castle Observatory Tower Rehabilitation

Passaic County recently restored Lambert Castle and now plans to renovate the Lambert Castle Observatory Tower, located in the Passaic County Garret Mountain Reservation. The restored Castle has become a vital resource for cultural and community events. However, the Observatory Tower remains closed, due to unsafe conditions. The County proposes the necessary work to the Observatory Tower, replacement of the covered arbor, repair of stone walls and walkways, landscaping, and rehabilitation of the refreshment stand and comfort station.

\$250,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Clifton City

Athenia Steel Recreational Complex

Clifton City would like to improve the former Athenia Steel complex into a park. The project area, an abandoned former industrial site, was purchased by the City for a variety of uses. A 14.9- acre portion of the site will be developed into a recreational complex, and 11.23 acres will remain undeveloped open space. The City is working with NJDEP to remediate the site. The recreational improvements include site work, stormwater drainage, athletic fields, irrigation, lighting, restrooms and concession building, pavilion, picnic area, basketball courts, tot lot, foot paths, landscaping and park appurtenances.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Clifton City

Dundee Island Acquisition

Clifton City wishes to preserve 3.5 acres of land, threatened by private development, that lie adjacent to the Passaic River near the Dundee Dam. The project is 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

Haledon Borough

Roe Athletic Field Renovation Project

The Borough of Haledon proposes renovations at the Roe Street Athletic Field, the Borough's only public athletic field. Renovations will include the ballfield surface replacement and construction of caged dugouts, replacement bleachers incorporating the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and the addition of related amenities.

\$270,000 Loan Award

\$330,000 Matching Grant Award

\$600,000 Total Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Paterson City

Restoration and Revitalization of Pennington Park

Paterson City, in cooperation with the Passaic River Coalition, plans to restore Pennington Park, located in the Second Ward of the city. The project will include renovating existing athletic fields,

re-establishing recreational boating on a portion of the Passaic River and re-landscaping the riverfront along the pedestrian pathway.

\$800,000 Matching Grant Award

Urban Aid Development

Paterson City

Paterson Great Falls and Pocket Parks, Phase I

Paterson City has embarked on an ambitious project to upgrade all of its neighborhood parks and refurbish Great Falls Overlook Park. This particular 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 courts 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.

\$674,725 Loan Award

Urban Aid Development

Pompton Lakes Borough

Feinbloom and Sherman Acquisition

The Borough of Pompton Lakes seeks to preserve approximately 25 acres of wooded and meadow area adjacent to a complex river system. This project will protect the quality of nearby waters and wildlife, as well as the quality of life of residents in the entire region. The land lies within the 100-year flood zone and contains frontage on the Pequannock River, allowing access to the river for

canoes and kayaks. The project is adjacent to State-owned and Township open space.

\$200,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

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.

\$600,000 Matching Grant Award

Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Wayne Township

Barbour Pond Park Athletic Field

Many families move into Wayne Township each year and this influx includes a large number of children who have been involved in organized sports. The wear and tear on township fields from the numerous baseball, softball, soccer, football, field hockey and lacrosse games results in

increased maintenance issues. Therefore, the Township proposes installation of a synthetic turf field. The new field will be able to accommodate several sporting events in succession without the necessary recovery time, allowing for nearly year-round use.

\$550,625 Loan Award

\$ 49,375 Matching Grant Award

\$600,000 Total Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

SOMERSET COUNTY

Millstone Borough

Rezem Land Acquisition

Millstone Borough is partnering with Somerset County Parks Commission, the D&R Greenway Land Trust, and the State to purchase approximately 44.13 acres of the Rezem Tract in Millstone Borough. One of the purposes of the acquisition is to preserve an important encampment site dating from the American Revolution. Millstone Borough, formerly known as Somerset Courthouse, is one of only three sites within New Jersey where each of the armies of the Revolutionary War once camped. Somerset Courthouse was especially significant during the war because it had one of the few bridge crossings between New York City and Philadelphia. The site to be acquired includes areas of British, Rochambeau, and American militia encampments, and an American field hospital used to treat small pox.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

SUSSEX COUNTY

Vernon Township

Veterans Memorial Park

Vernon Township seeks funding for improvements at Veterans Memorial Park on Vernon Crossing Road. Veterans Memorial Park was acquired with Green Acres assistance and has received Green Acres development funding in the past. This project proposes one regulation baseball field, two Little League/softball fields, expanded parking, lighting, and walkways.

\$250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Wantage Township

Woodbourne Park, Phase IV

Wantage Township seeks funds to develop Phase IV of its Woodbourne Park municipal recreation complex on Sherman Ridge Road. Proposed improvements include the construction of a pavilion with restrooms, a concession area, and a sheltered picnic area; expanded parking; and the installation of a water supply system and mobile irrigation unit to provide irrigation to five athletic fields.

\$250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

UNION COUNTY

Union County

Esposito Park

The County of Union proposes to develop park facilities at the Esposito Farm in Clark Township, previously acquired with Green Acres and County funds. The planned park facilities include: two tennis courts, a skateboard area, tot lot, softball field with soccer field overlay, landscaping, a restroom building, access road and parking lot. Also planned is a tribute to the Esposito family. The rear portion of the site will feature a bandstand, picnic area and a permanent loop path with fitness stations.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Highly Populated County

Berkeley Heights Township

Snyder Drive Project

The Township of Berkeley Heights, in cooperation with the County of Union, proposes to acquire four acres of the overall 17 acres being purchased at Snyder Drive for recreation and conservation purposes. This site is contiguous to a municipally owned 17-acre parcel. Future development of the proposed cooperative 17-acre acquisition includes: creation of a new park to accommodate sports field usage, walking trails and construction of a recreation-community center to support the outdoor recreation activities.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

Linden City

Multi-Park Playground Replacement/Upgrade

The City of Linden proposes to upgrade playground equipment and ensure compliance with American with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the following six existing sites: Wales Park, Dobson Park, Hattie Johnson Park, St. Mark's Park, McGillvray Park and Memorial Little League, within Veterans Memorial Park.

