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PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

Funding Round 2004A

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

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



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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 520,000 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 Governor James E. McGreevey's commitment to smart growth and the environment, New Jersey's legacy of parks, open space, and conservation areas will continue with funding provided under the Garden State Preservation Trust Act.

Current Approvals

This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust includes funding for \$64 million in state land acquisition projects, \$63.3 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$31 million for the development of local parks and recreational facilities (including a new community playgrounds initiative), and \$16.4 million for acquisition and recreational development projects by nonprofit organizations.

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

New Funding Formula

To further advance Governor McGreevey's "Parks where the People are" initiative, and to make our more densely developed communities more liveable, the State is increasing funding for cities, county governments, and nonprofit organizations working to provide recreational lands for residents in cities and older densely developed suburban communities.

The Program established a category of "Densely Populated Municipalities" based on population of at least 35,000, or population density greater than 5,000 people per square mile. This increase in funding 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 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 2004A funding round the base award is \$400,000. Project and applicant caps are:

County Sponsor	Project Cap	Applicant Cap
Urban	\$1.2 million	\$3 million
Densely Populated	\$1 million	\$2 million
Non-urban	\$800,000	\$1 million
Municipal Sponsor		
Urban Aid	\$800,000	\$1 million
Densely Populated	\$600,000	\$750,000
Non-urban aid	\$400,000	\$500,000

Local Acquisition Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the acquisition and development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Green Acres Acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over thirty years. In this funding round, funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

To support the purchase of open space in New Jersey's cities, where opportunities are extremely limited and generally expensive, the funding ratio for the Urban Aid acquisition projects is 75% grant, 25% loan up to the cap. The Garden State Preservation Trust Act provides this ratio of funding for projects that demonstrate "special need or exceptional circumstances." In this funding round, ten acquisition projects totaling \$7.8 million are being approved in Urban Aid municipalities.

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.

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 who 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 eighty-eight Planning Incentive applications.

Local governments who have a dedicated open space tax or an approved alternative funding method, but do not have an approved open space and recreation plan, may qualify for a Site-Specific Incentive Award at a 50 percent 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, seven local governments will receive site specific incentive awards totaling \$1.8 million.

Local governments who have yet to pass an open space tax, or an approved open space and recreation plan, may qualify for funding under the Standard Acquisition category. The award is a 25% matching grant with the balance made in a loan up to the established cap. In this funding round, twenty acquisition projects are being funded in the Standard Acquisition category.

Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects

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

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

To further support park development in Urban Aid communities, these projects will receive 50 percent of the project cost in grant funding, and for the first time, the balance in a zero-interest loan up to the cap. Non-urban communities receive loan funding up to the cap. In the past, only Urban Aid projects received partial grant funding for park development. Beginning with this funding round, park development projects in Densely Populated Municipalities will receive a 25 percent grant, and a loan up to the established cap. Loans for park development projects in Densely Populated Municipalities and non-urban communities are up to 2 percent and are reimbursable over twenty years.

This round of projects includes \$30.7 million for local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects across the State. Twenty-nine development projects at a cost of \$16.7 million in grants and loans are being approved in Urban Aid municipalities across New Jersey. An additional \$14 million in loans will be awarded for park development projects in non-urban communities.

Community Playgrounds Initiative

Green Acres is appropriating \$250,000 in development funding for a Community Playgrounds Initiative pilot project in this funding round. The Initiative will provide resources for the State to purchase and provide playground equipment in ten urban aid communities.

The Program will purchase up to ten play structures from a State vendor. The structures will be installed in neighborhood parks by the Department of Corrections (DOC) inmate labor workforce, which is experienced in erecting play equipment in public spaces.

Green Acres will select up to ten needy urban aid municipalities. Each of these municipalities will select a neighborhood park in need of new play equipment. The municipality will conduct site preparation in anticipation of equipment installation. Green Acres will purchase the play structures directly from the vendor, and have the equipment delivered to the site for installation. The DOC will install the equipment under the supervision of the equipment manufacturer and correction officers.

The benefits of this initiative are significant—Green Acres will use its buying power to purchase equipment at a cost-effective rate; there will be no labor costs to the community associated with

the installation of the equipment; and the inmate labor force gains skill building experience and provides community service on their journey back to productive citizenry.

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 matching grant funding for land acquisition and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid and Densely Populated Municipalities. In this funding round \$16.4 million is being approved for twenty-nine acquisition projects and fifteen recreational development projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations.

State Acquisition Projects

Green Acres also acquires land directly for the State, serving as the real estate agent for the DEP. The Program acquires land that has been offered for sale by property owners. The protected land becomes part of the system of State Parks, Forests, Natural Areas, and Wildlife Management Areas. Green Acres works with the DEP's divisions of Parks and Forestry, Fish and Wildlife, and the Natural Lands Trust to determine which lands should be preserved. Once acquired, the land is assigned to one of the divisions for management.

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

Other priorities include purchasing sites to protect habitat for endangered or threatened species independent of water resource protection. Additional priorities include acquisition of the State's natural resources such as forest lands, environmentally sensitive lands, and habitat that supports

significant plant and animal communities and to provide buffers to wetlands and reservoir systems. The State also acquires land that will enhance open space, provide recreational opportunities in more populated communities, and provide public access to waterfronts. Green Acres strives to create contiguous parcels of protected open space as additions to existing State Parks, Forests, and Wildlife Management Areas, and to create linkages between existing protected lands.

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

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

LOCAL PROJECTS

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Brigantine City

Brigantine Golf Club

The City of Brigantine plans to purchase the 150-acre Brigantine Golf Club. The City will continue to operate the course as a public course and will maintain the surrounding land as undeveloped open space.

\$400,000 matching grant award

Standard Acquisition

Brigantine City

Waterfront Improvements

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

\$100,000 loan award

Park Development

Buena Vista Township

Michael Debbi Park Rehabilitation

The Township of Buena Vista is seeking Green Acres funding to continue to improve and expand the recreational facilities of the Township's largest and most active recreational complex, Michael Debbi Park. The Park is located on Cedar Avenue at Debbie Drive. The proposed improvements include renovation of the three existing tennis courts along with lighting and fencing.

\$165,000 loan award

Park Development

Galloway Township

Patriot Lake Recreation Area

The Township of Galloway desires to establish several passive recreational activities at one central location known as Patriot Lake at Jimmie Leeds Road and 8th Avenue in the newly created "downtown" area. The Township envisions this "lake" as an opportunity to address passive recreation needs and will provide the following activities: fishing, walking/jogging, ice skating, picnicking and concerts. This newly created Patriot Lake Recreation Area will also include an ADA accessible fishing pier, an asphalt trail completely surrounding the Lake, ADA accessible restroom facilities/pump house, picnic area, fencing, landscaping and parking. The development of the above facilities will be established through cooperative funding on behalf of the Township and the Green Acres Program.

This four acre lake currently accesses the new Senior Center, the existing playground, Imagination Station, the Atlantic County Library Galloway Branch, the new Police Athletic League (PAL) facility and the associated outdoor basketball courts as well as the proposed Skate Park.

The creation of this Lake was through funding received from private developers and contributions.

\$196,000 loan award

Park Development

Hammonton Town

Hammonton Recreation Complex Development

The Town of Hammonton, proposes to develop intense active recreational facilities on 80 acres a site located on Boyer Avenue. The Town of Hammonton proposes to continue this development to include various recreational facilities such as multi purpose fields, additional little league fields, soccer fields, trails and lighting. In addition, there are plans for restroom facilities, parking and an access road.

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

Mullica Township

Recreation Field Expansion - Phase II

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

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

Port Republic City

Clarks Mill Pond Acquisition

The City of Port Republic is seeking to purchase 84 acres of land for water quality protection and passive recreation. The land is wooded and is traversed by Clarks Mill Stream and adjacent wetlands. The City has adequate sites for active recreation and plans to provide walking trails and rest areas overlooking the stream for passive recreation on this parcel.

\$295,000 loan award

\$105,000 grant award

\$400,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

BERGEN COUNTY

Bergenfield Borough

Cooper Pond Park Addition

The Borough intends to acquire the remainder of the Marchbank/Tunis R. Cooper property, which will result in an expanded Cooper Pond Community Park. This 4.3-acre acquisition, which includes Cooper's Pond and historic structures will complete the 9-acre park. Cooper's Pond also helps to protect Hirschfeld Creek, which runs through the Borough. The buildings are listed on both the National and State Registers of Historic Places and will remain on the property for historic recreation and preservation. The historical buildings will continue to be occupied by artisans who practice crafts similar to the original settlers.

\$227,500 loan award

\$372,500 grant award

\$600,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

Densely Populated Municipality

East Rutherford Borough

Veterans Park Extension

East Rutherford would like to acquire the 1.29-acre property at Carlton Avenue and River Street. Acquisition of the property would provide shoreline protection along a portion of the Passaic River, thereby helping to protect water quality. It will also make it possible to combine several planned and existing recreational facilities, including an existing segment of a pedestrian walkway along the Passaic River and an abandoned rail right-of-way. The site proposed for acquisition is a critical missing piece. Preserving the property will offer immediate benefits to Rutherford's Veterans Park, which is on one side of the rail right-of-way and, to Wallington, at whose border the bikeway/walkway begins.

\$400,000 loan award

Standard Acquisition

East Rutherford Borough

Veterans Park Extension Development

The Borough of East Rutherford proposes to develop a river walk, jogging pathway, benches and irrigation system at Carlton Avenue and River Street adjacent to the Passaic River. The park is located adjacent to Veterans Park, and continues the Borough's waterfront greenway. The land will be acquired with Green Acres acquisition funding.

