

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

2012

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

**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**



**Chris Christie
Governor**

**Bob Martin
Commissioner**

THE GREEN ACRES MISSION

To achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces, the protection of which 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 announces the approval of almost \$66.2 million in funding to local governments and nonprofit land trusts to acquire open space and develop parks throughout New Jersey. This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes \$41.5 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$15.8 million for local development of parks and recreational facilities, \$6.6 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations, and \$2.3 million for recreational development by nonprofits. This funding represents the last of the funding approved by the voters in the *Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009*, along with a special coastal set-aside from a 1995 bond referendum.

Green Acres was created in 1961 to meet New Jersey's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected over 650,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State. The total acreage of protected open space across the State now exceeds 1.4 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.

Open space and recreation are critical to the quality of life of New Jerseyans as well as visitors to this great State. New Jersey is home to nearly every kind of recreation opportunity that exists. Public lands provide for fishing, hiking, boating, skiing, birding, and generally soaking up the sun. Whether you want to "take me out to the ballgame" or get sand between your toes, New Jersey's public spaces provide countless ways to play.

Funding Formula

Awards to local government units continue to be based on a formula that provides additional funding to cities and older densely developed suburban communities. The Program established a category that recognizes the total population or population density of a municipality or county. Funding for densely and highly populated municipalities is derived through the application of a multiplier that recognizes a municipality's 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:

- Densely populated (More than 5,000 people per square mile) **3 times the base award**
- Highly populated (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 **2 times the base award**
- Densely/Highly Populated **1.5 times the base award**
(Densely populated: more than 5,000 people per square mile)
(Highly populated: more than 35,000 total population)
- All others **Base award**

The multiplication factors and base award vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities. This round, the base award is \$325,000 for acquisition projects and \$300,000 for development projects. In addition, County applicants are limited to two approved projects; municipal applicants are limited to one project. Project award caps are:

| COUNTY SPONSOR | Project Cap |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Acquisition / Development |
| Densely Populated | \$975,000 / \$900,000 |
| Highly Populated | \$812,500 / \$750,000 |
| Remaining counties | \$650,000 / \$600,000 |

| MUNICIPAL SPONSOR | Project Cap |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Acquisition / Development |
| Urban Aid | \$650,000 / \$600,000 |
| Densely/Highly Populated | \$487,500 / \$450,000 |
| Remaining municipalities | \$325,000 / \$300,000 |

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 non-urban acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over 30 years. In this funding round, a total of \$39.1 million in grants and loans is being approved for 100 local (county and municipal) land acquisition projects across the State. Funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

- **Urban Aid acquisitions:** Urban Aid acquisition projects are eligible for a 75% grant and a 25% loan, up to the cap. Loans for Urban Aid acquisition projects are at zero percent, payable over 30 years.
- **Planning Incentive acquisitions:** This category is for local governments that have passed a tax for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes and have prepared the required Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. Applications are streamlined because the local government has done the required planning when preparing its

Open Space and Recreation Plan, which basically serves as its application. Funding is in the form of a 50 percent matching grant up to an established cap.

- **Site Specific Incentive acquisitions:** Local governments that have a dedicated open space tax but do not yet have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan, may qualify for a 50 percent matching grant. These awards are made for a specific project site and future acquisitions require a new application.
- **Standard acquisitions:** Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax may qualify for a 25% matching grant with the balance made in a low-interest loan up to the established cap. These applications are for a specific parcel.

Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Recreation needs are as diverse as the people who play. To meet these needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. Whether in urban, suburban, or rural areas, parks play an important role in sustaining New Jersey's high quality of life. This round of projects includes \$15.8 million in grants and loans for 28 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects across the State. All development loans are repayable over 20 years.

- **Urban Aid development:** The provision of recreational facilities in New Jersey's densely developed cities is a high priority for Green Acres. Projects located in a designated Urban Aid municipality receive 50 percent of the project cost in grant funding, and the balance in a zero-interest loan, up to the cap. Projects sponsored by **Densely Populated Counties** (population density of more than 5,000 people per square mile) also receive 50 percent grant funding, with the balance as a low-interest (2%) loan up to the cap.
- **Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities development:** Park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities (population density of more than 1,000 people per square mile or total population over 35,000, respectively), or projects sponsored by Highly Populated Counties (population density of more than 1,000 people per square mile), will receive a 25 percent grant, and a low-interest (2%) loan up to the established cap.
- **Standard development:** Non-urban communities receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the cap.

Nonprofit Projects

Green Acres has had a long and successful relationship with the many nonprofit land trust organizations that preserve open space throughout New Jersey. Some are small, local groups; some are international organizations. Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition statewide, and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid, Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or Densely Populated Counties.

This year, \$6.6 million is being awarded to twenty nine nonprofit organizations for land acquisition projects. Twelve nonprofits are receiving \$2.3 million for park development projects.

Coastal Blue Acres Acquisition Grants

Green Acres has funding available from the Green Acres, Farmland, Historic Preservation and Blue Acres Bond Act of 1995 for a program called Coastal Blue Acres (CBA). The CBA program provides 50% matching grants for the acquisition by local governments of certain land in the Coastal Zone that has been damaged by a storm or storm-related flooding. Acquisitions must be from willing sellers. Eligible properties must be anywhere on a coastal barrier island or within 150 feet landward of the mean high water line of any tidal waters or the landward limit of a beach or dune (whichever is most landward). Eligible land can be vacant or, if there are improvements, the structures must be removed to create open space. Lands acquired under this program must be available for public recreation and conservation purposes. The development of recreation facilities that could become a storm hazard is prohibited. This year, three acquisition applications are being awarded for a total of \$2.4 million.

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

LOCAL ACQUISITION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Atlantic County

Atlantic City

Chelsea Heights Complex Renovation

County: Atlantic

The City of Atlantic City proposes the rehabilitation of several facilities at their Chelsea Heights Recreation Complex located on Annapolis Avenue. Specifically, they plan to install synthetic turf and reorient the existing soccer/football field at Andrew "Flags" Philip Fields, as well as constructing a Babe Ruth baseball field. The City also proposes to construct a softball field in the southeast corner of this site. Additionally, sports lighting will be installed on the synthetic turf field and an 8 foot wide jogging/walking/bicycle trail will circle the fields. This jogging/walking/bicycle trail will connect to the new proposed park entrance and a memorial plaza. Furthermore, plans include the construction of a new barrier-free restroom/concession building and renovation of the existing storage building. The City proposes a picnic area, fencing, bleachers and landscaping. At the Annapolis Avenue Playground, the City proposes to install fencing along with various barrier-free improvements, and at the Filbert Avenue Observation Deck, there are proposed overlook improvements.

**\$450,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Brigantine City

Former Gulf Station Acquisition

County: Atlantic

The City of Brigantine is proposing to acquire several properties along Atlantic Brigantine Boulevard. The properties are the former location of a gas station and an auto repair shop. The site is adjacent to the Marine Mammal Stranding Center and on the Bonita Tideway. Potential future uses may include improved waterfront public access with parking and walking paths, an open space park with the Brigantine Lighthouse relocated on site as a monument or museum, or the construction of fishing/education pier. The property totals 0.43 acres.

**\$182,500 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Galloway Township

Dellanoce Property

County: Atlantic

Galloway Township plans to acquire the 35 acres of property on Genoa Avenue, known as the

Dellanoce Property. The property is forested wetlands and uplands and is being acquired for the purpose of preservation as part of an existing Blue Heron Rookery. This acquisition will result in a total of 121 acres preserved in perpetuity and contribute to the goal of preserving blue heron habitat.

**\$132,250 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Pleasantville City

Bayview Avenue Waterfront Park

County: Atlantic

The City of Pleasantville proposes to construct a soccer field/football field along with irrigation, lighting, bleachers, and parking at the existing park. Additionally, the City proposes to construct an outdoor amphitheater, bathroom building, and concession stand, and install landscaping. Finally, an eight foot wide jogging/walking/bicycle trail will circle the soccer/football field as well as the amphitheater.

**\$ 159,000 Loan
\$ 450,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 600,000 Total
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Port Republic City

Percoskie Acquisition

County: Atlantic

The City of Port Republic proposes to acquire 6.16 acres known as the Percoskie Tract located on Clarks Landing Road. The property will become part of the City's open space and recreation lands for the benefit of public enjoyment and preservation of natural habitat. An on-site pond connects to the West Branch of Halfway Creek and Halfway Creek, which waters ultimately discharge into Nacote Creek, a tributary of the Mullica River. Preservation of this land will add to the natural buffer areas of these waterways.

**\$140,000 Matching Grant Award
Site Specific Incentive Acquisition**

Bergen County

Edgewater Borough

Veteran's Field Improvements

County: Bergen

Edgewater Borough has developed a master plan for the redevelopment of Veteran's Field, with the goal of ensuring that the park layout will accommodate current and future community needs. Veteran's Field is located on River Road, adjacent to the Hudson River. The project includes the rehabilitation of

existing athletic fields and playing courts, improvements to pedestrian walkways, including the Hudson River Walkway, construction of additional picnic areas, improvements and expansion of playground area, and additional upgrades to park appurtenances such as restrooms, fencing, and park access.

