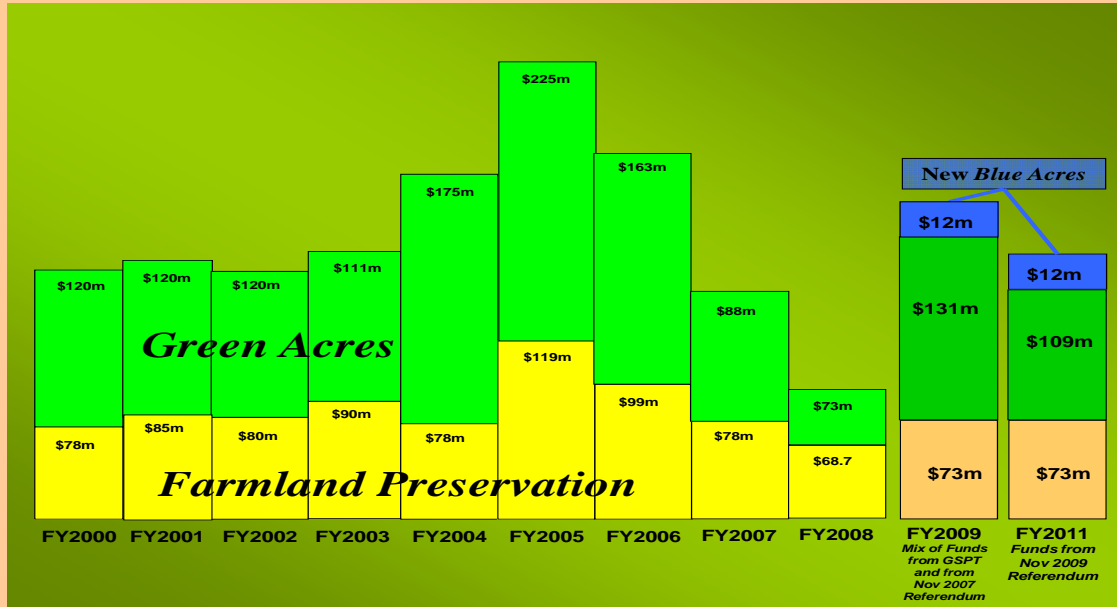




Garden State Preservation Trust

GSPT Land Conservation Appropriations



The funding approved by the voters in the 2007 and 2009 ballot referendums maintained New Jersey's preservation program as the largest in the nation for a geographic area of its size. The program is financed with Garden State Preservation Trust funds through two partnering agencies:

- The Green Acres Program, a division of the Department of Environmental Protection to preserve natural lands and recreational parks.
- The Farmland Preservation Program, administered by the independent State Agriculture Development Committee to acquire the development rights on privately owned farmland.
- The revival of the 1995 Blue Acres Program, also administered by the Department of Environmental Protection to acquire flood-prone private property in the Delaware River, Raritan River and Passaic River watersheds.

In partnership with county governments, municipalities and non-profit land trusts, these agencies are using GSPT funds to preserve acreage *at twice the rate* that land is being lost to development.