\$178,950 Loan Award

\$ 59,650 Matching Grant Award

\$238,600 Total Award

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Rahway City

Rahway River Greenway Acquisition

The City of Rahway and the Rahway River Association have partnered to plan and develop the Rahway River Greenway. The objective of the partnership is to build the Rahway River Greenway to complement the economic renaissance of the City as a vibrant residential community. Future development plans to enable the community to enjoy the Rahway River include: wildlife observation areas, canoeing and a hiker's elevated trail. Under this project, the City proposes to acquire the last remaining, privately held, undeveloped tract of land along the Rahway River. This 4-acre parcel will be part of an unbroken chain of riverfront lands on the south side of the river that are in a natural state.

\$ 28,375 Loan Award

\$ 85,125 Matching Grant Award

\$113,500 Total Award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Summit City

Glenside Avenue Woodlands

The City of Summit wants to acquire a 5.34-acre tract of land located along the northwest side of Glenside Avenue. The site is situated in an area of severe slopes and extremely stony soils. The property is contiguous to the Union County Watchung Reservation Park Land and acquisition will permit a natural expansion of the parkland.

\$400,000 Matching Grant Award

Standard Acquisition

WARREN COUNTY

Greenwich Township

Greenwich Recreation Complex

Greenwich Township seeks funding to construct a recreation complex, including athletic fields, support structures, playground, picnic area, parking, and passive recreation trails on a 91-acre tract along Greenwich Street. Green Acres previously provided funding assistance for the acquisition of this site.

\$400,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Oxford Township

Quentzel Property Acquisition

The acquisition of the Quentzel Tract by Oxford Township will allow the township to create a passive recreational parcel while simultaneously curbing residential development on this 78.5- acre tract. This property has been farmed as cropland since the mid-19th century and supported dairy cattle in the 20th century. Acquisition of this property will extend a greenway buffer beyond the existing residential developments on Henry Street and Scranton Parkway, as well as to supplement the adjacent Hissim Tract, slated to be developed into a centrally located recreational field complex for the municipality.

\$382,750 Loan Award

\$192,250 Matching Grant Award

\$575,000 Total Award

Standard Acquisition

Highlands

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 many 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 210 municipalities (of 566, or 38%) 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/Highly Populated

* indicates Highlands

**Matching Grant
Award**

Atlantic County

Atlantic County	Atlantic County Open Space Acq.	\$ 800,000
Egg Harbor Twp	Park Expansion	\$ 400,000

Bergen County

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

Burlington County

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

Camden County

Camden County+	Open Space Plan	\$1,000,000
Cherry Hill Twp+	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 600,000

Clementon Boro	Clementon Open Space Acq	\$ 400,000
Gibbsboro Boro	Greenway Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Voorhees Twp	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 400,000

Essex County

Fairfield Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Livingston Twp	Livingston Township Open Space Acquisition	\$ 400,000
West Orange Twp+	West Orange Township Open Space Acquisition	\$ 600,000

Gloucester County

Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$ 800,000
Logan Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 400,000
Woolwich Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 400,000

Hudson County

Hudson County+	Open Space Acq	\$1,200,000
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Hunterdon County

Hunterdon County*	County Open Space Plan	\$1,050,000
Bethlehem Twp*	Open Space Plan Implementation	\$ 575,000
Clinton Twp*	Open Space Acq. Plan	\$ 575,000
Delaware Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Kingwood Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 400,000
Lebanon Twp*	Open Space Plan	\$ 575,000
Readington Twp	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$ 400,000
Tewksbury Twp*	Recreation And Open Space Plan	\$ 575,000
Union Twp*	Union Township Open Space Plan	\$ 575,000

Mercer County

Mercer County+	Mercer County Planning Incentive	\$1,000,000
East Windsor Twp	East Windsor Open Space Acq.	\$ 400,000

Hamilton Twp+	Hamilton Township Open Space Acquisition	\$ 600,000
Hopewell Twp	Hopewell Open Space Acq	\$ 400,000
Princeton Twp	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Washington Twp	Green Links Program	\$ 400,000
West Windsor Twp	West Windsor Planning Inc.	\$ 400,000

Middlesex County

Middlesex County+	Middlesex County Open Space Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Cranbury Twp	Cranbury Township Acquisition	\$ 400,000
East Brunswick Twp+	Open Space Plan	\$ 600,000
Edison Twp+	Edison Acquisition Plan	\$ 600,000
Monroe Twp+	Thompson Park III	\$ 200,000
North Brunswick Twp+	North Brunswick Plan	\$ 600,000
Plainsboro Twp	Plainsboro Preservation Acquisition	\$ 400,000
South Brunswick Twp+	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 600,000

Monmouth County

Monmouth County+	Planning Incentive Acq	\$1,000,000
Aberdeen Twp	Aberdeen Land Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Atlantic Highlands Boro	Atlantic Highlands Boro Open Space Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Freehold Twp	Freehold Acquisition Plan	\$ 400,000
Howell Twp+	Howell Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 600,000
Manasquan Boro	Manasquan Boro Open Space Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Middletown Twp+	Middletown Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 600,000
Millstone Twp	Millstone Planning Incentive-project Evergreen	\$ 400,000
Upper Freehold Twp	Upper Freehold Open Space Acq-2000	\$ 400,000

Morris County

Morris County+*	Morris County Planning Incentive	\$1,250,000
Boonton Twp*	Open Space Acq	\$ 575,000
Chatham Twp	Chatham Open Space Acq	\$ 400,000

Chester Twp*	Chester Twp Open Space Acq.	\$ 575,000
Denville Twp*	Denville Open Space Acquisition	\$ 575,000
East Hanover Twp	East Hanover Twp PI	\$ 400,000
Florham Park Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 400,000
Hanover Twp*	Open Space Acq	\$ 575,000
Harding Twp*	Harding Open Space Acq.	\$ 575,000
Jefferson Twp*	Jefferson Acquisition Plan	\$ 575,000
Kinnelon Boro*	Open Space Acq	\$ 575,000
Madison Boro	Madison Borough Open Space Acq	\$ 400,000
Mendham Twp*	Mendham Township Open Space Acq	\$ 575,000
Mine Hill Twp*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 575,000
Morris Twp*	Morris Twp Open Space Acq	\$ 575,000
Mount Olive Twp*	Mt. Olive Greenway Acq.	\$ 575,000
Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp+*	Parsippany-Troy Hills Open Space Acq.	\$ 775,000
Pequannock Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 575,000
Randolph Twp*	Randolph Acq Program	\$ 575,000
Rockaway Twp*	Open Space Acq	\$ 575,000
Roxbury Twp*	Roxbury Open Space Plan	\$ 575,000

