

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

LOCAL AND NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

2019

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

Recommendations for Funding



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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 will provide more than \$86.7 million in funding to local governments and nonprofit land trusts to acquire open space, develop parks and perform stewardship activities on parks throughout New Jersey. This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes \$26.4 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$46.3 million for local development of parks and recreational facilities, \$5 million for local stewardship projects, \$6.1 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations, \$1.9 million for recreational development and \$800,000 for nonprofit stewardship projects. This funding comes from the Preserve New Jersey Act (P.L. 2016, c. 12), the enabling legislation for funding approved by voters in 2014, as well as loan and interest repayments, interest earnings, and previously approved projects that did not come to fruition.

New Jersey's Green Acres program was created in 1961 to meet the state's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected over 700,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the state. The total acreage of protected open space across New Jersey now exceeds 1.52 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, preserves sensitive habitats for endangered and threatened species, promotes smart growth and provides a place for public recreation and connection with community and nature.

New Jersey is home to nearly every kind of recreation opportunity. Public lands acquired and improved with Green Acres funding provide for fishing, hiking, boating, skiing, birding and simply spending time in the great outdoors. Whether you want to "take me out to the ballgame" or get sand between your toes, New Jersey's public open spaces provide countless ways to play.

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. In this funding round, \$26.4 million in grants and loans is being approved for 47 local (county and municipal) land acquisition projects across the State. Funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning 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 funding round 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% matching grant, up to the established cap.

- **Standard Acquisitions:** Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax, have a tax below the required ½ cent rate or have suspended their open space tax, qualify for a 25% matching grant with the balance provided as a low-interest (2%) 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 conservation purposes and for diverse recreation needs. To meet these needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. This round of projects includes \$46.3 million in grants and loans for 66 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects in urban, suburban or rural areas across the state. All development loans are repayable over 20 years.

- **Urban Aid* park development:** The provision of recreational facilities in New Jersey's densely developed cities is a high priority for Green Acres. The Preserve New Jersey Act reinforced this priority by increasing the grant ratio for Urban Aid projects from 50% to 75%. These projects are eligible for the balance as a zero-interest loan, up to the funding round cap, if the applicant requests it. Projects sponsored by **Densely Populated Counties*** (population density of more than 5,000 people per square mile) will receive 50% grant funding, with the balance as a low-interest (2%) loan, up to the cap.
- **Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities* park 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% grant, and a low-interest (2%) loan, up to the established cap.
- **Standard development:** Communities that do not fall into the Urban Aid or Densely/Highly Populated categories will receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the funding round 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, which range from small, local groups to large, international organizations. Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition statewide and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid or Densely or Highly Populated municipalities or in Densely Populated counties.

This year, approximately \$6.1 million is being awarded to 22 nonprofit organizations for land acquisition projects. Eight nonprofits are receiving a total of \$1.9 million for park development projects.

Stewardship Projects – Local and Nonprofit

The Preserve New Jersey Act established a new funding category for stewardship activities by local governments and nonprofit organizations on lands held for public recreation and conservation purposes. The Act defines stewardship as “an activity, which is beyond routine operations and maintenance...to repair or restore lands acquired for recreation and conservation purposes for the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation and conservation purposes.”

In developing this new funding program, Green Acres solicited input from local governments, nonprofits and

natural resource professionals. Based on these discussions, Green Acres decided to focus the limited Stewardship funds on natural resource and conservation projects and limited passive recreation, not on active recreation facilities.

Awards for local stewardship projects in Urban Aid municipalities are in the form of a 75% matching grant. Local projects in the remaining municipalities, and all nonprofit projects, will receive 50% matching grant awards. This year, we are approving \$5 million for 17 local stewardship projects and \$800,000 for 6 nonprofit stewardship projects.

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

Appendix 1 describes the funding formula used to determine awards.

*Appendix 2 includes the list of Urban Aid, Densely Populated, and Highly Populated municipalities and Densely and Highly Populated counties.

LOCAL PROJECTS

Atlantic County

Atlantic City

Gardner's Basin Improvements

Atlantic City is seeking funding to improve Gardner's Basin, which is located on the waterfront at Absecon Bay and features breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, Absecon Inlet, Absecon Bay and the marina district. Gardner's Basin provides scenic vistas of the waterfront; facilitates fishing, boating, sightseeing and dolphin watching cruises; and features the Atlantic City Aquarium. Gardner's Basin also serves as an anchor for a multi-city waterfront bike/pedestrian trail that includes the Atlantic City and Ventnor boardwalks. The project will continue to support and encourage passive and active recreational uses of Atlantic City's waterfront parks.

\$1,000,000* Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

(*Originally approved for \$750,000; should be \$1,000,000, as an Urban Aid Municipality)

Egg Harbor Township

Tony Canale Park Expansion

Egg Harbor Township is seeking Green Acres funding to improve Tony Canale Park's existing 50-acre recreational facility and the adjacent 40-acre open space parcel to accommodate the recreational needs of the Township's growing population. The existing recreational facility, located on Sycamore Avenue, is maximally utilized by the Township's recreation program, and additional facilities are needed to meet the recreational demand. The project will result in three additional multipurpose fields, a synthetic turf field, two parking facilities, a road to access the fields, a field house to support recreational amenities and a stormwater basin. The proposed improvements will enhance the quality of recreational use for the public.

\$750,000 Matching Grant Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Ventnor City

Ventnor City Ski Beach Improvements

Ventnor City is seeking funding from Green Acres to enhance its Ski Beach Park, one of only three public access points on Absecon Island. The project proposes an extension of the existing boat ramp, construction of a floating dock to facilitate boaters' access to the water, installation of energy-efficient LED lighting and placement of concrete pads for picnic tables, a pavilion and bike racks. The project will serve to enhance a system of interconnecting open spaces along the bayfront of Absecon Island for the public's recreational use.

\$291,300 Loan Award

\$ 97,100 Matching Grant Award

\$388,400 Total Award

Park Development

Densely Populated Municipality

Bergen County

Bergen County

Wild Duck Pond Restoration

Bergen County is sponsoring a restoration project at Wild Duck Pond in Saddle River County Park on East Ridgewood Avenue. This project will promote the ecological health of a sensitive area in a densely populated region. The enhancement of this natural area will benefit the wildlife habitat corridor and green space along the Saddle River in addition to improving the water quality of Wild Duck Pond. The first phase of the project aims to restore the site's hydrology and create wetland and upland habitat. The second phase includes removing invasive species, re-vegetating the site with native species and improving recreational and educational opportunities to the local community.

\$1,250,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Highly Populated County

Bergenfield Borough

Twin Boro Field Improvements

Bergenfield Borough is requesting additional funding for improvements to Twin Boro Field Park, located on Twin Boro Lane at Vivyen Street. Proposed facilities include two synthetic turf baseball/softball fields, a synthetic turf soccer field, a synthetic turf soccer/football field, sports lighting, field amenities, fencing and stormwater management improvements.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Cliffside Park Borough

Zalewski Park Improvements 2

Cliffside Park Borough proposes improvements to Zalewski Park, located on Adolphus Avenue and Gorge Road. Included in this project are benches, lighting, tree plantings, a new brick paver walkway and a retaining wall to support the walkway.

\$237,000 Loan Award
\$ 79,000 Matching Grant Award
\$316,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Dumont Borough

Gina's Field Improvements

Dumont Borough proposes improvements to Gina's Field, located at Aladdin Avenue and Armour Place. Proposed improvements include softball field reorientation and rehabilitation, walkways, stormwater management improvements, irrigation, utilities, playground equipment and safety surfacing and landscaping.

\$235,632 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

East Rutherford Borough

Morton Street Acquisition

The Borough of East Rutherford proposes to acquire a 3.82-acre property to become a passive park, with a long-term vision of connecting multiple green spaces and parks. Future development plans are to turn this park into an active recreational space including athletic fields, a playground, a dog park, walkways and amenities.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Edgewater Borough

Old Borough Hall Park Development

Edgewater Borough proposes improvements to Old Borough Hall Park, located along River Road between Dempsey and Hilliard Avenues. The Borough plans to redevelop the park, adding a new tennis court, making stormwater management improvements and installing benches and landscaping.

**\$115,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Elmwood Park Borough

Elmwood Park Marina Development

Elmwood Park Borough plans improvements to its marina, located along River Drive between Elmwood Drive and Gilbert Avenue. The Borough proposes to rehabilitate an existing gravel parking area with permeable asphalt, construct a permeable walking path along the river with decorative lighting and install a dock for boating purposes.

**\$250,407 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Englewood City

Mackay Park Field Improvements

Englewood City proposes to restore the heavily-used youth baseball field at Mackay Park, located on Englewood Avenue. Field rehabilitation measures include installation of new drainage systems, resurfacing of the playing field, and new fencing, backstops, dugouts and benches.

**\$66,750 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Fairview Borough

Fairview Dog Park Acquisition Project

Fairview Borough is proposing to acquire a half acre of property at 102-108 Bergen Boulevard to create a space for a planned community dog park. This additional park will add much needed, easily accessible green space to residents.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Densely Populated Municipality

Garfield City

20th Century Field Playground

Garfield City is proposing to build a playground in the northern part of its 20th Century Field Park, located at Elizabeth Street and Gaston Avenue. The playground will include fully ADA-accessible equipment and safety surfacing and will provide much-needed play opportunities for children with disabilities.

\$ 40,000 Loan Award
\$120,000 Matching Grant Award
\$160,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hackensack City

Multi-Park Improvements

Hackensack City is proposing improvements to two parks. At Staib Park, located between Coles and Davis avenues at Summit Avenue, the City is proposing a new basketball court, an open-air pavilion, a restroom/concession building and walkways. At Columbus Park, located on West Franklin Street between Old Hoboken Road and South Main Street, the City proposes to rehabilitate basketball courts and walkways, install benches and trash cans, make drainage improvements and regrade and reseed existing lawn areas.