\$ 315,500 Loan
\$ 134,500 Matching Grant Award
\$ 450,000 Total
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Garfield City

Passaic River Historic Park

County: Bergen

Garfield City is creating a linear park along the Passaic River, in the vicinity of the Dundee Dam, where General Post crossed the Passaic River during the Revolutionary War. Garfield is expanding this waterfront linear park by acquiring four parcels along the Passaic River. Future plans include the development of a passive park with a pedestrian and bicycle pathway along the river corridor, which is also being funded by Green Acres. The park will provide areas to view the magnificent Dundee Dam and abundant river wildlife.

\$ 187,800 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Hillsdale Borough

Hillsdale Flood Prone Properties Acquisition

County: Bergen

Hillsdale Borough has requested local Green Acres grant funding to purchase up to eleven flood-damaged residential properties within the 100 year floodplain of the Pascack Brook. All of these properties have reported repetitive losses, and over half of them are on the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Severe Repetitive Loss list. The structures will be demolished to mitigate flood losses, and the property will be restored to a natural state for use as community open space.

\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Rutherford Borough

Memorial Field and Lincoln Woods Development

County: Bergen

The Borough is proposing a plan to upgrade elements of Memorial Field and create a new passive recreational area at Lincoln Woods for hiking and environmental study. Additionally, at Lincoln Woods, the Borough proposes to install informative signage, benches, and a recreational trail in this unique

wooded area which is currently undeveloped. The Memorial Field elements proposed herein include replacing lighting at 3 baseball diamonds; installing new fencing, player benches, and trash receptacles; and making improvements to the existing parking lot.

\$ 194,000 Loan
\$ 256,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 450,000 Total
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Saddle Brook Township

Flood Mitigation

County: Bergen

Saddle Brook Township is focusing on the purchase of eight residential properties subject to habitual flooding. Over the past 12 years, these homes have been flooded several times a year. When acquired, these residents can move to safe, higher ground. The existing homes will be demolished, creating additional open space that will reduce flooding during future storm events.

\$ 487,500 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Camden County

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North Camden Waterfront Park

County: Camden

The North Camden Waterfront Park is a key component of a long term plan to develop a continuous public waterfront park and greenway trail along the 2.8 mile North Camden waterfront in Camden City. Park improvements will include reconstruction of the playing fields, basketball courts, Americans with Disabilities Act- compliant pathways, a playground, stormwater management, fencing, lighting, security cameras, a multipurpose waterfront trail, and other park amenities.

\$ 750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Camden City

Von Neida Park Phase II

County: Camden

Camden City, Camden County, Cooper’s Ferry and the Cramer Hill community are partnering to continue the revitalization of Von Neida Park. This phase of the improvement project will increase public access to the neighborhood’s primary open space by alleviating chronic flooding conditions and

by upgrading passive and active recreational opportunities. Severe flooding will be corrected by improving the underground drainage infrastructure and by developing a surface stormwater management strategy. Additionally, field restoration, lighting, fencing, landscaping, site amenities, and more parking will provide much needed park enhancements. The end result will allow for consistent access to open space in a dense urban environment and address public health, safety and quality of life issues in the City of Camden. Von Neida Park is bounded by North 29th Street, Lois Avenue, Harrison Avenue, and Hayes Avenue.

**\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Pennsauken Township

Meadowbrook Park Revitalization

County: Camden

Pennsauken Township proposes to revitalize Meadowbrook Park, located on Cooper and Collins Avenues. Included in the project will be a new regulation size tennis court, a sand volleyball court, and playground equipment. A picnic grove with benches and grills will connect the playground and active portion of the park to the new east side pavilion. Also included will be a multi-use exercise path, horseshoe pit, shuffle board court, renovated restrooms, stream cleaning, bank stabilization, and parking.

**\$ 322,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Cape May County

Cape May City

Lafayette Street Open Space

County: Cape May

The City of Cape May requests funding to acquire four privately-owned parcels comprising 1.837 acres for the purpose of creating an open space recreation area. These parcels will be combined with existing land owned by Cape May City and the Board of Education, as well as property to be donated by Jersey Central Power & Light. The total recreation complex including wetlands will be 40.863 acres. While there are currently some recreational uses on City and School Board land including athletic fields, tot lot, basketball courts dog park and picnic area, these facilities are in disrepair. Once this land is acquired, the Temple University School of Environmental Design will assist the City to create a park which reflects an acute sensitivity to the unique characteristics of the site and the potential to transition from active recreation to a nature trail network for a greater appreciation of the environmental qualities of the wetland and forested areas that exist generally westerly to Cape Island Creek.

**\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Ocean City

19th Street Beachfront

County: Cape May

The City of Ocean City, along with adjacent property owners, will acquire a 0.36 acre beachfront property, located at 19th Street, thereby preserving this site as a natural area.

\$ 25,000 Loan
\$300,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Cumberland County

Bridgeton City

Bridgeton Hopewell Acquisition

County: Cumberland

Bridgeton City is an Urban Aid municipality and its population continues to increase, resulting in an increased need for open space and recreation opportunities. Bridgeton proposes to acquire 132 acres of land located in adjacent Hopewell Township. The property is located on Sewall Road and will greatly expand existing open space. This is a cooperative project with Hopewell Township, which will manage the property and develop it for outdoor recreation in the future, to benefit both communities. The acquisition also will preserve Barrett's Run and provide an opportunity for environmental education.

\$ 650,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Hopewell Township

Hopewell Bridgeton Acquisition

County: Cumberland

Hopewell Township proposes to acquire 132 acres of land located on Sewall Road. This is a cooperative project with its neighbor, Bridgeton City. Hopewell Township will manage the property and intends to develop the property for outdoor recreation in the future, to benefit both communities. The acquisition also will preserve Barrett's Run and provide an opportunity for environmental education.

\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Essex County

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Multi-Parks Improvements

County: Essex

Since 2001, Essex County has pursued an ambitious plan to improve its park system. To date, improvements have been completed at many of the parks described in the County's master plan, as well as new parks such as Kip's Castle Park. Recent improvements include the Music Court Pavilion and Balustrade/Lion Statues in Branch Brook Park, as well as a variety of improvements at Weequahic Park, including additional athletic fields, park roadways, landscaping and lighting. In the next project phase, the County plans to focus on the South Mountain Recreation Complex in West Orange, where Turtle Back Zoo is located. In addition, the county plans to upgrade park roadways, landscaping and lighting throughout the County Park system.

**\$ 900,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated County**

Newark City

Minish Park Passaic Riverfront

County: Essex

The City of Newark plans to construct the second phase of its riverfront park along the Passaic River. The initial park facilities are under construction between Van Buren and Somme Streets, and construction of the park between Oxford and Somme Streets and Van Buren and Madison Streets will follow. This project will ultimately tie into Joseph G. Minish Passaic Riverfront Park and Historic Area, a collaborative project involving federal, state, county and local partners that will result in a two mile long linear park located between Bridge and Brill Streets. The initial phases of the park include walkways, benches, lighting, and landscaping, and will feature opportunities for environmental and historic interpretation.

**\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Orange City Township

Multipark Improvements-Phase III

County: Essex

Several years ago the City of Orange Township undertook a phased approach to make necessary improvements to its municipal parks. The first two phases, completed with Green Acres funding, included facilities at Central Playground, Colgate Playground, and Metcalf Park. The City is now ready to proceed with additional work at Central Playground and improvements at Alden Street Park. At Alden Street Park, improvements include site grading and drainage, a synthetic turf athletic field, lighting, decorative iron fence and gates, a playground area, a pavilion, a spray park, site furnishings, landscaping and signage. At Central Playground, work includes site grading and drainage, lighting,

relocation of existing exercise equipment, a synthetic track and baseball field, decorative iron fence and gate, playground area renovations, site furnishings, landscaping and signage, a chain link fence, sports field lighting system, irrigation system, soccer and football goals, and building rehabilitation.

\$ 600,000 Loan
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Gloucester County

Deptford Township

Whispering Lakes Property

County: Gloucester

Deptford Township proposes to acquire an 18.5 acre forested parcel located on Deptford Avenue and Delsea Drive. The property contains 3 lakes and is located in a densely populated area. The property will be transformed into a Township park which will include a parking lot and walking paths so the public may meander through the scenic woodlands and around the lakes.

\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Mantua Township

Maple Ridge Property Acquisition

County: Gloucester

Mantua Township plans to participate in a cooperative acquisition of this beautiful 103 acre former golf course which will create a wonderful natural area for the public to enjoy. This proposed new park is located in both Deptford Township and Mantua Township and is known as Maple Ridge. Potential partners are South Jersey Land and Water Trust, Wenonah Borough, Gloucester County, Deptford Township and the Green Acres State Acquisition Program.

\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Wenonah Borough

Maple Ridge Property Acquisition

County: Gloucester

Wenonah Borough plans to participate in a cooperative acquisition of this beautiful 103 acre former golf course which will create a wonderful natural area for the public to enjoy. This proposed new park is located in both Deptford Township and Mantua Township and is known as Maple Ridge. Potential partners are South Jersey Land and Water Trust, Mantua Township, Gloucester County, Deptford Township and the Green Acres State Acquisition Program.

\$325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition

Hudson County

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Multi Use Recreation Facility

County: Hudson

Hudson County proposes to develop a balance of active and passive recreational components at James J. Braddock Park in North Bergen Township. The multi-use active facility will be an overlay of soccer and football fields on two softball/little league and one baseball field. There will be a reforestation area with connecting pathways and an irrigation system utilizing storm water runoff. The Veteran's Memorial Garden, a beautifully landscaped garden and monument plaza, will pay tribute to all servicemen. There will also be a new restroom facility.