Ocean County

Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 800,000
Berkeley Twp+	Planning Incentive	\$ 600,000
Dover Twp+	Open Space And Recreation Plan	\$ 600,000
Manchester Twp+	Planning Incentive	\$ 600,000
Ocean Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 400,000
Stafford Twp	Stafford Township Planning Incentive Program	\$ 400,000

Passaic County

Passaic County*	Open Space Plan Acquisitions	\$1,250,000
Ringwood Boro*	Ringwood Boro Open Space Acq	\$ 575,000
Wanaque Boro*	Wanaque Boro Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000

Salem County

Pittsgrove Twp Open Space & Recreation Plan \$ 400,000

Somerset County

Somerset County* County Open Space Acq \$1,050,000

Bedminster Twp* Bedminster Parks Expansion \$ 575,000

Branchburg Twp Branchburg Open Space And Greenway Acq \$ 400,000

Bridgewater Twp+ Bridgewater Open Space Plan \$ 600,000

Franklin Twp+ Open Space Plan Acq \$ 600,000

Montgomery Twp Open Space Acq 5 \$ 400,000

Peapack-Gladstone Boro* Open Space Acq \$ 575,000

Warren Twp Warren Township Planning Incentive \$ 400,000

Sussex County

Sussex County* Planning Incentive Grant \$ 200,000

Byram Twp* Byram Open Space Plan \$ 575,000

Frankford Twp Frankford Township Planning Incentive \$ 400,000

Fredon Twp Fredon Township Planning Incentive \$ 400,000

Green Twp* Green Twp Planning Incentive \$ 575,000

Vernon Twp* Planning Incentive Acquisitions \$ 575,000

Union County

Union County Union County Open Space & Recreation Plan \$1,200,000

Warren County

Allamuchy Twp* Allamuchy Twp Open Space Acq \$ 500,000

Blairstown Twp Blairstown Township Planning Incentive \$ 400,000

Greenwich Twp* Greenwich Township Planning Incentive \$ 575,000

Pohatcong Twp* Pohatcong Township Acquisition \$ 472,000

Nonprofit Projects

Bayshore Economic Development Corp.

\$ 160,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Popamora Point

County: Monmouth

The site consists of a triangular-shaped parcel, owned by both the Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners and the Borough of Atlantic Highlands, and located adjacent to the Borough of Highlands. The municipal boundary between the Borough of Atlantic Highlands and the Borough of Highlands forms the site's eastern boundary, while Sandy Hook Bay forms the site's northern boundary. The site is bordered to the southwest by residential development. The total site area landward of the Mean High Water Line (MHWL) is approximately 16.45 acres. The site is a vacant parcel with no impervious surfaces. Proposed improvements include the construction of an entrance road and parking lot, a restroom facility, extension of the Henry Hudson Trail, construction of five observation platforms and trails connecting the platforms. The Henry Hudson Trail is a nine-mile stretch of public open space that extends from Atlantic Highlands to Aberdeen through the bayshore communities. The trail, which runs roughly parallel to Route 36, opened to the public as part of the Monmouth County Park System in 1992.

Becker Park Conservancy

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Becker Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Becker Park Conservancy has applied for funding to improve Becker Park, a 147-acre park owned by Essex County, and located in Roseland and Livingston Townships. Once a dairy farm, the property now consists of a mix of open fields and successional vegetation. The Becker Park Conservancy proposes to improve park entrances and install interpretive signage, repair bridges and culverts, construct parking areas, and increase pedestrian access to the park.

Bergen SWAN

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Hackensack Watershed Preservation

County: Bergen

Bergen SWAN (Save our Watershed Action Network) seeks to acquire, preserve and protect the wooded buffers of the Upper Hackensack River Watershed. Sites targeted for preservation are diverse, featuring steep slopes and level floodplains, pine plantations and mixed hardwoods, wetlands, and open fields. Lands acquired will be used for nature education, and will protect water quality and wildlife habitat.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

West Side Park Rehabilitation

County: Essex

In cooperation with Essex County, a consortium of nonprofit organizations and community groups has developed a master plan for improvements at West Side Park, which is owned and managed by Essex County, and located at 18th Avenue between 13th and 17th Streets in Newark. West Side Park, which was designed by the Olmsted Brothers in the early 1900's, is the ninth largest park in the Essex County park system. It serves a very densely populated area of the City. The master plan proposes construction of park amenities in several phases, and includes basketball courts, playgrounds, spray pools, pedestrian paths, installation of lighting, restroom improvements, water fountains and benches. In addition, construction of a pergola, a band shell and extensive landscaping are planned. It is anticipated that the improved park facilities will better serve the needs of the community, while respecting the park's Olmsted heritage.

Branch Brook Park Alliance

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Southern Division Renovations

County: Essex

The Branch Brook Park Alliance proposes to reconstruct the Octagon Shelter at Branch Brook Park in Newark. The county system's first park, Branch Brook is known for its cherry blossoms and beautiful views across the lake.

The Octagon Shelter dates to the earliest period of the park's development and is located on what is known as Meeker Mound, a feature created by the original park designers. The proposed project will preserve this architecturally significant part of the park and the last remaining structure from its earliest period.

Canal Society Of New Jersey
\$ 500,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)
Highlands

Morris Canal Greenway

Counties: Morris and Sussex

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 addition of development of interpretive trails. The current area of land preservation focus is in Roxbury Township, Mount Olive Township, and Stanhope Borough.

Congregation Ahavas Sholom

\$ 100,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Newton Street School Playground

County: Essex

The Congregation Ahavas Sholom, in cooperation with the Newark Board of Education, plans to upgrade the play area at the Newton Street Elementary School. Located on Newton Street between 14th and Orange Avenues, the existing play area is entirely paved and includes only basketball courts and benches. The Congregation Ahavas Sholom plans to install playground equipment and plant shade trees. It is anticipated that this project will create a safe play space for both the students of the Newton Street Elementary School and the surrounding community.