\$210,226 Loan Award
\$630,680 Matching Grant Award
\$840,906 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Lodi Borough

Multi-Park Improvements

Lodi Borough is proposing to install new LED lighting at two Borough parks: Kennedy Park, located on Kennedy Drive, and Voto/Tedesco Park, located on Richmond Street. The new lights will replace outdated, inefficient lighting and will increase the usability of these two popular parks.

\$941,250 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Maywood Borough

Memorial Park Field Improvements

Maywood Borough is proposing field improvements at Memorial Park, located at Spring Valley Road and Grant Avenue. The Borough proposes field renovations that will grade and level the field surfaces and restore the clay infield and sidelines. These improvements will promote player safety by reducing trip hazards. Irrigation improvements are also proposed to prevent the field from drying out and hardening.

\$45,000 Loan Award
\$15,000 Matching Grant Award
\$60,000 Total Award

**Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

North Arlington Borough

James Zadroga Memorial Field

North Arlington Borough plans to construct a synthetic turf multi-use field at James Zadroga Memorial Field, located on Schuyler Avenue. The existing grass surface receives continual use, which has created potentially unsafe playing conditions. The turf surface will improve safety and allow for maximized use of the facility. The Borough also proposes an underground drainage system for the field that will direct runoff into an existing stormwater management system.

**\$268,425 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Palisades Park Borough

Columbus Park Improvements

Palisades Park Borough proposes renovations to Columbus Park, located at Grand Avenue and West Palisades Boulevard. In an effort to revitalize the park and enhance park safety, the Borough proposes to replace an existing handball court with a new basketball court, install new park benches and picnic tables and replace outdated playground equipment. Also proposed are walkways, retaining walls and fencing.

**\$38,063 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Rutherford Borough

Walls Field Rain Garden / Bio-Retention System

The Borough of Rutherford requests a grant to fund the Walls Field Rain Garden/Bio-Retention Systems project which would alleviate field flooding in a densely populated area. The field is located downslope of Highland Cross and Eastern Way and is subjected to stormwater runoff that currently overburdens the existing drainage system. The rain garden would be located toward the northern and eastern ends of the park to slow and capture storm runoff, filtering and recharging groundwater. Native plant species will be used to absorb excess water and prevent soil erosion while promoting biodiversity.

**\$63,420 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Densely Populated Municipality**

Wood-Ridge Borough

Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition

The Borough of Wood-Ridge proposes the acquisition of approximately 11.8 acres of land adjacent to a new residential development. The proposed acquisition, a portion of the former Curtiss Wright industrial complex, is located near the newly renovated NJ Transit Westmont Station and a bus stop on Passaic Avenue. Potential future development includes both active and passive uses, such as field sports, a playground and shelter, restrooms, a multi-purpose trail and a dog run. A multipurpose grassy field is proposed to allow for open play, people-watching, sunbathing and community events.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Densely Populated Municipality

Burlington County

Burlington City

Multi-Park Improvements

Burlington City is requesting funding for to rehabilitate the Delaware Riverfront Promenade and redevelop John F. Kennedy Park. Proposed improvements to the Promenade, currently closed due to safety concerns, will restore safe access to the waterfront for the public's enjoyment. The Promenade has been a critical element of the revitalization of the city and its business district. Proposed improvements to John F. Kennedy Park include an ADA-compliant pathway linking to existing trails within the City, three pedestrian bridges connecting to the various islands within the park, as well as the addition of a dog park. The project will serve to enhance the quality of the City's outdoor recreational resources for the public's use.

**\$500,000 Loan Award
Park Development**

Mount Holly Township

Mill Dam Park Redevelopment

Mount Holly Township is requesting additional funding to refurbish its Mill Dam Park, located on Pine Street between Mill Street and the Rancocas Creek. Proposed improvements include basketball and tennis courts, parking improvements, a spray park and a pavilion with a cooking area. Also planned are a comfort station/concession stand, fitness trail, shade structures, lighting, picnic tables, landscaping and utility improvements.

**\$ 860,500 Loan
\$ 139,500 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Riverside Township

Whomsley Fields Development

Riverside Township is requesting Green Acres funding to redevelop the existing Whomsley Fields facilities to better accommodate growing recreational needs. There is an increasing demand for multi-use fields in the Township that cannot be met due to the limited availability. Proposed improvements, which include a synthetic turf multi-use field and a synthetic turf Little League field, will serve a greater range of the local population by allowing for a variety of active recreational opportunities.

**\$125,000 Loan
\$625,000 Matching Grant Award
\$750,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Camden County

Camden County

Cooper River Park Improvements II

Camden County is requesting additional funding for proposed improvements in Cooper River Park, located along North Park Drive and South Park Drive in Cherry Hill Township, Pennsauken Township, Camden City and Collingswood Borough. Cooper River Park is a heavily-used park located in the most populous area of Camden County. In this phase, the County plans improvements to Zone 3 (The Great Lawn), Zone 7 (Williamson Field/Picnic Grove/Memorial Gardens), and Zone 15 (Armitage Pavilion). Proposed improvements include plazas, pavilions, decks, baseball fields, fencing, landscaping, gabion walls, lighting, signage, walkways, parking improvements, riparian buffers and a regatta viewing feature.

\$1,250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Highly Populated County

Camden County

Watchable Wildlife Trail

Camden County is requesting additional funding for improvements to the Watchable Wildlife Trail which runs for 1.8 miles through Maria Barnaby Greenwald Park in Cherry Hill Township and Haddonfield Borough. The County proposes trail improvements, including site clearing, filling and grading, site furnishings, and outdoor educational and wayfinding signage.

\$118,300 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Highly Populated County

Camden City

Whitman Park Improvement Project

Camden City is requesting additional funding for improvements to Whitman Park, bordered by Hallowell Lane, Sayrs Avenue, and Davis Street, to establish a sense of place and make the neighborhood more inviting. Active recreation upgrades will include construction or rehabilitation of basketball courts, baseball fields and football field and upgrades to the concession/restroom building. New playground equipment and safety surface, park furnishings and landscaping will be installed, as well as irrigation, lighting, and fencing upgrades.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Gloucester Township

Multi-Park Improvements

Gloucester Township is requesting Green Acres funding for the development of new playgrounds at two parks: Erial Little League Park and Woodshire Mews Park. Playground improvements will include new play equipment as well as safety surfaces. Currently, the residents of the Woodshire Mews subdivision must cross busy roadways to access the nearest playground area. Gloucester Township is a densely populated community with high concentrations of residential and commercial development but has limited recreational facilities. The proposed playground improvements will help address this deficit and provide valuable recreational opportunities for Township residents.

\$ 69,246 Loan Award
\$207,737 Matching Grant Award
\$276,983 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Voorhees Township

Connelly Park Improvements

Voorhees Township is requesting Green Acres funds to provide a recreation area for children with disabilities. The Township recognizes the underserved recreational needs of this population and is working with "Jake's Place," a local organization that was instrumental in creating Camden County's first all-inclusive playground. The Township would like to create a similar playground at Connelly Park.

**\$500,000 Loan Award
Park Development**

Cape May County

Cape May City

Lafayette Street Park Nature Trail

Cape May City proposes to continue its transformation of Lafayette Park from a blighted, contaminated area to an attractive recreational site. Phase 4 of the transformation includes construction of an elevated boardwalk through the marsh of Cape Island Creek and a footpath through the deciduous forest. The project also includes site clearing, elevated viewing platforms, interpretive signage, and viewing scopes.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Cumberland County

Downe Township

Downe Township Open Space Acquisition

Downe Township proposes to acquire a 1.3-acre parcel located at the highly visible and accessible intersection of Main Street and Baptist Road in Newport to be a gateway for the township's bicycle network. The gateway will connect Newport to Lawrence Township, Dividing Creek and Port Norris, in accordance with the Township's 2014 NJDOT-funded Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. A new trail along Baptist Road will serve to enhance the connection to a coastal route that leads to Fortescue, Gandy's Beach and Money Island. In addition to providing recreational amenities such as restrooms, picnic areas and bike repair stations, the existing structure will serve as a Nature Center, displaying maps of bikeways and trails, points of interests and birding information.

**\$ 25,000 Loan
\$ 25,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 50,000 Total Award
Land Acquisition**

Essex County

Essex County

Multi-Park Improvements 2019

Essex County requested Green Acres funding for improvements at Brookdale Park in Montclair Township and the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange Township. Brookdale Park supports both passive and active outdoor recreation by providing trails, a dog park, playgrounds, track facilities, tennis courts, and sports fields. Significant upgrades to the existing baseball/softball fields are necessary to meet the active recreational demand of the local population. The proposed improvements will support the active recreational use of the facilities for the public's enjoyment. At the Zoo, the County had proposed to replace the Wild New Jersey exhibit with a new North American Bear exhibit but subsequently decided not to construct the exhibit at this time.

\$1,500,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated County

Belleville Township

Belleville Municipal Stadium Improvements

The Township of Belleville is requesting funding to develop and rehabilitate recreational fields at Belleville Municipal Stadium, located on Nolton Avenue. The Stadium currently has bleachers, four ballfields, a synthetic turf football field, and a synthetic turf multipurpose field. The new project will consist of removing two of the existing ballfields; installing a multi-sport facility, including a synthetic track-and-field event area and a synthetic turf field for softball, football, and soccer; installing a track drainage system, new fencing, new and relocated lighting; and making landscape improvements. Belleville Municipal Stadium is the largest and most heavily-used municipal park in the township.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Belleville Township

Rifle Range Preserve Project

The Township of Belleville seeks funding to transform an abandoned ballfield on Joralemon Street into a nature park with native vegetation and a trail with signage for passive recreation and environmental education. The completed preserve will provide the appropriate natural habitat for wildlife, and allow for the enjoyment of wildlife, native plants, garden areas and educational opportunities. Over the years, the goal is to transform the space into an ecologically balanced and biodiverse landscape.