**\$ 900,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Hoboken City

Elysian Park Development

County: Hudson

Hoboken City proposes to rehabilitate Elysian Park after years of heavy use have left many deteriorating elements. Non-compliant play equipment will be removed and replaced with equipment that meets today's safety standards. Other improvements will include a water play area, basketball court, and a dog run. Additionally, the antiquated electrical system will be replaced, restrooms will be upgraded, a monument will be repaired, the flag pole replaced, and pavers installed. Landscaping, fencing and other amenities are included.

**\$ 200,000 Loan
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 600,000 Total
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Jersey City

Skyway Riverfront Park

County: Hudson

Jersey City and the Hackensack Riverkeeper propose to develop the former PJP Landfill on Sip Avenue into Skyway Riverfront Park. Once known as one of the most notorious urban wastelands in the nation, the 28 acre site has since been remediated and is now ready to be transformed into a premier waterfront park and walkway with nearly 700 yards of frontage on the Hackensack River. Phase One will include an access road, a pedestrian bridge with linkage to a neighboring waterfront walkway, gravel walkways, landscaping, parking, signage, and other amenities.

**\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Kearny Town

All Season Surface and Fitness Trail

County: Hudson

Kearny Town proposes to replace outdated and inadequate facilities at Gunnell Oval Sports Complex on Schuyler Avenue. Improvements include an all seasons field surface for the little league baseball field and a fitness trail/jogging path. Exercise stations will be constructed along the path. Other amenities will include, landscaping, benches, and fencing.

\$ 168,250 Loan
\$ 396,900 Matching Grant Award
\$ 565,150 Total
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

North Bergen Township

Riverfront Park Development

County: Hudson

North Bergen Township will develop a passive waterfront park adjacent to the Guttenberg waterfront park on River Road. Plans for the park include parking, benches, a play area, restrooms with storage, an amphitheater, trellis structure, and continuous waterfront walkway that will become part of the existing Hudson River Walkway.

\$ 572,000 Loan
\$ 28,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 600,000 Total
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Union City

Weehawken - Union City Reservoir Acquisition

County: Hudson

Union City, along with Weehawken Township, has requested funding assistance to acquire a reservoir owned by United Water New Jersey, Inc. The property is bordered by Palisade Avenue, Washington Street, and Highpoint Avenue, and encompasses 14.4 acres. The site was vulnerable to development due to its wonderful view of the New York City skyline. Both Weehawken Township and Union City wish to preserve this relatively large property located in a very densely populated area for passive recreation. Walking paths are proposed on top of the berm that surrounds the reservoir. Both municipalities have also applied to the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund for funding assistance.

\$ 650,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Weehawken Township

Weehawken - Union City Reservoir

County: Hudson

Weehawken Township, along with Union City, has requested funding assistance to acquire a reservoir owned by United Water New Jersey, Inc. The property is bordered by Palisade Avenue, Washington Street, and Highpoint Avenue, and encompasses 14.4 acres. The site was vulnerable to development due to its wonderful view of the New York City skyline. Both Weehawken Township and Union City wish to preserve this relatively large property located in a very densely populated area for passive recreation. Walking paths are proposed on top of the berm that surrounds the reservoir. Both municipalities have also applied to the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Fund for funding assistance.

**\$ 650,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality**

West New York Town

Multi Park Improvements

County: Hudson

West New York plans to upgrade two water parks to provide additional water activities for hot weather recreation. At the Swim Club on Anthony M. Defino Way, the Town plans to rehabilitate the older facility by removing the rubber surface that surrounds the pool, replacing the filtration and piping system, upgrading bathrooms and showers, constructing a concession stand, installing fencing and landscaping, and replacing worn out pool furniture. At Miller Park, which is bounded by 59th, 57th, Jefferson, and Jackson Streets, the Town plans to construct a new spray park with a water filtration and recycling facility.

**\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Hunterdon County

Lambertville City

Cavallo Park Improvements

County: Hunterdon

The City of Lambertville is proposing improvements to Cavallo Park, which is located at Mt. Hope Street and South Union Street, along the Delaware and Raritan Canal, on D&R Canal State Park property. Proposed improvements include two new sets of playground equipment, lighting, walkways, and benches. The City also proposes a new entry court with an information kiosk, a picnic grove with picnic tables, a pavilion with barbeque, and public restrooms.

**\$ 300,000 Loan
Standard Park Development**

Mercer County

Trenton City

Hetzel Field Park Development

County: Mercer

Trenton City proposes the rehabilitation of an existing urban park and the development of two adjacent properties to expand the park, improve visibility and access, and provide parking. A landscaped plaza entrance at North Olden Avenue will welcome the community into Hetzel Field Park. The proposed plans call for the renovation of an historic pool house, including a picnic pavilion and picnic area. The pool will be repaired and a new spray pool with fountains will be created. Plans also include three

fenced basketball courts, reconfigured softball fields, a trail system, lighting, benches, and bleachers.

**\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Middlesex County

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Medwick Park 2

County: Middlesex

The County of Middlesex is making extensive improvements to its 84-acre Joseph Medwick Park, located in Carteret Borough and Woodbridge Township. As large areas of the park had been closed due to soil contamination, the County proposed to redevelop the remediated park and re-open it for public use. The design fully utilizes the existing limits of the park with many enhanced facilities including lit synthetic turf football, baseball and multi-use athletic fields; a multi-use grassed field; observation decks overlooking the Rahway River; a playground area; extended paved walking/biking paths; re-surfaced tennis courts; restrooms; parking areas; stormwater improvements; fencing; lighting; irrigation; and landscaping.

**\$ 750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Carteret Borough

Waterfront Marina

County: Middlesex

Carteret Borough proposes constructing a municipal marina at the site of its Green Acres-funded Waterfront Park, located off of Middlesex Avenue along the Arthur Kill waterway. Proposed marina improvements include dredging, a wave screen, bulkheading, approximately 230 boat slips on 8 connected floating docks, anchoring piles, utility services to the boat slips, and fueling and pump-out

facilities. Proposed upland site improvements include parking areas, utility extensions, a restroom building, walkways, and landscaping.

**\$ 565,150 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Monmouth County

Aberdeen Township

Freneau Lands Acquisitions

County: Monmouth

In partnership with the Trust for Public Land, Aberdeen Township is seeking to acquire three tracts of land with a combined acreage of approximately 150 acres in separate phases, over time. The properties are primarily forested lands, fields and woodlands associated with the stream corridor along Matawan Creek. Preservation of these properties will not only protect significant natural resources, but also protect the rural character of this area of Aberdeen. The Township plans a community needs assessment for outdoor recreation, such as future ball fields, and protection of the remaining areas for passive recreation, watershed and habitat protection.

**\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Long Branch City

Boardwalk Repair

The City of Long Branch proposes to make repairs to the Oceanfront Boardwalk between South Bath Avenue and Brighton Avenue. Included in the renovations would be replacement of boardwalk railings and decking, repairs to paved areas, installation of play equipment on the beach at North Bath Avenue, rehabilitation of a comfort station at Cottage Avenue, and upgrades to landscape and contiguous beach areas.

**\$ 160,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 440,000 Loan Award
**\$ 600,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality****

Neptune Township

Shark River Marina Improvements

County: Monmouth

The Township of Neptune is making various improvements to the Shark River Municipal Marina, located on South Riverside Drive between Highland Avenue and Riverview Court, which was purchased with Green Acres assistance. The work includes the installation of new bulkheading; drainage improvements; installation of new floating docks with utilities, cleats and dock boxes; access ramps;

dredging of the marina; and installation of a walkways along the new bulkhead.

**\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Ocean Township

Blue Acres Matching funds

County: Monmouth

The Township of Ocean is in the process of buying approximately 4 acres of the Poplar Village senior housing complex off of Overlook Avenue. The acquisition site includes 32 vacant, uninhabitable units that were severely damaged by flooding associated with Hurricane Irene. The Township received a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for 75% of the acquisition costs. The structures will be demolished to create open space.

**\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Morris County

Lincoln Park Borough

Lincoln Park Floodplain Acquisition Project

County: Morris

Lincoln Park Borough is looking to acquire nine properties that are repetitively flooded, and to demolish the structures and convert the land to open space. The Borough has approved funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency that permits them to acquire these properties and elevate several other homes. They are seeking Green Acres funds to match the FEMA acquisition grant.

**\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Morristown Town

Early Street Community Garden Acquisition

County: Morris

Morristown's proposed open space acquisition is an existing .9 acre community garden, created and run by the nonprofit organization, 'Grow it Green-Morristown'. The garden is located at 17 Early Street, adjacent to two senior housing buildings, and serves as a recreation area for both adults and children. In addition to plots for 50 families, the garden has composting facilities, bee hives, a tool shed, lending library, picnic facilities, children's play area, and permanent hose bibs with in-ground plumbing.

**\$ 487,500 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Mount Arlington Borough

Public Beach Park Improvements Phase 4

County: Morris

Mount Arlington Borough's Public Beach Park restoration has been implemented in several phases with the ultimate goal of providing a public park and swimming area with multiple activities for visitors of all ages to enjoy. The amenities to be provided upon completion of all phases of the restoration include a beach and swimming area, volleyball, horseshoe and bocce courts, as well as a picnic shelter, tables, and restrooms. The site is located on Lake Hopatcong at Windemere Avenue.