Cooper's Ferry Development Association

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Johnson Park Rehabilitation

County: Camden

Cooper's Ferry, in conjunction with the Camden Redevelopment Agency and Rutgers University, proposes a complete restoration of Eldridge R. Johnson Park to its 1930s grandeur. The Johnson Park Rehabilitation will restore a historic park in the Cooper Grant neighborhood of Camden City. Located on Cooper Street, it is one of the most significant properties in the City from an architectural, cultural and historic perspective. Rehabilitation will include the restoration of water features, concrete walks and a plaza, seating, lighting, plantings, and also improve ADA access to the Walt Whitman Cultural Arts Center.

D & R Greenway Land Trust

\$250,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh

County: Mercer

D & R Greenway Land Trust, 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.

D & R Greenway Land Trust

\$ 800,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Greenway Acquisitions

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

D & R Greenway Land Trust seeks funding to acquire lands throughout the Delaware & 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

Completion of central New Jersey's most established greenway would be furthered 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 Townships, Mercer County. 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

Ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area in Mercer, Monmouth and Hunterdon Counties would be extended along the Assunpink Creek, in a project intended to link Howell Living History Farm, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, and the 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 Canal Acquisitions

The expansion and connection of the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park with Six Mile Run, Hutcheson Forest and other public open space in Franklin Township, Somerset County would be furthered by protection of properties through fee simple purchase or conservation easements. 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 (hiking, nature study, picnics, fishing); grassland bird habitat protection, and research.

Sourland Mountain Acquisition ~ West

In conjunction with the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance and West Amwell Township, the Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,844 acres of land associated with the Sourland 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.

Sourland Mountain Acquisition ~ East

Expanding on the Sourland Mountain Preserve Initiative, the Trust proposes to acquire some 1,206 acres of land, concentrating on the eastern portion of the Sourland 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

Preserving land to create an east-west link along the Upper Millstone Greenway is a goal of the Trust's participation in the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape project initiative. The project area runs from Mercer County through Plainsboro and Cranbury Townships toward Monmouth Battlefield State Park and the border of Middlesex County. The Trust's stream corridor protection plans ~ preservation of stream buffers, floodplains, wildlife habitat, migration corridors, wetlands, and woodlands ~ 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, establishing a regional link across central New Jersey.

Down Neck Sports Community Group
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Independence Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Down Neck Sports Community Group plans to make improvements to Independence Park, an Essex County-owned park located at Walnut, Van Buren, Adams and Oliver Streets in Newark. The project will replace the soccer field with synthetic turf, fix drainage problems throughout the park, replace lighting for the new soccer field, replace playground equipment with safety playground equipment, provide decorative lighting, regrade the softball and baseball fields, and redesign landscaping throughout the Park.

Essex County Parks Foundation
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Belleville Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Essex County Parks Foundation, in conjunction with the County of Essex, proposes the following improvements to the existing facilities at Belleville Park: Re-grade and repave jogging trail and walkways; landscaping; replacement of outdated playground equipment to ensure compliance with ADA standards; renovation of playground shelter; rehabilitation of fencing and drainage infrastructure; replacement of drinking fountains; topsoil and overseeding of turf areas, and rehabilitation and irrigation of softball and soccer fields.

Friends Of Essex County Parks
\$ 400,000 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, which is located 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 Hopewell Valley Open Space

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition

County: Mercer

The Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (FOHVOS) is committed to preserving land throughout Hopewell Township 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 hiking, bird watching and nature study. A system of trails will be developed for interpretive use.

Friends of Maplewood Recreation, Inc.

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Maplewood Playing Fields Improvement

County: Essex

The Friends of Maplewood Recreation propose to upgrade the athletic fields at Maplewood Township's Dehart Park, located on Burnett Avenue, by installing a multi-purpose, handicapped-accessible, synthetic turf field and lighting. While there are eleven parks within the Township, there are currently only two fields available for soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. The proposed project provides better utilization of the existing space, and ensures that the fields will be available to the community consistently.

Friends Of Princeton Open Space
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Millstone River Watershed

County: Mercer

Several properties are proposed for preservation under this project, including the Stony Brook Woods site, a 25-acre wooded parcel with substantial frontage on Stony Brook.

Another property is the 18-acre Carnegie Lake Access site, the only lakefront open space parcel remaining on historic Carnegie Lake. Preservation of this site will be through a conservation easement, to create a proposed community park.

In addition, the preservation of the Roth and Tusculum properties will conserve another 53 acres of valuable wooded wetlands and pasture, adding significantly to land already preserved.

The Friends of Princeton Open Space intend to assist the Township of Princeton with any additional parcels as listed in Princeton Township's Open Space Plan.

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 & Raritan Canal, and Big Bear Brook. Portions of these lands may be used for passive recreation, such as hiking trails, while maintaining open spaces for farming and natural resource conservation.

Great Swamp Watershed Association

\$500,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Great Swamp Watershed Additions

County: Morris

The Great Swamp Watershed Association will be assisting municipalities in the Great Swamp Watershed in the implementation of their Open Space and Recreation Plans. The first property targeted for preservation is the Kirby estate, a 63-acre property in Chatham Township, directly adjacent to Morris County parkland and the Loantaka Brook. The acquisition is a co-operative effort with Chatham Township and Morris County. The property would be open to the public for passive recreation.

Groundwork Elizabeth

\$ 36,725 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Appletree Pocket Park

County: Union

Groundwork Elizabeth is an outgrowth of Groundwork USA, a program developed by the National Park Service. The first in New Jersey, it is the ninth such program in the country. Its mission is to foster sustainable community regeneration.

In this development proposal, Groundwork Elizabeth seeks funds to create a passive park on a vacant lot owned by the City of Elizabeth. Design plans for the pocket park include tree plantings, with consideration given to their aesthetic value as well as their viability for maximum longevity, along with a grass groundcover and shrubs. In addition, the site will include a seating area atop brick pavers, and site lighting.

Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy
\$ 400,000 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 the existing playground, with upgraded restroom facilities, equipment storage, and an area for outdoor education. The tennis storage house will be refurbished as well. The Conservancy also 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

\$575,000 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

\$350,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Open Space Acquisition

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

Helping People Help Themselves seeks to acquire a site for use as a camp for disadvantaged urban children, whose outdoor recreation experience may have been limited to paved lots. 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.