\$100,000 loan award

Park Development

Fort Lee Borough

Fort Lee Recreational Redevelopment

The Borough of Fort Lee proposes renovations at Van Fleet Park and Monument Park that will ensure that the parks better serve the community. Improvements at Van Fleet Park, located at Myrtle Avenue and 3rd Street, include a synthetic turf softball field and soccer field, as well as a comfort station and storage area. At Monument Park, located between Palisade and Parker Avenues, the Borough will install new pathways, lighting, benches, water fountains and landscaping to compliment the existing Revolutionary War monument that dates back to about 1908. These improvements will enhance both active and passive recreation opportunities for area residents and visitors.

\$381,250 loan award

\$218,750 grant award

\$600,000 total award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Franklin Lakes Borough

Woodside Avenue Acquisition

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

\$400,000 matching grant award
Standard Acquisition

Garfield City

Passaic River Historic Park Acquisition

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

\$132,500 loan award

\$667,500 grant award

\$800,000 total award

Urban Aid Acquisition

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 has determined that the community will be best served by installation of an artificial turf surface, which will provide 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 better meet the recreational needs of the community.

\$257,500 loan award

\$257,500 grant award

\$515,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

Maywood Borough

Thoma Avenue Acquisition

Maywood Borough proposes to acquire a 0.09-acre lot adjacent to the Borough's Community Pool, and surrounded by Borough owned property. The Borough intends to develop the vacant property surrounding the lot into the Thoma Avenue Park Little League/ Softball Field (currently

have a Development Application Pending), and would like to acquire the proposed acquisition to fully develop the area. This acquisition would greatly benefit the Borough by allowing the full development of the recreational complex. The Borough has a very low density of recreational lands according to the National Standards.

\$168,750 loan award
\$ 56,250 grant award
\$225,000 total award
Standard Acquisition
Densely Populated Municipality

Maywood Borough

Thoma Ave 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 land is vacant and the athletic field is greatly needed to accommodate the Borough's sports leagues.

\$197,500 loan award
\$177,500 grant award
\$375,000 total award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Ramsey Borough

Garrison Pond Park Addition Acquisition

Ramsey Borough proposes to protect water resources through the acquisition of this 4.2 acre parcel that includes Garrison Pond (which drains into Ramsey Brook), and the associated wetlands and floodplain areas. The land owner is donating 3.72 of the 4.2 acres to the Borough. The entire acquisition will provide access to both banks of Ramsey Brook.

Plans for the pond include dredging to improve the character, quality and health of the pond. The pond also has the potential for some natural flood storage.

\$150,000 loan award
\$ 50,000 grant award

\$200,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

Ridgefield Park Village

McGowan Park Addition

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

\$56,750 loan award

\$46,250 grant award

\$103,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

Densely Populated Municipality

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Bordentown Township

Northern Community Park Development

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

\$100,000 loan award

Park Development

Burlington Township

Tillinghast Property Acquisition

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

\$ 400,000 matching grant award

Standard Acquisition

Maple Shade Township

Open Space Acquisition

The Township is proposing to acquire four parcels totaling ten acres along Collins Lane to provide desperately needed lands for recreation fields in the Township. The acquisition of these properties would double the amount of municipal lands committed to active recreation in Maple Shade Township.

\$213,625 loan award

\$186,375 grant award

\$400,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

Palmyra Borough

Legion Field Expansion

The Borough is proposing to acquire two parcels adjacent to their only community park, Legion Fields. The acquisition of these two parcels will permit the Borough to improve existing amenities as well as develop new facilities to address active recreation demands in Borough.

\$286,675 loan award

\$113,325 grant award

\$400,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

CAMDEN COUNTY

Berlin Borough

Franklin Ave Field Development

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

\$250,000 Loan Award

Park Development

Berlin Township

Township Recreational Park Development

The Township of Berlin proposes to expand the facilities at the Luke Avenue Recreational Complex. The specific facilities are as follows: fencing around the existing baseball, softball and two Little League fields, perimeter fencing, beach volleyball court, tot-lot, two basketball courts, concession/restroom building with picnic tables and park benches, a roller skating/ice skating area, jogging/walking/bicycling path, gazebo and parking. Currently, the site is developed with two Little League, one softball and baseball fields.

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

Camden City

New Roosevelt Park Acquisition

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

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

\$800,000 matching grant award
Urban Aid Acquisition

Camden County

Cooper River Boat House

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

\$800,000 matching grant
Urban Aid Development

Gloucester Township

Slim's Ranch Acquisition

Slim's Ranch Acquisition consists of 59.55 acres of cleared and wooded land acquired by Camden County in January of 2003 with the assistance of several funding partners including Green Acres, Office of Natural Resource Restoration, Trust for Public Land and The William Penn Foundation. The Township provided the funding to close on the land and is now applying to Green Acres for reimbursement.

A trail system runs throughout the property, which buffers the nearby branch of Big Timber Creek. Camden County plans to create a passive recreation park on the cleared portion of the site (a horseback riding stable had once occupied the property). The wooded portion will remain in its natural state. Long-term plans include linking this property with other existing open space to create a 2.5 mile greenway accessible to the public via a system of trails.

\$ 16,250 loan award
\$783,750 grant award

\$800,000 total award
Urban Aid Acquisition

Gloucester Township

Hickstown Road Development

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

\$100,000 loan award
\$100,000 grant award
\$200,000 total award
Urban Aid Development

Pennsauken Township

Cooper River Boathouse

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

\$800,000 matching grant
Urban Aid Development

Somerdale Borough

Recreation Facility Development

The Borough of Somerdale desires to rehabilitate the various recreational amenities at the Somerdale Recreation Facility at Hilltop and Dartmouth avenues. To correct a continual and

serious problem with the erosion of the infield of the ballfields, the Borough proposes to regrade one ballfield and regrade/partially reconstruct the other. In addition, the Borough proposes to renovate the basketball courts and street hockey court and replace the fence fabric at the batting cages. The existing restrooms will be rehabilitated/reconfigured to conform with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. The Borough also plans to construct a bituminous path along the perimeter of the site.

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

CAPE MAY COUNTY

Avalon Borough

Beachfront Acquisition

The Borough of Avalon purchased a 6,588 sq. ft. beachfront lot adjacent to the Avalon Community Center on Atlantic Ocean at 29th Street. The Borough demolished the existing structure to expand an adjacent tot lot and create an active and passive recreation area suitable for the entire family. The recreation area is accessible by bicycle, walking, and public transportation. Green Acres funding was previously provided for the existing tot lot and for the new recreational area.

\$350,000 loan award

Standard Acquisition

Avalon Borough

Avalon Recreation Area Development

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

\$150,000 loan award

Park Development

Lower Township

Multi Parks

The Township of Lower is requesting additional funding for the previously approved recreational facilities, Bennett's Crossing, located on US Route 9, and the Rutherford Property, located on Bayshore Road. These properties are currently leased with the intention of being developed into recreation facilities. Nineteen acres at Bennet's Crossing is leased from the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife. Thirty-two acres at the

Rutherford Property is being leased from the County of Cape May. These recreation complexes will contain multi-use sports fields with sports lighting, tennis courts, playground structure, open play areas, walking trails, picnic areas, passive recreation facilities, landscaping and parking.

\$400,000 loan award

Park Development

Middle Township

Park Acquisition

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

\$318,500 loan award

\$ 81,500 grant award

\$400,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

Ocean City

Park Acquisition

Ocean City is seeking additional funding for the acquisition and conversion of a former Superfresh Food Store and parking lot into a grass athletic field and/or landscaped park. The site is approximately 2.19 acres, located in the center of the City. The park will include landscaped rest areas for passive recreation. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

\$150,000 loan award

\$250,000 grant award

\$400,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

Wildwood City

Multi Park Improvement - Phase II

The City of Wildwood is requesting additional funding for Maxwell Field, located between Park Boulevard & Youngs Avenue. This proposal includes the relocation and construction of a new baseball field with dug-outs and soccer field, relocation of existing par course fitness center and children play center and a parking lot. Furthermore, the City placed irrigation throughout the park and erected lights for the baseball and soccer fields along with fencing. In addition, the City proposes to install new playground equipment, fencing and sidewalk in Fox Park located between Atlantic & Montgomery.

\$164,000 loan award

Park Development

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Vineland City

Multi Park Development Project

Currently there are over 3,100 children registered in the City's youth leagues. The number of individuals using the existing facilities grows each year and is anticipated to continue. Subsequently, the City of Vineland desires to add various facilities to four existing parks. Cunningham Park located on the northwest corner of West Avenue and Wheat Road will be improved with a permanent restroom facility at the site. Howard B. Pagliughi Memorial Park a/k/a Magnolia Road Park will include the reconstruction, due to heavy use, of four tennis courts and five basketball courts. Plans for Fiocchi Park at Wheat Road near Galli Drive, call for development of a new baseball/softball field with bleachers, backstop and fencing. Renovations of Joseph E. Romano Youth Sports Complex a/k/a Maple Avenue Sports Complex will include construction of a restroom/concession stand/meeting room, fencing, bleachers and playground equipment with safety surface.

