

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

# **GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

**MARCH 2009**

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

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

**Recommended for Funding  
to the  
Garden State Preservation Trust**



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## **THE GREEN ACRES MISSION**

*To achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces, whose protection will preserve and enhance New Jersey's natural environment and its historic, scenic, and recreational resources for public use and enjoyment.*

### **General Overview**

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program announces the approval of over \$140 million in funding to local governments and nonprofit land trusts to acquire open space and develop parks throughout New Jersey. This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes \$75.5 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$44.5 million for local development of parks and recreational facilities, \$12.7 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations, and \$7.2 million for recreational development by nonprofits.

Green Acres was created in 1961 to meet New Jersey's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected almost 640,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State. The total acreage of protected open space and farmland across the State now exceeds 1.38 million acres.

The protection of New Jersey's environmentally sensitive open space, vital water resources, and significant natural and historic resources is critical to the quality of life enjoyed by all New Jerseyans. Preserved open space protects our water supply, protects sensitive habitats for endangered and threatened species, promotes smart growth, and provides a place for public recreation and connection with community and nature.

We cannot overstate the importance of open space and recreation on the quality of life of New Jerseyans as well as visitors to this great State. We proudly promote New Jersey as the place to enjoy nearly every kind of recreation opportunity that exists. Our public lands provide for fishing, hiking, boating, skiing, birding, and generally soaking up the sun. Whether you want to "take me out to the ballgame" or get sand between your toes, New Jersey's public spaces provide countless ways to play.

Thanks to the leadership of Governor Jon S. Corzine and the state legislature, the voters of New Jersey were asked on the November 2007 ballot whether funding should be set aside for land acquisition and park development. The voters overwhelmingly said "Yes!" In addition, funding from loan repayments, interest earnings, and project cancellations and withdrawals is being made available in this funding round.

### **Economic Stimulus**

Quality open space and attractive recreational facilities in cities, suburbs, and other developed communities throughout New Jersey help to create an environment where people want to live and work.

The Green Acres funding currently being awarded provides for the acquisition of land and the construction of parks throughout the State. This includes many parks that serve as cornerstones

for redevelopment initiatives in our older suburbs and cities. Just look at the stimulating effect the public park and open space investment has had in places like Hoboken, Jersey City, Elizabeth and Camden. And, in addition to the obvious social value of having quality civic spaces in our communities, many construction jobs are created to develop or improve these parks. Just since the GSPT was approved in 1998, more than \$250 million in park construction projects have been completed or are underway.

Many other technical jobs are supported by this funding as well, including land appraisers, surveyors, architects, engineers, planners, title searchers and others. Well planned acquisition and park development projects employ a wide variety of talented individuals to make them a success. Creating jobs by preserving land or building public parks, that then attract businesses which also provide jobs; this is a successful economic model, worthy of continuation.

We recognize the difficulties brought on by this ailing economy. However, because the economy is weak, great strides can be made in the acquisition realm. With the current flat real estate market, it is the right time to maximize the public funding when acquiring land for open space purposes. This truly is the time to stake a claim in New Jersey, which will serve to literally help shape this State forever.

### **Funding Formula**

Awards to local government units continue to be based on a formula that provides additional funding to cities and older densely developed suburban communities. The Program established a category that recognizes the total population or population density of a municipality or county. Funding for densely and highly populated municipalities is derived through the application of a multiplier that recognizes a municipality's or county's population data. The recommendations to the Garden State Preservation Trust reflect the following factors, assuming that a "base award" is presented to those municipal and county sponsors outside of the population centers:

#### **County sponsors:**

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| ▪ Densely populated (More than 5,000 people per square mile) | <b>3 times the base award</b>   |
| ▪ Highly populated (More than 1,000 people per square mile)  | <b>2.5 times the base award</b> |
| ▪ Less than 1,000 people per square mile                     | <b>2 times the base award</b>   |

#### **Municipal sponsors:**

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

The multiplication factors and base award vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities. This round, the base award is \$500,000 for both acquisition and development projects. In addition, County applicants are limited to two approved projects; municipal applicants are limited to one project. Project award caps are:

COUNTY SPONSOR	Project Cap	
	Acquisition	Development
Densely Populated	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000
Highly Populated	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000
Remaining counties	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

MUNICIPAL SPONSOR	Project Cap	
	Acquisition	Development
Urban Aid	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$750,000	\$750,000
Remaining municipalities	\$500,000	\$500,000

### Local Acquisition Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the acquisition and development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Green Acres non-urban acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over 30 years. In this funding round, funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

To support the purchase of open space in New Jersey's cities, where opportunities are extremely limited and generally expensive, the funding ratio for the **Urban Aid** acquisition projects is 75% grant, 25% loan, up to the cap. Loans for Urban Aid acquisition projects are at zero percent, payable over 30 years. In this funding round, five acquisition projects for nearly \$4 million are being approved in Urban Aid municipalities.

In the last several years, many New Jersey local governments have passed, by voter referendum, a tax used for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes. Many have also prepared the required Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. To encourage and provide support for land acquisition to local governments that have adopted progressive open space policies, Green Acres initiated a grant-funding category known as the **Planning Incentive Acquisition** category. With these projects, Green Acres anticipates a long-term partnership with the local government where local and state funds can be used to acquire land identified in the local government's plan. Funding is in the form of a 50 percent matching grant up to an established cap, based on the population density multiplier. In this funding round, Green Acres is approving 108 Planning Incentive applications totaling more than \$63.3 million.

Local governments that have a dedicated open space tax or an approved alternative funding method, but do not yet have an approved Open Space and Recreation Plan, may qualify for a 50 percent matching grant under the **Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition** category. These awards are made for a specific project site. To qualify for additional funding, a local government in this category must file a new application. In this funding round, 11 local governments will receive Site-Specific Incentive awards totaling more than \$4 million.

Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax may qualify for funding under the **Standard Acquisition** category. The award is a 25% matching grant with the balance made in a

low-interest loan up to the established cap. In this funding round, 13 acquisition projects are being funded in the Standard Acquisition category, for a total of more than \$4.2 million.

### **Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects**

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Recreation needs are as diverse as the people who play. To meet these needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. Whether in urban, suburban, or rural areas, parks play an important role in sustaining New Jersey's high quality of life. This round of projects includes \$44.5 million in grants and loans for 63 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects across the State. All development loans are repayable over 20 years.

The protection of open space and the provision of recreational facilities in New Jersey's densely developed cities are high priorities. To further support park development in Urban Aid Communities, these projects will receive 50 percent of the project cost in grant funding, and the balance in a zero-interest loan, up to the cap. Projects sponsored by Densely Populated Counties also receive 50 percent grant funding, with the balance as a low-interest (2%) loan up to the cap. This round, a total of \$29.8 million in grants and loans are being approved for 33 development projects in **Urban Aid** municipalities or sponsored by **Densely Populated Counties** across New Jersey.

Park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or projects sponsored by Highly Populated Counties, will receive a 25 percent grant, and a low-interest (2%) loan up to the established cap. More than \$10 million in grants and loans are being approved for 17 development projects in **Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities**, or sponsored by **Highly Populated Counties**.

Non-urban communities receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the cap under the **Standard Development** category. An additional \$4.7 million in loans will be awarded for 13 park development projects in such communities.

### **Nonprofit Projects**

Green Acres has had a long and successful relationship with the many nonprofit land trust organizations that preserve open space throughout New Jersey. Some are small, local groups; some are international organizations.

Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition statewide, and for recreational development projects in Urban Aid, Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities, or Densely Populated Counties. In this funding round, \$12.7 million is being approved for acquisition projects by 32 nonprofit organizations. This year, nonprofit acquisition projects generally are being capped at \$350,000 in matching grants. Larger funding awards are being awarded to those regional or statewide preservation organizations that have shown significant progress in acquiring land and spending previously approved Green Acres funding. In addition, 23 recreational development projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations are being

approved, for a total of \$7.2 million. Nonprofit development projects are capped at \$400,000 in matching grants.

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

## LOCAL PROJECTS

### Atlantic County

#### Atlantic City

##### **3rd Ward Accessible Playground & Recreation Facility**

Atlantic City proposes to construct their first fully accessible playground along with attractive landscaping and a multi-purpose field. The improvements will be located in the Third Ward of the City, on the outer edge of a changing residential district. This area has many multi-family developments and approval of this project will create an established park in an area where no such playgrounds currently exist.

**\$ 480,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 270,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 750,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

#### Brigantine City

##### **St. Phillips School Property Acquisition**

The City of Brigantine is proposing to purchase St. Phillips Apostle School property located at 4101 West Brigantine Avenue. The property is located in a residential district adjacent to a recreation complex and the City would like to preserve the property as open space for recreational purposes. The City will acquire the 1.2 acre grounds using Green Acres and Atlantic County open space funding.

**\$ 365,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

#### Galloway Twp

##### **Dellanoce Property Acquisition**

The Township of Galloway is proposing to purchase 19.5 acres for additional ball fields at their Gabriel Field Park, located on Genoa Avenue. The additional land will help to alleviate the excessive use of the existing recreational facilities and improve the quality of life for the residents in Galloway and surrounding areas.

**\$ 85,500 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

#### Northfield City

##### **Oak Avenue Property Acquisition**

The City of Northfield is proposing to acquire three acres of land on Oak Avenue to be used for passive recreation. The parcel has greenhouses on it which will be taken down as part of the acquisition project.