**\$ 300,000 Loan
Standard Park Development**

Long Hill Township

Passaic River Basin Property Acquisition

County: Morris

Long Hill Township intends to acquire 14 flood-prone properties along the Passaic River. The properties are concentrated in the three lowest lying areas in town and, once acquired, the structures will be demolished and the land deed restricted as open space. This is a condition of the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that Long Hill is also using for this acquisition. The acquisition of riverside properties will enlarge the recharge area along the Passaic River and will help alleviate future flooding within the community.

**\$325,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Site Specific Incentive**

Ocean County

Brick Township

Trader's Cove Marina Park

County: Ocean

Brick Township is creating a waterfront park at a currently underutilized municipal marina, located on Mantoloking Road, which was acquired with Green Acres funding. The park will provide waterfront access and recreational opportunities on the Barnegat Bay and provide a linkage to the adjacent Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. Improvements include a boardwalk promenade along the Bay, a dockmaster/restroom/storage building, an entrance road and parking areas, a kayak/canoe launch, walkways, a lawn panel, and a barrier-free accessible playground. Also included in the project are landscaping, utilities, seating areas, irrigation, lighting, stormwater controls, and fencing, and demolition of existing structures. The Township is currently replacing failing bulkheads at the site and upgrading the marine infrastructure.

**\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Long Beach Township

Multipark Improvements

County: Ocean

Long Beach Township proposes improvements to four existing recreational areas. At the Loveladies tennis courts site off of Long Beach Boulevard, the Township is proposing to enhance beach access by constructing a new barrier-free access ramp to the oceanfront and adding a bench and picnic table at the beach. At Bayview Park in Brant Beach along Long Beach Boulevard between Meade and Dayton Avenues, the Township proposes to upgrade playground facilities, a seating/picnic area, fencing, and to replace an existing basketball court with a bathing beach area. At the New Jersey Avenue Bay Beach site in Beach Haven Terrace, along Bayview Avenue between New Jersey and Pennsylvania Avenues, the Township proposes to install a seasonal family restroom facility, replace the roof of the existing gazebo, and add benches. Finally, at Holgate Bay Beach and Park off of Bay Terrace and Joan and Janet Roads, the Township proposes installation of playground equipment, a bench, and a picnic table.

**\$ 200,000 Loan
Standard Park Development**

Passaic County

Passaic County

Weasel Brook Park Improvements

County: Passaic

Weasel Brook Park is located on Clinton Avenue, Third Street, and Paulison Avenue in Clifton City. The park was created in 1930 and designed by the Olmsted Brothers of New York's Central Park fame. The Weasel Brook Park Improvement project will allow for the continued uninterrupted use of open space and recreational facilities for public enjoyment. The project will include refurbishing a ballfield for multi-purpose use, a new Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant playground, new dog park open space, restroom/comfort facility upgrades, continuation of 2004 court improvements, and the third phase of dredging the lake for enhanced recreation and water conservation purposes.

**\$ 309,900 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Hawthorne Borough

Flood Prone Properties Acquisition

County: Passaic

Hawthorne Borough proposes to acquire three residential properties near the Passaic River that have flooded repeatedly. The Borough has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for 75% of the project costs in accordance with Passaic County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. Once acquired, the

structures will be demolished and the land will become part of the Borough's permanent open space.

**\$ 220,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Little Falls Township

Little Falls Floodplain Acquisition Project

County: Passaic

Little Falls Township has begun an aggressive acquisition program utilizing both State and Federal Emergency Management Agency buyout funds. This project includes the acquisition of 67 properties that are subject to severe and repeat flooding. Many of these residences were initially going to be elevated, but the extreme flooding has cause many residents to reconsider and in turn, choose acquisition.

**\$ 487,500 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Pompton Lakes Borough

Pompton Lakes Borough Floodplain Acquisition

County: Passaic

The Borough of Pompton Lakes seeks Green Acres funding to serve as the match to its Federal Emergency Management Agency grants. The Borough intends to acquire 21 flood-prone properties that are located directly in the floodway. Once the properties are acquired and the homes are demolished, the land will create a more open floodplain and serve as both local open space and waterfront recreation land. The loss of impervious cover will enlarge the recharge area and hopefully mitigate the impacts of future storm events and flooding.

**\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Totowa Borough

Flood Acquisition Project

County: Passaic

Totowa Borough is requesting Green Acres funding as a match to other acquisition funds that the town is seeking. The Borough would like to acquire six residential properties on Norwood Terrace and Riverview which border the Passaic River and which experience habitual flooding. Once acquired, the buildings will be demolished and the land will be used for passive recreation.

**\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Somerset County

Somerville Borough

Somerville Green Seam Acquisitions

County: Somerset

Somerville Borough is seeking funding to acquire properties included in its "Green Seam" Rehabilitation Project. The project site is within the boundaries of the former Municipal Landfill Redevelopment Area. The project consists of approximately 7 parcels not owned by Somerville Borough. When complete, the "Green Seam" will provide trail linkage to downtown and the NJ Transit Rail Station, rehabilitate an un-named tributary of the Raritan River which bisects the site, and open up approximately 40 acres of open space for passive and active recreation. Eventually the newly restored open space will link to Somerville's Peters Brook Greenway and the Somerset County Raritan River Greenway.

**\$ 306,400 Matching Grant Award
Standard Acquisition**

Union County

Union County

Oak Ridge Park Phase I

County: Union

The County of Union proposes to rehabilitate the existing closed Oak Ridge Goff Course, located in Clark Township, Union County and Edison Township, Middlesex County, to substantially improve the park for both active and passive recreational activities. The proposed development will occur within the maintained lawn areas of the golf course to avoid clearing of the undisturbed contiguous forested land. Specifically, development features include construction of an ice hockey/skate arena with removable side panels, four miles of asphalt path/walkway, a perimeter road with parking lots, detention basins, a pedestrian and vehicular bridge, tree plantings/landscaping, picnic areas, disc golf area, and a central "great lawn".

**\$ 900,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Elizabeth City

Elizabeth River Trail Phase II

County: Union

The City of Elizabeth proposes to continue the progression of the Elizabeth River Trail, located within Union County's Elizabeth River Parkway, through the implementation of Phase II that will extend from Bridge Street to South Street and will ensure a continuous bikeway/walkway from midtown. Specifically, this project includes park signage, ornamental bollards, pavers, decorative railing, benches,

bicycle racks, trash receptacles, an information kiosk, fitness circuit system, fencing, lighting, and shade trees throughout.

**\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Roselle Borough

Extension of Arminio Park

County: Union

The Borough of Roselle proposes to acquire a .23 acre tract of land on 8th Avenue that is contiguous to Arminio Field, creating an optimum layout for the proposed park development. If approved, this acquisition will provide a more favorable layout of the football field and overall better design. The existing Arminio Park, located on Chestnut Avenue, is owned by the Board of Education and used by the Borough as a public park.

**\$ 59,450 Loan
\$ 179.350 Matching Grant Award
**\$ 237,800 Total
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality****

PLANNING INCENTIVE PROJECTS

* denotes Densely/Highly Populated Municipality or Highly Populated County

** denotes Urban Aid Municipality or Densely Populated County

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| Atlantic County | | |
| Atlantic County | Atlantic County Open Space Acq. | \$ 650,000 |
| Bergen County | | |
| Bergen County | Open Space Plan Acquisition | \$ 812,500 |
| Closter Boro | Brook's Farm Plan Acquisition | \$ 325,000 |
| Fair Lawn Boro* | Open Space Acquisition | \$ 487,500 |
| Franklin Lakes Boro | Haledon Reservoir Acquisition | \$ 230,250 |
| Oakland Boro | Open Space and Recreation Plan | \$ 325,000 |
| Ridgewood Village | Open Space Project | \$ 325,000 |
| River Vale Twp | Watershed Property Acq | \$ 325,000 |
| Burlington County | | |
| Burlington County | Planning Incentive | \$ 650,000 |
| Bordentown Twp | Bordentown Twp Open Space Acq. | \$ 325,000 |
| Eastampton Twp | Planning Incentive | \$ 325,000 |
| Evesham Twp* | Planning Incentive | \$ 487,500 |
| Medford Twp | Open Space Incentive | \$ 325,000 |
| Moorestown Twp | Open Space Preservation Plan | \$ 325,000 |
| Mount Laurel Twp* | Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan | \$ 487,500 |
| Camden County | | |
| Voorhees Twp | Planning Incentive Grant | \$ 325,000 |
| Cumberland County | | |
| Cumberland County | Acquisition of Trails and Open Space | \$ 465,000 |
| Gloucester County | | |
| Gloucester County | Open Space Plan | \$ 650,000 |
| East Greenwich Twp | Open Space and Recreation Plan | \$ 300,000 |
| Washington Twp* | Open Space & Recreation Plan | \$ 487,500 |
| Woolwich Twp | Open Space Plan | \$ 125,800 |
| Hunterdon County | | |
| Clinton Twp | Open Space Acq. Plan | \$ 325,000 |
| Delaware Twp | Open Space Acquisition | \$ 220,000 |
| High Bridge Boro | Open Space Plan | \$ 325,000 |
| Readington Twp | Greenway Incentive Plan | \$ 325,000 |
| Tewksbury Twp | Recreation and Open Space Plan | \$ 325,000 |
| Union Twp | Union Township Open Space Plan | \$ 325,000 |