\$300,000 loan award

\$300,000 grant award

\$600,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

ESSEX COUNTY

East Orange City

Multi Parks Redevelopment

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

\$800,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Development

Essex County

Riverfront Park & Recreation Facility Acquisition

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

\$1,200,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Essex County

Conservation & Natural Resource Center

The Essex County Park System, in collaboration with the Essex County Office of Environmental Affairs, proposes to construct a Conservation and Natural Resource Center (CNRC). The CNRC, which will be located near the Passaic River in West Essex Park in Roseland Township,

will house classrooms, a display area, resource room, office space and restrooms. Programs at the CNRC will provide environmental education and research, promote stewardship of parks and natural areas, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities such as hiking, nature study and birdwatching. The CNRC plans to address the County's diverse environmental issues, from those that pertain to the more rural areas to those that are of concern in the urban areas.

\$800,000 matching grant award
Park Development

Essex County

Multi Parks Improvements

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

\$1,000,000 matching grant award
Urban Aid Development

Roseland Borough

Athletic Field Development

With the increasing popularity of organized sports, Roseland Borough has found that the number of existing athletic fields within the community is not sufficient to meet the demand. Therefore, the Borough proposes to develop a lighted multi-purpose field, baseball field, walkways, and parking area in Becker Park, which is owned by, and leased from, Essex County. The proposed facilities also include a building that will house a concession stand, restrooms and storage area.

\$250,000 loan award
Park Development

South Orange Village Township

Baird Basketball Court Renovations

The Baird Basketball courts, located adjacent to the Baird Recreation Center on Mead Street, were constructed in 1955. At this time, there is a need to replace the equipment, lighting, play surface, fencing, access sidewalk, utilities and space utilization. The proposed facilities will provide a more serviceable park for community use, as well as access compliant with ADA requirements.

\$137,250 loan award

\$ 45,750 grant award

\$183,000 total award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Deptford Township

Fasola Park Development

Fasola Park is centrally located on Delsea Drive off of Route 47. The Park caters to a variety of users in the community by provide diverse recreational activities at the site. To ensure a safe and pleasant swimming environment for children and toddlers, the Township of Deptford proposes to replace the existing outdoor swimming pool and to landscape the area near the pool.

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

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

Glassboro Borough

Multi Park Improvement

The Borough of Glassboro is requesting additional funds for two previously funded parks—East New Street Park and South Delsea Drive Park. The land for both parks was previously acquired with Green Acres assistance. The East New Street facility will contain five baseball fields, five soccer fields and a play area. The South Delsea Drive Park will include three baseball fields, two basketball courts, one football field, a hockey field, four soccer fields, a 400-meter track, an inline skating rink, an open play area and an approximately 4,400-linear foot walking/bicycle trail. Both parks will receive site work, an irrigation system, storm drainage system, a water main, sanitary sewer, parking, fencing, bituminous walk, landscaping and lighting.

\$295,000 loan award

\$295,000 grant award

\$590,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

Logan Township

Logan Municipal Park Development

The Township of Logan desires to construct a skate board/BMX facility and tennis courts within

an existing 51-acre park that consists of numerous sports fields. In addition, the Township plans to construct a play structure at the Beckett Road Park that is part of this newly formed Logan Municipal Park, a park that provides more than 60 acres of active recreation in the Beckett section of the township

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

Washington Township

Washington Lake Park Enhancement

The Township of Washington's Washington Lake Park is bordered by Hurffville-Cross Keys Road, Denstem and Greentree roads and Holly Avenue. The 201.35-acre park was acquired with Green Acres funds in the 1980's and received two subsequent development approvals. The Township now proposes to enhance Washington Lake Park with the installation of a new skatepark, an in-line hockey court and construction of a restroom/storage area/concession building.

\$153,750 loan award

\$ 51,250 grant award

\$205,000 total award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

HUDSON COUNTY

Harrison Town

Waterfront Walkway Development

The Town of Harrison would like to develop a waterfront walkway along Frank E. Rodgers Boulevard South, Cape May Street, and the Passaic River. The proposal calls for a pedestrian walkway, a bike path, lighting, benches, railing, and extensive seeding and landscaping. A key component in Harrison's revitalization of the waterfront area, the walkway will increase access to the Passaic River and transform a former industrial site into a public passive recreational facility.

\$150,000 loan award

\$450,000 grant award

\$600,000 total award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Hoboken City

Northwest Quadrant Acquisition

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

\$800,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Hoboken City

Multi Parks Development

Hoboken City will improve Jackson Street Park to create a passive park within and around the former garage and storage facility. The exterior walls will be retained but the roof will be removed; a play area and seating/garden area will be created within the walls. In addition, a

skateboard park will be developed on the northern portion of Castle Point Park. Finally, the City will install artificial turf on the soccer field at Sinatra Park.

\$200,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Development

Hudson County

Laurel Hill Park Development

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

\$ 250,000 loan award

\$ 950,000 grant award

\$1,200,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

Hudson County

Open Space Acquisition

The County of Hudson would like to buy a 14.86-acre site in Secaucus, on the Hackensack River. The site is separated from the County's Laurel Hill Park by the New Jersey Turnpike, which is elevated in this area. The County proposes to restore this site, which is comprised of tidal wetlands, and use it for passive recreation including hiking trails, and as a canoe docking area on the Hackensack River.

\$71,250 loan award

\$213,750 grant award

\$285,000 total award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Jersey City

Myrtle Avenue Park Development

Jersey City would like to create a new park at Myrtle Avenue and Martin Luther King Drive. The proposed park will be designed in three distinct areas. The largest portion will be a landscaped area for passive recreation and the creation of a community garden. The area will have benches, game tables, and a perimeter planting area. The second area is designed for a playground, and the third area is for a half-basketball court.

\$245,000 loan award

\$245,000 grant award

\$490,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

Jersey City

Montgomery Gateway Development

Jersey City is proposing to construct a football/soccer field at the Montgomery Gateway Recreation Complex, located at Bright, Merseles, and Grand streets. The plan is to build the field with artificial turf in an existing open area.

\$ 50,000 loan award

\$460,000 grant award

\$510,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

Kearny Town

Waterfront Acquisition

Kearny Town would like to acquire 1.49 acres of land along the Passaic River on Passaic Avenue. The site has two existing structures that will be removed. The site will be reserved for recreational use and will provide for continuation of the existing Riverbank Park.

\$191,500 loan award

\$574,500 grant award

\$766,000 total award

Urban Aid Acquisition

North Bergen Township

Bruin Stadium Improvements

North Bergen Township proposes to resurface the existing regulation football field and running track at Bruin Stadium/Braddock Field, located in North Hudson Park. The field and track are used by the Township, Board of Education, North Bergen and West New York parochial schools, West New York Memorial High School, community sporting organizations, Pop Warner, Special Olympics, and the surrounding communities of Guttenberg, North Bergen, Fairview, and Cliffside Park.

\$240,000 matching grant award
Urban Aid Development

Secaucus Town

Waterfront Acquisition

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

\$400,000 matching grant award
Standard 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 currently 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 year round use, improved handicapped access, and other site work including landscaping.

\$500,000 matching grant award
Urban Aid Development

Union City

Park Avenue Playground Development

Union City proposes to create a new multi-purpose playground including toddler and youth play equipment, as well as game tables for seniors and others. The playground will service the northern portion of Union City, which is undergoing a renaissance of residential development. Currently, the site is covered with a building that will be demolished to create this open space and recreation area.

\$250,000 loan award

\$250,000 grant award

\$500,000 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. Before 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 their open space/outdoor recreational areas for their 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 1-1/2 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

West New York Town

Pier 8 Park Development

The Town of West New York would like to develop a new park on Pier 8 in the Hudson River. Included in the project are bulkheading, planting of lawn and trees, a gazebo, benches, and a

walkway. This park will add a new recreational facility to the Town's park system and will provide access to the water's edge for residents of the Town and region, as well as connect with the Hudson River Walkway.

\$120,000 loan award

\$680,000 grant award

\$800,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

HUNTERDON COUNTY

Lambertville City

Ely Memorial Park Development

The City of Lambertville proposes improvements to Ely Memorial Park on Main Street, to improve recreation opportunities, and increase the safety of park users. The three phased-plan will result in a new playground, athletic field, basketball court, skateboard area, pavilion, fitness trail, multipurpose building, game tables, landscaping and parking area. The park has been designed to increase pedestrian safety and safe vehicle circulation.

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

Stockton Borough

Open Space Acquisition

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

\$400,000 matching grant award

Standard Acquisition

MERCER COUNTY

Mercer County

Baldpate Mountain Development

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

\$ 25,000 loan award

\$ 975,000 grant award

\$1,000,000 total award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Princeton Township

Coventry Farm Park Development

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

\$100,000 loan award

Park Development

Princeton Township

Greenway Meadow Park Development

Greenway Meadow on Rosedale Road was acquired by Princeton Township in partnership with Delaware & Raritan Greenway. The site contains gently rolling terrain and has been

professionally landscaped. Thirteen of the 53 acres will be used for active recreation and the remaining forty acres for passive enjoyment. Specific park improvements include two soccer fields, one softball field, two parking areas, a new entrance drive into the park, detention basin, bicycle trails, children's play area, restroom facilities, landscaping, benches and other amenities.

\$400,000 loan award

Park Development

Trenton City

Cadwalader Park Development

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

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

\$ 90,000 loan award

\$710,000 grant award

\$800,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill Waterfront Property Acquisition

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

\$800,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill Waterfront Recreation Facility Phase II

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

\$200,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Development

Highland Park Borough

River Road Environmental Education Center

The Borough of Highland Park proposes to construct an Environmental Education Center at its River Road Environmental Center, located along the Raritan River adjacent to Johnson Park. This site was acquired by the Borough with Green Acres Assistance in 1998. The northern portion of this site is already used as a display area for native plants with interpretive signage. The Environmental Education Center would enhance educational opportunities and provide an

area for displays and storage. It is anticipated that this project will enhance the community's awareness and appreciation of the natural areas that exist even in highly developed communities.