\$105,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality

Bloomfield Township

Bloomfield Township Third River Park and Preserve Acquisition

The Township of Bloomfield has requested additional Green Acres funding for the acquisition of a 12.7-acre parcel of land located along the Third River and Spring Brook, and adjacent to a 5.6-acre property previously acquired by the Township. Accessed by Lion's Gate Drive, the site is situated in a highly developed area, and was used historically for manufacturing. The Township plans to restore the flood plain and associated wetlands, creating flood storage area and wildlife habitat. The resulting 18 acres of preserved parkland will provide unique opportunities for passive and active recreation facilities, as well as environmental education, in an urban setting.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition

Urban Aid Municipality

Bloomfield Township

Third River Park Trail

Bloomfield Township seeks funding to create a trail and interactive outdoor learning experience for all ages at the Third River Park and Preserve. The completed trail and associated amenities will enrich environmental education activities and programming to support stewardship of the natural environment. Plans include a walking path and trail, installation of a boardwalk and observation deck, educational signage, native plantings and floodplain improvements/restoration.

**\$286,968 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality**

East Orange City

Columbian Park Improvements

The City of East Orange would like to make comprehensive upgrades to Columbian Playground, an existing park located in the City's 5th Ward. Columbian Playground is a 4.4-acre park behind George Washington Carver Elementary School and residential properties. Enhancing the recreational resources in East Orange is consistent with the 2013 East Orange Parks Master Plan. Improvements will include a rubberized walking track, multipurpose sports field, expanded pool deck, new entrance landscaping and fencing, a new volleyball court, outdoor exercise equipment, repaving the basketball court, and rebuilding the field house. The objective of the proposed improvements is to help make Columbian Playground an inviting space and a prime location for passive and active recreation in East Orange.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Montclair Township

Multi Park Development

Montclair Township seeks funding for Essex Park on Chestnut Street and Nishuane Park on Cedar Avenue. At Essex Park, improvements will include pathway reconstruction, a new playground surface and equipment, lighting, drainage, restroom renovations and park amenities. Improvements to Nishuane Park will include pathway reconstruction, a refurbished basketball court, resurfaced tennis courts and parking lot, benches, tables, and other amenities.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Newark City

Frederick Douglas Park

The City of Newark is proposing to redevelop existing parkland that was previously used as an interior courtyard for the former Douglass Harrison Apartment Complex between Spruce Street, Barclay Street, Muhammad Ali Avenue and Somerset Street. The project will create an open, accessible, user-friendly community park that will provide opportunities for active and passive recreation including walking paths, community gardens, seating areas, native plants and trees and a gazebo for gatherings and use as a focal point for live community arts performances.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development**

Urban Aid Municipality

Nutley Township

DeMuro Park Improvements Project

Nutley Township is requesting Green Acres funding to rehabilitate DeMuro Park located on Margaret Avenue. As a significant recreational resource in this Urban Aid community, DeMuro Park is well-used by the local population all year round and needs rehabilitation. The proposed project consists of replacing the existing track surface with a new synthetic turf system. Additionally, the Township will refurbish the existing track and field facilities, such as the long jump run, pole vault facility, shot put, etc. Finally, this project includes the resurfacing and restriping of the existing tennis courts along with the installation of new nets. The proposed improvements will enhance the recreational quality of the park to be enjoyed by the public.

\$182,790 Loan
\$548,370 Matching Grant Award
\$731,160 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Gloucester County

Pitman Borough

Alcyon Lake Park

Pitman Borough previously acquired land adjacent to Alcyon Lake for the purpose of providing active recreation in the form of athletic fields and a walking path along the woods on the western side of the lake. The Borough desires to acquire land adjacent to Alcyon Lake Park in order to provide an additional 20 acres for passive recreation for surrounding residents as well as increase the natural buffer between development of the land to the southwest, owned by Rowan University, and ultimately preserve the character of the Alcyon Lake.

\$100,000 Loan
\$400,000 Matching Grant Award
\$500,000 Total Award
Land Acquisition

Washington Township

Washington Lake Park Improvements

Washington Township is proposing to make upgrades within Washington Lake Park on Hurffville Cross-Keys Road in Sewall. At 330 acres, Washington Lake Park is the largest municipal park in New Jersey. The park was developed over the course of many years with municipal funds and Green Acres assistance and was dedicated in 1992. The Township is now requesting funds to remove the existing 25-year old playground equipment and replace it with ADA-accessible equipment that is safe and accessible by all users. Additionally, the Township proposes to upgrade the Cedar Lake portion of the park by repaving the existing park entrance driveway, restoring the existing beach, constructing a multi-use path, creating new grassy fields, improving the parking area and installing bike racks.

\$323,750 Loan Award

\$426,250 Matching Grant Award
\$750,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Woolwich Township

Locke Ave Park Improvement Project

Woolwich Township is proposing a phased active recreational development project on existing open space parcels located off Locke Avenue. This project will include multi-purpose fields, parking lots, multi-use paths connecting to the existing Locke Ave Park along with a concession stand/comfort station and a covered outdoor seating area. The proposed improvements will support an optimal recreational environment for the increasing residential population.

\$500,000 Loan Award
Park Development

Hudson County

Hudson County

Laurel Hill Park Phase IV

Hudson County continues to develop Laurel Hill Park, located in Secaucus, with an emphasis on expanding recreation opportunities and creating safe and enjoyable access to the Hackensack River waterfront. The Laurel Hill Park Improvements - Phase IV is a \$6 million investment in new and refurbished active recreational facilities and connective pathways. The project includes development of wildlife habitat gardens and native landscaping, including planting over 300 new trees. The County also will stabilize and create a Living Shoreline along the banks of the Hackensack River. Repair of the boat ramp and replacement of the upstream dock are necessary to keep water access safe for small pleasure craft like canoes and kayaks. The project will add recreational facilities, including two basketball courts, six tennis courts, and two volleyball courts and an upgraded playground with an aquatic theme.

\$1,500,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated County

Bayonne City

Multi Park Development

Bayonne City proposes improvements at two parks: Cottage Street Park and 28th Street Park. Improvements at Cottage Street include a fence around a basketball court; sidewalks and curbs; two playground structures; a dog park with irrigation, a pet waste station and a dog water fountain; landscaping; and other amenities. At 28th Street Park, upgrades include a basketball court, fencing, two playgrounds, landscaping, sidewalk and other amenities. All improvements will be ADA accessible. All improvements will be ADA accessible.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Harrison Town

Cape May Street Waterfront Park

Harrison Town is proposing the development of a waterfront park along the Passaic River. Plans include a synthetic turf soccer field and associated drainage, riverbank restoration, native species plantings, a pier overlook, a main plaza with decorative fountains, river overlook stations, fitness stations, streetscape improvements, a kayak launch, interpretive signage, walkways, bicycle racks, overlook, seating, lighting and parking.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Harrison Town

Cape May Street Waterfront Park

Harrison Town is proposing the development of a waterfront park along the Passaic River. Planned improvements include a riverbank restoration with native species plantings and the development of a pier overlook. The project also includes interpretive signage, a walkway and associated lighting. The completed park will connect to the Passaic River Walkway stretches from Hamilton Avenue to the Cape May Street.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Densely Populated Municipality**

Hoboken City

Hoboken Cove Park

Hoboken City seeks funding to transform Harborside Park into Cove Park. The 3-acre park fronts Weehawken Cove and the Hudson River at Park Avenue and 15th Street. The proposed plans include a bermed and terraced design that will offer a variety of passive and active recreation. Features will include pathways, playground areas, active recreation space, a dog park, waterfront viewing areas and other amenities. Additionally, as part of a larger coastal flood risk reduction plan, Cove Park will significantly reduce flood risk for over 85% of Hoboken residents in the coastal floodplain.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Hoboken City

Cove Shoreline and Ecological Restoration

Hoboken City seeks to support the ecological restoration at Weehawken Cove in accordance with the Rebuild By Design Hudson River Project. Proposed improvements include walkway repairs needed to ensure access to the ecological area of focus. Additionally, a living marine life habitat installation will help improve the shoreline.

**\$69,132 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality**

Jersey City

Reservoir 3 Trail Development

Listed on the State and National Registers of Historic Places, Jersey City's Reservoir 3 Park provides a place for residents to walk, hike, fish, and kayak. A number of educational and environmental stewardship activities also take place there. Under the current proposal, the City plans to increase safety and security for its users by installing a permeable walking surface and curb around the park perimeter. Lighting, security cameras, benches, and other amenities are also proposed.

\$884,334 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Jersey City

Gateway and Hamilton Park Rain Gardens

Jersey City proposes to install rain gardens within the Gateway Park on Bright Street and Hamilton Park on Pavonia Avenue and West Hamilton Place. The rain gardens will play a key role in the City's effort to enhance green infrastructure resources to reduce localized flooding and stress on the combined sewer system. The gardens will capture and filter stormwater, thus alleviating nonpoint source pollution from stormwater runoff. They will also reduce the frequency of combined sewer overflow.

\$93,990 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality

North Bergen Township

North Bergen Community Center

North Bergen seeks funding to construct the open-air recreation elements of its proposed Community Center. Included in the proposal is a rooftop turf field with fencing and netting on the perimeter and a ground-level outdoor fitness equipment area. The proposal also includes locker rooms, a refreshment area, office space, and equipment storage.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Secaucus Town

Duck Pond Rehabilitation Project

The Duck Pond, which has become a popular spot for leisure and casual recreation in Secaucus, is in need of restoration. The surrounding path and overgrown vegetation must be addressed. The proposed improvements will incorporate erosion and sediment control measures and provide slope protection, include installation of a crushed stone path, selective thinning of the overgrown and dilapidated plants, and seeding, mulching, and landscaping.

\$325,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project

Union City

44th Street Acquisition

The City of Union proposes to acquire a 1.05-acre site between 44th and 45th Streets to serve the recreational needs of residents in the city's northern section. The area has seen a boom in residential development and is lacking in large-scale recreational opportunities. This site would be the second largest open space site in the city. The existing buildings will be demolished, and a new multipurpose recreational facility will be developed and include a soccer field, a baseball field, a playground and onsite parking.

