

Ballot Questions Tally

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For November 2007 General Election

PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 3**GREEN ACRES, FARMLAND, BLUE ACRES, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOND ACT OF 2007**

Shall the "Green Acres, Farmland, Blue Acres, and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2007," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$200 million to provide moneys for (1) the acquisition and development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, (2) the preservation of farmland for agricultural or horticultural use and production, (3) the acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties in the floodways of the Delaware River, Passaic River, and Raritan River, and their tributaries, that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, and (4) funding historic preservation projects; and providing the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, be approved?

Interpretive Statement

Approval of this act would authorize \$200 million in funding for Green Acres, farmland, Blue Acres, and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds. The Green Acres program preserves open space, including parks, fish and wildlife habitat, flood prone or affected areas, and lands that protect water supplies. It also funds park improvements and facilities. Of the total sum authorized: (1) \$109 million will be used for Green Acres; (2) \$73 million will be used for farmland preservation purposes; (3) \$12 million will be used to fund a new "Blue Acres" program by which the State may purchase from willing sellers, for open space preservation purposes, properties in the Delaware River, Passaic River, and Raritan River basin floodways that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage; and (4) \$6 million will be used for historic preservation purposes.

County	Yes Count	No Count
Atlantic	20,147	25,110
Bergen	74,161	57,576
Burlington	47,314	31,409
Camden	45,571	26,093
Cape May	12,669	13,206
Cumberland	10,493	10,544
Essex	38,322	24,685
Gloucester	32,465	18,357
Hudson	18,465	10,057
Hunterdon	14,529	15,136
Mercer	37,998	25,496
Middlesex	55,120	49,281
Monmouth	64,643	59,292
Morris	44,335	45,821
Ocean	49,799	63,089
Passaic	24,626	21,044
Salem	10,808	6,424
Somerset	29,360	29,197
Sussex	15,040	17,356
Union	29,341	26,252
Warren	9,388	10,634
Total	684,594	586,059