\$141,750 loan award

\$ 47,250 grant award

\$189,000 total award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Old Bridge Township

Cedar Ridge II Acquisition

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

\$800,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Perth Amboy City

Shoreline Improvement Project

The City of Perth Amboy has requested funding to continue development of its waterfront along Raritan Bay on the west side of Second Street. The proposed facilities include a boat launch ramp, fishing and docking piers, fueling area, pump out facility, boat storage area, parking for cars and boat trailers, and restrooms. In addition, two fishing piers are proposed east of Second Street. The proposed facilities will greatly enhance the public's access to Raritan Bay.

\$800,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Development

Perth Amboy City

Truxton & Columbus Circle Park

The City of Perth Amboy has requested funding to continue development of its waterfront along Raritan Bay on the west side of Second Street. The proposed facilities include a boat launch ramp, fishing and docking piers, fueling area, pump out facility, boat storage area, parking for cars and boat trailers, and restrooms. In addition, two fishing piers are proposed east of Second Street. The proposed facilities will greatly enhance the public's access to Raritan Bay.

\$200,000 matching grant

Urban Aid Development

Piscataway Township

Open Space Acquisition

Piscataway Township plans to acquire 137 acres to expand the existing Ambrose-Doty's Brook Park. This is the last large contiguous open space in the township. The preservation will provide a habitat for wildlife, extend the Ambrose/Dotys Park area, preserve wetlands, and add a link to the Middlesex County greenway and other tributaries to the Raritan River. Trails and open space areas are proposed, as well as future active recreation.

\$600,000 matching grant award

Standard Acquisition

Densely Populated Municipality

Sayreville Borough

River Road Waterfront Park

The Borough of Sayreville has requested additional funding for improvements at River Road Park located adjacent to the Raritan River. Plans call for the expansion of the existing overlook dock area, installation of floating docks, reconstruction of existing boat ramps, installation of a comfort station, improved access points and parking areas, paved walkways, storm sewer improvements, lighting, benches, signage and landscaping.

\$600,000 matching grant award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Asbury Park City

West Side Recreation Area Development

The City of Asbury Park is seeking funding to improve the city-owned portion of the West Side Recreation Area. The park is between Bangs Avenue and Mattison Avenue, at Atkins Avenue. The park is located within a residential neighborhood, with two adjacent schools. New facilities include a tot lot, outdoor fitness center, water play area, landscaping, irrigation, walkways, and site furnishings. The existing gazebo is proposed for renovations, with chess tables and picnic tables to be added in the gazebo.

\$400,000 loan award

\$400,000 grant award

\$800,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

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 the rapidly developing township. Construction will take place in phases, and will include athletic fields, trails, concession/storage buildings, landscaping, and parking.

\$400,000 loan award

Park Development

Hazlet Township

Union Avenue Acquisition

Hazlet Township has acquired a wooded tract located on Union Avenue. The property is adjacent to Veteran's Memorial Park, where the Township swimming pool, tennis courts and roller hockey rink are located, along with undeveloped park property that was acquired by the Township with Green Acres assistance. The Township plans to leave the property in its natural

state for now and will possibly construct nature trails in the future.

\$176,000 loan award

Standard Acquisition

Holmdel Township

Phillips/Veterans Park Development

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

\$100,000 loan award

Park Development

Keansburg Borough

Shore Blvd Recreation Field Development

Keansburg Borough would like to develop 7.3-acres of land between Shore Boulevard and the Raritan Bay, as a recreational facility. The land is owned by the Borough. The proposed project includes two athletic fields, a walking path, picnic area, amphitheater, restrooms, and parking. This will provide the community with a passive and active recreation area that links the park to the waterfront area along the Raritan Bay.

\$216,500 loan award

\$216,500 grant award

\$433,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

Keyport Borough

Ralph Pier Replacement

Keyport Borough would like to replace the existing 30+ year old timber pier, which was recently deemed structurally unsound. This pier is located on American Legion Drive, and extends into

the Raritan Bay. Access to the existing bulkhead and waterfront walkway leading to the pier, is currently restricted. A new pier will improve physical public access to the bay and provide multiple recreation purposes, including swimming, motor boating, fishing, and sailing.

\$259,250 loan award

\$340,750 grant award

\$600,000 total award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Long Branch City

Manahasset Creek Acquisition

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

\$800,000 matching grant award

Urban Aid Acquisition

Long Branch City

Urban Parks Development 2

Long Branch City would like to continue to upgrade its parks. This funding will allow the City to repair its oceanfront boardwalk, between South Bath Avenue and Brighton Avenue. The waterfront enhancement project will include new support railings, boardwalk replacement to create a wider walkway, and new support beams and joists, all with "Trex" materials. The Oceanfront Boardwalk area epitomizes open space beach recreation. It is a very beautiful area with lovely beaches, bluffs, and dunes that capture the essence of Long Branch and brings back memories of a time when waterfront recreation and activities were at their best. This area is

heavily frequented by residents of the City and by many people who live in outlying communities. While these numbers swell in the warmer months, the boardwalk remains continuously busy the entire year.

\$200,000 matching grant

Urban Aid Development

Matawan Borough

Multi Parks Development

Matawan Borough is committed to improving Gravelly Brook Park, located on Villanova Place and Lake Lefferts, located on Ravine Drive. Existing recreational facilities at Gravelly Brook Park include a lighted softball field, a multi-purpose lawn, a basketball court, tot lot, park building, with paved parking. The proposed improvements include resituating and upgrading of the softball field to extend the field and allow adult use. Also, upgrade the multi-purpose field, with new athletic field lighting and overflow parking. The tot lot will be upgraded to meet ADA standards. Also proposed are new walkways with lighting, a picnic area, a walking/jogging path around the perimeter of the park, and a path connecting the park to the adjacent Henry Hudson Trail. At Lake Lefferts, passive recreational facilities will be created, including perennial garden, a stage for entertainment, decorative lighting, landscaping, and improvements to the parking area.

\$400,000 loan award

Park Development

Middletown Township

Banfield Park Development

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

\$ 41,250 loan award

\$108,750 grant award
\$150,000 total award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Oceanport Borough

Multi Parks Improvement

Oceanport Borough would like to make Improvements at Blackberry Bay Park and Sommers Point Park. At Blackberry Bay Park, located on Port-au-Peck Road and the Shrewsbury River, baseball and soccer fields and tennis courts will be reconstructed. The baseball outfields are used for the soccer program during the soccer season. An irrigation well and system is proposed to maintain the fields at their peak capabilities and to provide a safe playing surface for all field activities. An ADA compliant water fountain will be installed and the tennis court lighting system will be replaced. At Sommers Point Park, located on Pocono Avenue and the Shrewsbury River, passive recreational amenities are proposed throughout the site, including the creation of pedestrian pathways, benches, landscaping, and picnic tables.

\$282,500 loan award
Park Development

Rumson Borough

Riverside Park Development

Rumson Boro would like to make improvements to Riverside Park, located on Riverside Drive and the Shrewsbury River. The existing site consists of two baseball fields, two small soccer fields, a tot lot, and a gravel parking lot. This proposed modifications to the park consist of rehabilitating the two baseball fields, enlarging the soccer fields to standard size, constructing a new children's tot lot, and expanding and upgrading the parking area.

\$250,000 loan award
Park Development

OCEAN COUNTY

Berkeley Township

Veteran's Park Recreation Development

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

\$125,000 loan award

\$125,000 grant award

\$250,000 total award

Park Development

Brick Township

Drum Point Recreation Complex II

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

\$800,000 matching grant

Urban Aid Development

Island Heights Borough

River Avenue Boardwalk Improvements

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

\$400,000 loan award

Park Development

Pine Beach Borough

Admiral Farragut Main Development

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

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

\$400,000 loan award

Park Development

Point Pleasant Borough

Canal Park Property Acquisition

The Borough of Point Pleasant Beach is proposing to acquire 3.10 acres of land located along the Point Pleasant Canal. The Borough plans to preserve the environmentally significant features of the site and provide both passive and active outdoor recreation opportunities in the future. The Borough is committed to preserving open space, promoting recreation and caring for environmental security.

\$323,475 loan award

\$107,825 grant award

\$431,300 total award

Standard Acquisition

Point Pleasant Beach Borough

Zarvos Property Acquisition

The Borough of Point Pleasant Beach proposes to acquire the Zarvos Property located on Trenton Avenue next to the Railroad right-of-way and adjacent to Route 35 North. The lot is approximately 0.143 acres. The property will become an addition to an existing Little League field, a pleasure park, and a community park located across the street.

\$152,250 loan award

\$ 50,750 grant award

\$203,000 total award

Standard Acquisition

Point Pleasant Beach Borough

Oceanfront Boardwalk Redevelopment

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

\$297,000 loan award

Park Development

Seaside Park Borough

Bayview Ave Walkway Development

Seaside Park would like to establish a formal walkway along the Barnegat Bay, linking existing and pending parks and open space areas. The project includes bulkheading, where necessary, as well as the boardwalk itself.