\$225,000 Loan
\$675,000 Matching Grant Award
\$900,000 Total Award
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Weehawken Township

Waterfront Multi-Use Pavilion II

The Township of Weehawken is requesting funding to construct a multi-use rink pavilion and other recreational amenities at the southwestern portion of its waterfront South Park. This grant request is for the second phase of a three-phased project to expand recreation opportunities in a densely populated urban area along the Hudson River. This phase consists of an ice rink with an interchangeable surface that will allow for basketball in the summer months, a pavilion and support building, a great lawn, a basketball court and a tennis half-court. The rink pavilion will have an open-air roof structure that will shield the ice from the sun but will be open on the sides to allow for scenic views and fresh air. Bleacher-style seating will be available in a support building where visitors can rent skates, purchase refreshments, utilize bathroom facilities and warm up in the winter or cool off in the summer. The building footprints were designed to have a minimal environmental impact and additional sustainable planning features.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Weehawken Township

South Park Shoreline Enhancement

The Township of Weehawken is requesting a grant to fund its continued South Park Shoreline Enhancement Project, which will complement its proposed open-air pavilion, multi-use recreation courts, and great lawn planned for this waterfront park. This phase focuses on ensuring shoreline stability to allow for development and active and passive recreation. This grant will remove the existing bulkhead, which is structurally compromised, and replace it with sheet piling along the property's boundary facing the canal basin to prevent water from continuing to breach. Barrier areas of riprap will be repaired and expanded along the southeast and eastern waterline. Additionally, there will be a substantial amount of landscaping installed. These enhancements are necessary for the development of the new pedestrian bridge and other planned developments for the site.

**\$406,222 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality**

West New York Town

Port Imperial Pedestrian Connection

The Town of West New York is requesting a grant for the Port Imperial Pedestrian Connection Project, which would rehabilitate the pedestrian corridor in a densely populated urban area. The staircase and walkway provide access along the Palisades Cliff between two of the town's most popular recreation facilities - the West New York Swim Club on JFK Boulevard East and Anthony M. Defino Way, and Centennial Field on Port Imperial Boulevard. Two scenic overlooks with seating will be installed along the North West Stair staircase which would provide scenic vistas of the New York City and Jersey City skylines and the lower Hudson Valley, and will serve as a viewing stand for Centennial Field. The project includes increased lighting fixtures, railings and benches. The site will be graded and a retaining wall will be constructed for the overlook areas. This project will be completed as part of a multi-phased project to improve grading/drainage of Centennial Field and the installation of synthetic turf.

**\$514,500 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Hunterdon County

High Bridge Borough

Open Space Plan

The Borough of High Bridge continues to seek Green Acres reimbursement on the preservation of an important 20-acre property along Dewey Avenue, identified as the Catanzaretti property. The site is comprised of both forests and fields and situated within the watershed of the South Branch of the Raritan River.

**\$77,154 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Mercer County

Trenton City

Hetzel Field Park Development

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

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award

**Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Middlesex County

Middlesex County

Perth Amboy Arthur Kill Waterfront

Middlesex County is requesting additional funding to redevelop a brownfield site in Perth Amboy City into a public park. The property is on Washington and High Streets, on the Arthur Kill waterfront. Proposed improvements include a synthetic turf football/soccer field, a synthetic turf baseball field, a playground and a public access walkway along the shoreline of the Arthur Kill. Associated amenities will include a parking lot and restroom/storage building, as well as lighting, fencing, landscaping, utilities and stormwater management improvements.

**\$1,250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Highly Populated County**

Carteret Borough

Bishop Andrews Park Improvements

Carteret Borough proposes to redevelop the recreational facilities at Bishop Andrews Park (a.k.a. Chrome Park) to better serve the public's growing recreational needs. An existing unimproved and undersized sports field will be converted to a multi-purpose synthetic turf field to be used for full-size football, soccer, baseball and softball. Existing basketball courts will be relocated to allow for the expansion of the fields. The basketball courts will be reconstructed with new amenities. New lighting, landscaping, bleachers, fencing and picnic areas are also proposed as part of the improvements. ADA-accessible picnic tables and water fountains and shade trees and other plantings are also proposed.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Edison Township

Camp Kilmer Fields Improvements

Edison Township is requesting Green Acres funding for improvements to Camp Kilmer Recreation Area, located along Truman Drive. Due to an increase in demand for cricket, baseball and softball, the existing recreational fields are overused and oversubscribed. A recent public meeting for a 2019 update to the township's Open Space and Recreation Plan highlighted the increasing need for a cricket field in township. The proposed synthetic turf fields include the potential for three multi-purpose fields, a half-mile walking path and a natural grassy area with seating for passive recreation, named Contemplation Glen. Additionally, the entire complex and parking lot will be ADA-compliant, making the facility accessible to all members of the public. The project will satisfy a diverse set of growing recreational needs within the community while promoting outdoor recreation.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Old Bridge Township

Cottrell Farm Park Development

Old Bridge Township is requesting Green Acres funding for the phased development of the recently acquired Cottrell Farm property into a passive and active recreational park. Proposed improvements, to be completed in four phases, include a walking/fitness trail, splash pad, community garden, gazebo/picnic grove, playground, refurbished building for public access, butterfly garden, amphitheater, associated landscaping and parking and stormwater management areas. The planned park will help address the township's significant need for additional recreational opportunities to serve its diverse and growing population.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Monmouth County

Keyport Borough

Kearney Street Park Improvements

Keyport Borough is requesting Green Acres funding to transform a small parcel of land into a community focal point for outdoor recreation. Kearney Street Park is an existing pocket park with outdated playground equipment and amenities. The project proposes to remove all existing outdated and unsafe structures and install new playground equipment, along with safety surfaces, game tables, a stamped concrete patio and decorative benches. Drainage, lighting and landscaping improvements are also proposed as part of the project.

**\$71,250 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Long Branch City

Jerry Morgan Park Redevelopment

Long Branch City is requesting Green Acres funding to redevelop the existing Jerry Morgan Park facilities to serve the growing recreational needs of the community. A synthetic turf soccer field will replace the existing softball field, several basketball courts will replace the existing under-utilized tennis and handball courts and the paved walking/bicycle trails will be resurfaced. These improvements will encourage and promote healthy outdoor recreation habits, such as walking, biking and competitive recreational sports.

**\$ 21,863 Loan Award
\$ 978,137 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award**

**Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Middletown Township

Multi-Park Improvements

Middletown Township is requesting additional funding for its multi-park improvement project. In this phase, the Township is proposing improvements to Tindall Park, located on Tindall Road. The proposed improvements, which including resurfacing of eight tennis courts and two basketball courts, will refurbish important recreation facilities and improve the experience of park users.

\$ 255,000 Loan Award
\$ 85,000 Matching Grant Award
\$ 340,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Red Bank Borough

Bellhaven Nature Area Park

Red Bank Borough is requesting Green Acres funding for the development of Bellhaven Nature Area Park, an under-utilized waterfront recreational facility located on Locust Avenue and the Navesink River. There has been an increased public demand for additional recreational facilities that are safe, free and readily accessible for the public. Bellhaven Nature Park is in an area of Red Bank where residents rely heavily on public transportation and have very limited access to recreational facilities within walking distance. The project proposes both active and passive recreational opportunities, as well as waterfront access, through the installation of playground equipment, a climbing wall, an ADA-compliant observation deck, picnic tables, water fountain, a swing gate, interpretive signage and landscaping.

\$105,843 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Red Bank Borough

Riverside Garden Park

Boardwalks play a vital role in protecting the natural wildlife habitat of the wetlands, thus allowing users to enjoy the water without harming the natural environment. For this project, the Borough of Red Bank proposes to restore and replace the boardwalk at Riverside Park on West Front Street. Additionally, the landscaping will restore new plant life and better protect the Navesink River from runoff from the sloped park.

\$56,782 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Densely Populated Municipality

Spring Lake Heights Borough

Joseph Robertson Park Improvements

The Borough of Spring Lake Heights is proposing the replacement of the existing trees at Joseph E. Robertson Park on Allaire Road, for welfare and safety concerns. The Borough will plant resilient deep-rooted shade trees to maintain this much-needed natural resource at the park. A nature trail will also be constructed to further enhance the park experience.

**\$75,115 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Morris County

Morris County

Trail Improvements and Meadow Restoration

Morris County seeks to fund two site improvements at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum on East Hanover Avenue: the trail network and meadow restoration. The County will improve the paved trail at high-use areas around the mansion and formal gardens, while trails in more distant portions of the grounds will be improved with pervious surfaces to keep with the rustic character of the woodland. One section of the trail will include a boardwalk that travels over riparian areas that have experienced erosion adjacent to wetlands. The meadows have become dominated by aggressive, non-native invasive species diminishing the aesthetic and ecological values of these meadow and stream bank areas. This project will aid in total restoration by utilizing a wide spectrum of techniques to prepare the soil for reseeding of native grasses, shrubs and native seed mixes.

**\$198,715 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Highly Populated County**

Mendham Township

Historic Park at Pitney Farm

The Township of Mendham intends to restore and develop a seven-acre preserved historic property, converting it into a handicap-accessible public park. The project will include landscape restoration, including removal of invasive plants and replanting with Highlands Council-approved native plants; woodland enhancement; installation of rain-garden-like meadow grasses; trails constructed for mobility-restricted individuals; historical informational signage; and grassy areas for passive recreation, picnicking and general outdoor enjoyment.

**\$377,500 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Parsippany-Troy Hills Township

Smith Field Park Improvements

The Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills is proposing to construct active recreational facilities at the undeveloped Smith Field Park South located off Barbara Street. The proposed development consists of a synthetic grass cricket pitch/multipurpose facility which includes stadium lighting, restroom facilities, stadium seating and a parking facility.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Ocean County

Berkeley Township

Main Street Boat Ramp Park

Berkeley Township is requesting Green Acres funding to create a waterfront park and boat ramp along the Barnegat Bay off Main Street. As a shore community, Berkeley Township relies heavily on tourism to support its economic infrastructure. The project location is currently an under-utilized waterfront parcel within a residential community. The Township proposes to restore this site by including the installation of new bulkhead, creation of a playground area with associated clamshell parking lot and construction of a boat ramp. This new waterfront park will serve as a popular attraction for both residents and visitors.