| Mercer County | | |
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| Mercer County* | Mercer County Planning Incentive | \$ 812,500 |
| East Windsor Twp | East Windsor Open Space Acq. | \$ 325,000 |
| Hopewell Twp | Hopewell Open Space Acq. | \$ 325,000 |
| Princeton Twp | Princeton Open Space Acquisition | \$ 325,000 |
| Robbinsville Twp | Green Links Program | \$ 325,000 |
| West Windsor Twp | West Windsor Planning Inc. | \$ 325,000 |

| Middlesex County | | |
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| Middlesex County* | Open Space Acquisition | \$ 812,500 |
| East Brunswick Twp* | Open Space Plan | \$ 487,500 |
| North Brunswick Twp* | North Brunswick Plan | \$ 487,500 |
| South Brunswick Twp* | Open Space Acquisition | \$ 487,500 |

| Monmouth County | | |
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| Monmouth County* | Planning Incentive Acquisition | \$ 812,500 |
| Allentown Boro | Planning Incentive Acquisition | \$ 325,000 |
| Colts Neck Twp | Planning Incentive | \$ 325,000 |
| Howell Twp* | Howell Twp Planning Incentive | \$ 487,500 |
| Manalapan Twp* | Manalapan Twp. Planning Incentive Acq. | \$ 487,500 |
| Manasquan Boro | Manasquan Boro Open Space Acquisition | \$ 280,000 |
| Middletown Twp* | Planning Incentive | \$ 487,500 |
| Millstone Twp | Millstone Planning Incentive | \$ 325,000 |
| Tinton Falls Boro | Tinton Falls Acquisition | \$ 325,000 |

| Morris County | | |
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| Chester Twp | Chester Twp Open Space Acq | \$ 325,000 |
| Florham Park Boro | Open Space Acquisition | \$ 135,000 |
| Hanover Twp | Open Space Acq | \$ 325,000 |
| Harding Twp | Harding Open Space Acq | \$ 325,000 |
| Kinnelon Boro | Open Space Acquisition | \$ 250,000 |
| Madison Boro | Madison Borough Open Space Acq. | \$ 325,000 |
| Montville Twp | Montville Open Space Acq. | \$ 325,000 |
| Mount Olive Twp | Mount Olive Greenway Acq. | \$ 325,000 |
| Pequannock Twp | Planning Incentive | \$ 325,000 |
| Riverdale Boro | Van Ness House and Open Space | \$ 325,000 |
| Roxbury Twp | Roxbury Open Space Plan | \$ 325,000 |

| Ocean County | | |
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| Ocean County | Planning Incentive Grant | \$ 650,000 |
| Jackson Twp* | Open Space Acq. Plan | \$ 487,500 |
| Little Egg Harbor Twp | Planning Incentive | \$ 325,000 |
| Manchester Twp* | Planning Incentive | \$ 487,500 |
| Point Pleasant Beach Boro | Open Space & Recreation Plan | \$ 325,000 |

| Passaic County | | |
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| Passaic County* | Open Space Plan Acquisitions | \$ 750,000 |

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| Wayne Twp* | Wayne Open Space Acquisition | \$ 487,500 |
| West Milford Twp | Apple Acres/ Open Space Acquisition | \$ 325,000 |
| Somerset County | | |
| Bedminster Twp | Bedminster Parks Expansion | \$ 325,000 |
| Franklin Twp* | Open Space Acq | \$ 487,500 |
| Hillsborough Twp* | Hillsborough Land Acq | \$ 487,500 |
| Montgomery Twp | Open Space Acq 5 | \$ 325,000 |
| Peapack-Gladstone Boro | Open Space Acquisition | \$ 325,000 |
| Sussex County | | |
| Andover Boro | Open Space Recreation Plan | \$ 325,000 |
| Lafayette Twp | Open Space & Recreation Plan | \$ 325,000 |
| Union County | | |
| Union County** | Open Space & Recreation Plan | \$ 975,000 |
| Warren County | | |
| Knowlton Twp | Open Space Acquisition | \$ 325,000 |

COASTAL BLUE ACRES ACQUISITION PROJECTS

Linwood City

Patcong Creek Open Space Acquisition

County: Atlantic

Linwood City would like to acquire 17.76 acres located on New Road. The land is adjacent to the Patcong Creek and is the undeveloped forest and coastal wetlands portions of the Cornerstone Commerce Center. Patcong Creek is a tributary to the Great Egg Harbor River/Bay. Preservation of this property will provide for public access to the waterways in addition to protection of habitat for both land and water species. The site is contemplated to be protected as conservation/open space with consideration given to a nature trail or bike path.

**\$953,000 Matching Grant Award
Coastal Blue Acres Acquisition**

Cape May City

Lafayette Street Open Space

County: Cape May

The Lafayette Street Open Space Acquisition is a 1.02 acre vacant parcel located in the floodplain of Cape Island Creek. This parcel is comprised of uplands and wetlands, has frontage on Lafayette Street and extends to Cape Island Creek. The property is also part of the larger plan by the City of Cape May for an active public recreation area. However, this particular parcel will remain undeveloped consistent with Coastal Blue Acres restrictions. By preserving this property for open space the City will ensure that it will be available for passive public recreation as well as conservation purposes in perpetuity.

**\$ 792,050 Matching Grant Award
Coastal Blue Acres Acquisition**

Fair Haven Borough

Waterfront Park Acquisition

County: Monmouth

Fair Haven Borough seeks to acquire land on DeNormandie Avenue for the purposes of creating a waterfront park on the Navesink River with public beach access. The property consists of .69 acres and includes a house which will be demolished. The acquisition will provide a merger between the coastline and DeNormandie Avenue and allow safe access for residents to enjoy the riverfront.

**\$ 655,750 Matching Grant Award
Coastal Blue Acres Acquisition**

NONPROFIT ACQUISITION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Bayshore Discovery Project

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant

Land Acquisition

Bayshore Public Access Acquisition

County: Cumberland

The Bayshore Discovery Project proposes to purchase approximately a half acre of land on Shell Road adjacent to its Bivalve Center. This land has the potential for many uses including parking and visitors' amenities associated with the Bayshore Discovery Project. Additionally, this land will support parking and visitors' amenities for the adjacent Commercial Township bike path and boardwalks and viewing platforms that were constructed as part of an extensive wetlands restoration project in Commercial Township. The Bayshore Discovery Project's mission is to motivate people to take care of the history, culture and environment of New Jersey's Bayshore region through education, preservation, and example. Activities include education, restoration, and celebration of the Delaware Bay on the schooner AJ Meerwald at the Bivalve Center and in the larger community.

Bergen SWAN

\$250,000 Matching Grant

Land Acquisition

Ramapo Mountain Conservation Area

County: Bergen

Bergen SWAN is partnering with Bergen County, Mahwah Township, Oakland Borough, Fyke Nature Association, the New Jersey Audubon Society, NY-NJ Trail Conference, Ramapough Conservancy, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to increase holdings for Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Ramapo Valley County Reservation, and Ringwood State Park.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant

Park Development

Jesse Allen Park

County: Essex

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark, in cooperation with the City of Newark and other nonprofit organizations, proposes to renovate Jesse Allen Park, located at 41-55 Avon Avenue, between Irvine Turner Blvd and Somerset St. The first phase of park development included basketball courts, fitness equipment, game tables, playground, spray play area, picnic tables, benches, pathways and landscaping. The next phase will include a multi-purpose synthetic turf field. The community will benefit greatly from the renovation of Jesse Allen Park.

Branch Brook Park Alliance
\$200,000 Matching Grant
Park Development

Branch Brook Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Branch Brook Park Alliance, in coordination with Essex County, proposes to rehabilitate portions of the Southern Division of Branch Brook Park in Newark. The project includes improvements to the Clifton Avenue entrance and Concourse Hill areas of the park. Improvements at the Clifton Avenue entrance (Phase I) include: new fencing, signage, paving, curbing, lighting, landscaping and a redesigned pedestrian crossing and (Phase II) new fencing, signage, benches, paving, landscaping and restoration of steps along Victoria Avenue. Improvements at Concourse Hill include the construction of an open-air welcome pavilion, benches, signage, lighting, exemplary/demonstration landscaping components, gated entry plaza and accessible parking. In addition, restoration of the fencing and native/Olmsted design landscaping is proposed near the Clifton Avenue Historic Parks Building.

Cooper's Ferry Partnership
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant
Park Development

North Camden Waterfront Park

County: Camden

The North Camden Waterfront Park is a key component of a long-term plan to develop a continuous public waterfront park and greenway trail along the 2.8 mile North Camden waterfront. Park improvements will include reconstruction of the playing fields, basketball courts, Americans with Disabilities Act- compliant pathways, a playground, stormwater management, fencing, lighting, security cameras, a multipurpose waterfront trail, and other park amenities.

Crossroads of the American Revolution
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

National Heritage Area Preservation Project

**Counties: Hunterdon, Mercer,
Monmouth, Union**

The Crossroads of the American Revolution Association is applying for the Planning Incentive Nonprofit grant for preservation of lands within the federally designated Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area, which is one of 49 federally designated National Heritage Areas. New Jersey's heritage area is a region of thematically related Revolutionary War sites and landscapes comprises 213 municipalities in 14 counties, extending from Bergen County to Gloucester County. The Crossroads of the American Revolution Association intends to partner with other preservation organizations in pursuing preservation of lands to accomplish the goals outlined in the National Heritage Area Plan, that includes securing New Jersey's rare and threatened historic landscapes, creating awareness of the State's distinctive Revolutionary War related cultural resources and acting as a catalyst for heritage tourism and related economic development. This first application includes four (4) projects from four (4) heritage areas counties: Mercer, Monmouth, Hunterdon and Union counties.