\$67,000 matching grant award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Stafford Township

Manahawkin Lake II Development

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

\$100,000 loan award

Park Development

PASSAIC COUNTY

Bloomington Borough

Recreation Redevelopment

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

\$100,000 loan award

Park Development

Clifton City

Athenia Steel Recreational Complex Development

Clifton City proposes to develop a former abandoned industrial site for a variety of uses. Fifteen acres of the site will be developed into a recreational complex, and eleven acres will remain undeveloped open space. The recreational improvements include stormwater drainage, athletic fields, irrigation, lighting, restrooms and concession building, pavilion, picnic area, basketball courts, tot lot, foot paths, landscaping and park appurtenances.

\$600,000 matching grant award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Passaic City

Pulaski Park Restoration Project

Pulaski Park, located on Fourth Street, is the most heavily used recreation facility in Passaic City. Based on current data, this 13-acre park is used by more than 300 people a day. At this time, the intensive use of the athletic fields has resulted in unsafe playing conditions. The City proposes to resurface two athletic fields that have been closed due to the needed repairs.

Restoration of these fields is extremely important to the community and local athletic leagues, and will alleviate overuse of the City's other sport facilities.

\$21,000 loan award

\$21,000 grant award

\$42,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

Paterson City

Great Falls & Pocket Parks-Phase 1

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

\$ 50,000 loan award

\$750,000 grant award

\$800,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

SOMERSET COUNTY

Bedminster Township

Multi Parks Development

Bedminster Township proposes improvements at River Road Park, Pluckemin School Park and Burnt Mill Road Park. The Township plans to construct baseball and soccer fields at River Road Park, as well as a comfort station, shelter, dog walk compound and additional parking. Pluckemin School Park, located on Burnt Mill Road, is in need of restrooms and a shelter to provide a shaded area. At Burnt Mill Road Park, a new 11-acre park in Pluckemin, the Township proposes athletic fields, tot lot, fenced dog run area, and a parking area.

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

SUSSEX COUNTY

Byram Township

C.O. Johnson Park Recreation Expansion

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

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

Frankford Township

Frankford Township Park Phase IV

Frankford Township has previously used Green Acres funds to construct athletic fields, parking, court games, a concession stand and a comfort station at Frankford Township Park, which is located on the property leased from the NJDEP, Division of Parks and Forestry. The Township now proposes to construct additional athletic fields with irrigation, barrier free access paths, landscaping, parking and fencing.

\$160,000 loan award

Park Development

UNION COUNTY

Cranford Township

Canoe Club & Park Improvements

The Township of Cranford proposes to make improvements to their Canoe Club located between Orange and Springfield avenues and to enhance the grounds surrounding the historic Hanson House located in Hanson Park at Holly Street and Springfield Avenue. The Canoe Club was previously acquired with Green Acres funds. Specifically, development of the Canoe Club includes the following improvements: handicapped accessible bathrooms, improvement to the interior as well as the exterior of the building, lighting and upgrade the dock area. The Hanson Park improvements would include: walking paths, park benches, establishment of a flower garden, passive lighting, tree and river bank preservation.

\$150,000 loan award

Park Development

City of Elizabeth

Elmora Raquet Club Improvements

The City of Elizabeth desires to restore and beautify an existing racquet club on Fernwood Terrace that is currently in disrepair and in need of rehabilitation.

Specifically, the City proposes to renovate two tennis courts, create a playground with soft surfacing materials, add a handicap accessible entrance/exit ramp to the exterior of the recreational building, refurbish the interior of the building to include locker rooms, bathrooms and recreational rooms for various sports activities. In addition, this proposal includes landscaping with native trees and shrubs to make the racquet club more aesthetically pleasing.

\$400,000 loan award

\$400,000 grant award

\$800,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

Plainfield City

Multi Park Improvement

The City of Plainfield plans to continue the rehabilitation of the swimming pools at Rushmore Park on Rushmore Avenue and Seidler Field Park on Garfield Avenue. At each park,

improvements will be made to the filter house, pump house, the shell of the main pool, accessories and fencing. Swimming pools are vital recreation facilities and heavily used in urban environments especially during hot summer weather when they provide some of the only relief to the heat held in these intensely built environments.

\$125,000 loan award

\$125,000 grant award

\$250,000 total award

Urban Aid Development

WARREN COUNTY

Lopatcong Township

Lopatcong Park Development

Lopatcong Township proposes to expand recreational opportunities in the area of the existing municipal pool complex, located on Belvidere Road. The facilities will be constructed in two phases. Initially, the project will include site preparation, construction of athletic fields, parking, landscaping and trails. The second phase of the project includes development of tennis and basketball courts, a concession stand, lighting, expansion of the trail network and additional landscaping. It is anticipated that this multifunctional community park will meet the needs of a variety of park visitors.

\$250,000 loan award

Park Development

PLANNING INCENTIVE PROJECTS

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

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

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

Currently, 20 counties (of 21, or 95%) and 187 municipalities (of 566, or 33%) 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

MATCHING GRANT

+ indicates Densely Populated

Atlantic County

Atlantic County Open Space Acquisition \$800,000

Bergen County

Bergen County⁺ Open Space Plan Acquisition \$1,000,000

Edgewater Borough⁺ Grand Cove Marina Acquisition* \$600,000

Montvale Borough Park Acquisition \$400,000

Ridgewood Village Open Space Project \$400,000

Woodcliff Lake Borough Woodcliff Lake Historic Park* \$400,000

Burlington County

Burlington County Planning Incentive \$800,000

Bordentown Township Open Space Acquisition \$400,000

Chesterfield Borough Recreation Fields Acquisition* \$400,000

Eastampton Township Planning Incentive \$400,000

Evesham Township⁺ Planning Incentive \$600,000

Lumberton Township Open Space Acquisition \$400,000

Moorestown Township Open Space Preservation Plan \$400,000

Mount Laurel Township⁺ Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan \$600,000

Westampton Township Planning Incentive \$400,000

Camden County

Camden County⁺ Open Space Plan \$1,000,000

Cherry Hill Township ⁺	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$600,000
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Voorhees Township	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$400,000
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Cape May County

Cape May City	Cape May City Open Space*	\$400,000
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Essex County

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

Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$800,000
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East Greenwich Township	Open Space and Rec. Plan	\$400,000
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Franklin Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
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Hunterdon County

Hunterdon County	County Open Space Plan	\$800,000
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East Amwell Township	Open Space And Rec. Plan	\$400,000
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Franklin Township	Franklin Open Space Plan	\$400,000
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High Bridge Borough	Open Space Plan	\$400,000
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Lebanon Township	Open Space Plan	\$400,000
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Readington Township	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$400,000
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Union Township	Open Space Plan	\$400,000
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West Amwell Township	Sourlands/Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
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Mercer County

Mercer County ⁺	Planning Incentive	\$1,000,000
East Windsor Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Hamilton Township ⁺	Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000
Hopewell Township	Hopewell Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Lawrence Township	Open Space Plan Acquisition	\$400,000
West Windsor Township	West Windsor Planning Inc.	\$400,000

Middlesex County

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

Monmouth County

Monmouth County ⁺	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Atlantic Highlands Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Holmdel Township	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$400,000
Manalapan Township	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$400,000
Manasquan Borough	Manasquan Borough Land Acquisition*	\$400,000
Marlboro Township ⁺	Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000

Middletown Township ⁺	Planning Incentive	\$600,000
Shrewsbury Borough	Rec. and Open Space Plan	\$305,000
Upper Freehold Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000

Morris County

Morris County ⁺	Planning Incentive	\$1,000,000
Chatham Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Chester Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Denville Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
East Hanover Township	East Hanover Township PI	\$400,000
Florham Park Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Hanover Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Jefferson Township	Jefferson Acquisition Plan	\$400,000
Mendham Borough	Open Space Program	\$400,000
Mine Hill Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Montville Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Morris Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Mount Olive Township	Mt. Olive Greenway Acquisition	\$400,000
Parsippany-Troy Hills Township ⁺	Open Space Acquisition	\$600,000
Pequannock Township	Planning Incentive	\$200,000
Randolph Township	Randolph Acquisition Program	\$400,000
Roxbury Township	Roxbury Open Space Plan	\$400,000

Ocean County

Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$800,000
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Dover Township ⁺	Open Space and Rec. Plan	\$600,000
Jackson Township ⁺	Open Space Acquisition Plan	\$600,000
Little Egg Harbor Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Ocean Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000
Stafford Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000

Passaic County

Passaic County ⁺	Open Space Plan Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Bloomington Borough	Open Space Master Plan	\$400,000
Pompton Lakes Borough	Feinbloom and Sherman Acquisition*	\$120,000
West Milford Township	Apple Acres Acquisition*	\$347,500

Somerset County

Somerset County	County Open Space Acquisition	\$800,000
Bernardsville Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Branchburg Township	Kanach Farm Acquisition	\$400,000
Franklin Township ⁺	Open Space Plan Acquisition	\$600,000
Hillsborough Township ⁺	Land Acquisition	\$600,000
Montgomery Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Peapack-Gladstone Borough	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Warren Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000

Sussex County

Vernon Township	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$400,000
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Union County

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

Allamuchy Township	Open Space Acquisition	\$400,000
Greenwich Township	Planning Incentive	\$400,000

NONPROFIT PROJECTS

American Littoral Society

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Hudson-Raritan Estuary Project

**Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex,
Monmouth and Union counties**

The American Littoral Society is proposing to acquire land designated as Harbor Estuary Program (HEP) priorities for acquisition, enhancement and restoration. The Harbor Estuary and its adjacent shorelands and uplands are rich in natural resources. Additionally, preserving this land helps protect New Jersey's water supply and quality. The complex geography and geology of this area result in a diversity of habitat types. Several regionally significant habitats are part of this project. They include the Raritan Bayshore, Hackensack Meadowlands, Arthur Kill Watershed, the lower Hudson River and the Raritan River.