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance
\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)
Highlands

Hunterdon Open Space

County: Hunterdon

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

Ironbound Community Corporation

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Riverfront Property Acquisition

County: Essex

The Ironbound Community Corporation, in partnership with the County of Essex, plans to acquire a parcel located between Raymond Boulevard and the Passaic River. The acquisition will provide recreational opportunities and access to the Passaic River for the densely populated Ironbound community in Newark City. Future plans include revitalizing the property as a waterfront park that will become part of Essex County's park system.

Irvington Amateur Radio Team
\$ 400,000 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. In collaboration with Essex County, the I-ART has identified 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. Additional projects include dredging and restoring the pond, upgrading restrooms, lighting, and other park amenities.

Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Ivy Hill Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Ivy Hill Neighborhood Association plans 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 handicapped accessibility; replace water fountains; upgrade and add lighting throughout the Park; regrade all fields; re-roof and rehabilitate the covered patio/playground shelter for outdoor play; add portable bleachers for field games; replace trash receptacles, add bicycle racks, resurface tennis courts and regrade the jogging/walking track; and replace missing and/or damaged decorative fencing.

Izaak Walton League Save Barnegat Bay

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Marina Acquisition

County: Ocean

The Ocean County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League Save Barnegat Bay would like to purchase the Traders Cove (Mantoloking Cove) Marina. The group seeks to provide public access to Barnegat Bay by providing a public park with a boat launch, canoe and kayak launch, boardwalk for fishing and crabbing, docks for fishing and crabbing, seining beach, walking beach, boat slips, gazebos, playground, amphitheater, nature kiosk and nature trails adjacent to the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, possible boating museum, possible community or college sailing center, and parking for fishing pier on the adjacent old Mantoloking Bridge.

Lawrence Township Conservation Foundation

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Lawrence Township Watershed

County: Mercer

The Lawrence Township Conservation Foundation is working together with the Township of Lawrence to support and complement Lawrence Township's Open Space Acquisition Plan by assisting in the preservation of significant remaining open space in the municipality. Priority projects target preservation and protection of the Stony Brook, Assunpink, Shabakunk, and Shipetaukin Creek Greenways, which also serve as connectors between existing public recreational parks and recreation areas. Two of these properties, which currently have opportunities for preservation, include a 16-acre tract adjacent to Terhune Orchards that forms part of the headwaters of the Shipetaukin Creek, and a 41-acre tract, centrally located in Lawrence Township, that would increase the existing Township-owned Central Park by approximately 40 percent.

Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Lincoln Park Coast Cultural Revitalization

County: Essex

The Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District has applied for funding to create a new park in the Arts and Government District of Newark City. The site is located on Broad Street near West Kinney Street, and across the street from Lincoln Park. Plans call for restoration of the façade of the South Park Presbyterian Church, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, as a gateway to the park, which would provide a restful haven for this densely populated area of the City. This project is the first phase of a more extensive greenway.

Monmouth Conservation Foundation

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Open Space Plans 2

County: Monmouth

Monmouth Conservation Foundation works in partnership with Monmouth County and municipalities which have passed open space referenda: Borough of Atlantic Highlands, Colts Neck Township, Freehold Township, Howell Township, Holmdel Township, Manalapan Township, Middletown Township, Millstone Township, Oceanport Borough, Shrewsbury Borough, Tinton Falls Borough and Upper Freehold Township.

Areas of focus are: 1) farmlands and conservation areas of the Monmouth County Panhandle region (Millstone and Upper Freehold Townships), and 2) the Navesink River and Atlantic Highlands areas in Middletown Township and Atlantic Highlands Borough. Some of the Foundation's recent preservation efforts are focused on sites adjacent to Monmouth County parks: Huber Woods and Hartshorne Woods Parks, in Middletown Township, Clayton Park and Crosswicks Creek linear parks, in Upper Freehold Township, and Perrineville Park in Millstone Township.

Montclair Grass Roots, Inc.

\$ 400,000 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. Plans call for regrading and resurfacing of softball fields and regrading 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 the historic balustrade at The Glen. Eroded slopes will be replanted, safety railings added, and a lighted, paved path will be installed.

Montclair United Soccer Club

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Brookdale Park Phase II

County: Essex

The Montclair United Soccer Club has formed a partnership with Essex County and other nonprofit groups to make improvements to Brookdale Park, a County-owned park located in Montclair and Bloomfield Townships. A previous funding award will be used to redesign and construct new athletic fields. Continuing this partnership, the Montclair United Soccer Club proposes further improvements to the park, including path and park roadway improvements, new restrooms, lighting, tennis court improvements and upgrade of the stadium.

Montgomery Friends Of Open Space

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Montgomery Conservation Plan

County: Somerset

Montgomery Friends of Open Space will assist in the implementation of Montgomery Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan, particularly targeting properties that are contiguous to other open space lands or with the potential to link open space lands.

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 the Army Corps of Engineers 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.

Mountain Lakes Conservancy, Inc.

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Mountain Lakes Acquisition

County: Morris

The Conservancy seeks funds to acquire a wooded, 8.2-acre parcel in the Borough of Mountain Lakes. The property has water resource protection implications for Mountain Lakes Brook, which is a protected tributary of C-1 waterways, such as the Troy Brook and the Whippany River.

National Biodiversity Parks, Inc.

\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Project Priority Areas

**Counties: Burlington, Ocean and
Sussex**

Acquisition of property within the following priority areas is proposed, to ensure protection of federal and state endangered and threatened species:

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

Northern Pinelands Fringe Area is located in New Hanover and North Hanover, Burlington County; Plumsted and Jackson 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 disjunct areas of Colliers Mills WMA 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, located within Alloway, Lower Alloways Creek and Quinton Townships. The organizations' primary objective is to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access would include hiking on the existing trails.

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, located within the City of Millville and Commercial, Maurice River, Downe and Stow Creek Townships, will be preserved in its natural state.

New Canaan Community Development

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Vailsburg Park Improvements

County: Essex

New Canaan Community Development, Inc. will partner with Essex County to rehabilitate Vailsburg Park, a heavily used park in Newark City. The project includes the reconstruction and upgrade of athletic fields, ball court, the installation of new lighting and fencing, and the renovation of infrastructure and recreation buildings at the park.