D&R Greenway Land Trust
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Greenway Acquisitions

**Counties: Burlington, Cumberland
Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex,
Monmouth, Salem, Somerset**

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks funding to acquire lands throughout the Delaware and Raritan Greenway Watershed. The acquisitions will create contiguous preserved lands that protect water quality, other significant natural resources, and critical wildlife habitat. Projects include:

Central Stony Brook Greenway Acquisition

D&R Greenway Land Trust 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 Mountains in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and populated communities in Lawrence and Princeton Township. The proposed acquisitions will link existing preserved lands, enhance biodiversity and critical breeding and migration stopover habitat for migratory birds that require large uninterrupted woodlands, and create a system of interconnected open spaces and trails.

Delaware Bay Estuary Acquisitions-

D&R Greenway Land Trust will partner with other land preservation organizations to preserve land for open space and wildlife habitat in the following target areas: Cumberland County - Deerfield Twp., Fairfield Twp., Greenwich Twp., Hopewell Twp., Stow Creek Twp., Upper Deerfield Twp.; Salem County - Elsinboro Twp., Lower Alloways Creek Twp., Mannington Twp., Salem City, Pilesgrove Twp., and Pennsville Twp. Generally, targeted acquisitions are characterized by farmland and emergent marshes associated with the Salem River in Salem County and the Cohansey River and Stow Creek in Cumberland County. Regarding the Salem River, the Mannington Meadows component of the project area is mainly brackish water intertidal marsh along the Salem River and freshwater marshes on its tributaries with bordering farmland. The Stow Creek component is located along the border of Salem and Cumberland Counties and is largely comprised of salt marsh with bordering farms and forests. The Cohansey River Greenway component possesses salt marsh, brackish marsh, freshwater marsh, and adjacent farmland and forest. All components of this project provide important habitat for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, and plants and wildlife in general. The Delaware Bay estuary is one of the few areas left in New Jersey where large undeveloped tracts of land are still available for preservation. These areas will face increasing pressure for development in the future from nearby Philadelphia and Wilmington.

Delaware River Tributaries Acquisition

D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to extend ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area in Mercer, Monmouth and Hunterdon Counties. 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/Bordentown Marsh. A second objective is to preserve lands connecting the greenbelt surrounding Allentown Borough in Monmouth County southward along the Crosswicks Creek to

Monmouth County's Walnford Park in Upper Freehold Township and into Burlington County. D&R Greenway Land Trust's plans for this project complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in Mercer, Monmouth, and Burlington Counties. The proposed acquisitions will serve to create contiguous lands that protect critical habitat; protect water quality by buffering the Delaware River, Assunpink Creek, Crosswicks 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 Land Trust 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, Somerset County. The properties will be protected through fee simple purchase or conservation easements. The land and easements may be transferred to the State, County or Township as appropriate. Purchased land may become part of the D&R Canal State Park to be used for passive recreation (including hiking, nature study, picnics, and fishing); grassland bird habitat protection; and research by Rutgers University.

Sourland Mountains Acquisition

Expanding on the Sourland Mountains Preserve Initiative, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 2,000 acres of land in the Sourland Mountains extending through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and East and West Amwell Townships, Hunterdon County and Montgomery and Hillsborough Townships in Somerset County. The Sourlands acquisitions will focus on preserving biodiversity and the habitat mosaic of the Sourland Mountains and adjoining Amwell and Hopewell valleys and Princeton Ridge area which includes forest, wetlands, shrublands and grasslands. D&R Greenway Land Trust's plans in this project complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in East Amwell, West Amwell, Hillsborough and Montgomery Townships. The acquisition will expand existing preserved lands in all three counties and create a regional trail network.

In conjunction with the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance and West Amwell Township, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,844 acres of land associated with the Sourland Mountains. 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 of the American Revolution landscape area. This initiative is a component of a larger regional planning incentive area encompassing Mercer and Hunterdon and Somerset 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.

Upper Millstone Greenway

D&R Greenway Land Trust plans to participate in the State's Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape project 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 Townships toward Monmouth Battlefield State Park and the border of Middlesex County. The project goal is to preserve stream buffers, floodplains, wildlife habitat, migration corridors, wetlands, and woodlands. D&R Greenway's stream corridor protection plans in this project complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in West Windsor, Plainsboro, and Cranbury Townships. The long-term project goal is to assist Middlesex County in its effort to establish a public walkway and bikeway system along a preserved greenway and to establish a regional link across central New Jersey.

Friends of Anderson Park
\$ 150,000 Matching Grant
Park Development

Anderson Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Friends of Anderson Park, in partnership with Essex County, propose improvements to Anderson Park, a County owned park bordered by Bellevue Ave, North Mountain Ave and Parkside Road in Montclair Township. The project scope includes landscaping consistent with 1904 planting plan by John Charles Olmsted, invasive species removal, water hook-ups, enhanced bird habitat, and bird watching opportunities. In addition, environmental education will be enhanced by erection of a notice board to display information about upcoming conservation-related events.

Friends of Princeton Open Space
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Millstone River Watershed

County: Mercer

The Friends of Princeton Open Space intends to partner with other regional nonprofit land conservancies on two significant land preservation projects located along the “Princeton Ridge.” This is a unique ecological area within Princeton Township that contains mature forests and significant wetlands, habitat for endangered and threatened species, and nesting habitat for migratory birds that require large areas of unfragmented forest.

Fyke Nature Association
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Ramapo Mountain Conservation Area

County: Bergen

Fyke Nature Association is partnering with Bergen County, Mahwah Township, Oakland Borough, Bergen SWAN, New Jersey Audubon Society, NY-NJ Trail Conference, Ramapough Conservancy, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to increase holdings for Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Ramapo Valley County Reservation, and Ringwood State Park.

Great Swamp Watershed Association
\$200,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Primrose Farms Acquisition

County: Morris

The Great Swamp Watershed Association is partnering with Harding Township, Harding Land Trust, and the Trust for Public Land to acquire the 115 acre Primrose Farms property in Harding Township,

Morris County. This acquisition, located in the headwaters of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, is host to a range of natural habitats including open fields, forested wetlands and uplands, and steep slopes. Once preserved, the property will provide passive recreational opportunities, organized events, and safe parking for an adjacent municipal park.

Hackensack Riverkeeper
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant
Park Development

Skyway Riverfront Park

County: Hudson

Hackensack Riverkeeper and Jersey City propose to develop the former PJP Landfill on Sip Avenue into Skyway Riverfront Park. Once known as one of the most notorious urban wastelands in the nation, the 28 acre site has since been remediated and is now ready to be transformed into a premier waterfront park and walkway with nearly 700 yards of frontage on the Hackensack River. Phase One will include an access road, a pedestrian bridge with linkage to a neighboring waterfront walkway, gravel walkways, landscaping, parking, signage, and other park amenities.

Harding Land Trust
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Open Spaces and Natural Places of Harding Township

County: Morris

The Harding Land Trust is committed to the protection of lands in Harding Township that border waterways, contribute to the rural character of the area, or are adjacent to preserved open space. The integrity of the Township's water resources is vital to the water quality of the Great Swamp. Many of Harding's stream corridors are forested and buffer the waterways, helping to protect water quality and provide wildlife habitat. The preservation of these lands through fee and easement acquisition will ensure these benefits for the future. Parcels adjacent to the Great Swamp and Jockey Hollow are high priority for preservation efforts. There are also numerous other preserved parcels throughout Harding, owned or restricted by local government or nonprofits. Lands adjacent to these parcels are a high priority for protection.

Heritage Conservancy
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Musconetcong River Valley Lasting Landscapes Initiative

**Counties: Hunterdon, Morris,
Sussex, Warren**

Musconetcong River Valley Lasting Landscapes Initiative unites open space protection and historic preservation comprehensively at the "Landscape Level." Protection in the Musconetcong and Pohatcong Watersheds benefits the relationship between natural and historic resources, attempts to preserve large

and contiguous areas, achieves preservation objectives within an area's cultural heritage and regional context, and involves local communities in the planning and preservation process. Preservation of properties in Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex and Warren Counties are critical to the "Wild and Scenic" designation of the Musconetcong River corridor

Historic Paulus Hook Association, Inc.

\$ 150,000 Matching Grant

Park Development

Paulus Hook Park Renovation

County: Hudson

The Historic Paulus Hook Association proposes to improve Paulus Hook Park which is on Washington and Grand Streets in Jersey City. The plan is to redesign the park in a more open and accessible way that fully integrates and interprets the park's rich history on all four park corners. Unifying the corners also makes it easier for designated bicycle routes to link to the Urban Greenway, thus connecting other Jersey City parks to the Hudson River waterfront. Improvements shall include interpretive signage, an interpretive marsh garden, a storm drainage retention rain garden, a children's play area, a water play feature, paths, landscaping, and sitting areas.

Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

County: Hunterdon

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

Ironbound Community Corporation

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant

Park Development

Newark Riverfront Park Improvements

County: Essex

The Ironbound Community Corporation proposes to partner with the City of Newark to construct the second phase of Newark Riverfront Park along the Passaic River. The initial park facilities are under construction between Van Buren and Somme Streets. The second phase will be located between Oxford and Somme Streets and Van Buren and Madison Streets to follow. This park development will ultimately tie into Joseph G. Minish Passaic Riverfront Park and Historic Area, a collaborative project involving federal, state, county and local partners that will result in a two mile long linear park located

between Bridge and Brill Streets. This phase of the park features a river overlook, outdoor classroom, walkways, benches, lighting, and landscaping.

La Casa de Don Pedro
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant
Park Development

Branch Brook Park Improvements

County: Essex

La Casa de Don Pedro, in cooperation with Essex County, proposes to rehabilitate portions of the Southern Division of Branch Brook Park in Newark. The project includes improvements to the Clifton Avenue entrance and Concourse Hill areas of the park. Improvements at the Clifton Avenue entrance (Phase I) include: new fencing, signage, paving, curbing, lighting, landscaping and a redesigned pedestrian crossing and (Phase II) new fencing, signage, benches, paving landscaping and the restoration of steps along Victoria Avenue. Improvements at Concourse Hill include the construction of an open-air welcome pavilion, benches, signage, lighting, exemplary/demonstration landscaping components, gated entry plaza and accessible parking.

Lamington Conservancy
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Central Lamington Project

Counties: Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset

The Central Lamington project area consists of 28,396 acres of the Lamington River drainage located within Somerset, Morris, and Hunterdon Counties. Lamington Conservancy plans to work closely with partner nonprofits and local governments in identifying and targeting acquisitions that interlock with other preservation projects. Within the target area of Tewksbury, Chester Township, Washington Township (Morris), Bedminster Township, and Peapack-Gladstone Borough, the Lamington Conservancy anticipates protecting 2,000 acres through fee and easement acquisition.

New Jersey Conservation Foundation
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Area Acquisitions

Counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) has successfully established itself throughout the State with specific regional managers in five regions: Highlands, Western Piedmont, Pine Barrens, Delaware Bay, and South Jersey Metropolitan area. In continuance of its far reaching preservation efforts, the NJCF is now facilitating land acquisition projects through the deployment of staff in all five

regions of the State simultaneously, involving thousands of acres of New Jersey's landscape.

PROJECT AREAS:

Appalachian Trail Buffers

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

Arthur Kill Greenway

The project is designed to protect in a connected greenway the network of streamside lands, marshland, floodplain forest and natural areas adjacent to the Arthur Kill, its tributaries and their headwaters. 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.

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 is to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access to the land will include hiking on the existing trails.

Camden Parks and Greenways

New Jersey Conservation Foundation, as part of its Urban Parks Program, is pursuing open space preservation opportunities in coordination with State, county, city and other nonprofit efforts. Currently, NJCF has significant efforts underway to preserve lands along the Cooper and Delaware Rivers as part of the Camden Greenway. Current preservation opportunities range from shrub/scrub, semi-natural lands to abandoned industrial sites. NJCF plans to connect existing preserved lands and city "pocket parks" to expand the Camden Greenway and Park system.

Delaware Bay Watershed

NJCF's Delaware Bay Watershed project area stretches along the southwestern coast of New Jersey in Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May Counties. The region is a complex patchwork of farms, forests, coastal marshes and freshwater wetlands, interspersed with crossroad villages and a handful of more densely populated towns and small cities. The Watershed features some of the most important migratory bird habitat in the entire western hemisphere. The 1,200-square mile project area is equally recognized for its rich biological diversity, productive farmland and maritime heritage. Under intense development pressure, NJCF is working to protect threatened critical wildlife and natural resources of the Delaware Bay region.

Delaware River Heritage Trail

This is a project starting in Camden and going north through the Delaware River towns up to Trenton as an integral part of the Greater Philadelphia Regional Trail Network, also known as "The Circuit."

Elwood Corridor Project

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

Forked River Mountain Additions

Through this project, NJCF seeks to 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.

Four Mile Circle

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

Greater Kettle Run

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

Highlands Region

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

Pine Barrens

The Pine Barrens of New Jersey are a 1.1 million-acre mosaic of pine, oak and cedar forests. This area is home to numerous rare plant and animal species that are specially adapted to the nutrient poor, fire-prone conditions that drive the Pine Barrens ecosystem. NJCF’s land protection efforts in the Pine Barrens are aimed at ensuring that large contiguous areas are preserved and managed to maintain landscape scale ecological processes and are open to the public so that they might understand and enjoy the region’s beauty and importance.

Western Piedmont

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

New Jersey Audubon Society
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Ramapo Mountain Conservation Area

County: Bergen

The New Jersey Audubon Society is partnering with Bergen County, Mahwah Township, Oakland Borough, Bergen SWAN, Fyke Nature Association, NY-NJ Trail Conference, Ramapough Conservancy, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to increase holdings for Ramapo Mountain

State Forest, Ramapo Valley County Reservation, and Ringwood State Park.

NY-NJ Trail Conference

\$250,000 Matching Grant

Land Acquisition

Ramapo Mountain Conservation Area

County: Bergen

NY-NJ Trail Conference is partnering with Bergen County, Mahwah Township, Oakland Borough, Bergen SWAN, Fyke Nature Association, the New Jersey Audubon Society, Ramapough Conservancy, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to increase holdings for Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Ramapo Valley County Reservation, and Ringwood State Park.

NY/NJ Baykeeper

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant

Land Acquisition

Aberdeen Regional Park Acquisition

County: Monmouth

The NY/NJ Baykeeper intends to acquire two parcels of land adjacent to a twenty acre parcel recently purchased by Aberdeen and partners. When completed, the result will be a 250 acre regional park in northeastern Monmouth County.

North Ward Center

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant

Park Development

Branch Brook Park Improvements

County: Essex

The North Ward Center, Inc., in coordination with Essex County, proposes to rehabilitate portions of the Southern Division of Branch Brook Park in Newark. The project includes improvements to the Clifton Avenue entrance and Concourse Hill areas of the park. Improvements at the Clifton Avenue entrance (Phase I) include: new fencing, signage, paving, curbing, lighting, landscaping and a redesigned pedestrian crossing and (Phase II) new fencing, signage, benches, paving, landscaping and the restoration of steps along Victoria Avenue. Improvements at Concourse Hill include the construction of an open-air welcome pavilion, benches, signage, lighting, exemplary/demonstration landscaping components, gated entry plaza and accessible parking. Restoration of the existing fencing and native/ Olmsted design landscaping is proposed near the Clifton Avenue Historic Parks Building.

Open Space Conservancy
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Project Priority Areas

**Counties: Bergen, Hudson,
Morris, Warren**

The Open Space Conservancy, a supporting organization of the Open Space Institute, is expanding their land preservation work into New Jersey, and will focus initially on three priority areas:

Ridge and Valley (Warren County): OSC is partnering with Warren County and the Ridge and Valley Conservancy to acquire key parcels that buffer the Ridge and Valley Trail as well as the Delaware Water Gap NRA.

NJ Highlands (Morris and Bergen Counties): OSC proposes to extend its Highlands work into New Jersey with a focus on key inholdings in the Highlands Planning Area of Morris County and the Ramapo Mountains of Bergen County

Urban Parks Conservation (Hudson County): OSC will partner with Hudson County and the City of Hoboken to identify urban acquisition priorities to create new opportunities for city residents to exercise and play outdoors.

P.A.R.K.S. Corp.
\$ 65,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Secure Park Project

County: Passaic

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

Passaic River Coalition
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Passaic River Preservation Project

**Counties: Bergen, Essex, Morris, Passaic,
Somerset, Sussex, Union**

The Passaic River Coalition has identified multiple priority acquisition areas throughout the Passaic River Basin. Properties to be acquired will provide watershed and water supply protection, and waterfront access.

Central Passaic Basin Protection: Acquisition of property in Essex and Morris Counties within the Central Passaic Basin for headwater protection, water quality protection, flood plain protection, and wetlands protection.

Clinton Woods: Acquisition of a 42-acre property adjacent to Bearfort Mountain Natural Area and Waywayanda State Park in West Milford Township.

Greenwood Lake/Wanaque River Greenway: Acquisition of property in Passaic County for waterfront access to and protection of Greenwood Lake and the Wanaque River.

Liberty Corner Greenway/Upper Passaic River Greenway: Acquisition of wetlands and flood plain areas along the Upper Passaic River and tributaries in Essex, Morris, Somerset and Union Counties for stream corridor and water quality protection.

Lower Passaic River Greenway: Targeting properties to provide waterfront access in densely populated areas in Bergen, Essex and Passaic Counties.

Pequannock/Pompton Greenway: Preservation of properties in the Pequannock River Watershed in Morris and Passaic Counties.

Ramapo Greenway: Acquisition of property in the Ramapo Mountain region in Bergen and Passaic Counties adjacent to local and county parkland and in proximity to Ringwood State Park.

Russia Brook/Rockaway River Greenway: Acquisition of property along the Russia Brook, which is a headwater tributary of the Rockaway River, and along the Rockaway River in Morris and Sussex Counties.

Saddle River Watershed: Acquisition of property within the Saddle River watershed in Bergen County, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Saddle River.

Upper Passaic Watershed Protection: Acquisition of property within the Upper Passaic River watershed in Morris and Somerset Counties, including protection of headwaters and tributaries to the Upper Passaic River.

Urban Passaic Watershed: Acquisition of properties for waterfront access in urban areas of Essex and Passaic Counties.