Boys and Girls Club

\$250,000 matching grant (park development)

Branch Brook Park Middle Division Sports Complex

Essex County

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

Boys & Girls Club of Morris

\$120,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Boys & Girls Club Addition

The Boys and Girls Club of Morris provides after-school and weekend programs for youths ages 6 - 18 in five core areas: education, health/life skills, sports and recreation, arts, and leadership. In order to expand its programs, the Club has, with the assistance of Green Acres funding, acquired two properties adjacent to its existing six-acre club facility.

The Crossman Tract acquisition consists of a 0.687-acre asphalt parking lot. It will be used in support of the adjoining athletic fields, and for future recreational improvements. It was purchased and reimbursed under the original June 2000 GSPT grant approval.

The Stimpfel Tract is a 0.5 acre tract with a residence on it. It was purchased in part with a grant of \$19,343.00, which was the balance remaining from the initial grant approval. The Stimpfel Tract purchase requires approval of additional funds in this funding round in order to reimburse remaining acquisition expenses. At present, the structure will be retained for use as administrative offices, and the outdoor area will be used to expand outdoor recreation opportunities.

Branch Brook Park Alliance

\$250,000 matching grant (park development)

Branch Brook Park Renovations

Essex County

The Branch Brook Park Alliance (BBPA) was organized in 1999 to address, in a comprehensive fashion, the restoration of Branch Brook Park's historic landscape and the revitalization of the Park through cultural programming, education and volunteer opportunities. The use of the Middle Division of Branch Brook Park has increased over the past few decades and the historic character of the Olmsted design has been impacted. The BBPA, in conjunction with Essex County, is the lead nonprofit organization in a collaborative effort involving the North Ward Center, Roberto Clemente League and the Newark Boys and Girls Club, to renovate the park. Renovations include the repositioning of the athletic fields, installation of two field houses with scoreboards, press boxes, bathrooms and concession stands, renovation of an historic storage structure, installation of an improved stormwater management system, irrigation system, pathways, fencing, lighting, and additional parking. Two additional phases of this project include reforestation, landscaping and wildlife habitat improvements. This work will create a harmonious blend of the Park's historic qualities with the needs of organized sports, providing better access and circulation throughout the park, and providing improved sports facilities.

Canal Society of New Jersey

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Morris Canal Greenway

Morris County

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

Conservation Fund

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

The Conservation Fund Acquisition

Salem County

The Conservation Fund is acquiring a 79.6 acre property in Pennsville Township, Salem County. The property is within the legislatively approved boundary of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, and The Conservation Fund is purchasing the site on behalf of the USFWS. Almost all of the property consists of rank 5 grassland habitat due to the presence of federally listed endangered species. Portions of the property are listed as B-3 due to the presence of the only New Jersey population of a state listed endangered plant species. Once preserved, the site will be restored as warm season grassland wildlife habitat.

Delaware & Raritan Greenway, Inc.

\$800,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Greenway Acquisitions

**Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex,
and Somerset counties**

Central Stony Brook Greenway Acquisition

Delaware & Raritan Greenway seeks to complete central New Jersey's most established greenway by acquiring approximately 1,302 acres of land in Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The Stony Brook extends from its headwaters in the Sourland Mountain in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and populated communities in Lawrence and Princeton. The acquisition will link existing preserved lands, enhance biodiversity and critical habitat for migratory birds that require large uninterrupted woodlands, and create a system of interconnected open spaces and trails.

Delaware River Tributaries Acquisition

Delaware & Raritan Greenway proposes to extend ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the "Crossroads of the American Revolution". Extending along the Assunpink Creek, the project is intended to link Howell Living History Farm, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, and the internationally recognized Hamilton/Trenton Marsh. The acquisition will serve to create contiguous lands that protect critical habitat, protect water quality by buffering the Delaware River, Assunpink Creek, and other tributaries of the Delaware, and provide recreational opportunities in furtherance of a regional county-wide trail network, involving State, county and local governments.

Griggstown Acquisitions

D & R Greenway seeks to expand and connect the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park with Six Mile Run, Hutcheson Forest and other public open space in Franklin Township. The properties will be protected through fee simple purchase or conservation easements. The land and easements will be purchased and may be transferred to the State, county or township as appropriate. Purchased land may become part of the D & R Canal State Park and used for passive recreation (including hiking, nature study, picnics, and fishing), and provide for grassland bird habitat protection and research by Rutgers University.

Sourlands Mountain Acquisition - West

In conjunction with the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance, and West Amwell Township, Delaware & Raritan Greenway proposes to acquire approximately 1,844 acres of land associated with the Sourlands Mountain. The project area includes the mountain ridge between the Alexaukin and Moore's Creek stream corridors and will serve as a critical connector to the "Crossroads to the American Revolution" initiative. This is a component of a larger regional planning incentive area encompassing Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The acquisition area will concentrate in West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County and expand existing preserved lands to create a regional network of trails in both counties.

Sourlands Mountain Acquisition - East

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

Upper Millstone Greenway

The Delaware & Raritan Greenway plans to participate in the state's "Crossroads of the American Revolution" initiative by preserving land to create an east-west link along the Upper Millstone Greenway. The project area runs from Mercer County through Plainsboro and Cranbury toward Monmouth Battlefield State Park and the border of Middlesex County. The goal is to preserve stream buffers, floodplains, wildlife habitat, migration corridors, wetlands, and woodlands. This stream corridor protection through an agricultural area complements very extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in West Windsor, Plainsboro, and Cranbury. The long-term goal is to assist Middlesex County in its effort to establish a public walkway and bikeway system along a preserved greenway and to establish a regional link across central New Jersey.

East Windsor Green Space, Inc.

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Millstone River - Rocky Brook Acquisition

Mercer County

East Windsor Green Space, Inc. proposes to acquire 122 acres of land that will preserve the stream corridor along the Millstone River and its tributary, the Rocky Brook. The site is currently wooded and undisturbed and will be left predominately in its natural state with associated trails for hiking, nature study and fishing. This is a cooperative project proposal with the Township of East Windsor.

Eco Living Fellowship, Inc

\$53,750 matching grant (park development)

Eco Center at Woodbury Creek Park

Gloucester County

The Eco Living Fellowship, Inc proposes to renovate an existing building located on Wood Street. The building is leased School Board property and is adjacent to the Woodbury City Park. Renovations will include public restrooms, storage, a multi-purpose meeting room, solar roofing and the creation of an open air pavilion. These improvements will complement the existing city-owned Woodbury Creek Park.

Friends Of Holmdel Open Space

\$100,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Bachstadt Property

Monmouth County

The Bachstadt Tract is 11 acres of undeveloped land with the exception of one small vacant house in poor condition to be demolished. A portion of the tract is wetlands and would be left untouched except for possible nature trails or wildlife viewing stations. The bulk of the property is considered palustrine, combination forested and scrub broad-leaved deciduous, seasonal saturated wetland. A portion of the tract is open and flat and would be suitable for active recreation. The property is immediately adjacent to Allocco Park, a small neighborhood park of 6 acres. This proposed park would be immediately adjacent to five existing developments totaling 769 homes and within 1/4 mile of another 341 homes. In addition, the tract would provide an important link in the Greenway trail along the Waackaack/Mohoras Creek.

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition

Mercer County

The project area represents a major preservation effort in the Hopewell Valley of Mercer County. The goal of this effort is to create a regional passive recreation park in the Hopewell Valley and throughout Hopewell Township. The park will be used for passive recreation and trails for interpretative use as an ecological preserve.

Friends of Princeton Open Space

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Millstone River Watershed

Mercer County

Two properties are proposed for preservation under the Friends of Princeton Open Space. The first is the Stony Brook Woods site, a 25 acre wooded parcel with substantial frontage on the Stony Brook. The preservation of this property would link Township-owned land along the Stony Brook to the north and to the south.

The second parcel is the 18-acre Carnegie Lake Access site. It is the only lakefront open space parcel remaining on historic Lake Carnegie, providing panoramic views and opportunities for passive recreation and various water dependent activities. Preservation of this site will be through a conservation easement, which will create a proposed community park and provide additional public access to the waterfront at Lake Carnegie.

Friends of The Navasink Highlands

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Campo Sandy Fields Project

Monmouth County

The Sandy Fields project builds on preserved open space land along both sides of Route 36 near Monmouth County's Hartshorne Woods Park on the route to Sandy Hook. The site's 27 acres include three types of topography: a border of steep slopes next to an area of flat unvegetated land and a gently rolling forested terrain.

Grover Cleveland Park Conservancy

\$400,000 matching grant (park development)

Grover Cleveland Park Restoration Project

Essex County

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 to provide additional storage space. The Conservancy plans to renovate the athletic fields and replace and add new benches and water fountains.

Harding Land Trust

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Open Spaces & Natural Places

Morris County

The focus of Harding Land Trust's efforts will be protection of lands that border Harding's waterways, contribute to the rural character of the area, or are adjacent to preserved open space. The integrity of Harding Township's water resources is vital to the water quality of the Great Swamp. Many of Harding's stream corridors are still forested and currently provide the functions of buffering the waterways, protecting water quality, and providing wildlife habitat. The preservation of these resources, 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.

Parcels adjacent to the Great Swamp and Jockey Hollow are high priority for preservation efforts in Harding Township. 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

\$167,500 matching grant (acquisition)

Feinbloom Field

Passaic County

Helping People Help Themselves (HPHT) is seeking to acquire Feinbloom Field and provide a camp for disadvantaged children. The 19.5-acre site is level and in a floodplain bordering the Pequannock River.

