

Ballot Questions Tally

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For November 2009 General Election

PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1**GREEN ACRES, WATER SUPPLY AND FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOND ACT OF 2009**

Shall the "Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009," which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$400 million to provide moneys for (1) the acquisition and development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including lands that protect water supplies, (2) the preservation of farmland for agricultural or horticultural use and production, (3) the acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties 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, with full public disclosure of all spending, be approved?

Interpretive Statement

Approval of this act would authorize \$400 million in funding for Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds. The Green Acres program acquires land that protects water supplies and preserves open space, including parks, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood prone or affected areas. It also funds park improvements and facilities. Of the total sum authorized: (1) \$218 million will be used for Green Acres; (2) \$146 million will be used for farmland preservation purposes; (3) \$24 million will be used for the "Blue Acres" program by which the State may purchase from willing sellers, for open space preservation purposes, properties that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage; and (4) \$12 million will be used for historic preservation purposes. All spending of the authorized bond proceeds will be subject to full public disclosure.

County	Yes Count	No Count
Atlantic	24,803	28,451
Bergen	92,124	70,437
Burlington	50,602	44,612
Camden	51,160	37,268
Cape May	13,788	12,715
Cumberland	10,395	9,225
Essex	49,392	28,508
Gloucester	32,096	27,556
Hudson	23,174	13,908
Hunterdon	22,197	20,711
Mercer	38,021	23,975
Middlesex	57,284	59,193
Monmouth	0	0
Morris	53,897	64,978
Ocean	66,373	78,358
Passaic	31,360	28,779
Salem	11,594	8,460
Somerset	38,013	37,385
Sussex	21,202	27,709
Union	30,444	32,792
Warren	12,113	14,448
Total	730,032	669,468