New Jersey Audubon Society
\$ 160,500 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Montclair Hawk Watch Addition

County: Essex

The New Jersey Audubon Society proposes to acquire about 0.58 of an acre, immediately adjacent to the existing one-acre Montclair Hawk Watch Sanctuary in Cedar Grove Township. This property will provide access to a unique viewing of the seasonal hawk migration along the mountain ridge, preserves one of the longest continuous bird migration monitoring locations, as well as the preservation of songbird stop over, nesting and feeding habitat.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

\$975,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Priority Area Acquisitions

Counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Hunterdon, Mercer, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) will continue its Watershed/Greenway initiative throughout New Jersey. NJCF will expand its Black River Greenway, Delaware Bay, Highlands Greenway and Western Piedmont project areas, in addition to adding two new project areas: Greater Kettle Run in Burlington County and Elwood Corridor in Atlantic County.

Highlands Region

This project area includes critical landscapes associated with the Musconetcong Mountain and River Valley in Hunterdon and Morris Counties, Scott's Mountain in Warren County, the Vernon Marsh in Sussex County, Arcadia Lake and Pyramid Mountain.

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 also receives 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 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 entities. NJCF has significant efforts underway to preserve lands along the Cooper and Delaware Rivers, as part of the Camden Greenway. 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 land known as the Forked River Mountains. The area contains a broad representation of the major vegetation/habitats typical of the central Pine Barrens.

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.

Western Piedmont of Hunterdon, Mercer and Somerset Counties

Included in this area are the forested stream corridors and headwaters of the Wickecheoke Creek, the Back Brook, and the deeply forested Sourland Mountain.

Appalachian Trail Buffers

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation has identified lands to be protected along this world-famous corridor include properties in Sussex County.

Four Mile Circle

The Four Mile Circle area is south of Lebanon State Forest and the New Lisbon Developmental Center, adjacent to the southeast side of Rt. 70, and straddles Sooy Road in Woodland Township. The area contains headwaters and tributaries of the Burrs Mill Brook. The entire project is located in the Pinelands and will connect public and private conservation lands.

Kittatinny Forest Area

In Sussex County, this project area is comprised of pristine forests, which includes Bear Swamp and Stokes State Forest. Connector lands are included related to High Point State Park and the Delaware Water Gap.

Elwood Corridor

This project provides for the protection of forest parcels connecting Cape May and the Central Pine Barrens, an important route along the Atlantic flyway for migratory birds.

Greater Kettle Run

In Burlington County, thousands of upland forest acres are fast becoming a development target. The Kettle Run watershed and the associated ecosystems will be protected through the preservation of this region.

New Jersey Performing Arts Center
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park development)

NJ Performing Arts Center Waterfront

County: Essex

As part of the larger riverfront and downtown Newark City revitalization effort, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (PAC) proposes to construct: a scenic, pedestrian deck extending from PAC to the waterfront; a new parking facility to allow vehicular access to the park; and a public boathouse and public recreation center. Further, PAC will develop a waterfront park that will connect to Minish Park along the Passaic River and create a string of beautiful public places and access to Newark's riverfront.

North Ward Center

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Branch Brook Park Extension Rehabilitation

County: Essex

The North Ward Center, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, proposes rehabilitation of recreation facilities within Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville. Branch Brook Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and at almost 360 acres it is the largest developed park in Essex County. The proposed project will allow for the rehabilitation of athletic fields, restroom facilities, pathways, signage, lighting, fencing and such other park amenities as benches and fountains.

Old Pine Farm Natural Lands Trust

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Old Pine Farm Greenway

County: Gloucester

The Old Pine Farm Natural Lands Trust proposes to acquire several parcels consisting of native hardwood uplands that slope along a creek to a wooded wetland swamp. The acquisition will further expand this beautiful Greenway along a highly developed portion of Big Timber Creek in Deptford Township, Gloucester County. Once acquired, these sites will serve as an environmental education area as well as provide for recreation, conservation and watershed protection for Big Timber Creek and the surrounding neighborhood.

P.A.R.K.S. Corp.

\$106,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Secure Park Project Acquisition

County: Passaic

Paterson Affirms Restoring Kids' Safety (P.A.R.K.S.) Corporation is in the process of acquiring land in Paterson City to create a safe park space for area children and their families. Having acquired property along Ellison Street, between Carroll and Summer Streets, P.A.R.K.S. Corporation proposes to acquire an adjacent parcel to further expand the park. The property is strategically located in close proximity to two schools, the public library and several churches that provide after-school programs. Eventually, P.A.R.K.S. wants to install a playground, gardens and open play area.

P.A.R.K.S. Corp.

\$ 80,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Secure Park Project Development

County: Passaic

Paterson Affirms Restoring Kids' Safety (P.A.R.K.S.) Corporation has acquired property along Ellison Street, between Carroll and Summer Streets, and is pursuing the acquisition of an adjacent parcel to further expand the park. The objective of this project is to create a safe park space for area children and their families. P.A.R.K.S. has requested funding to install a playground, gardens, open play area and other park amenities.

Passaic River Coalition

\$ 215,300 Matching Grant (Park Development)

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, as well as the public's visual enjoyment of the magnificent falls.

Passaic River Coalition

\$ 575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

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

The Passaic River Coalition will acquire 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

The Passaic River Coalition is pursuing 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

The Passaic River Coalition will acquire property in Passaic County for waterfront access to and protection of Greenwood Lake and the Wanaque River.

Liberty Corner Greenway/Upper Passaic River Greenway

The Passaic River Coalition has identified 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

The Passaic River Coalition is targeting properties to provide waterfront access in densely populated areas in Bergen, Essex and Passaic counties.

Pequannock/Pompton Greenway

The Passaic River Coalition is committed to preserving properties in the Pequannock River Watershed in Morris and Passaic counties.

Ramapo Greenway

The Passaic River Coalition will acquire 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

The Passaic River Coalition will preserve 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

The Passaic River Coalition will preserve property within the Saddle River watershed in Bergen County, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Saddle River.

Upper Passaic Watershed Protection

The Passaic River Coalition will acquire 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

The Passaic River Coalition is committed to acquiring properties for waterfront access in urban areas of Essex and Passaic counties.