The project would retain and improve the existing ballfield and soccer field. The balance of the property would be used for trails. HPHT will provide walking/running/hiking/bicycling trails, off-road vehicle trails, and a fishing/camping area. A camping area will be developed on a portion of the property along with a playground and pool.

Historical Society Of Princeton

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Udike Farm Acquisition

Mercer County

This project will preserve the historical integrity of one of Mercer County's remaining farmsteads, which is proposed to be open to the public as an historic interpretive center. Preservation of these six acres will help protect the wetlands and Stony Brook flood plain, and provide a passive recreation link to the Institute Woods and Princeton Battlefield State Park.

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Hunterdon Open Space

Hunterdon County

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance proposes to preserve significant land areas associated with the Alexaukin Creek Watershed, in West Amwell Township. This is a major, regional reservation initiative involving county/local governments and nonprofit organizations to conserve the Sourland Mountain Ridge. This acquisition will protect rural agricultural landscapes and forests enhance biodiversity and provide water quality protection. The project is intended to expand stream buffers and link existing preserved lands within the Mercer/Hunterdon region as part of the "Crossroads of the American Revolution" project.

Irvington Amateur Radio Team

\$400,000 matching grant (park development)

Irvington Park Rehabilitation Project

Essex County

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

Isles Inc.

\$147,000 matching grant (park development)

Perry St. Children's Garden/Roberto Clemente Park

Mercer County

Redesign of the Perry Street Children's Garden at Roberto Clemente Park will dramatically improve an important gateway to the City for residents and commuters. The created outdoor classroom for children will emphasize sustainable living, provide an opportunity for community planning, and enhance ongoing neighborhood development. The peaceful green oasis will provide much needed recreation space for the 600 youth in the Old Trenton neighborhood and will be enjoyed by all ages of the public.

The finished project will include areas of active recreation such as basketball courts, playground equipment, a children's garden, and upgraded pool area. Passive recreation will include picnic areas with grills, checker/chess tables, areas for environmental education and after school programs, and space for outdoor drama, music, and poetry activities.

Liga Roberto Clemente De Newark, Inc.

\$250,000 matching grant (park development)

Branch Brook Park Middle Division Sports Complex

Essex County

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

Monmouth Conservation Foundation

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Open Space Plans 2

Monmouth County

Monmouth Conservation Foundation submitted a request for additional funds to partner with Monmouth County and local municipalities to preserve land. These municipalities, all of whom have passed open space referendums, include the boroughs of Atlantic Highlands, Colts Neck Township, Freehold Township, Howell Township, Holmdel Township, Manalapan Township, Millstone Township, Oceanport Borough, Shrewsbury Borough, Tinton Falls Borough and Upper Freehold Township

Montclair United Soccer Club

\$400,000 matching grant (park development)

Brookdale Park Phase II-Athletic Fields

Essex County

Montclair United Soccer Club, in collaboration with Essex County and other nonprofit groups, proposes to redesign and construct new athletic fields at Brookdale Park, a county-owned park located in Montclair and Bloomfield Townships. The current fields are extremely deteriorated and unsafe. The new design will increase the number of available fields, and provide a more durable turf surface. In addition, the project includes restoration of a pond that was drained several years ago and landscaping to serve as a buffer between the athletic fields and the pond area.

Montgomery Friends of Open Space

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Montgomery Conservation Plan

Somerset County

Montgomery Friends of Open Space (MFOS) is seeking funds for land preservation to assist in the implementation of Montgomery Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan. MFOS will target properties that are contiguous to other open space lands or with the potential to link open space lands.

Morris Land Conservancy

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Priority Areas Acquisition

Morris County

Morris Land Conservancy has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare open space plans. As the towns have prepared their plans, the Conservancy has continually added these towns into their project scope, in order to be able to participate in co-operative acquisition projects. The Conservancy has an extensive list of future projects, with a special focus on protecting wildlife habitat and preserving land in the Highlands, and in the Passaic River wetlands areas. Within the Highlands, the Conservancy is working closely with the State to expand existing wildlife management areas and state parks, and with municipal partners to connect and expand local parks. The proposed Troy Meadows acquisition is a co-operative project with Army Corps and the State of New Jersey to acquire property as part of the Preservation of Natural Flood Storage Areas element of the Passaic River Flood Damage Reduction project.

National Biodiversity Parks

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

National Biodiversity Parks Ocean County

Ocean County

National Biodiversity Parks (NBP) wishes to acquire 352 acres in Plumsted Township, Ocean County. The property includes two miles of headwater streams, ponds, swamps, bogs, 20 acres of fields, 200 acres of mature forest and three service buildings. The bogs and other bodies of water are centrally located and surrounded by a panoramic view of a pristine oak-pine forest. The site has not been logged for over 100 years and is an active cranberry farm with development pressure. NBP will halt the wetland farming and manage the park for maximum biodiversity, with advisement from NJDEP, NFWF, and NJCF. Wildlife viewing blinds are proposed at key locations. Over two miles of public hiking trails through forest and on the edge of scenic waterbodies are proposed. Buildings on site can eventually house an environmental classroom center or ecotourism center. NBP has received a \$75,000 grant from National Fish & Wildlife Foundation and has negotiated a bargain sale.

Natural Lands Trust

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Delaware Estuaries Acquisition

Cumberland County

The 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 consists of the largest forest in Salem County. Its dryness and the low population density of the County has left the forest remarkably unfragmented. The organizations' primary objective is to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access would include hiking on the existing trails.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

\$800,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Priority Areas Acquisition

**Camden, Cumberland,
Hunterdon, Ocean, Passaic, Salem
counties**

Arcadia Lake Acquisition

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

Arthur Kill Greenway

The project is designed to permanently protect the network of streamside lands, marshland, floodplain forest and natural areas adjacent to the Arthur Kill, its tributaries and their headwaters in a connected greenway. Despite the high population density and profusion of industrial, commercial and residential areas in the watershed, land along the tributaries of the Arthur Kill still supports high quality natural areas and diverse wildlife.

Black River Greenway/ North Branch of the Raritan River

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

Burden Hill Forest Protection Initiative

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

Camden Parks and Greenways

New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF), as part of its Urban Parks Program, seeks to seize on open space preservation opportunities in coordination with other State, county, city and

nonprofit efforts. Currently NJCF has significant efforts underway to preserve lands along the Cooper and Delaware rivers as part of the Camden Greenway. NJCF has already preserved two parcels in this area for inclusion in the greenway. Current preservation opportunities vary from shrub/scrub, semi-natural lands to abandoned industrial sites. NJCF intends to start connecting some of the existing preserved lands as well as other "pocket parks" to provide completeness to the vision of a Camden Greenway and Park system.

Forked River Mountain Additions

This project will permanently protect approximately 20,000 acres of vacant, privately owned pristine Pine Barrens known as the Forked River Mountains. The area contains a broad representation of the major vegetation/habitats typical of the central Pine Barrens. The project would create a massive greenway by connecting Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area with Double Trouble State Park, Wells Mills County Park, and proposed additions to the Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge along Barnegat Bay. The project would protect headwaters of three major Pineland streams and tributaries to Barnegat Bay: Cedar Creek, Forked River, and Oyster Creek. Recreation, education, and interpretive use will be addressed in the overall management plan. It is anticipated that the area will provide opportunities for passive, low-intensity recreational activities such as hiking, fishing, birding, and wildlife photography. This is a cooperative project, with Green Acres nonprofit funds already committed to acquisition efforts in this region by The Nature Conservancy, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, and the Forked River Mountain Coalition.

Pequannock Watershed Inholdings

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

Sparta Mountain Greenway

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

Wickecheoke Creek Greenway

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

North Ward Center

\$250,000 matching grant (park development)

Branch Brook Park Middle Division

Essex County

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

Passaic River Coalition

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Passaic River Preservation Project

**Bergen, Essex, Morris, Passaic,
Somerset and Sussex counties**

Passaic River Coalition proposes to acquire land throughout the Passaic River Drainage Basin. Priority areas include the Wyanokie Highlands between Norvin Green State Park and the Wanaque Reservoir, the Ramapo Greenway in the Ramapo Mountain region adjacent to preserved township-, county-, and state-owned lands, and the Pequannock/Pompton Greenway: in the Pequannock River Watershed.

The Coalition is working to protect lands in the Russia Brook Sanctuary in Sussex County. The Russia Brook is the headwater tributary of the Rockaway River, and preservation of this area will protect water quality and wildlife habitat. The Coalition is also working to preserve the Clinton Woods, a 42- acre property adjacent to Bearfort Mountain Natural Area and Waywayanda State Park in Passaic County.

Along the headwaters of the Passaic River in Somerset County, the Coalition is preserving 300 acres of wetlands and flood plain forest.

In the more densely developed areas of the region, the Coalition seeks to preserve waterfront lands to provide additional public access to the River and other waterways.

Ridge and Valley Conservancy

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Open Space Conservation Plan

Warren County

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.

Save Ellis Island, Inc.