**\$ 255,750 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

**Pleasantville City**

**Multi-Park Recreational Sports Facility**

The City of Pleasantville proposes to upgrade two existing parks. Specifically, at Max Manning Park and North Pleasantville Little League Park they propose to construct a soccer field at each park with lighting, irrigation and bleachers.

**\$ 434,150 Loan Award**  
**\$ 434,150 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 868,300 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Urban Aid Community**

**Port Republic City**

**Clarks Mill Pond Acquisition**

The City of Port Republic has purchased 115 acres of land in Port Republic and Galloway Township. The land is wooded and is traversed by Clarks Mill Stream and adjacent wetlands. The City has purchased this parcel for passive recreation to provide walking trails and rest areas overlooking the stream, and to protect the water quality of the area. Atlantic County provided the funding for the City's required match.

**\$ 200,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Site Specific Incentive Acquisition**

**Ventnor City**

**Rehabilitation of Ventnor Fishing Pier**

To meet the high demand for recreational facilities along barrier islands, the City of Ventnor proposes to demolish an existing dilapidated fishing pier and the ancillary structures. Once demolished, the City will install a new fishing pier, including new pilings, decking, and a support building.

**\$ 603,225 Loan Award**  
**\$ 146,775 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 750,000 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Bergen County**

### **Allendale Boro**

#### **Orchard Park Acquisition**

The Borough of Allendale seeks funding to acquire a three acre parcel that will become a passive park. The preservation of this site will protect one of the last remaining undeveloped parcels in downtown Allendale. The site, located on West Orchard Road and Franklin Turnpike, has been approved for development. Once preserved, the site will be known as Orchard Park.

**\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award  
Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

### **East Rutherford Boro**

#### **Two Carlton Avenue Park Development**

The Borough of East Rutherford plans to develop a passive recreation area that will act as an anchor property to link the Boroughs of East Rutherford and Rutherford to the Passaic River, at 2 Carlton Avenue. The development will include landscaping, planting of grass, limited lighting, trash receptacles, development features, and furniture. This property was acquired with Green Acres funding assistance.

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

### **Edgewater Boro**

#### **Veteran's Field Improvements**

Edgewater Borough has developed a master plan for the redevelopment of Veteran's Field, with the goal of ensuring that the park layout will accommodate current and future community needs. Veteran's Field is located on River Road, adjacent to the Hudson River. During Phase I, the Borough renovated or replaced basketball courts and tennis courts. Future phases will include the installation of a playground and restroom facilities, addition of picnic areas along the river, and improved access to the river by upgrading the Hudson River Walkway.

**\$ 741,655 Loan Award  
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

### **Garfield City**

#### **Historic Dundee Dam Pedestrian Way and Preserve**

With funding from the Green Acres Program, Garfield City is in the process of creating a linear park along the Passaic River, in the vicinity of the Dundee Dam, where General Post crossed the Passaic River during the Revolutionary War. The City anticipates that the park will have two levels, one at the top of the bank containing pathways for walking, jogging and biking, as well as

access to the river's edge from the lower level. The park will provide areas to view the magnificent Dundee Dam and abundant river wildlife.

**\$ 150,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 850,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$1,000,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Hackensack City**

### **Second Ward Park Improvements**

The City of Hackensack is planning improvements to Second Ward Park, on Polifly Road and Sutton Avenue, in three phases. Phase I will include relocation of swing sets into a new play area, installation of rubberized flooring, and an interactive water playground. Phase II will include an interactive spray fountain for the water playground, resurfacing and refurbishing tennis and basketball courts, new nets, bleachers, scoreboards, and fencing, as well as renovations to restrooms, and installation of benches, bike racks, barbeque grills, and waste receptacles. Phase III will include paved walkways, lighting, exercise stations and a wildflower garden.

**\$ 446,435 Loan Award**

**\$ 553,565 Matching Grant Award**

**\$1,000,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Leonia Boro**

### **Wood Park Rehabilitation**

The Borough of Leonia proposes improvements to Wood Park, located off of Broad Avenue at Borough Place, in order to create a more attractive and useful park space. The Borough proposes to renovate some of the existing facilities, including the grass areas, handball and tennis courts, walkways, comfort station and performance platform. The Borough will also install a playground safety surface, lighting, game tables, brick pavers, a bocce ball pit and benches. Finally, the Borough proposes to renovate the Leonia Avenue entrance with a new stairway and signage.

**\$ 555,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 195,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 750,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **North Arlington Boro**

### **River Road Park Acquisition**

The Borough of North Arlington seeks to acquire a series of lots which parallel the Passaic River. The site would provide needed open space in a developed area and it would permit unfettered public access to the River.

**\$ 125,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Standard Acquisition**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Ridgefield Park Village**

### **Fellowship Park Improvements**

The Village of Ridgefield Park is receiving funding for its improvements at Fellowship Park, a 1.74 acre park bordered by Euclid Avenue, Hobart Street and Bergen Avenue. Tennis courts, originally installed in the 1960's, were severely deteriorated and in need of renovation. Other facilities include benches, water fountains, and improved pathways.

**\$ 427,500 Loan Award**

**\$ 142,500 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 570,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **River Edge Boro**

### **Bogert Road Pocket Park Acquisition**

River Edge is a densely populated community. This grant is for the purchase of a developed .89 acre property adjoining the Cherry Hill School yard. The vision for this park is to remove the existing structures and create active and leisure recreation areas where children can play and enjoy nature. Proposed future improvements include a playground, benches under the existing mature trees, a surrounding pathway, and a community garden.

**\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Rutherford Boro**

### **Rutherford Waterfront Park Development**

The Borough of Rutherford proposes to create a waterfront park on the Passaic River, along Riverside Avenue. The proposal includes removal of the old bulkhead, shoreline restoration, development of a public park area, and the installation of a boat ramp. The new park is adjacent to a circa 1920 boat house, located adjacent to the park that has been restored through private sector contributions and volunteer labor. The park will serve as an attractive recreational resource, enhancing the local community and the Passaic River waterfront, while also advancing the Passaic River Restoration Plan.

**\$ 32,916 Loan Award**

**\$ 98,749 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 131,665 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Teaneck Twp**

### **Improvements to Votee Park Athletic Fields**

The Township of Teaneck proposes to install synthetic turf at two existing soccer fields in Votee Park, located at Palisade Avenue between Queen Anne Road, Colonial Court & Court Street. The project also proposes fencing, resurfacing the bituminous path around the 2 two fields,

adding benches, trash receptacles, shade trees, and modifying the bleachers to be ADA compliant.

**\$ 128,750 Loan Award**

**\$ 621,250 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 750,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

### **Westwood Boro**

#### **Improvements to Westvale Park**

The Borough plans several improvements to Westvale Park, located at the intersection of Harrington Avenue and Sand Road. Planned improvements include the construction of a football field, soccer field, softball field, little league baseball field, field house/concession stand, dog run, playground area, extension of walking path, repaving of existing paths, bollard lights along paths, a pavilion, drainage improvements, and grading to fields.

**\$500,000 Loan Award**

**Standard Development**

### **Woodcliff Lake Boro**

#### **Woodcliff Lake Historic Park Acquisition**

The Borough of Woodcliff Lake has been acquiring parcels adjacent to the Borough's Old Mill Park to expand the recreation area. Previously acquired with Green Acres funding was an historic house known as the Westervelt-Lydecker House (1756) which is listed on both the State and National Historic Registers. The next priority purchase expands the recreation area to more than ten acres. The third tract will be used to supplement existing open space as the borough continues to expand the park and develop active recreation facilities.

**\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Site Specific Incentive Acquisition**

### **Wood-Ridge Boro**

#### **Bianchi House Passive Recreational Improvements**

The Borough proposed to incorporate passive recreational improvements to the Bianchi House property at 111 1st Street. Improvements will include new and reconstructed walkways, a gazebo, and community gardens and benches.

**\$ 75,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 25,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$100,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Burlington County**

### **Chesterfield Twp**

#### **Recreation Fields Acquisition**

Chesterfield Township proposes to purchase a 27 acre property on Old York Road, a portion for a new school and a portion for active recreation fields. The school board will build a new school on its four acres and the remaining 23 acres will be used for active recreation for the school children and the general public. The park property will serve the most densely populated portion of the Township and will provide much needed recreation opportunities.

**\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Site Specific Incentive Acquisition**

### **Medford Lakes Boro**

#### **Stokes Road Acquisition**

The Borough of Medford Lakes proposes to purchase 32 Stokes Road, a vacant lot of approximately 0.282 acres, for a park. The property is in proximity to Borough Hall and Ballinger Lake, and would either remain undeveloped or be developed as a playground or veteran's park.

**\$ 168,000 Loan Award**  
**\$ 56,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 224,000 Total**  
**Standard Acquisition**

### **Pemberton Twp**

#### **Imagination Kingdom Playground Development**

Pemberton Township proposes to construct a new playground to be named Imagination Kingdom at its New Lisbon Sports Complex, which is located on Pemberton-Browns Mills Road. The original playground at the site, which was heavily used, was recently demolished due to health and safety concerns. The proposed playground area will be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements and will include play equipment, a safety play surface, a picnic pavilion, landscaping, drainage improvements, and walkways.