Wyanokie Highlands

The Passaic River Coalition has identified for acquisition property between Norvin Green State Park and the Wanaque Reservoir in Passaic County. Land acquired will provide a buffer to and linkage between the park and reservoir.

Phillipsburg Riverview Organization

\$ 500,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Warren County Greenway Acquisition

Counties: Hunterdon and Warren

Phillipsburg Riverview Organization (PRO) is seeking additional funds to pursue preservation efforts in Southern Warren County and Western Hunterdon County. PRO has had recent success in working in partnership with other nonprofits and local government units to aid in the preservation of over 550 acres. Phillipsburg Riverview Organization is pleased to help in improving the quality of local communities through targeted land protection. Designated preservation program areas include: Musconetcong Mountain, Lommasson Glen and Buckhorn Drive scenic stream corridors, and Scotts Mountain.

Ridge and Valley Conservancy
\$ 500,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)
Highlands

Open Space Conservation Plan

Counties: Sussex and Warren

These projects involve preserving limestone forest communities, wetland bogs, areas of contiguous forest or forest buffer areas, and prime farmland. Proposed use is for preservation and restoration of native species, including rare plants and endangered animal species; and soil and water quality protection. Proposed use of the sites is for natural resource protection, hiking on designated trails, environmental education programs, and natural resource interpretive activities.

Roberto Clemente League

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Branch Brook Park Extension Rehabilitation

County: Essex

The Roberto Clemente League, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, proposes rehabilitation of recreation facilities within Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville. The Olmsted-designed Branch Brook Park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and, at almost 360 acres, is the largest developed park in Essex County. The proposed project will allow for the rehabilitation of athletic fields, restroom facilities, pathways, signage, lighting, fencing and such other park amenities as benches and fountains.

Save Ellis Island, Inc.

\$150,000 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 place 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 Branch Watershed Association

\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

South Branch Preservation Plan

Counties: Hunterdon and Morris

The South Branch Watershed Association will work in partnership with other government and nonprofit agencies to acquire critical parcels within the South Branch River Watershed for the purpose of protecting and enhancing natural resources. The SBWA will pursue parcels in concert with the New Jersey Water Supply Authority's plan, "Preservation of Critical Areas in the Spruce Run Reservoir Watersheds."

Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Watershed Connectors

County: Mercer

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

Teaneck Creek Conservancy

\$185,000 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. 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 occupation of the site by Native Americans to present day conditions.

The Green Fields Foundation

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Brookdale Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Green Fields Foundation has collaborated with Essex County to complete several improvements at Brookdale Park, a County park located in Bloomfield and Montclair Townships. The initial projects included a new rubberized all-weather track and artificial turf athletic field at the stadium. Continuing this partnership, the Green Fields Foundation will work with the County to improve the turf athletic fields within the park. The new design will increase the number of available fields, and provide a safer, more durable turf surface.

The Nature Conservancy

\$975,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)
Highlands

Priority Areas Acquisition

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

The Nature Conservancy seeks to acquire land in several active projects. These include: Cape May Project Area, in Cape May and Cumberland Counties; Delaware Bayshores, in Cumberland County; High Mountain Preserve, in Passaic County; Limestone Forest, in Sussex and Warren Counties; Maurice River Project Area, in Cumberland County; East and West Plains and Oswego River Lowlands, in Burlington and Ocean Counties; Elwood Corridor and Hirst Ponds, in Atlantic County; and Forked River Mountain, in Ocean County. The Nature Conservancy priority acquisitions include:

Cape May Project Area

An environmentally sensitive 322 acres, located throughout Cape May and Cumberland counties, consists of: beaches, mudflats and salt marshes lining the Delaware Bay; the lowland forests of Lizard Tail Swamp and Indian Trail Swamp; the coastal plain ponds at Bennett Bogs; the tidal marshes and oak pine forests of the Eldora site; the headwaters at Goshen Ponds; and wetlands and forests of the Cape May peninsula. This open space preservation will provide for such expanded recreational activities as hiking, birding, nature study, wildlife photography and hunting, by permit, at designated locations.

Delaware Bay

1,160 acres, to protect critical habitat for spring migratory shorebirds and globally rare plants in the Delaware Bayshore, and to expand such recreational activities as hiking, birding, nature study and wildlife photography.

High Mountain Preserve

High Mountain Park Preserve was one of the original cooperative projects between a nonprofit, a local government and the State, all using Green Acres funds. Portions of the 298 acres are jointly owned by The Nature Conservancy, Wayne Township, and the NJDEP. The Nature Conservancy plans to continue its acquisition of adjacent lands to add to High Mountain Park Preserve.

Limestone Forest

Additions to the Conservancy's existing holdings of 351 acres in the Limestone Forest of Warren and Sussex counties.

Maurice River Project Area

Three sites within the Maurice River watershed and its tributaries, with acquisition of approximately 1,700 acres. The property consists of the brackish to freshwater tidal marshes and associated forests along the Maurice River North, as well as those along the Manantico Creek, in addition to the extensive wild rice tidal marsh along the Manumuskin River. These lands will provide for such expanded recreational activities as hiking, birding, nature study, wildlife photography and horseback riding, by permit, at a designated location.

East and West Plains

The East Plains protects exemplary occurrences of the globally imperiled upland community ~ pine plains ~ as well as a number of associated rare species including broom crowberry (*Corema conradii*) and Buchholz's dart moth (*Argotis buchholzi*). The boundaries of this site are drawn to protect the fireshed of the pitch pine plains also known as the pygmy or dwarf pine forest. The fireshed boundary is comprised of firebreaks such as wetlands, stream corridors, roads and development and defines the extent of the area that would burn if subjected to a fire. The East Plains project would add 300 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings

The pygmy pine or dwarf pine forests found in the Pine Barrens' West Plains site are internationally recognized as an ecologically important and globally imperiled resource. These areas are often referred to as "pine plains" and are dominated by a serotinous (closed-cone) race of pitch pine from four to 10 feet high, whose cones open and release seeds only after being subjected to the high temperatures associated with fire. Both globally rare and state-rare species have also been recorded within the site. The West Plains project would establish a new preserve totaling 2,414 acres.