\$400,000 matching grant (park development)

Pedestrian Walkway Restoration

Hudson County

Save Ellis Island, Inc. is a nonprofit organization created to assist in the restoration of Ellis Island, a 25.7 acre historic site located in both New York and Jersey City, New Jersey. The original use of the island was as the first federal immigration station in the United States. The immigration station was abandoned in 1954. In 1965, Ellis Island was made a National Monument, in recognition of the important role Ellis Island played in the history of the United States and in the lives of 12 million immigrants who came through the island. The immigration buildings continued to deteriorate and visitors were not permitted on the island. In 1990, the main immigration building was restored and visitors returned. Thirty buildings and much of the grounds remain to be restored. This project consists of the restoration of a pedestrian passageway that will allow public access to the open space on the New Jersey side of Ellis Island. The funds will allow the public to reach the four acres of open courtyard and additional open space, as well as the historic hospital structures, on Islands 2 and 3, all of which are scheduled for restoration.

South Jersey Land Trust

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Raccoon and Oldmans Creek Watersheds

Gloucester County

South Jersey Land Trust will focus on preserving lands near the headwaters and other drainage ways of Raccoon and Oldmans creeks. Particular emphasis will be placed on the "priority habitats" that were identified by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in their study of the region: "Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Watershed."

Teaneck Creek Conservancy

\$50,000 matching grant (park development)

Outdoor Classroom and Boardwalk

Bergen County

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 the occupation of the site by Native Americans to present day conditions.

Tewksbury Land Trust

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Land Acquisition

Hunterdon County

Tewksbury Land Trust is working in conjunction with Tewksbury Township to acquire lands identified in the Townships Open Space Recreation Plan. Funding provides for the completion of the existing 86-acre property acquisition, which is currently underfunded. Funding will also provide for the acquisition of an additional 70 acres in two parcels.

The Green Fields Foundation

\$400,000 matching grant (park development)

Brookdale Park Phase II, Track Improvements

Essex County

In collaboration with Essex County, the Green Fields Foundation proposes to replace the existing cinder track at the Brookdale County Park stadium with a new 400-meter rubberized all-weather track. Located in Bloomfield and Montclair townships, the facilities at Brookdale Park are intensely used. The track improvements will complement the work to be completed under the Green Fields Foundation's Brookdale Park Athletic Field Improvements application, which entails replacement of the stadium athletic field with an artificial turf surface. The new track surface will allow the track to be used in all types of weather, provide a more ergonomic surface, and enable the site to be used for significant track events.

The Nature Conservancy

\$800,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Priority Area Acquisition

Cape May, Cumberland, Passaic, Sussex and Warren counties

The Nature Conservancy is seeking to acquire land in several active projects. These include High Mountain in Passaic County, Cape May Project Area in Cape May County, and Cumberland County. The Nature Conservancy priority acquisitions include:

Cape May Project Area

322 acres located throughout Cape May and Cumberland counties. These environmentally sensitive lands consist of beaches, mudflats and salt marshes lining the Delaware Bay; the lowland forests of Lizard Tail Swamp and Indian Trial 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 expanded recreational activities such as hiking, birding, nature study, wildlife photography and hunting, by permit, at a designated location.

Delaware Bayshore

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

High Mountain Preserve

High Mountain Park Preserve, which 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.

Limestone Forest

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

Maurice River Project

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

Trust For Public Land

\$800,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Project Priority Areas

**Bergen, Hudson, Middlesex, and
Union counties**

The Trust for Public Land has identified multiple priority acquisition areas throughout the State.

Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition

This 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

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Bergen County Open Space & Recreation Plan.

Camden Balanced Communities Act

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

Beyond the Century Plan - Barnegat Bay Initiative

Property is a mix of upland and wetland forest and is currently vacant land in an aquifer recharge area. The land is in the headwaters of Toms River, Oyster Creek, the South Branch of the Metedeconk River, and Manahawkin Mill Creek. Future use will be consistent with habitat conservation in conjunction with passive recreational use, including research, education, and wildlife observation.

Congress Hall Lawn Acquisition

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

Delaware River Inland

TPL will augment Burlington County's comprehensive land preservation effort by partnering with the County and the Rancocas Conservancy, a local nonprofit in implementing Burlington County's Farmland and Open Space Strategic Plans.

Harbor Estuary Acquisition

Expansion of 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

TPL hopes to acquire 1,800 acres at Lake Gerard in Hardyston Township in Sussex County.

Hunterdon County Open Space Partnership

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

Long Valley Open Space

TPL is working in Washington Township, Morris County, to create a 500 acre assemblage of land adjacent to a Washington Township project.

Morris Open Space Acquisition

TPL will assist in the acquisition of lands adjacent to the Scherman-Hoffman Audubon Sanctuary and Wildcat Ridge WMA.

Sparta Open Space

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

Upper Delaware River Watershed

TPL is in contract negotiations to acquire 1,100 acres. The properties are 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.

\$400,000 matching grant (park development)

Multi Park Improvements

Essex County

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

Washington Township Land Trust

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Schooley's Mountain Corridor and Vicinity

Morris County

The Washington Township Land Trust (WTLT) is working to protect the Schooley's Mountain Corridor. The project area includes the ridgeline and slopes of Schooley's Mountain between the center of Long Valley and the Lebanon Township border with 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.

The WTLT is also working to protect other properties within Washington Township

Weequahic Park Association

\$400,000 matching grant (park development)

Weequahic Lake Restoration

Essex County

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

West Side Park Conservancy

\$400,000 matching grant (park development)

West Side Park Field House Restroom Reconstruction

Essex County

The West Side Park Conservancy/Friends of West Side Park, Inc., (WSPC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement of the West Side Park neighborhood, and has identified the restoration and conservation of West Side Park as paramount to this goal. West Side Park, which is owned by Essex County, and located in Newark, provides athletic fields for ten area schools and recreation opportunities for the community as a whole. The WSPC proposes to rehabilitate the restrooms at the field house, which are now closed due to disrepair. In addition, the tennis and basketball courts will be repaved, lighting installed, and water fountains replaced. These improvements will greatly enhance the use and enjoyment of the park.

YMCA of West Monmouth & Community YMCA

\$400,000 matching grant (acquisition)

Camp Zehnder YMCA Open Space Acquisitions

Monmouth County

The YMCA of Western Monmouth County and the Community YMCA jointly own Camp Zehnder (97+ acres) in Wall Township. This tract is improved with several open fields, an aquatic activity center, picnic areas and nature trails. It serves YMCA recreation functions, including operating as a summer camp for children.

The Y partnership wishes to purchase, with local and state partners, an adjacent 40 acre tract for expansion of existing uses to provide for greater opportunities that serve public needs. Additionally, the acquisition will preserve open space and protect valuable natural resources in the area. Once acquired, a plan will be developed for uses such as hiking, biking, bird watching and photography.

The site will connect to an offshoot of the Capital to Coast Trail through the Brick Township Municipal Utilities Authority reservoir now under construction (completing scheduled for year-end 2003) and around which public access trails will be established, connecting the Camp to Allaire State Park and Monmouth County's Manasquan River Linear Park.

STATE ACQUISITION PROJECTS

Barnegat Bay Watershed Greenway

\$1,000,000

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

Cape May Peninsula

\$1,000,000

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

Crossroads of the American Revolution

\$2,000,000

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

Delaware and Raritan Canal Greenway

\$3,000,000

The Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park is a designated national recreation trail. It serves as a link between rolling countryside of the Piedmont and Inner Coastal Plain Provinces and urban areas. The park, as it exists now, is a relatively narrow strip along its 70 miles length. Green

Acres and its preservation partners would like to widen the park and provide greater protection to its neighboring resources. One of the major project initiatives is to connect the Delaware and Raritan Canal Greenway into a system of existing and planned greenways in the region.

Delaware Bay Watershed

\$7,000,000

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

Delaware River Watershed

\$7,500,000

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

Great Egg Harbor Watershed

\$500,000

The Great Egg Harbor River runs from Berlin Borough in South Jersey through the Pinelands to the Atlantic Ocean. It is the longest Pinelands River and one of two federally-designated Wild and Scenic Rivers in New Jersey. The State is working to acquire and protect lands along the River to provide continuous public ownership of the river corridor. The land the State is seeking to preserve is primarily coastal estuarine and provides habitat for threatened and endangered species such as the least tern and the piping plover.

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

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

Highlands Greenway**\$10,000,000**

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

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

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

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

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

Nonprofit Camps**\$2,000,000**

Purchase of nonprofit camps, in both fee and easement, began as a way to preserve existing facilities that might otherwise be lost to development. The purchase of conservation easements

will allow continued operation of the camp, while preserving the natural resource values of the land. In most cases, the camps are adjacent to, or complement, existing state holdings.

Pinelands

\$5,000,000

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

Raritan River Watershed Greenway

\$6,000,000

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

Ridge and Valley Greenway

\$5,000,000

Bounded by the Highlands to the east and the uppermost reaches of Delaware River to the west, the Ridge and Valley region is made up of ridges including the Kittatinny and Jenny Jump, and valleys including the Paulinskill and Wallkill. These are popular areas for camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, and cross-country skiing. The ridge-tops offer amazing vistas of New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. The region is also traversed by the world famous Appalachian Trail.

The purchase of additional lands in the Ridge and Valley Region will create linkages between publicly owned lands such as the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area, Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park, Jenny Jump State Forest, and Bear Swamp Wildlife Management Area. These efforts would serve to promote public access while also helping to protect surface water quality in the watersheds of the Upper Delaware River, the Paulinskill, the Wallkill and the

Pequest River, and aquifer recharge areas for public drinking water supplies. This project area will further protect the habitat of a variety of wildlife species including many endangered plant and animals such as the dwarf wedge mussel, bog turtle, bobcats, and rattlesnake.

Trails

\$5,000,000

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

Urban Parks

\$4,000,000

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