**\$ 445,000 Loan Award**  
**\$ 445,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 890,000 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Urban Aid Community**

### **Shamong Twp**

#### **Stony Creek Recreation Complex Development**

Shamong Township proposes to construct five irrigated soccer fields at its Stony Creek Recreation Complex, located on Atsion Road, to accommodate changes in recreational usage. Additional facilities proposed at the site include an access drive, parking lot, fencing, and extensions to an existing bike path.

**\$ 250,000 Loan Award**  
**Park Development**

## Camden County

### Camden County

#### Environmental Center Development

The County of Camden proposes an addition to the existing County Parks Administration building located in Greenwald Park, Cherry Hill Township. The addition will house the County's only Environmental Center, along with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension office and will be the County's first Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified "Green" building. The center will include a multi-purpose room, offices, a laboratory, restrooms and an outdoor education classroom.

**\$ 204,000 Loan Award**  
**\$ 796,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$1,000,000 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely/Highly Populated County**

### Camden City

#### Stockton Station Park and Greenway Development

Development of Stockton Station Park in Camden City will help meet the recreational needs of the community and help stabilize the surrounding neighborhood by providing a safe and healthy environment for families to enjoy and play. Once a contaminated Superfund Site, the new park is being constructed in tandem with a greenway project and it sits across from a recently completed housing development. Extensive community outreach played a major role in finalizing the plans for this park. Improvements will include a handball court, a combination soccer/football field, outdoor adult gym equipment, fencing, lighting, scoreboards, and landscaping.

**\$ 394,339 Loan Award**  
**\$ 605,661 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$1,000,000 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Urban Aid Community**

### Runnemede Boro

#### Beaver Branch Park Development

Runnemede Borough proposes improvements at Beaver Branch Brook Park to increase the use of the facility, located on Third Avenue, Ditmar Terrace, and Glover Drive. The proposed improvements include: new natural grass flag football/mini soccer field, new natural grass soccer field, and reconstruction of tennis and basketball courts. In addition, the Borough intends to install handicapped-accessible restroom facilities. Also, a sewer pumping station and an irrigation system for the park will be installed.

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

**Winslow Twp****Forest Meadows Program Acquisition**

The Forest Meadow acquisition in Winslow Township, Camden County is a joint venture with the Camden County Open Space Commission. The property consists of 69 acres of land and is part of the Camden County Greenway Project. The property is immediately adjacent to the existing Township's Iuliucci Municipal Park. The property has final approval for 92 single family dwellings and it is in the Regional Growth Area of the Pinelands. The diverse habitats of the property will offer opportunities for both passive and active recreation.

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

**Standard Acquisition**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Cape May County**

### **Cape May City**

#### **Cape May City Open Space Acquisition**

Cape May City is coordinating the purchase and preservation of the last large tract of open space in the City (approximately 80 acres), the Sewell Point tract. The tract is environmentally sensitive and provides critical habitat for threatened and endangered species and migrating wildlife, particularly neo-tropical songbirds and raptors. The wetlands on the site are of exceptional resource value and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has included the site on its list of Priority Wetlands in the State of New Jersey because of the intrinsic habitat values that exist for State and Federal endangered species.

**\$200,000 Matching Grant Award  
Site Specific Incentive Acquisition**

### **Middle Twp**

#### **Westwood Project/Hand Avenue Acquisition**

The scope of the project is to connect an existing walking trail, which leads onto the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge to a parking area for a new Township/County park. This would be compatible with habitat preservation and recreation as the site would remain primarily in its natural state and be available for migratory birds, forest animals and people in perpetuity.

**\$ 373,750 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

### **Ocean City**

#### **Multi-Park ADA Accessibility Development**

Ocean City is requesting Green Acres assistance to ensure that recreational facilities at two of its parks are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. Specifically, at North Street Park and 34th Street Park, the city proposes to install a rubberized safety surface at the playgrounds. Furthermore, both parks will include playground equipment replacement, site amenities, fencing, landscaping and irrigation. This upgrade will accommodate the needs of the year-round residents as well as the large summer visitor population.

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

## **Cumberland County**

### **Bridgeton City**

#### **Track & Field Improvements at Hursey Stadium**

The City of Bridgeton, in partnership with the Bridgeton High School Foundation, proposes to redevelop the existing track and field facilities at Jim Hursey Memorial Stadium located at the Bridgeton High School which currently serves to provide active and passive recreational opportunities for all residents of the City of Bridgeton in addition to many adjacent communities. Redevelopment of the track and field facilities is a community initiative that is a model private/public venture along with meeting neighborhood and community needs. Specifically, Green Acres funds will be used to resurface the 1/4 mile track with state of the art synthetic materials that are environmentally friendly. Additionally, a new synthetic surface will be installed over the existing field along with athletic field lighting, bleachers, construction of a restroom facility that includes a ticket booth, and bleachers.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## Essex County

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#### Multi-Parks Improvements

For several years Essex County has pursued an ambitious plan to improve its park system. Initially the County focused on its urban parks, including Branch Brook Park, Vailsburg Park, and Ivy Hill Park all located in Newark; Watsessing Park located in East Orange City and Bloomfield Township; Orange Park in Orange City Township, and Irvington Park in Irvington Township. Since that time, the scope has been expanded to include all of the County Parks described in the Master Plan, as well as new parks, such as Kip's Castle, located in Montclair and Cedar Grove townships.

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

### Essex County

#### Yanticaw Park Improvements

Essex County proposes improvements at Yanticaw Park at Chestnut, Vincent Place, Center Street, and Passaic Avenue in Nutley. Improvements range from reseeding football fields, to refurbishing softball and baseball fields, adding volleyball courts, improvements to the field house (such as installing heating and making restrooms handicap accessible), repairs of pathways and bridges, removal of dead trees and invasive species, new bike racks, waste receptacles, water fountains, bollard lighting, and entranceway enhancements.

**\$ 415,144 Loan Award**  
**\$1,084,856 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 1,500,000 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely/Highly Populated County**

### Bloomfield Twp

#### Bloomfield Township Acquisition

The Township of Bloomfield plans to acquire a 5.7 acre parcel located along the Third River and Spring Brook. Acquisition of the parcel forms a link in the Bloomfield Greenway, designated in the Township's Master Plan. The Greenway will eventually link all of the Township's open space through walking/hiking and biking trails. The anticipated use of this property for passive and low impact development recreation will provide open space recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to one of the most densely populated areas in the State. The project will also contribute to the Township's goal of flood prevention by retaining a vital natural buffer that absorbs flooding from the Third River.

**\$ 1,000,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Urban Aid Community Acquisition**

## **Irvington Twp**

### **Irvington Playground Development**

The Township of Irvington proposes improvements at several parks, including the 40th Street playground; Greene Terrace Playground; Tiny Tots Playground, located at Union Avenue; Eberhardt Playground, located on Western Parkway; Parkway Playground, located on Eastern Parkway; Civic Square Playground; and Montgomery Avenue Playground. Updated playground equipment and safety surfaces were installed at each of these parks. Basketball and tennis courts will be renovated where necessary, and a field house will be constructed at Chancellor Park. The roof was repaired at the 40th Street playground field house, fencing was installed at various parks, and the Little League Field House at Chancellor Park was renovated.

**\$ 300,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 600,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Maplewood Twp**

### **Maplewood Playing Fields Improvement**

The Township of Maplewood, in a public/private partnership with the nonprofit group Friends of Maplewood Recreation, proposes to upgrade the current athletic fields and lighting system at DeHart Park. Additionally, the partners plan to increase and improve handicap-accessibility to the fields.

**\$ 422,131 Loan Award**

**\$ 37,869 Matching Grant Award**

**\$460,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Montclair Twp**

### **Project Youth Sports Phase II Development**

In a continuing effort to upgrade the community's athletic fields, Montclair Township has requested assistance for improvements at three additional parks including Mountainside Park; located on Upper Mountain Avenue; Edgemont Memorial Park, located on Valley Road; and Kaveny Field, located on Grove Street. Improvements at Mountainside Park include repositioning of the basketball court, renovation of the baseball/softball field, replacement of the playground, and the installation of picnic tables and lights. Similarly, baseball/softball fields will be relocated and renovated at Edgemont Park, the playground and pond will be renovated, an additional multi-purpose athletic field will be installed with new turf and irrigation, and a storage shed will be constructed. Finally, improvements at Kaveny Park include renovation of the baseball/softball field.

**\$ 273,606 Loan Award**

**\$ 726,394 Matching Grant Award**

**\$1,000,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Newark City**

### **Hayes Park East Development**

The City of Newark proposes substantial renovations at Hayes Park East which is located in Newark's East Ward, bordered by Raymond Boulevard, Ferry Street and Waydell Street. The City plans to restore the swimming pool, add spray features, construct new walkways and plazas, install a soccer field and tee ball field, restore the lawn and landscaping, and install new playground equipment. The newly renovated park will serve a very densely populated area and provide much needed recreation facilities.

**\$ 1,000,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Nutley Twp**

### **Monsignor Owens Park Redevelopment**

Nutley Township proposes redevelopment of Monsignor Owens Park, located at 44 Park Avenue. The proposal includes regrading the two existing fields, additional parking, lighting upgrade, replacement of backstops, and installation of new fencing.

**\$ 501,250 Loan Award**

**\$ 248,750 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 750,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Orange City Twp**

### **Multi Parks Development**

Orange City Township has been making improvements at three parks in need of refurbishment. At Colgate Park, located on Central Avenue, the City will install pedestrian walkways, drainage improvements, additional playground equipment and park furniture. At Central Park, located at North Center and New Streets, the Township plans athletic fields, a running track, and landscaping. Finally, at Metcalf Park, located at Argyle and Valley Streets, pathways, fencing and a small storage building will be installed.