Oswego River Lowlands

The Oswego River Lowlands site in Bass River and Woodland Townships, Burlington County, is an approximately 10-mile-long and one-mile-wide streamside corridor of pine barrens wetlands dominated by pitch pine lowland forest, cedar swamps, hardwood swamps and pine barren savannas. The diverse landscape of communities supports numerous globally and state-rare species. This project represents a 450-acre addition to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

Elwood Corridor

This 3,000-acre addition to the Conservancy's existing holdings will provide for the protection of forest parcels connecting Cape May and the Central Pine Barrens, an important route along the Atlantic flyway for migratory birds.

Hirst Ponds

Located in Galloway Township, Atlantic County, near the southern end of the Pine Barrens on the outer coastal plain, this site encompasses two high quality coastal plain vernal ponds ~ Hirst Pond and Barkwoods Pond ~ which together support several globally imperiled plant species, including critically imperiled Hirst Brothers' panic grass, as well as the state endangered pine barrens tree frog. Coastal plain vernal ponds have severely declined in number over the past two centuries. The project would add 40 to 60 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

Forked River Mountains

This central Pinelands area is dominated by pitch pine oak forest and cedar and hardwood swamps, pitch pine lowlands and bogs. This project would add 7,900 acres to the Conservancy's existing holdings.

Tri-City Peoples Corporation

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

West Side Park Rehabilitation

County: Essex

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Trust For Public Land

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Multi-Park Improvements

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. Projects are proposed at Hayes Park West and Kasberger Field. At Hayes Park West, new facilities may include a track, tennis courts, picnic area, play areas, athletic fields and other park amenities. Improvements at Kasberger Field include renovating athletic fields, constructing a new playground, renovating fences, replacing and installing bleachers and related park facilities.

Trust For Public Land

\$ 975,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Project Priority Areas

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

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.

Camden Balanced Communities Acquisition

TPL has targeted 300 acres of land for preservation in the Camden Greenways/Open Space and Recreation Plan and the Voorhees Township Open Space and Recreation Plan. The majority of the property is being obtained for passive recreation, including research, education, and wildlife observation. Targeted lands include stream corridors, forests, wetlands, and habitat for native, rare, endangered, and threatened species.

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

The Trust for Public Land will assist in the implementation of the Essex County Open Space Plan.

Harbor Estuaries 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.

Hardyston Township Open Space

The Trust for Public Land will assist in the implementation of the Hardyston Township Open Space Plan.

Hudson County Open Space

The Trust for Public Land will assist in the implementation of the Hudson County Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Hunterdon County Open Space Partnership

Trust for Public Land proposes to partner with Hunterdon County to acquire properties and easements identified in the County's Open Space Plan. The proposed areas of preservation are mostly open space, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetland areas. Future use, in most cases, will be consistent with active or passive recreation, with conservation of sensitive areas.

Long Valley Open Space Acquisition

The Trust for Public Land 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 such passive recreation 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 targeted are mostly open, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetlands areas. The Metedeconk Watershed is a 70-square mile sub-watershed of the Barnegat Bay watershed. The biggest challenge facing this watershed is the booming population growth rate, which has led to the loss of forests and small isolated wetlands. Present zoning in the watershed would allow most of the open space to be developed.

Morris Open Space Acquisition

Trust for Public Land will assist in the acquisition of lands adjacent to Allamuchy State Park, the Scherman-Hoffman Audubon Sanctuary, and Wildcat Ridge Wildlife Management Area. Federal Forest Legacy and Land and Water Conservation Fund money may be used to assist with these acquisitions. Preserved properties will add to and provide a buffer to existing open space.

Sparta Open Space

The Trust for Public Land 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.

Trustees of the Morristown Green, Inc.

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Morristown Green In Perpetuity

County: Morris

The Trustees of the Morristown Green propose to enhance the beauty of the Green as a public park and memorial garden of the town, honoring the Patriots of 1776. The Green, listed on the National Register of Historic Sites, will be rehabilitated to provide meaningful historic interpretation and a valuable open space for passive enjoyment.

Unexpected Wildlife Refuge

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Refuge Expansion

Counties: Atlantic and Gloucester

This nonprofit conservation organization seeks to purchase lands in both Franklin Township, Gloucester County, and in Buena Vista Township and Buena Borough, Atlantic County, adjacent to its existing wildlife refuge. This mostly forested land will be purchased as an expansion to the existing refuge, and used to give educational nature walks, a safe refuge for a variety of wild creatures and provide an outdoor classroom for the study of wildlife, particularly beavers.

United Community Corporation
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

West Side Park Rehabilitation

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Verona Park Conservancy

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Verona Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Verona Park Conservancy, established in 1996, has worked with the Essex County Parks Department to protect and enhance Essex County's Olmsted legacy in Verona Park. This 54-acre park features a 1.3-acre walking path and 13-acre lake, providing water access in a densely populated region. The Conservancy proposes to renovate the fitness path with new equipment and addition of child-size fitness equipment, restore the Olmsted landscape design, restore the lakeshore with native vegetation and boardwalks, improve drainage, repair the historic Wallenburg Bridge and fieldstone bandhouse, and repair the dam.

Washington Township Land Trust

\$575,000 Matching Grant (Acquisition)

Highlands

Schooley's Mountain Corridor And Vicinity

County: Morris

One of Washington Township Land Trust's priority projects is the protection of the Schooley's Mountain Corridor. The project area includes the ridgeline and slopes of Schooley's Mountain between Long Valley and the area where Lebanon Township borders the Columbia Trail. The ridge is approximately 3.8 miles long and rises from the valley approximately 630 feet. Trails will be constructed to provide access to the acquired parcels.

Watsessing Park Conservancy

\$ 400,000 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. New and additional decorative, low pedestrian lighting will be installed around the pathway. Also included is fencing, grading and landscaping to control soil erosion, and redesign of the catwalk that connects two sections of the park.

West Side Park Conservancy

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

West Side Park Rehabilitation

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Zoological Society of New Jersey
\$250,000 Matching Grant (Park Development)

Turtle Back Zoo Exhibits

County: Essex

The New Jersey Zoological Society, in partnership with Essex County, proposes new exhibit construction and improvements at the Turtle Back Zoo. The Zoo is the largest in the State, serving thousands of residents and visitors each year. The project includes the addition of new North American Wildlife Exhibits, a Reptile and Education Center, and other improvements to the existing zoo.