**\$135,872 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Brick Township

Multi-Park Improvements 2

Brick Township is requesting additional funding to completely renovate and rehabilitate three community parks. In this phase, the Township is proposing to restore Bayside Park, located along Route 35 South. Proposed improvements include playground equipment and safety surfacing, two shade structures, boardwalk decking and paver patio area, a fish bait cleaning station, walkways, lighting, utilities, irrigation, security improvements, landscaping and site furnishings such as picnic tables, benches and bike racks.

**\$1,000,00 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Manchester Township

Bowker Field Rehabilitation

Manchester Township is requesting Green Acres funding for proposed improvements to Bowker Field, an existing 10-acre recreational facility located off Lacey Road. Proposed improvements include the rehabilitation of the basketball court, tennis courts and playground area; a paved nature trail/walking path; baseball field fencing and irrigation; stamped concrete sidewalk around the memorial; ADA-compliant water fountain; and paved parking areas. These improvements will ensure that Bowker Field remains the Township's central recreational facility, satisfying the outdoor recreational needs of the community.

**\$86,650 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Seaside Heights Borough

Carousel Enclosure

Seaside Heights Borough is seeking Green Acres funding to construct a building to house and protect the historic Dr. Floyd L. Moreland Dentzel/Loof Carousel. The building will be located on the boardwalk between Carteret and Sampson avenues. The Carousel has been a recreational mainstay for the Borough, attracting the local

population and tourists since 1932. This project will ensure the safeguarding of the historic carousel as a recreational amenity for generations to come.

\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Toms River Township

Toms River Field of Dreams

Toms River Township, in conjunction with the nonprofit group Toms River Field of Dreams, is requesting Green Acres funding for an all-inclusive recreational facility at a portion of Bey Lea Park located off North Bay Avenue and Oak Avenue. Bey Lea Park currently consists of basketball and tennis courts, soccer fields, picnic areas and a tot lot, which will not be impacted by the proposed improvements. The project proposes the community's first all-inclusive recreational complex specifically designed for individuals with special needs while also providing a safe, developmentally appropriate place for children without disabilities. Improvements include facilities that promote both active and passive recreation, such as playground equipment, ball courts, mini golf area, garden and reading areas, benches, pavilions with tables and seating and a concession stand. The project will serve to increase awareness within the special needs community while encouraging an inclusive outdoor recreational environment for everyone's enjoyment.

\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Passaic County

Passaic County

Rifle Camp Park Improvement Project (Phase 1)

Passaic County is requesting Green Acres funding for phased improvements to Rifle Camp Park in Woodland Park Borough. Rifle Camp Park is a recreational haven for residents of nearby densely populated and urban communities. The park is frequently used by the public for its existing amenities which include hiking trails, a pond, a warming shelter, camping and picnic areas and a nature observatory. The project proposes the addition of playground areas for various age groups, a main pavilion area, a PAR Course exercise loop along existing trails and a dog park. Improvements are also planned for existing passive recreation amenities such as picnic tables and walking paths, ADA-accessible restroom facilities, removal of a concrete toboggan slide due to safety hazard concerns and improvements to the campground areas and the area surrounding the pond.

\$500,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Highly Populated County

Passaic County

Westervelt-Vanderhoef House Historic Landscape

Passaic County wishes to restore the historic landscape at the Westervelt-Vanderhoef House Historic Landmark located near Weasel Brook Park in Clifton City. The project entails replanting of native species and repositioning landscaped elements to their originally intended design. Also included will be fencing and interpretive signage for the house, Weasel Brook Park and the landscape.

\$289,500 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship
Highly Populated County

Clifton City

Athenia Park 2

The City of Clifton is requesting funding to complete the full redevelopment of the Athenia Steel Recreation Complex, located off Clifton Avenue. As part of Phase II improvements at the site, the City proposes construction of a synthetic turf junior-sized multi-purpose field; a multi-purpose field house (concessions, covered patio, restrooms, etc.); a passive recreation area including shuffleboard courts, bocce ball courts and pickleball courts; parking improvements; walkways; fencing; bleachers, benches, sports field lighting; a storage building; and landscaping.

\$862,685 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Little Falls Township

Duva Field Improvements Project

Little Falls Township proposes to improve the existing baseball fields at Duva Field, located on Paterson Avenue. The new facility will be comprised of two synthetic turf fields as well as a sophisticated drainage system to eliminate standing water and collect runoff.

\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality

Passaic City

Multi-Park Improvements

Passaic City is requesting Green Acres funding for significant enhancements to two of its largest and most highly used parks, Veterans Memorial Park and Pulaski Park. Proposed improvements include expansion of the recreational amenities; drainage, accessibility, landscape and parking lot improvements; outdoor fitness stations; baseball fields; and a multipurpose field for soccer, lacrosse and football. As open space facilities are extremely limited in urban communities, the proposed improvements are critical to maintain the recreational integrity of these facilities so that they can optimally serve the outdoor recreational needs of the public.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Paterson City

Vista Park Development Project

Paterson City proposes to develop Vista Park, near Great Falls National Historic Park. Proposed improvements include 40,000 square feet of green space, pathways, a loop trail, an amphitheater, picnic areas, meadows, playgrounds, observation decks, timber steps, an outdoor classroom, lighting, comfort amenities and parking.

\$ 23,970 Loan Award
\$ 976,030 Matching Grant Award
\$1,000,000 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Paterson City

Valley Rock Trail Improvements

Paterson City seeks to clean up and improve two parcels in the Valley of the Rocks, within the Paterson Great Falls National Historic Park. Under this proposal, the city will cut back and remove overgrown and invasive vegetation. Trail improvements will include rebuilding timber steps, trail redevelopment and the removal of tree hazards. Overall safety will be enhanced, leaving an aesthetically pleasing and more enjoyable space with views of and recreational activity along the Passaic River.

**\$76,284 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality**

Prospect Park Borough

Hofstra Park Soccer Field Improvements

Prospect Park Borough is requesting Green Acres funding to construct an artificial turf soccer field within Hofstra Park, located on Struyk Avenue, the only open space facility in the borough. Due to the soaring popularity of soccer in the local community and the over-utilization of the existing grass fields, there is a critical need for a sustainable facility that will meet the community's growing active recreational needs.

**\$416,250 Loan Award
\$333,750 Matching Grant Award
\$750,000 Total Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Salem County

Carneys Point Township

Carneys Point Recreation Complex Infrastructure Improvements

Carneys Point Township is seeking Green Acres funding for infrastructure improvements to the existing Carneys Point Recreation Complex located on Penns Grove-Aurburn Road. Proposed improvements include removal of an unused street hockey court, installation of two pavilions and amenities, including restrooms; removal, resurfacing and replacement of existing playground equipment and bulletin board; lighting and landscaping improvements; and installation of sidewalks and pedestrian walkways.

**\$500,000 Loan Award
Park Development**

Somerset County

Bound Brook Borough

Riverfront Acquisition

The Borough of Bound Brook seeks Green Acres funding for the acquisition of a .5-acre riverfront property on Talmage Avenue as part of their comprehensive effort to create new recreational open space along the Raritan River and to improve connections to the existing Rock Machine Park. Acquisition of the targeted property and demolition of the existing commercial development on the property will offer a new gateway to the existing riverfront path, meeting goals of both, the Borough's Riverfront Access Plan and its Redevelopment Plan.

**\$193,250 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition
Densely Populated Municipality**

Sussex County

Sussex Borough

Brookside Ave Park Improvements

Sussex Borough is requesting Green Acres funding for proposed improvements to Brookside Avenue Park to enhance the recreational use of the facility for the public. Currently, the park is used for youth baseball and football. Proposed improvements include the installation of children's playground equipment, a walking path with exercise stations, rehabilitation of the existing fields and stormwater drainage around the park facility.

**\$100,000 Loan Award
Park Development**

Union County

Hillside Township

Hillside Township Multi Parks Improvement Project

Hillside Township is requesting Green Acres funding for improvements to Bristol Meyers Park and Central Avenue Park, two heavily-used recreational facilities. Both parks provide active and passive recreational opportunities for the public and, due to increased use the facilities, need improvements. Proposed improvements to Bristol Meyers Park include new playground equipment and a walking path to the playground area, seeding of the former playground area after removal, shade plantings, improvements to damaged or missing fencing, ADA-compliant parking stalls and driveway repairs. Proposed improvements to Central Avenue Park include replacement of existing playground equipment with new equipment, installation of fitness equipment, fencing repairs, ADA-compliant parking stalls and removable bollards on the main walking path. These improvements will serve to enhance the recreational quality of the facilities for the public to enjoy.

**\$228,129 Loan Award
\$684,386 Matching Grant Award
\$912,514 Total Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Linden City

Linden City Multi-Parks Project

Linden City is proposing much-needed improvements to Veterans Memorial Field and Woodrow Wilson Memorial Park, two heavily-used parks. Scenic Wilson Park contains Wilson Pond and tennis and basketball courts, and is frequented by families, dog-walkers and fishing enthusiasts. The park and pond also provide habitat for frogs, trout and migratory birds. Wilson Pond collects runoff from Orchard Terrace, a nearby residential community, which negatively impacts waterfowl and fish habitat. A portion of the funding will be used to mitigate stormwater runoff to the pond by planting vegetative buffers. Lighting improvements and resurfacing of the tennis and basketball courts will promote and enhance healthy recreational activities. Veterans Memorial Field, the largest park in Linden City, has multiple baseball fields, tennis courts, a recreation center and Beno's Pond, most

in need of renovations. The concrete border of Beno's Pond has failed, allowing rainwater overflow to spill into nearby Lower Road. Beno's Pond needs renovation with a natural bottom and vegetative buffers. Green Acres funding will allow for updates to these facilities to be enjoyed by the public for many years to come.

11/7/19 Error was made: City is eligible for \$500,793 and loan (if wanted) of \$249,207.