**\$ 426,615 Loan Award**

**\$ 426,615 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 853,230 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Gloucester County**

### **Monroe Twp**

#### **Owens Park Improvements**

The Township of Monroe desires assistance to provide site landscaping and irrigation to the existing football fields located at the Township's Earling E. Owens Memorial Park. This recreation facility was previously acquired and developed with Green Acres assistance. Currently, the football fields are minimally watered and a centralized automated irrigation system is needed to provide safer practice and playing field areas for the township and area football associations utilizing the fields.

**\$ 70,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 70,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$140,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Hudson County**

### **Hudson County**

#### **Little League Ball Fields - Washington Park Development**

Hudson County proposes to reconstruct two Little League grass fields at Washington Park with synthetic turf. The synthetic surface will allow for more hours of play on these heavily used athletic fields. Other proposed improvements include a restroom/concession building, field and court lighting, a batting cage, walkways, landscaping, flagpoles, an upgraded basketball court, a new volleyball court, a chess playing area and parking along Paterson Plank Road.

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

### **Hudson County**

#### **James J. Braddock/North Hudson Park Development**

To allow for increased football and soccer use with no loss of play due to field conditions, Hudson County proposes to construct a dual use synthetic turf field at the James J. Braddock/North Hudson Park sports stadium on Bergenline Avenue in North Bergen. The synthetic surface allows continuous play without the need for a "rest" period often associated with a natural grass playing field. Also included in the stadium plans will be a sports lighting system, permanent bleachers, fencing, landscaping, a restroom building, and parking.

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

### **Bayonne City**

#### **Peninsula Soccer Park Development**

The City of Bayonne proposes to continue the redevelopment of the former military base at Peninsula Harbor with the construction of an active recreation facility. Plans for the site include soccer fields with bleachers, playground areas, parking, pathways, plazas, landscaping, and a park building complete with storage and meeting space, a snack bar, and restroom.

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

### **Guttenberg Town**

#### **Guttenberg Town Riverfront Park Development**

The Town of Guttenberg plans to address town recreation needs by developing its first waterfront park. This project, located on 7100 River Road, will extend the Hudson River walkway and allow residents their only access to the Hudson River in Guttenberg. The project will include landscaping, walking areas, rest rooms, parking, an amphitheater, and associated programming.

**\$ 75,162 Loan Award**  
**\$ 23,388 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 98,550 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Hoboken City**

### **1600 Park Avenue Development**

The City of Hoboken wishes to install drainage and artificial turf at the newly acquired 1600 Park Avenue site. Recently acquired with Green Acres funds, this once industrial site will be transformed and used primarily for open play. The park will be an extension of the green space at Hoboken Cove Park and the 16th Street Pier. It will be linked by a pedestrian connection under the Pennsylvania Avenue viaduct. Drainage and artificial turf will be installed to allow for immediate play, team practices, picnicking and special events. Future plans will include basketball, tennis and handball courts, park walls, benches, lighting, paving, landscaping and other amenities.

**\$ 200,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 600,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Jersey City**

### **Berry Lane Acquisition**

Jersey City would like to acquire 6.59 acres of land owned by Conrail, which is part of the historic Morris Canal Towpath. The site is zoned industrial, however it is surrounded by a residential neighborhood which is undergoing redevelopment. The land is level, has available utilities, and access to mass transit. The preliminary plan is for the development of soccer and baseball fields, with development of a playground on an adjacent city-owned parcel. The land would also allow for a pedestrian/skating/bicycling pathway along the Morris Canal Towpath.

**\$1,000,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Urban Aid Community Acquisition**

## **Kearny Town**

### **Harvey Field Soccer Improvements**

Kearny Town proposes the construction of an all-season soccer field. The current facilities are rundown and in need of replacement. The new field will allow for extended play and stand up to the demands of rigorous use. Other improvements will include sidewalks, bleachers, lighting, signage and other amenities.

**\$ 435,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 435,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 870,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **North Bergen Twp**

### **Soccer Field Resurfacing**

Due to continual and excessive use, the soccer field at Boulevard East, Bergenline Avenue and 79th Street is in need of total reconstruction. The field currently requires constant seeding and grading and the township proposes to resurface the field with synthetic turf. The upgrades will provide a more durable surface for the various user groups for years to come.

**\$ 607,125 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

**Weehawken Twp****Waterfront Multi-Use Pavilion Development**

The Weehawken Waterfront Park consists of 16 acres along the Hudson River, along Harbor Boulevard and Port Imperial Boulevard. In the second phase of its development plan, Weehawken Township will make additional recreational improvements to the park. Weehawken will add an outdoor ice hockey rink with surrounding deck, an open space pavilion, and floor cover to convert the rink into basketball courts in the warmer months. These additions will complement the existing facilities, which include ball fields, a running track, tennis courts, tot lots, amphitheater, exercise stations, concession stands, a bathroom, and a walkway that connects to the waterfront. Part of the park was acquired with Green Acres funding.

**\$ 1,000,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

## **Mercer County**

### **Trenton City**

#### **Hetzel Field Park Development**

The City proposes the rehabilitation of an existing urban park and the development of two adjacent properties to expand the park, improve visibility and access, and provide parking. A landscaped plaza entrance at North Olden Avenue will welcome the community into 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 created. 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 Community**

## **Middlesex County**

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#### **New Brunswick Landing Development**

As part of the Raritan River Strategy Plan, Middlesex County and the City of New Brunswick are seeking additional funding to construct a dock near the Richmond Street pedestrian overpass, adjacent to the Delaware and Raritan Canal towpath. The structure, which includes a fixed dock connecting to a floating dock, will provide accommodations for recreational boats and afford access to the Raritan River from New Brunswick, as well as access from the river to New Brunswick City's Boyd Park, the towpath, and the downtown area. The plans include dredging a channel to allow access to the dock and upland amenities, including walkways, parking, and an access drive. Green Acres funding was previously awarded for this project.

**\$ 175,000 Loan Award**  
**Park Development**  
**Urban Aid Community**

### **Carteret Boro**

#### **Multi-Parks Improvements 3**

Carteret Borough seeks funding to rehabilitate two heavily used parks: Carteret Park, located between Carteret Avenue and Cypress and Louis Streets; and Little Park (a.k.a. Ash Street Park), located between Fillmore Avenue and Ash Street. At Carteret Park, proposed improvements include new walkway lighting, rehabilitation of the basketball and tennis courts, fencing, and improved walkways. At Little Park, the Borough proposes a new basketball court, safety surfacing, benches, landscaping, and fencing.

**\$ 240,000 Loan Award**  
**\$ 240,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 480,000 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Urban Aid Community**

### **New Brunswick City**

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**\$ 900,000 Loan Award**  
**Park Development**  
**Urban Aid Community**

## **Old Bridge Twp**

### **Cottrell Farm Acquisition**

Old Bridge Township seeks to preserve historic Cottrell Farm and another lot totaling approximately 64 acres. The 28 acre farmstead, located on Cottrell Road and County Route 516, contains an historic two-story house dating back to 1831. The second parcel, also on Cottrell Road, is 36 acres of woodlands that has been nominated as a high priority acquisition site as part of the Harbor Estuary Program. This property contains the Warnes and Tennet Brooks, which flow into the Raritan River via Manalapan Brook.

**\$ 1,000,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Urban Aid Community Acquisition**

## **Piscataway Twp**

### **Piscataway Open Space Acquisition**

The plan includes the acquisition of the last large contiguous open space in the Township which will serve to expand the existing Ambrose-Doty's Brook Park. The total acreage of the planned acquisition is more than 137 acres. The initial and short terms plans for the sites include the demolition and removal of structures found not to be suitable for future use and a general cleanup of the property. The long terms plans for the sites include creating paths and trails for both walking and biking and creating open space play areas for multiple uses including soccer fields. The goal is to create a predominately passive park and to conserve open space.

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

## **Woodbridge Twp**

### **Sewaren Marina Park 2 Development**

The Township of Woodbridge will continue its renovation and expansion of the Sewaren Marina Waterfront Park on Cliff Road. The first phase of this development project received Green Acres funds as well. As part of this comprehensive project, the township will dredge Smith Creek, replace docks and construct main docks along the peninsula, install bulkheading, replace and install pilings for over 200 boat slips, improve parking and access, and create lighted walkways and boardwalks with benches, all of which will invite the public to better participate in - or just watch - a variety of waterfront activities.

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

## Monmouth County

### **Avon-By-The-Sea Boro**

#### **Marina Acquisition**

Avon-By-The-Sea is interested in acquiring a former 22-slip marina site located along the Shark River, which is in jeopardy of being developed into a private, non-waterfront use. The Borough's intent for acquiring this property is to turn it into a park and marina. There is currently no riverfront property in the Borough that is not privately owned and is suitable for a park and marina. By purchasing this property, the Borough can preserve this open space with its beautiful views of the river and inlet. The Boro intends to work with the Department of Transportation to obtain marina infrastructure funds to rehabilitate the marina.