Wyanokie Highlands: Acquisition of property between Norvin Green State Park and the Wanaque Reservoir in Passaic County. Lands acquired will provide a buffer to and linkage between the park and reservoir.

Passaic River Rowing Association
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant
Park Development

Passaic River Rowing Association

County: Bergen

The Passaic River Rowing Association proposes to develop and expand an existing boathouse in Riverside County Park South on Riverside Drive in Lyndhurst. The project would include the expansion of the boathouse to include indoor training facilities, showers, locker rooms, and meeting space, all in support of outdoor recreation.

Phillipsburg Riverview Organization
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Shabcong Mountain Preserve

County: Warren

Phillipsburg Riverview Organization would like to acquire a 125-acre forest is located in Washington Borough, Warren County. It contains large areas of steep slopes and wetlands and it is almost entirely designated as a critical wildlife habitat. There is a strong likelihood that it also provides habitat to three federally endangered species - the Bog Turtle, Indiana Bat and Dwarf Wedgemussel - two of which are known to be present in the community. The property also contains tributaries to the Shabcong and Pohatcong creeks, both Category I waterways. Washington Borough is reaching build-out and this may be the last remaining open space.

Ramapough Conservancy
\$250,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Ramapo Mountain Conservation Area

County: Bergen

Ramapough Conservancy is partnering with Bergen County, Mahwah Township, Oakland Borough, Bergen SWAN, Fyke Nature Association, the New Jersey Audubon Society, NY-NJ Trail Conference, and The Land Conservancy of New Jersey to increase holdings for Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Ramapo Valley County Reservation, and Ringwood State Park.

Rancocas Conservancy
\$200,000
Land Acquisition

Rancocas Watershed Acquisition

County: Burlington

The Rancocas Conservancy is interested in the preservation of wooded riparian areas, headwaters, and other lands critical to wildlife and water quality protection throughout the Rancocas Creek watershed.

Some of the most critical areas have been identified in the "Rancocas Creek Greenway Implementation Plan for the Main Stem." The intention is to have one watershed-wide project area that includes the parcels along Kettle Run and the Irick Brick Homestead. Once acquired, the land will be open to the public for birding, hiking, and other forms of passive recreation.

Roberto Clemente League
\$ 200,000 Matching Grant
Park Development

Branch Brook Park Rehabilitation

County: Essex

The Roberto Clemente League, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, has requested additional funding to rehabilitate recreation facilities in the Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville, as well as the Middle Division, located in Newark. Branch Brook Park is distinguished as being the first county park open for public use in the United States and at almost 360 acres it is the largest developed park in Essex County. Projects completed to date include baseball fields in the Extension Division, a new synthetic turf athletic field in the Middle Division, and renovation of the restrooms in the Octagon Building. In the next phase, the tennis complex will be renovated, and a new children's play area will be installed.

Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc.
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Schiff-Mount Paul Greenway

County: Morris

Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of natural resources, environmental education, and the stewardship of the natural environment. The Trust owns and operates the Schiff Nature Preserve in Chester Township, Mendham Township, and Mendham Borough. The Schiff Nature Preserve is part of a regional greenway known as the Mount Paul County Park Greenway. This greenway connects Mount Paul County Park, the Burnett Brook Natural Area, and the Ralston Historic, Recreation and Natural Area to Schiff's 340-acre nature preserve. Schiff Natural Lands Trust has identified various parcels for acquisition adjacent to its Preserve. It seeks to link nearby municipal parks to the Preserve and to establish connections with many of its existing conservation easements.

South Vineland Little League
\$ 65,975 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition

Little League Complex Acquisition

County: Cumberland

The South Vineland Little League proposes to purchase an 8.11 acre parcel of land on West Avenue in the City of Vineland for the future development of a baseball complex. The land is immediately

adjacent to a 17 acre lot that was previously purchased by the Little League for this project. The objective of the South Vineland Little League is to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority, so that they will be well-adjusted, stronger, and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy adults.

Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

Watershed Connectors

County: Mercer

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

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award

Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

**Counties: Bergen, Essex, Morris,
Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Warren**

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare Open Space and Recreation Plans, Trails Plans and Greenway Plans. As the towns have prepared their plans, the Conservancy has added these towns into their project scope, in order to participate in cooperative 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 newly established South Branch Preserve is a 1,000 acre project area encompassing nearly two miles of the South Branch of the Raritan River in Morris County protecting the headwaters of the River. More than 1 million New Jersey residents receive their drinking water from this watershed. The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is working with a team of preservation partners to permanently protect this critical natural resource.

The Nature Conservancy
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Priority Areas Acquisition

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

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

Cape May Project Area

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

Delaware Bay

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

High Mountain Preserve

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

Limestone Forest

The Nature Conservancy proposes additions to the Conservancy's existing holdings of 351 acres in the Limestone Forest of Warren and Sussex counties.

Maurice River Project Area

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

East and West Plains

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

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

Oswego River Lowlands

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

Elwood Corridor

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

Hirst Ponds

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

Forked River Mountains

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

Trust for Public Land
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Project Priority Areas

Counties: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren

Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition

The Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition Project Area includes 297 acres in Egg Harbor, Galloway and Hamilton townships. Some of the property is environmentally sensitive, but the majority of land to be purchased has recreational development potential and will serve active recreation needs. All land is in the Pinelands Regional Growth Area.

Bay to Bay

The Bay to Bay project area connects the Century Plan (Barnegat Bay area) and Harbor Estuary (Raritan Bay and Arthur Kill, Hudson, and Kill Van Kull Rivers in the NY/NJ Harbor) Project Areas.

Bergen County Open Space Plan Partnership

Trust for Public Land will assist in the implementation of the Bergen County Open Space & Recreation Plan, including lands identified for preservation in the Highlands.

Beyond the Century Plan - Barnegat Bay Initiative

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

Camden Balanced Communities Acquisition

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

Delaware River Inland

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

Essex County Open Space

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Essex County Open Space Plan.

Harbor Estuary Acquisition

Trust for Public Land will expand the Arthur Kill River watershed protection project by acquiring the remaining viable wetland systems in the area, including salt marshes, freshwater wetlands, and adjacent

forests. The project area spans four counties and seven municipalities along the Arthur Kill River and its watershed surrounding the New Jersey Harbor (part of the greater New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary and Bight that stretches from the tidal boundaries on the Hudson River to the confluence of the Hudson, Arthur Kill, and Kill Van Kull Rivers in the NY/NJ Harbor). This area is New Jersey's most developed and densely populated. The conservation value of the remaining salt marshes, freshwater wetlands and adjacent forests is, therefore, extremely significant.

Hudson County Open Space

TPL will assist in the implementation of the Hudson County Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Hunterdon County Open Space Partnership

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

Interstate 195 Corridor

Trust for Public Land will assist in the acquisition of lands along the rapidly developing Interstate 195 corridor in Monmouth and Mercer counties.

Metedeconk Watershed Protection

The proposed areas of preservation are part of the Metedeconk River Watershed in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Properties targeted are mostly open, vacant land, including wooded areas and wetlands areas. The Metedeconk Watershed is a 70-square mile sub-watershed of the Barnegat Bay watershed. The biggest challenge facing this watershed is the booming population growth rate, which has led to the loss of forests and small isolated wetlands. Present zoning in the watershed would allow most of the open space to be developed.

Morris Open Space Acquisition

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

Passaic Open Space Acquisition

TPL will assist in the acquisition of property within Passaic County.

Somerset Open Space Partnership

TPL will assist in the acquisition of property within Somerset County.

Sussex Open Space Partnership

TPL will assist in the acquisition of property within Sussex County.

Upper Delaware River Watershed

Trust for Public Land is negotiating to acquire hundreds of acres of land located along Scotts Mountain, linking to Jenny Jump State Forest. These acquisitions are aimed at protecting source water supplies and will supplement existing regional parkland resources.

Wanaque Gap

As part of its work to preserve water supply areas in northern New Jersey, TPL has targeted a large "gap" of unprotected land in the Wanaque watershed immediately south of Sterling Forest, between the northern and southern portions of Norvin Green State Forest. This land will be acquired and/or protected through conservation easements.

YMCA Camp Ockanickon

\$ 100,000 Matching Grant

Land Acquisition

Camp Ockanickon Conservation and Recreation Program

County: Burlington

YMCA Camp Ockanickon is seeking to acquire a 240 acre property that is contiguous to the existing camp facility in Medford Township. The property to be acquired is a mix of typical pinelands forests, streams, and open fields. The applicant plans to use the property for a variety of passive and active recreation programs, including walking, biking, horseback riding, camping, ecology education, and sustainable gardening.

Zoological Society of New Jersey

\$ 200,000 Matching Grant

Park Development

Sea Lion Exhibit

County: Essex

The Zoological Society seeks to create a new Sea Lion Exhibit and shark and ray touch tank at the existing Turtle Back Zoo. The Turtle Back Zoo, established in 1963, sits immediately adjacent to the South Mountain Reservation. Located in West Orange Township, the zoo receives over 500,000 annual visitors from Essex County and northern New Jersey. The new exhibit will be designed as the centerpiece of the zoo, visible from the entrance. The new exhibit will strive to mimic natural habitats, be fully ADA accessible and incorporate educational graphics throughout, in keeping with the core functions of the Zoo's exhibits: recreation, wildlife education and conservation with the goal of helping people understand and support wildlife conservation and ecological sustainability.