**\$750,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Mountainside Borough

Levi Cory Park Acquisition

Mountainside Borough, in collaboration with Beautiful Mountainside, a nonprofit organization, is proposing to purchase and preserve land at the intersection of New Providence Road and Mountain Avenue to create a pocket park. The Borough has very few local parks and relies heavily on the Union County Park systems to meet the local recreation needs. This acquisition will provide a new gathering place in the heart of the borough's downtown area that will connect to municipal facilities and nearby Echo Lake Park. The Borough will manage the property after acquisition.

**\$56,250 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Plainfield City

Rushmore Playground Improvements Phase I

Plainfield City is requesting Green Acres funding for phased improvements to the existing Rushmore Playground located on West 3rd Street. Currently, the park is used by the community for its soccer fields, swimming pools, a playground, basketball courts and concession stand. The existing grass fields are heavily used and bare, creating hazardous conditions after a rain event. The playground is undersized for the population that uses it. The first phase of the project will replace the existing soccer and football fields with a synthetic turf field and improve the gravel parking lot. A second phase will serve to improve the existing basketball courts, and "free play" and playground areas. The third phase will focus on improvements to the main swimming pool, conversion of the existing kiddie pool into a safer splash pad and pavilion improvements. The final phase will focus on improvements to perimeter fencing and miscellaneous amenities. The cumulative improvements will rehabilitate and redevelop the existing facility for use by residents of all age groups.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Rahway City

Madden Field Park Improvements

The City of Rahway is requesting additional funding to develop and rehabilitate field facilities at Madden Field Park located at Capobianco Plaza. Specifically, the project will include clearing and grading of the site and installation of a synthetic multi-sport surface to replace the existing grass surface. This will include a regulation-size football/soccer field, small practice football fields and baseball fields with dugouts, along with removal of the existing play structure. Additionally, the City proposes the installation of a bullpen and baseball batting cages, fencing, new and relocated facility lighting, bleachers on concrete pads, site drainage and landscaping.

\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award

**Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Roselle Borough

Arminio Field Park Improvement

The Borough of Roselle is requesting additional funding toward the renovation of the existing Arminio Field, which is located on leased Board of Education property, for active and passive recreational purposes. Specifically, this project includes the demolition of the existing field house structure and replacement with a new fieldhouse and storage buildings, reorientation of the existing football field along with installation of a synthetic turf field, synthetic outdoor regulation track, new pole vault and shot put facilities, installation of a new lighting system, security camera system, public announcement system, seating and restrooms, passive recreation area with tables, bleachers landscaping and drainage improvements.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Planning Incentive Acquisitions

Applicant	Project Name	County	Matching Grant Award
Oakland Borough	Open Space & Recreation Plan	Bergen	\$500,000
River Vale Township	Watershed Property Acquisition	Bergen	\$500,000
Teaneck Township*	Open Space Acquisition	Bergen	\$182,500
Burlington County	Planning Incentive	Burlington	\$1,000,000
Evesham Township*	Planning Incentive	Burlington	\$750,000
Medford Township	Open Space Incentive	Burlington	\$500,000
Moorestown Township	Open Space Preservation Plan	Burlington	\$500,000
Mount Laurel Township*	Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan	Burlington	\$750,000
Cumberland County	Trails & Open Space Acquisition	Cumberland	\$150,000
Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	Gloucester	\$1,000,000
Clinton Township	Open Space Acquisition Plan	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Delaware Township	Open Space Acquisition	Hunterdon	\$500,000
East Amwell Township	Open Space and Recreation Plan	Hunterdon	\$350,000
Frenchtown Borough	Frenchtown Greenbelt	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Lebanon Township	Preservation Priorities	Hunterdon	\$350,000
Raritan Township	Land Acquisition Plan	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Readington Township	Greenway Incentive Plan	Hunterdon	\$500,000
Mercer County**	Mercer County Planning Incentive	Mercer	\$1,250,000
Hamilton Township*	Open Space Acquisition	Mercer	\$750,000
Hopewell Township	Hopewell Open Space Acquisition	Mercer	\$500,000
Lawrence Township	Open Space Plan Acquisition	Mercer	\$500,000
Princeton	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	Mercer	\$125,000
Robbinsville Township	Green Links Program	Mercer	\$500,000
West Windsor Township	West Windsor Planning Inc.	Mercer	\$500,000
North Brunswick Township*	North Brunswick Plan	Middlesex	\$750,000
South Brunswick Township*	Open Space Acquisition	Middlesex	\$750,000
Monmouth County**	Planning Incentive Acquisition	Monmouth	\$1,250,000
Millstone Township	Project Evergreen	Monmouth	\$500,000
Tinton Falls Borough	Tinton Falls Acquisition	Monmouth	\$500,000
Chatham Township	Chatham Open Space Acquisition	Morris	\$467,253
Hanover Township	Open Space Acquisition	Morris	\$200,000
Madison Borough	Open Space Acquisition	Morris	\$500,000
Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	Ocean	\$1,000,000
Manchester Township*	Planning Incentive	Ocean	\$604,603
Montgomery Township	Open Space Acquisition 5	Somerset	\$500,000
Peapack & Gladstone Borough	Open Space Acquisition	Somerset	\$500,000
Union County***	Open Space & Recreation Plan	Union	\$1,500,000

*Densely Populated Municipality

**Highly Populated County

***Densely Populated County

NONPROFIT PROJECTS

Beautiful Mountainside

Levi Cory Park Acquisition

County: Union

Beautiful Mountainside, a nonprofit organization, in collaboration with Mountainside Borough is proposing to purchase and preserve land at the intersection of New Providence Road and Mountain Avenue to create a pocket park. The Borough has very few local parks and relies heavily on Union County Parks systems for local recreation. This acquisition will provide a new gathering place in the heart of the borough's downtown area that will connect to municipal facilities and nearby Echo Lake Park. The Borough will manage the property after acquisition.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Branch Brook Park Alliance

Ballantine Gates Improvements

County: Essex

Branch Brook Park Alliance, a nonprofit organization, is seeking Green Acres funds to renovate the Ballantine Gates at Branch Brook Park, located in Newark. Branch Brook Park, the first County park in the country to be open for public use, features open meadows, woodlands, walking paths, ballfields and other recreational amenities. The 120-year old Ballantine Gates serve as an entry point to the historic Forest Hill section of Branch Brook Park, which is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places. As part of the proposed renovations, exterior landscape and pathway improvements are also proposed. These improvements will enhance and sustain access to Branch Brook Park, as well as preserve its historic integrity.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Cooper's Ferry Partnership

North Camden Waterfront Park II

County: Camden

Cooper's Ferry is requesting additional funding for the development of a continuous ADA accessible waterfront park and greenway trail along the 2.8-mile North Camden waterfront. Park elements to be included in Phase II include a multi-use waterfront greenway trail, construction of a boat and kayak launch/ramp, floating docks, sheet pile/bulkhead repairs, a lawn and picnic area, and scenic overlooks. The new park will have lighting, security cameras, two parking lots, stormwater management improvements, landscaping, fencing, picnic tables, and park amenities (benches, drinking fountains, trash receptacles). Phase II will also be funded by a grant from the National Park Service, Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

D&R Greenway Land Trust

Greenway Acquisitions

Counties: Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Salem, Somerset

D&R Greenway Land Trust is central New Jersey's accredited nonprofit land preservation organization dedicated to the preservation of significant watershed lands and large-scale landscapes within a 1,500 square mile region, encompassing portions of the Delaware, Raritan and Millstone River watersheds and the Delaware & Raritan Canal. The D&R Greenway Land Trust has identified multiple land preservation acquisition projects which will continue to create contiguous preserved lands that protect water quality, significant natural resources, critical wildlife habitat and natural areas for passive recreational opportunities. The focus preservation areas of the D&R Greenway Land Trust include, but are not limited to, the following: Central Stony Brook watershed, Delaware Bay Estuary, Delaware River tributaries, historic Griggstown, the Sourland Mountains and the Upper Millstone Greenway, in addition to creating multi-use trails.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition**

Flat Rock Brook Nature Association

Boardwalk Trail Restoration

County: Bergen

Flat Rock Brook Nature Association proposes to restore and update the native habitat boardwalk and observation deck at its nature center in Englewood. The current boardwalk is significantly deteriorated and prone to flooding. The environmentally friendly improvements will bring the boardwalk to the current ADA standards. The viewing platform will also be replaced with the new platform allowing for much easier access and plenty of space for staff and volunteer trail guides. A concrete landing will connect the boardwalk to the handicapped parking spot and building access.

**\$72,500 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Densely Populated Municipality**

Friends of Hopewell Quarry

Quarry Swim Club Acquisition

County: Mercer

The Friends of Hopewell Quarry Inc. formed to facilitate the acquisition and preservation of the 7.4-acre Quarry Swim Club property in Hopewell Township for outdoor recreation and open space purposes. The property also lies within a critical greenway corridor adjacent to preserved open space lands. Once preserved, the property will continue as an active outdoor recreational facility, providing public access for outdoor swimming for the public to use and enjoy.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition

County: Mercer

The Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space is committed to preserving land throughout Ewing Township, Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, Lawrence Township and Pennington Borough in Mercer County to create the Hopewell Valley Park, a regional recreation park system. The park system will serve as an ecological

preserve and provide opportunities for passive recreation, such as hiking, bird watching and nature study. A system of trails will be developed for interpretative use.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Friends of Passaic County Parks

Highlands Field Improvements

County: Passaic

The Friends of Passaic County proposes to improve the conditions at four fields in the Highlands Preserve in West Milford Township. Plans include field resurfacing and reconfiguration, irrigation, parking, lighting, benches, bleachers, fencing, backstops, benches, dugouts and other amenities.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Highly Populated County**

Friends of Passaic County Parks

Rea House Historic Landscape Restoration

County: Passaic

The Friends of Passaic County Parks, Inc. seeks funding to support restoration of the historic landscape at the John W. Rea House on Goffle Road in Hawthorne Borough. The property is listed in the New Jersey and National Registers of Historic Places. The project will entail replanting native species, restoring original landscapes, and installing interpretive signage.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project
Highly Populated County**

Friends of Princeton Open Space

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.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation

Watershed Protection Program

County: Sussex

Greater Culver Lake Watershed Conservation Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and improving water quality through open space protection and management measures in the upper Paulins Kill Watershed, with particular focus on the area that includes Culver Lake and Lake Owassa. The project is focusing on acquiring 127 acres of forest, field and high-quality wetlands for the protection of Culver Lake, public access for passive recreation, and a watershed center for the Foundation in support of their programs including nature study and outdoor recreation in Frankford Township.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Hamilton Partnership for Paterson

Alexander Hamilton Visitor Center Landscaping

County: Passaic

The Hamilton Partnership for Paterson proposes to landscape the open space adjacent to the new Alexander Hamilton Visitor Experience Center, welcoming visitors to the Paterson Great Falls National Historical Park. Included in the improvements are a plaza with a sculpture, outdoor exhibits and information; native planting; picnic area; rain garden; bicycle facilities and permeable pavers.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Harding Land Trust

Gatehouse Environmental Enhancement Project

County: Morris

Harding Land Trust proposes to restore a nearly four-acre section of the Gatehouse property on Harter Road into a perennial meadow. The Gatehouse property functions as an important protective buffer and contributor to the watersheds of Silverbrook and the Upper Passaic River. The meadow will offer enhanced ecological services to wildlife throughout the region, providing food and nesting habitats. It will also allow for a more conducive environment for butterflies and bees to pollinate.