**\$ 328,788 Matching Grant Award**  
**Standard Acquisition**

### **Eatontown Boro**

#### **Eatontown Boro Open Space Acquisition**

Eatontown Borough is acquiring the Capilupi property, located on Grant Avenue and Route 36. This four acre site is adjacent to the recently acquired 12 acre Stella Farm property, also located on Grant Avenue. The combined properties feature areas of open fields, woods, and freshwater wetlands and would support a park for both active and passive recreational use.

**\$ 69,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Standard Acquisition**

### **Fair Haven Boro**

#### **Fair Haven Fields Improvements**

Fair Haven Borough seeks funding to improve Fair Haven Fields, an active recreation facility located on River Road, which was originally acquired with Green Acres assistance. Proposed improvements include the addition of one little league baseball field, two regulation size soccer/field hockey/lacrosse fields, and two multi-use practice fields. The Borough also proposes extending the existing pedestrian walking trail with barrier-free access, creating an emergency vehicle access, and adding an irrigation system and well.

**\$ 195,000 Loan Award**  
**Park Development**

### **Hazlet Twp**

#### **Youth Athletic League Improvements**

Hazlet Township is proposing improvements to its popular Youth Athletic League site, located on Hazlet Avenue. Proposed facilities include a fitness trail around the existing multi-purpose field, a storage/restrooms building, and landscaping.

**\$ 227,500 Loan Award**  
**Park Development**

## **Highlands Boro**

### **Acquisition of 2 Private Road**

The Borough of Highlands intends to acquire a half acre property known as 2 Private Road. The purpose of the project is to acquire these parcels for outdoor recreation/conservation use and link them to the existing municipally owned Miller Street Beach located to the east, as well as municipally owned property to the west, all fronting Sandy Hook Bay to the north.

**\$ 378,267 Matching Grant Award  
Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Long Branch City**

### **Multi Parks Development 2**

Long Branch City would like to continue to upgrade several of its parks. At Jerry Morgan Park, the City has installed a monument, fitness trail with stations, tennis and basketball courts, handball wall, tot lot, passive seating area, picnic area, athletic field, fencing irrigation, landscaping, utilities, concession/storage building, and parking. Improvements and upgrades will be made at Cherry Street Park. Work at Manahassett Creek Park will include grading, landscaping, parking, athletic fields, basketball, tennis, and roller hockey courts, bicycle path, gazebo, boat launch and an amphitheater.

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

## **Neptune Twp**

### **South Riverside Drive Waterfront Acquisition**

The Township of Neptune has acquired multiple waterfront parcels totaling approximately 8 acres along Riverside Drive on the Shark River. The land was acquired for conservation, shoreline stabilization, flood control and environmental measures. Acquisition of the land will help protect the water resources of the Shark River.

**\$ 800,000 Matching Grant Award  
Urban Aid Community Acquisition**

## **Red Bank Boro**

### **Count Basie Park Phase II Development**

Red Bank Borough proposes to improve Count Basie Park, which is located off Route 35 on Park Street. Specifically, the Borough proposes to improve an existing grass football field by reconstructing it as a multi-use synthetic turf field for football, soccer, field hockey, and lacrosse. The existing football field is currently over-used and in bad condition. The conversion to synthetic turf will improve safety, allow increased playing and practice opportunities for current teams who cannot use the field after inclement weather, and expand its use to include other sports.

**\$ 462,500 Loan Award  
\$ 287,500 Matching Grant Award  
\$ 750,000 Total  
Park Development  
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

**Rumson Boro****Victory Park Expansion**

Rumson Boro is seeking to acquire a waterfront property that will expand the existing municipal Victory Park located in the heart of town. This acquisition will provide additional public access to the Navesink River and provide additional opportunities for Rumson to expand its new rowing program.

**\$218,750 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

**Spring Lake Heights Boro****Fletcher Property Acquisition**

Spring Lake Heights Borough wishes to acquire one of the few remaining large lots in this small municipality. The property, located along Allaire Road, is adjacent to the existing Joseph E. Robertson Park and will allow for both wildlife conservation and expansion of recreation facilities.

**\$ 180,870 Matching Grant Award  
Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

**Union Beach Boro****Scholer Park Phase II Development**

Union Beach Borough is proposing to further improve its Scholer Park, which is located on Spruce Street. Proposed improvements include a new skate park, expanded parking to support users of its new athletic fields, a concession/restroom building, walkways, and landscaping.

**\$ 480,250 Loan Award  
Park Development**

**Wall Twp****Ridge Road Sand Mine Acquisition**

In order to add to its open space needs for active outdoor recreation and conservation uses, Wall Township plans to acquire 82+/- acres of what is now a sand mine on Ridgewood Road. The property is in close proximity to municipal, state and county parks within the area and will serve as a central connection point.

**\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Morris County**

### **Boonton Town**

#### **Miller-Kingsland Historic Preservation**

The acquisition of the Miller-Kingsland property off Vreeland Avenue will protect two historic structures, a Dutch stone end house and a carriage barn circa 1866 that are both listed on the National Register of Historic Places. An unidentified tributary to the Rockaway River runs across the northwest portion of this property. The preservation of this 2-acre site and its structures will provide greatly needed open space in a highly developed community and protect a local historic treasure from encroaching development.

**\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

### **Chester Boro**

#### **Chester Open Space Acquisition**

Chester Borough plans to acquire a series of properties for preservation. The Borough's top priority is the Lucent tract. This property contains 111 acres, 66 of which will be acquired as passive parkland/open space. The Lucent tract is located off Main Street and it will serve as a link to a community-wide greenbelt. This acquisition project will involve neighboring municipalities and various partners.

**\$ 500,000 Matching Grant Award  
Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## Ocean County

### **Berkeley Twp**

#### **Manitou Park Development**

Berkeley Township proposes improvements to its Manitou Park, which is located at 3rd Avenue and 7th Street in the densely populated Manitou Park section of the Township. Plans for Manitou Park include the removal of an older basketball court to allow for reconfiguration of the Park, construction of two new basketball courts, and the addition of new playground equipment. Additional proposed improvements include benches, a picnic facility, bleachers, walkways, fencing, parking lot improvements, and landscaping.

**\$ 348,750 Loan Award**

**\$ 116,250 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 465,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

### **Brick Twp**

#### **Trader's Cove Marina Park Development**

Brick Township is proposing to create a waterfront park at a currently underutilized municipal marina, located on Mantoloking Road, which is part of the Township's Green Acres Planning Incentive Grant application. The park will provide waterfront access and recreational opportunities on the Barnegat Bay for Township residents and provide a linkage to the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. Proposed improvements include a boardwalk promenade along the Bay, a dockmaster/restrooms/storage building, an access road and parking areas, a kayak/canoe launch, walkways, a lawn panel, and an ADA-accessible playground and water play area. Also proposed for the site are demolition of existing structures, landscaping, utilities, seating areas, irrigation, lighting, stormwater controls, and fencing. The Township is currently replacing failing bulkheads at the site and upgrading the marine infrastructure. Future plans for the site include the construction of a boat museum and interpretive center in partnership with the nonprofit New Jersey Museum of Boating.

**\$ 1,000,000 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

### **Plumsted Twp**

#### **Recreation Complex Improvements 3**

Plumsted Township is proposing improvements to its Municipal Recreation Complex, which is located off of Brindletown Road. Proposed improvements include irrigation for five athletic fields, fencing, and paving. These improvements will significantly increase the safety and usability of existing recreation facilities at the site.

**\$ 100,000 Loan Award**

**Park Development**

**Toms River Twp****Epstein/Frankenberg Park Phase I Development**

The Township of Toms River proposes to build a girls softball complex on the Epstein/Frankenberg Park property, which is located on the east side of North Bay Avenue at Whitty Road. The proposal for Phase I of the park development includes three lighted softball fields with batting cages and a practice area, a tot lot, a restroom/concession building with a second-story press box and meeting room, a shelter building, footpaths and hiking trails, landscaping, stormwater management areas, and an access drive and parking area for 150 cars.

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

**Park Development**

**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Passaic County**

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#### **Lambert Castle Observatory Tower Development**

Passaic County is in the process of restoring Lambert Castle and the Lambert Castle Observatory Tower, which are located in the Passaic County Garret Mountain Reservation. Restoration of Lambert Castle is nearly complete, and the Castle has become a vital resource for cultural and community events. However, the Observatory Tower remains closed, due to unsafe conditions. Passaic County proposes to restore the Observatory Tower and make it available for public use. The County proposes the necessary work to the Observatory Tower, replacement of the covered arbor, repair of stone walls and walkways, landscaping, and rehabilitation of the refreshment stand and comfort station.

**\$ 325,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 925,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$1,250,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

### **Clifton City**

#### **Athenia Steel Recreational Complex Development**

The project site, a former abandoned industrial site, was purchased by the City for a variety of uses. A 14.9 acre portion of the site will be developed into a recreational complex, and 11.23 acres will remain undeveloped open space. The City is working with NJDEP to remediate the site. The recreational improvements include site work, stormwater drainage, athletic fields, irrigation, lighting, restrooms and concession building, pavilion, picnic area, basketball courts, tot lot, foot paths, landscaping and park appurtenances.

**\$ 400,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 600,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$1,000,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

### **Passaic City**

#### **Pulaski Park Restoration Project**

Pulaski Park, located on Fourth Street, is the most heavily used recreation facility in Passaic City. Based on current data, this 13-acre park is used by over 300 people a day. The intensive use of the athletic fields resulted in unsafe playing conditions, which prompted the first phase of the project, including two resurfaced athletic fields. The second phase of construction for Pulaski Park will include a new soccer field, walkways, and picnic areas. Restoration of these fields is extremely important to the community and local athletic leagues, and will alleviate overuse of the City's other sport facilities.

