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### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please take notice that the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Council, under the provisions of the Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program and Highlands Development Credit Purchase Program (N.J.A.C 7:70), is now accepting applications for the Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program.

The Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program is a matching grant program designed to support land conservation projects for the protection of resources within the Highlands Region, and to further the land preservation goals of the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act and the Highlands Regional Master Plan.

The primary funding source for the 2019 Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program is the Federal Highlands Conservation Act Grant Program. As such, all application approvals will be contingent upon availability of funding from the federal program and federal approval of the Highlands Council's application.

State agencies, Highlands Region county or municipal governments, and charitable conservancies are eligible to apply. Any funding awarded through this program will be subject to the requirements of both the Highlands Open Space Partnership Funding Program and the Federal Highlands Conservation Act Grant.

**Applications will be accepted through Tuesday, April 30, 2019 to be eligible for the 2019 funding round.** Additional information including application materials is available on the Highlands Council website: [www.nj.gov/njhighlands/grantprograms/#4](http://www.nj.gov/njhighlands/grantprograms/#4)

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