**\$60,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Hunterdon Land Trust

Hunterdon Open Space Plan Priority Areas

County: Hunterdon

Hunterdon Land Trust 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.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Hunterdon Land Trust

Dvoor Farm Stewardship

County: Hunterdon

The Hunterdon Land Trust is pursuing steps to convert the historic Dvoor Farm site into a public destination that embodies the history, culture and natural resources of the region, able to accommodate a broad range of use. This grant aims to help achieve the second phase of their three-part Historic Site Management Plan. This phase focuses on natural resource restoration including meadow restoration, stormwater management structures, native tree planting, wayfinding and interpretive signage and associated lighting. The goal of the Hunterdon Land Trust is to sustain the site's integrity while increasing opportunities for passive recreation and ecotourism, and to make the site more accessible to the public.

**\$168,533 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Lamington Conservancy

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 Township, Chester Township, Washington Township (Morris), Bedminster Township, and Peapack-Gladstone Borough, the Lamington Conservancy anticipates protecting 2,000 acres through fee and easement acquisition.

**\$210,772 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Monmouth Conservation Foundation

Open Space Plans 2

County: Monmouth

Monmouth Conservation Foundation works in partnership with Monmouth County and municipalities which have passed open space referendums: Atlantic Highlands Borough, Colts Neck Township, Freehold Township, Howell Township, Holmdel Township, Manalapan Township, Middletown Township, Millstone Township, Oceanport Borough, Shrewsbury Borough, Tinton Falls Borough and Upper Freehold Township. Areas of focus are: 1) farmlands and conservation areas of the Monmouth County Panhandle region (Millstone and Upper Freehold townships) and 2) the Navesink River and Atlantic Highlands areas in Middletown Township. Some of MCF's recent preservation efforts are focused on sites adjacent to Monmouth County Huber Woods and Hartshorne Woods Parks in Middletown Township and Clayton Park and Crosswicks Creek linear parks in Upper Freehold Township.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

New Jersey Conservation Foundation

Priority Area Acquisitions

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

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation has successfully established itself throughout the State of New Jersey by protecting strategic lands for conservation purposes predominantly within five regions of the State: Highlands, Western Piedmont, Pine Barrens, Delaware Bay, and South Jersey Metropolitan area. In continuance of its far-reaching preservation efforts, NJ Conservation continues to work on land acquisition projects with staff working in all five regions of the State simultaneously. Targeted project areas within these five regions, from Sussex County to Cape May County, include but are not limited to the continued preservation of the Appalachian Trail Buffers, Arthur Kill Greenway, Black River Greenway/North Branch of the Raritan River, Sourlands/Hopewell Valley, the Burden Hill Forest Area, Camden Parks and Greenways, Central New Jersey, Delaware Bay Watershed, Delaware River Heritage Trail, Elwood Corridor Project, Forked River Mountain, Four Mile Circle, Greater Kettle Run, Heart of the Pine Barrens and the Wickecheoke Creek. Through acquisition and stewardship, the New Jersey Conservation Foundation protects strategic and significant lands and forges partnerships to achieve its conservation goals throughout the state.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Open Space Institute Land Trust

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): The Conservancy 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 National Recreation Area.

Highlands (Morris and Bergen Counties): The Conservancy 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): The Conservancy 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.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Passaic River Coalition

Passaic River Preservation Project

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

The Passaic River Coalition is an urban watershed association active since 1969 in protecting water quality and quantity of the entire Passaic River watershed of northern New Jersey and Rockland and Orange Counties, New York. As guardians of the Passaic River, the Passaic River Coalition provides assistance and stewardship for the preservation and protection of over 1,000 miles of waterways from the headwater streams ranging from the Highlands of New York and New Jersey to the urbanized lower Passaic valley and Newark Bay. The Passaic River Coalition has identified multiple priority acquisition areas throughout the Passaic River Basin in New Jersey. Properties to be acquired have been prioritized based upon their ability to protect headwater streams, wetlands, flood plains, water supplies, stream corridors, or provide waterfront access.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Passaic River Rowing Association

Passaic River Rowing Association Boathouse

County: Bergen

The Passaic River Rowing Association is requesting additional funding to expand their facilities in Bergen County's Riverside Park South on Riverside Drive in Lyndhurst and North Arlington. The Association proposes to build a new boathouse with more boat storage, indoor training facilities, bathrooms, showers, locker rooms and meeting space, all in support of outdoor recreation. Walkways, utilities, landscaping and stormwater management upgrades are also proposed.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Rancocas Conservancy

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.

**\$165,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Raritan Headwaters Association

Raritan Headwaters Acquisitions

Counties: Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset

The Raritan Headwaters Association serves the headwaters region of the Raritan Basin, also designated by the NJDEP as the Watershed Management Area 8. The organization targets land acquisition and preservation projects within the 470-square-mile watershed that contains all or portions of 39 municipalities within Hunterdon, Morris, and Somerset counties. Raritan Headwaters Association is focusing its land preservation priorities on lands that provide critical source water protection and groundwater recharge.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Reeves-Reed Arboretum

Reeves-Reed Arboretum Improvements

County: Union

The Reeves-Reed Arboretum, a nonprofit organization, is proposing improvements to their existing 13-acre facility in Summit City. The goal is to make the facility safer and more accessible to the general population, including those with disabilities and special needs. The Arboretum topography greatly varies, with many natural inclines and declines contributing to a hilly, uneven terrain that is difficult to navigate for those with physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities. The proposed improvements will not only focus on making the facility safe, easy to traverse and ADA-compliant, but will enhance the facility's recreational quality with the addition of new sensory gardens and an amphitheater.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development**

Ridge and Valley Conservancy

Open Space Conservation Plan

Counties: Sussex, Warren

Bounded by the Highlands to the east and the uppermost reaches of the Delaware River to the west, the Ridge and Valley region is made up of ridges including the Kittatinny and Jenny Jump, and valleys including the Paulinskill and Wallkill. These are popular areas for camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, and cross-country skiing. The ridge-tops offer amazing vistas of New Jersey. The purchase of additional lands in the Ridge and Valley Region will create linkages between publicly owned lands, including the Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area, Stokes State Forest, High Point State Park, Jenny Jump State Forest, and Bear Swamp Wildlife Management Area. Acquisitions in this region promote public access while also helping to protect surface water quality in the watersheds of the Upper Delaware River, the Paulinskill, the Wallkill and the Pequest River, and aquifer recharge areas for public drinking water supplies. This project area will further protect the habitat of a

variety of wildlife species, including such endangered plants and animals as the dwarf wedge mussel, bog turtle, bobcats, and rattlesnake.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

South Jersey Land and Water Trust

South Jersey Watersheds Acquisition

Counties: Gloucester, Salem

This project focuses on preserving lands near the headwaters and other drainage paths of the beautiful tidal and freshwater rivers flowing through Gloucester and Salem Counties which empty into the Delaware River. Raccoon Creek, Mantua Creek and Oldmans Creeks will be the main focus areas, but other smaller and ecologically important waterways will also be included. The proposed area of preservation includes all of Gloucester County as well as part of Salem County including the Township of Carney's Point, Oldmans Township and Pilesgrove Township.

**\$75,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

South Mountain Conservancy

Locust Grove Improvements

County: Essex

South Mountain Conservancy is requesting Green Acres funds for proposed improvements to the Rahway Trail and parking areas at Locust Grove within the South Mountain Reservation. This area provides hikers and nature enthusiasts access to several trailheads, including the nationally publicized "Fairy Trail" frequented by families because of the now famous Fairy Houses located along the trail. Presently, the Locust Grove area has limited parking spaces, is prone to flooding and has a dangerous traffic pattern which poses a safety hazard for visitors. The proposed improvements will expand parking, improve and create safer traffic patterns and alleviate flooding. A raised gravel and stone "turnpike", incorporating permeable designs for improved drainage, is also proposed at the beginning of the Rahway "Fairy Trail" to replace the unsafe bridge over the creek. The pavement and trail improvements will enhance the recreational quality of the Reservation while creating a safer environment for the public.

**\$174,230 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Tewksbury Land Trust

Land Acquisition

County: Hunterdon

Tewksbury Land Trust is working in conjunction with Tewksbury Township to acquire lands identified in the Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Tewksbury Land Trust will acquire more than 150 acres within the watersheds of the Cold Brook, Rockaway Creek, and Lamington River, protecting these resources as well as neighboring preserved parcels. All of these Tewksbury Township parcels are contained within the Highlands Region of New Jersey.