**\$ 500,000 Loan Award**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

**Paterson City**

**Restoration and Revitalization of Pennington Park**

Paterson City, in cooperation with the Passaic River Coalition, plans to restore Pennington Park, located in the Second Ward of the city. The project will include renovating existing athletic fields, re-establishing recreational boating on a portion of the Passaic River and landscaping the riverfront along the pedestrian pathway.

**\$ 700,000 Loan Award**

**\$ 300,000 Matching Grant Award**

**\$1,000,000 Total**

**Park Development**

**Urban Aid Community**

**Wanaque Boro**

**Memorial Field Lighting Replacement**

Wanaque Borough proposes to upgrade the lighting at Memorial field, located at War Veterans Place. The proposed new lighting will be energy efficient, and will have computerized on/off capabilities.

**\$ 275,000 Loan Award**

**Park Development**

**West Milford Twp**

**Apple Acres/ Open Space Acquisition**

West Milford Township is located in the heart of the Highlands region. The Township has identified a few parcels for open space acquisition. The Township's highest priority target for acquisition is a 104-acre tract referred to as Apple Acres. The property contains critical slopes and forest, and wetlands. The Endangered and Nongame Species Program identifies threatened and endangered species sightings on the grassland habitat, forested wetland habitat, and forest habitat on the property. The Township has identified 20 acres of the parcel for active recreation. The Township has secured a grant from the Passaic Open Space Trust Fund for the purchase.

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

**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Somerset County**

### **Millstone Boro**

#### **Rezem Land Acquisition**

Millstone Borough hopes to partner with Somerset County Parks Commission and the D&R Greenway Land Trust to purchase a portion of the Rezem Tract. One of the purposes of the acquisition is to preserve an important encampment site dating from the American Revolution. Millstone Borough, formerly known as Somerset Courthouse, is one of only three sites within the State of New Jersey where all the armies of the Revolutionary War once congregated. Somerset Courthouse was especially significant during the war because it had one of the few bridge crossings between New York City and Philadelphia. The site to be acquired includes areas of British, Rochambeau, and American militia encampments, and an American field hospital used to treat smallpox.

**\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

## Union County

### Union County

#### Stanford Drive Park Development

The County of Union is seeking to improve recreational opportunities for County residents and the general public by developing a new county park on property previously acquired with Green Acres assistance. Specifically, the facilities include construction of a synthetic turf multi-purpose field in the south of the site and a baseball field immediately to the east, both of which will receive sports lighting. The wooded areas in the northern and western portions of the site will be retained. Additionally, the County proposes to construct a tot lot, entrance road with a parking lot, footpath/walking trail throughout the site and a concession/restroom building.

**\$ 1,475,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely/Highly Populated County**

### Elizabeth City

#### Acquisition of 1 West End Place

Recreational areas are critical to improving the quality of life within the City of Elizabeth and contribute immensely to the vitality of this urban center. Therefore, the City proposes to acquire a vacant lot which consists of 0.045 acres on West End Place. Elizabeth City intends to revitalize this lot by creating a recreational site for use by residents and visitors alike. Specifically, the City anticipates implementing landscaping improvements as well as creating seating areas.

**\$ 33,500 Loan Award**  
**\$100,500 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$134,000 Total**  
**Urban Aid Community Acquisition**

### Garwood Boro

#### Athletic Field Complex Project

The Borough of Garwood proposes to upgrade their existing ballfield and fieldhouse into a new Athletic Field Complex. This complex will encompass the following: construction of a baseball field, a synthetic multi-purpose field (soccer/field hockey/baseball), a basketball court and bocce ball area. Additionally, this proposed development includes a walking trail, picnic area, garden area, children's play equipment area, gazebo, fieldhouse, and parking area.

**\$ 570,916 Loan Award**  
**\$ 179,084 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 750,000 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

**New Providence Boro  
Oakwood Park Renovation**

The Borough of New Providence requests Green Acres assistance to reconfigure Oakwood Park to more effectively use the space while retaining the current cleared footprint. Specifically, as recommended in the Borough's Recreation Master Plan, they propose to install synthetic turf on an existing natural turf area thereby allowing for concurrent multi-sport activities (soccer/football & baseball/softball) and meeting the current need for sports fields within the Borough. Furthermore, the Borough proposes to add an additional parking lot; expand the existing parking lot; make barrier-free improvements to the existing playground and the existing trail to the Passaic River; construct two storage/restroom/concession buildings, at opposite ends of the park; and construct a barrier-free walkway/sidewalk that incorporates the buildings as well as the turf fields.

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

**Rahway City  
Waterfront Park Development**

The City of Rahway proposes to create a Riverwalk on lands acquired with Green Acres funds in addition to lands owned by the City along the Rahway River. The project includes the installation of a linear walkway/pathway, gazebo with lights, precast concrete pavers, exercise stations, butterfly gardens and various park appurtenances. The project also includes restoration to all disturbed areas.

**\$ 100,000 Loan Award  
\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award  
\$ 200,000 Total  
Park Development  
Urban Aid Community**

**Roselle Park Boro  
Acker Park Renovations**

The Borough of Roselle Park proposes to renovate the existing Acker Park playground to conform with ADA accessibility standards. Specifically, these revisions include the construction of a concrete paver walkway with a decorative lighting system throughout the playground, installation of rubber matting for the various play stations along with the installation of new play structures, demolition of the existing basketball court, decorative fencing, landscaping, irrigation system, park benches and trash receptacles.

**\$ 352,762 Loan Award  
\$ 117,588 Matching Grant Award  
\$ 470,350 Total  
Park Development  
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality**

## **Warren County**

### **Blairstown Twp**

#### **Gorab Property Park - Phase I Development**

The Township of Blairstown intends to build a destination recreation complex at the former Gorab Property at the corner of State Highway 94 and County Route 655. The first phase of construction will consist of two little league fields, parking area with access road, walkways, landscaping and picnic area.

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

### **Washington Boro**

#### **Railroad Avenue Park Development**

Washington Borough proposes to create an active-recreation facility at its Railroad Avenue site, which was preserved with Green Acres assistance, to help address the Borough's deficit of recreational lands. The Borough is requesting funding for Phase I of its development plan, which includes site work; an irrigated multipurpose field for soccer, football, and field hockey; walkways; and a driveway and parking area. Subsequent phases of development would include another multipurpose field, tennis courts, a playground, a volleyball court, a storage/concession/restroom facility, and additional walkways and parking.

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

## PLANNING INCENTIVE PROJECTS

\* denotes Densely/Highly Populated Municipality or Highly Populated County

\*\* denotes Urban Aid municipality or Densely Populated County

<b>Atlantic County</b>		
Atlantic County	Atlantic County Open Space Acq.	\$ 1,000,000
<b>Bergen County</b>		
Bergen County*	Open Space Acquisition Plan	\$ 1,250,000
Cresskill Boro	Cresskill Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Fair Lawn Boro*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 750,000
Oakland Boro	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 500,000
Park Ridge Boro	Open Space Plan	\$ 500,000
Ridgewood Village	Open Space Project	\$ 500,000
River Vale Twp	Watershed Property Acq	\$ 500,000
Tenafly Boro	Tenafly Open Space Acq	\$ 500,000
<b>Burlington County</b>		
Burlington County	Planning Incentive	\$ 1,000,000
Bordentown Twp	Bordentown Twp Open Space Acq.	\$ 500,000
Delran Twp	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 500,000
Eastampton Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000
Evesham Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 750,000
Medford Twp	Open Space Incentive	\$ 500,000
Moorestown Twp	Open Space Preservation Plan	\$ 500,000
Mount Laurel Twp*	Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan	\$ 750,000
Westampton Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000
<b>Camden County</b>		
Camden County**	Open Space Plan	\$ 1,000,000
Cherry Hill Twp*	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 750,000
Clementon Boro	Clementon Open Space Acq.	\$ 405,000
Gloucester Twp**	Open Space Acq.	\$ 583,000
Haddonfield Boro	Open Space Acq	\$ 500,000
Voorhees Twp	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 500,000
<b>Essex County</b>		
Caldwell Boro*	Caldwell Borough Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000
Livingston Twp	Township of Livingston Open Space	\$ 500,000
West Orange Twp*	West Orange Township Open Space	\$ 750,000
<b>Gloucester County</b>		
Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$ 1,000,000
East Greenwich Twp	Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$ 500,000
Harrison Twp	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 500,000
Washington Twp*	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 750,000
Woolwich Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 500,000

<b>Hunterdon County</b>		
Hunterdon County	County Open Space Plan	\$ 1,000,000
Bethlehem Twp	Open Space Plan Implementation	\$ 500,000
Clinton Twp	Open Space Acquisition Plan	\$ 500,000
Delaware Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
East Amwell Twp	Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$ 500,000
High Bridge Boro	Open Space Plan	\$ 500,000
Kingwood Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 500,000
Readington Twp	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$ 500,000
Union Twp	Union Township Open Space Plan	\$ 500,000
West Amwell Twp	Sourlands/Open Space Acquisition	\$ 150,000

<b>Mercer County</b>		
Mercer County*	Mercer County Planning Incentive	\$ 1,250,000
East Windsor Twp	East Windsor Open Space Acq.	\$ 500,000
Hamilton Twp*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 750,000
Hopewell Boro	St. Michael's Orphanage Site Acq	\$ 350,000
Hopewell Twp	Hopewell Open Space Acq.	\$ 500,000
Lawrence Twp	Open Space Plan Acq.	\$ 460,000
Princeton Twp	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Robbinsville Twp	Green Links Program	\$ 500,000
West Windsor Twp	West Windsor Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000

<b>Middlesex County</b>		
Middlesex County*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 1,250,000
East Brunswick Twp*	Open Space Plan	\$ 750,000
North Brunswick Twp*	North Brunswick Plan	\$ 750,000
Plainsboro Boro	Plainsboro Preservation Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Sayreville Boro*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 750,000
South Brunswick Twp*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 750,000

<b>Monmouth County</b>		
Monmouth County*	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 1,250,000
Allentown Boro	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Howell Twp*	Howell Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 750,000
Little Silver Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 115,000
Manasquan Boro	Manasquan Boro Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Middletown Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 750,000
Millstone Twp	Millstone Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000
Ocean Twp	Ocean Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000
Shrewsbury Boro	Recreation and Open Space Plan	\$ 314,395
Tinton Falls Boro	Tinton Falls Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Upper Freehold Twp	Upper Freehold Open Space Acq-2000	\$ 500,000

<b>Morris County</b>		
Boonton Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 300,000
Denville Twp	Denville Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Florham Park Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Jefferson Twp	Jefferson Acquisition Plan	\$ 500,000

Kinnelon Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Madison Boro	Madison Borough Open Space Acq.	\$ 500,000
Montville Twp	Montville Open Space Acq.	\$ 500,000
Mount Olive Twp	Mount Olive Greenway Acq.	\$ 500,000
Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp*	Parsippany-Troy Hills Open Space Acq.	\$ 500,000
Randolph Twp	Randolph Acq Program	\$ 500,000
Roxbury Twp	Roxbury Open Space Plan	\$ 250,000

#### **Ocean County**

Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 900,000
Jackson Twp*	Open Space Acq. Plan	\$ 750,000
Little Egg Harbor Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000
Manchester Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 750,000
Ocean Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000
Point Pleasant Beach Boro	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 500,000
Stafford Twp	Stafford Twp Planning Incentive Program	\$ 500,000

#### **Passaic County**

Ringwood Boro	Ringwood Boro Open Space Acq.	\$ 500,000
Wayne Twp*	Wayne Open Space Acquisition	\$ 750,000

#### **Salem County**

Salem County	Open Space Preservation Initiative	\$1,000,000
Woodstown Boro	Salem River Greenway	\$ 500,000

#### **Somerset County**

Somerset County	County Open Space Acquisition	\$1,000,000
Bedminster Twp	Bedminster Parks Expansion	\$ 500,000
Bridgewater Twp*	Bridgewater Open Space Plan	\$ 493,760
Franklin Twp*	Open Space Plan Acq	\$ 750,000
Hillsborough Twp*	Hillsborough Land Acq	\$ 350,000
Montgomery Twp	Open Space Acq 5	\$ 350,000
Peapack-Gladstone Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 500,000
Warren Twp	Warren Township Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000

#### **Sussex County**

Andover Twp	Andover Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 500,000
Byram Twp	Byram Open Space Plan	\$ 500,000
Frankford Twp	Frankford Township Planning Incentive	\$ 420,000
Lafayette Twp	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 500,000

#### **Union County**

Union County**	Union County Open Space & Recreation	\$1,500,000
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#### **Warren County**

Franklin Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 447,000
Frelinghuysen Twp	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 425,000
Greenwich Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 451,965
Hardwick Twp	Hardwick Twp Open Space	\$ 196,000
Harmony Twp	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 500,000

## **NONPROFIT PROJECTS**

**American Littoral Society**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

### **Delaware Bay Acquisitions**

**Counties: Cumberland, Salem**

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

**Boys and Girls Clubs of Newark**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

### **West Side Park Rehabilitation**

**County: Essex**

In cooperation with Essex County, a consortium of nonprofit organizations and community groups have developed a master plan for improvements at West Side Park, which is owned and managed by Essex County, and located at 18th Avenue between 13th and 17th Streets in Newark. West Side Park, which was designed by the Olmsted Brothers in the early 1900's, is the ninth largest park in the Essex County park system, and serves a very densely populated area of the City. The master plan proposes construction of park amenities in several phases, and includes basketball courts, playgrounds, spray pools, pedestrian paths, installation of lighting, restroom improvements, water fountains, benches, and a community center. In addition, construction of a pergola, a band shell and extensive landscaping are planned. It is anticipated that the improved park facilities will better serve the needs of the community, while respecting the park's Olmsted heritage.

**Branch Brook Park Alliance**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Branch Brook Park – Rock Quarry Educational Playground** **County: Essex**

The Branch Brook Park Alliance proposes to develop the Rock Quarry Educational Playground in the Southern Division of Branch Brook Park at Clifton Avenue and Route 280 in Newark. The playground will offer structured and unstructured play, preservation of historic vistas, and landscaping. Also included in this project is rehabilitation of the southernmost entrance to the park, including new entrance walls, lights, and rehabilitation of the lawns leading to the lake.

**Bridgeton High School Foundation**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Track and Field Improvements – Hursey Memorial Stadium** **County: Cumberland**

The Bridgeton High School Foundation, in partnership with the City of Bridgeton, proposes to redevelop the existing track and field facilities at Jim Hursey Memorial Stadium located at the Bridgeton High School. The site currently serves to provide active and passive recreational opportunities for all residents of the City of Bridgeton in addition to many adjacent communities.

Redevelopment of the track and field facilities is a community initiative that is a model private/public venture that will meet neighborhood and community needs. Specifically, Green Acres funds will be used to resurface the 1/4 mile track with state-of-the-art synthetic materials that are environmentally friendly. Additionally, a new synthetic surface will be installed over the existing field along with athletic field lighting, bleachers, and construction of a restroom facility/ticket booth.

**Citizens Committee of the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens**  
\$ 118,500 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**The Presby Memorial Iris Gardens** **County: Essex**

The Citizens Committee of the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens plans to renovate The Presby Memorial Iris Gardens on Upper Mountain Avenue in Montclair Township. The Committee plans to stabilize the soil and provide appropriate drainage to the creek beds displaying water-loving irises to provide the correct habitat, and will restore non water-loving iris beds, as well as replace international native habitat species irises. Also planned is the replacement of footbridges.

**Congregation Ahavas Sholom**  
\$ 375,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Sussex Avenue School Playground**

**County: Essex**

Congregation Ahavas Sholom proposes to make improvements to the Sussex Avenue School Playground, located at Gould Avenue between 3rd and 4th Streets. The proposal includes a landscaped common area, playground, paved game area, a variety of gardens that can be used for environmental education, benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles, fencing, landscaping, and drainage improvements. These facilities are intended to create an environment that supports outdoor recreation and learning opportunities for students and the surrounding community.

**Concerned Citizens of Allendale, Inc.**  
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Fell House and Open Space**

**County: Bergen**

The Concerned Citizens of Allendale, Inc. would like to acquire 2.8 acres of land and the on-site historic home, and preserve it as a historical park and open space. The property is an important piece of land within a quarter of mile of the downtown area. It is across the street from the 100-acre Celery Farm Wetland Nature Preserve, run by the Fyke Nature Association. The Fell House acquisition will enhance the education and conservation value of the Celery Farm Preserve. The site has been granted a Certificate of Eligibility for listing on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places.

**The Conservation Fund**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**The Conservation Fund Acquisition**

**County: Salem**

The Conservation Fund plans to acquire a 79.6 acre property in Pennsville Township, Salem County. The property is within the legislatively approved boundary of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. The property is composed primarily of grassland habitat that supports federally listed endangered species as well as a population of a state listed endangered plant species. Once preserved, the site will be restored as warm season grassland wildlife habitat.

**Cooper's Ferry Development Association**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Von Neida Park Improvement Project**

**County: Camden**

Cooper's Ferry proposes to correct a chronic flooding problem and thus improve park access at Von Neida Park by constructing a new sewer outflow system. The plans also call for field restoration, lighting, fencing, landscaping, site amenities, and parking.

**D&R Greenway Land Trust**  
\$ 700,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Greenway Acquisitions**

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

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

**Central Stony Brook Greenway Acquisition**

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks to complete central New Jersey's most established greenway by acquiring approximately 1,302 acres of land in Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The Stony Brook extends from its headwaters in the Sourland Mountains in East Amwell Township, Hunterdon County through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and populated communities in Lawrence and Princeton Township. The proposed acquisitions will link existing preserved lands, enhance biodiversity and critical habitat for migratory birds that require large uninterrupted woodlands, and create a system of interconnected open spaces and trails.

**Delaware Bay Estuary Acquisitions**

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

**Delaware River Tributaries Acquisition**

D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to extend ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area in Mercer, Monmouth and Hunterdon Counties. Extending along the Assunpink Creek, the project is intended to link Howell Living History Farm, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, and the internationally recognized Hamilton/Trenton/Bordentown Marsh. The proposed acquisitions will serve to create contiguous lands that protect critical habitat; protect water quality by buffering the Delaware River, Assunpink Creek, and other tributaries of the Delaware; and provide recreational opportunities in furtherance of a regional county-wide trail network, involving State, county and

local governments.