**\$196,447 Matching Grant
Land Acquisition**

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

Priority Areas Acquisition

**Counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Cape May,
Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, Passaic, Salem,
Sussex, Warren**

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare Open Space

and Recreation Plans, Trail 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 water resources in the Highlands and Ridge and Valley regions of the state. Within the Highlands, The Conservancy places emphasis on the Pequannock Watershed, the Ramapo Mountains, and acquisitions that benefit the Highlands Trail. The Conservancy is also working closely with the State within the Highlands 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.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey

West Brook Preserve Riparian Restoration Project

County: Passaic

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey proposes a major riparian restoration of the West Brook Preserve in West Milford Township to remedy the effects of a past excavation. This restoration project will improve water quality, enhance the natural habitat of various species and allow for greater passive recreation enjoyment along the newly developed hiking trail. As well as providing a more suitable habitat for threatened and endangered species. Restoration plans include reconnecting the old stream bed to the central marsh, plugging the ditch that diverted the West Brook, eliminating five culverts to reestablish stream beds, restoring the hydrologic connections to enhance the wetlands, removal of a dam, shoreline stabilization, seeding, native planting and invasive species treatment.

**\$130,000 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

The Watershed Institute

Watershed Connectors

County: Mercer

This acquisition program is designed to create stream corridor protection areas along the Stony Brook and its tributaries, connecting Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, Princeton and Pennington Borough to protect The Watershed Institute's 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.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

The Watershed Institute

Habitat Restoration and Environmental Education Project

County: Mercer

The goal of this project is to restore native habitats, provide access for persons with mobility challenges, and educate the public about native wildlife habitats, invasive species, and land stewardship in an 80-acre section of the 950-acre Watershed Reserve in Hopewell Township, Mercer County. The project includes construction of an approximately 80-acre deer enclosure fence, the first phase of habitat restoration/enhancement, to include the removal of invasive species and the planting of native forest/riparian species for approximately 3-5 acres of the

project area. The project calls for construction of an approximately 3,400 linear foot boardwalk, and the installation of educational signage which will discuss and describe watersheds, meadow habitats and pollinators, healthy forests and healthy water, invasive species, the decline of ash trees, the impact of deer browse, habitat management practices, and stormwater management.

**\$120,200 Matching Grant Award
Stewardship Project**

Toms River Field of Dreams, Inc.

Toms River Field of Dreams

County: Ocean

In conjunction with Toms River Township, the nonprofit Toms River Field of Dreams is requesting Green Acres funding for an all-inclusive recreational facility at a portion of Bey Lea Park located off North Bay Avenue and Oak Avenue. Bey Lea Park currently consists of basketball and tennis courts, soccer fields, picnic areas and a tot lot, which will not be impacted by the proposed improvements. The project proposes the community's first all-inclusive recreational complex specifically designed for individuals with special needs while also providing a safe, developmentally appropriate place for children without disabilities. Improvements include facilities that promote both active and passive recreation, such as playground equipment, ball courts, mini golf area, garden and reading areas, benches, pavilions with tables and seating and a concession stand. The project will serve to increase awareness within the special needs community while encouraging an inclusive outdoor recreational environment for everyone's enjoyment.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Park Development
Densely Populated Municipality**

Trust for Public Land

Priority Areas Acquisition

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

The Trust for Public Land works to acquire and protect land throughout New Jersey, partnering with and assisting local governments and nonprofit organizations to help them achieve their open space, conservation and park development goals. TPL also focuses its strategic land protection activities in landscapes and watersheds such as the Highlands, the Pinelands, the Barnegat Bay Watershed, the Delaware River Watershed and the Passaic Watershed, with the goals of protecting source water supplies, conserving environmentally sensitive areas and expanding active and passive recreation opportunities in communities across the state.

**\$500,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Washington Township Land Trust

Schooley's Mountain Corridor and Vicinity

One of Washington Township Land Trust's priority projects is the preservation of the Schooley's Mountain Corridor. This includes the ridgeline and slopes of Schooley's Mountain between Long Valley and the area where Lebanon Township borders the Columbia Trail. The ridge is approximately 3.8 miles long and rises from the valley approximately 630 feet. Once land is acquired, trails will be constructed to provide access to the preserved parcels.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

YMCA Camp Ockanickon

Camp Ockanickon Conservation and Recreation Program

YMCA Camp Ockanickon is seeking to acquire a 240-acre property that is contiguous to the existing camp facility in West Orange 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.

**\$250,000 Matching Grant Award
Land Acquisition**

Appendix 1

Local Funding Formula

Green Acres continues to base awards to local governments on a formula that provides additional funding to cities and older densely developed suburban communities. Green Acres established a system that factors in the total population or population density of a municipality or county. The recommendations to the Garden State Preservation Trust reflect the following factors, assuming a “base award” is presented to those municipal and county sponsors outside of the population centers:

County sponsors:

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| ▪ 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:

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| ▪ Urban Aid | 2 times the base award |
| ▪ Densely/Highly Populated
(Densely populated: more than 5,000 people per square mile)
(Highly populated: more than 35,000 total population) | 1.5 times the base award |
| ▪ All others | Base award |

The multiplication factors and base award vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities. For the 2019 funding round, the base award is \$500,000 for acquisition, development and stewardship projects.

Project award caps are:

COUNTY SPONSOR	PROJECT CAP
Densely Populated	\$1,500,000
Highly Populated	\$1,250,000
Remaining counties	\$1,000,000
MUNICIPAL SPONSOR	PROJECT CAP
Urban Aid	\$1,000,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$ 750,000
Remaining municipalities	\$ 500,000

Nonprofit Awards

Most nonprofit organizations will receive a \$250,000 matching grant award (or the requested amount, if lower) for land acquisition, park development or stewardship projects. Nonprofit organizations that successfully acquire land statewide or throughout large regions will receive \$500,000 for their broader acquisition efforts.

Appendix 2

DENSELY AND HIGHLY POPULATED MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES

Atlantic

Egg Harbor Township
Galloway Township
Ventnor City

Bergen

Bogota Borough
Cliffside Park Borough
Dumont Borough
Edgewater Borough
Elmwood Park Borough
Englewood City
Fair Lawn Borough
Fairview Borough
Fort Lee Borough
Hasbrouck Heights Borough
Leonia Borough
Little Ferry Borough
Maywood Borough
New Milford Borough
North Arlington Borough
Palisades Park Borough
Ridgefield Park Village
River Edge Borough
Rochelle Park Township
Rutherford Borough
Saddle Brook Township
Teaneck Township
Wallington Borough
Wood-Ridge Borough

Burlington

Evesham Township
Mount Laurel Township
Riverside Township

Camden

Audubon Borough
Audubon Park Borough
Cherry Hill Township
Collingswood Borough
Haddon Township
Merchantville Borough
Mount Ephraim Borough
Oaklyn Borough
Woodlynne Borough

Essex

Caldwell Borough
Glen Ridge Borough
Maplewood Township
Orange City Township
South Orange Village Twp.
West Orange Township

Gloucester

Washington Township

Hudson

East Newark Borough
Guttenburg Town
Harrison Town

Mercer

Ewing Township
Hamilton Township
Princeton Borough

Middlesex

Dunellen Borough
East Brunswick Township
Edison Township
Highland Park Borough
Jamesburg Borough
Monroe Township
North Brunswick
Piscataway Township
Sayreville Borough
South Amboy City
South Brunswick Township
South River Borough

Monmouth

Belmar Borough
Bradley Beach Borough
Freehold Borough
Freehold Township
Highlands Borough
Howell Township
Keansburg Borough
Keyport Borough
Lake Como Borough
Manalapan Township
Marlboro Township

Middletown Township
Red Bank Borough
Shrewsbury Township

Morris

Dover Town
Morristown Town
Parsippany Troy
Victory Gardens Borough

Ocean

Berkeley Township
Jackson Township
Manchester Township
Seaside Heights Borough
Toms River Township

Passaic

Haledon Borough
Hawthorne Borough
Little Falls Township
Prospect Park Borough
Wayne Township

Somerset

Bound Brook Borough
Bridgewater Township
Franklin Township
Hillsborough Township
North Plainfield
Somerville Borough
South Bound Brook Borough

Union

Fanwood Borough
Garwood Borough
Linden City
Roselle Park Borough
Union Township
Winfield Township

Densely Populated Counties

Essex
Hudson
Union

Highly Populated Counties

Bergen
Camden
Mercer
Middlesex
Monmouth

Morris
Passaic

URBAN AID MUNICIPALITIES**FY 2019**

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Municipality</u>	<u>County</u>
Asbury Park City*	Monmouth	New Brunswick City*	Middlesex
Atlantic City	Atlantic	Newark City	Essex
Bayonne City	Hudson	North Bergen Township	Hudson
Belleville Township	Essex	Nutley Township	Essex
Bergenfield Borough	Bergen	Old Bridge Township*	Middlesex
Bloomfield Township	Essex	Orange City	Essex
Brick Township*	Ocean	Passaic City	Passaic
Bridgeton City	Cumberland	Paterson City	Passaic
Camden City	Camden	Pemberton Township*	Burlington
Carteret Borough*	Middlesex	Penns Grove Borough*	Salem
Clifton City	Passaic	Pennsauken Township*	Camden
East Orange City	Essex	Perth Amboy City	Middlesex
Elizabeth City	Union	Phillipsburg Town*	Warren
Garfield City	Bergen	Plainfield City	Union
Glassboro Borough*	Gloucester	Pleasantville City	Atlantic
Gloucester City*	Camden	Rahway City*	Union
Gloucester Township*	Camden	Roselle Borough	Union
Hackensack City	Bergen	Salem City*	Salem
Hillside Township	Union	Trenton City	Mercer
Hoboken City*	Hudson	Union City	Hudson
Irvington Township	Essex	Vineland City*	Cumberland
Jersey City	Hudson	Weehawken Township*	Hudson
Kearny Town*	Hudson	West New York Town	Hudson
Lakewood Township*	Ocean	Willingboro Township*	Burlington
Lindenwold Borough*	Camden	Winslow Township	Camden
Lodi Borough	Bergen	Woodbridge Township*	Middlesex
Long Branch City*	Monmouth	Woodbury City*	Gloucester
Millville City*	Cumberland		
Monroe Township*	Gloucester		
Montclair Township*	Essex		
Mount Holly Township*	Burlington		
Neptune City Borough*	Monmouth		
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* Meet criteria by budget language