### **Griggstown Acquisitions**

D&R Greenway Land Trust seeks to expand and connect the Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park with Six Mile Run, Hutcheson Forest and other public open space in Franklin Township, Somerset County. The properties will be protected through fee simple purchase or conservation easements. The land and easements may be transferred to the State, County or Township as appropriate. Purchased land may become part of the D&R Canal State Park to be used for passive recreation (including hiking, nature study, picnics, and fishing); grassland bird habitat protection; and research by Rutgers University.

### **Sourland Mountains Acquisition**

Expanding on the Sourland Mountains Preserve Initiative, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,206 acres of land in the Sourland Mountains extending through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and East and West Amwell townships, Hunterdon County to the Somerset County border in Montgomery and Hillsborough Townships. The acquisition will expand existing preserved lands in all three counties and create a regional trail network.

In conjunction with the Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance and West Amwell Township, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 1,844 acres of land associated with the Sourland Mountains. The project area includes the mountain ridge between the Alexaukin and Moore's Creek stream corridors and will serve as a critical connector to the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area. This initiative is a component of a larger regional planning incentive area encompassing Mercer and Hunterdon counties. The acquisition area will concentrate in West Amwell Township, Hunterdon County and expand existing preserved lands to create a regional network of trails in both counties.

### **Upper Millstone Greenway**

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

**Down Neck Sports Group**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

### **Independence Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Down Neck Sports Group plans to made improvements to Independence Park, an Essex County owned park located at Walnut Street, Van Buren Street, Adams Street, and Oliver Street

in Newark. The project will replace the soccer field with synthetic turf, fix drainage problems throughout the park, replace lighting for the new soccer field, replace playground equipment with safety playground equipment, decorative lighting throughout the Park, regrade the softball and baseball fields, and redesign the landscaping throughout the Park.

**Eagle Rock Reservation Conservancy, Inc.**

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Eagle Rock Reservation Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Eagle Rock Conservancy proposes rehabilitation of and improvements to beautiful and historic Eagle Rock Reservation in West Orange Township. The Conservancy proposes to repair bridges and culverts; rehabilitate existing restroom, shelter, and maintenance buildings, retaining walls, trails, and equestrian paths; add pedestrian/safety lighting; install trail and park signage; restore meadow land; and refurbish landscaping. By undertaking these improvements, the Conservancy hopes to help prevent further deterioration of the Reservation and ensure that it will continue to provide a safe place for recreation and access to the natural world for many years to come.

**East Windsor Green Space**

\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Millstone River - Rocky Brook Acq.**

**County: Mercer**

East Windsor Green Space will continue to work in cooperation with the Township of East Windsor in identifying and preserving open space for stream corridor and natural resource preservation, as well as for recreation to meet the needs of township residents.

**Essex County Parks Foundation**

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Orange Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

Essex County Parks Foundation proposes to create a regulation size soccer field at Monte Irvin Orange Park, located along the border of East Orange City and Orange City. The project also includes bleachers for spectators, benches for players, perimeter lighting, a new entrance, tree plantings, drainage improvements, landscaping, pathway improvements, ADA water fountains, benches, trash receptacles, signage, and a flag pole. These improvements will provide a safe field that will meet the demands of the recreational teams, school teams, and adult leagues in this highly populated area.

**Flat Rock Brook Nature Association**  
\$ 301,500 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Flat Rock Brook Nature Center Exhibits**

**County: Bergen**

Flat Rock Brook Nature Association proposes to install educational exhibits and displays within the existing Nature Center Building at Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, located at 443 Van Nostrand Avenue in Englewood. The new and improved exhibit space entitled, "A Walk in the Woods," will be open to the public on a daily basis for nature discovery and education for the general public and school students.

**Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Hopewell Valley Park Acquisition**

**County: Mercer**

The Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space (FOHVOS) is committed to preserving land throughout Hopewell Township in Mercer County to create the Hopewell Valley Park, a regional recreation park system throughout the Township. 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.

**Friends of Maplewood Recreation**  
\$ 50,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Maplewood Playing Fields Improvement**

**County: Essex**

The Friends of Maplewood Recreation, in a public/private partnership with the Township of Maplewood, proposes to upgrade the current athletic fields and lighting system at DeHart Park. Additionally, the partners plan to increase and improve handicap-accessibility to the fields.

**Friends of Princeton Open Space**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Millstone River Watershed**

**County: Mercer**

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

**Great Swamp Watershed Association**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**St. Mary's Abbey**

**County: Morris**

The Great Swamp Watershed Association is seeking a grant to help fund the acquisition of 188 acres in Morris Township, adjoining Lewis Morris County Park, and Morristown National Historic Park, near General George Washington's encampment. The Morris County Park Commission plans to add the property to Lewis Morris Park, and this acquisition will expand the total land preservation area of the county park to over 2,000 acres. Conservation of the land will also enhance and expand the Patriots' Path trail system. In addition to this Green Acres grant, funding for the purchase is expected to come from previously approved Green Acres grants to the Morris County Park Commission and the Trust for Public Land, along with funding contributed from the Morris Township Open Space Trust Fund, the Morris County Preservation Trust Fund, and the Morris County Municipal Utilities Commission.

**Hackensack Riverkeeper, Inc.**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Open Space Acquisitions**

**County: Bergen**

Hackensack Riverkeeper is a community-based environmental conservation organization which focuses on the protection and rehabilitation of the Hackensack River watershed, a comprehensive natural resource for the entire metropolitan region. They hope to work in partnership with the Bergen County Parks Department to acquire and protect lands in both the Hackensack and Passaic River Corridors. These two river corridors are home to over 80 species of fish and marine invertebrates and nesting habitat to more than 65 species of birds and have important water resource protection implications for over 1.5 million people.

**Harding Land Trust**  
\$ 290,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Open Spaces and Natural Places of Harding Township**

**County: Morris**

The Harding Land Trust is committed to the protection of lands in Harding Township that border waterways, contribute to the rural character of the area, or are adjacent to preserved open space. The integrity of the Township's water resources is vital to the water quality of the Great Swamp. Many of Harding's stream corridors are forested and buffer the waterways, helping to protect water quality and provide wildlife habitat. The preservation of these lands through fee and easement acquisition will ensure these benefits for the future.

Parcels adjacent to the Great Swamp and Jockey Hollow are high priority for preservation efforts. There are also numerous other preserved parcels throughout Harding, owned or restricted by local government or nonprofits. Lands adjacent to these parcels are a high priority for protection.

**Helping People Help Themselves**  
\$ 94,200 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Destiny's Gate**

**County: Passaic**

Helping People Help Themselves, Inc. proposes to create Destiny's Gate, a recreation area to serve the needs of urban youth. The program will give youngsters the experience of camping, wildlife education, swimming, hiking, and other outdoor recreational activities. Proposed for the site are a pool, camping facilities, playground equipment, and improvements to the current trails at 441 Morsetown Road, West Milford.

**Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Priority Areas Acquisition**

**County: Hunterdon**

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

**Ironbound Community Corporation**  
\$350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Riverfront Property Acquisition**

**County: Essex**

The Ironbound Community Corporation, in partnership with the County of Essex, plans to acquire property located between Raymond Boulevard and the Passaic River. The acquisition will provide recreation opportunities and access to the Passaic River for the densely populated Ironbound community in Newark City. Future plans include revitalizing the property to be a waterfront park that will become part of Essex County's park system.

**Jackie Robinson South Ward Little League**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Weequahic Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Jackie Robinson South Ward Little League, in collaboration with Essex County, proposes to install a regulation-size synthetic turf, Little League baseball field at Weequahic Park, a County-owned park located in Newark City. The proposed baseball field will be located between Lehigh

and Elizabeth Avenues, and will also include a batter's cage, bleachers, dugouts, concession stand/press box, lighting and water fountains. The Jackie Robinson South Ward Little League provides baseball opportunities for Newark's South Ward, and existing facilities are not sufficient to accommodate the demand for practice and playing time.

**Jersey City Parks Coalition**  
\$ 80,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Van Vorst Spray Playground**

**County: Hudson**

The Jersey City Parks Coalition proposes to construct a children's spray area within Van Vorst Park, located on Montgomery and York Streets. The water feature will have an in-ground pop-up sprinkler system, and child-safe surface that allows for all season use.

**Kids Corporation II**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Connect Newark's Kids to Nature**

**County: Warren**

Environmental education and leadership activities take place at Kids Camp, a 124-acre property owned by Kids Corporation II in Frelinghuysen Township, Warren County. Acquisition of an adjacent 131-acre property will be used by over 3,600 Newark school children annually. Acquisition of this property is critical to serving a greater number of underprivileged children each year. The property will be open to the public for hiking and nature observation. Existing trails throughout the properties will be cleaned-up and, in continuation of Kids Camp tradition, will be open for use by equestrians and hikers.

**Lamington Conservancy**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Central Lamington Project**

**County: Morris**

The 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 governments in identifying and targeting acquisitions that interlock with other preservation projects. Within the target area of Tewksbury, Chester Township, Washington Township (Morris), Bedminster Township, and Peapack-Gladstone Borough, the Lamington Conservancy anticipates protecting 2,000 acres through fee and easement acquisition.

**Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Lincoln Park/Coast Cultural Revitalization Greenway**

**County: Essex**

The Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District has applied for funding to create a new park in the Arts and Government District of Newark City. The site is located on Broad Street near West Kinney Street, and across the street from Lincoln Park. An historic church façade, which was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, will be restored as a gateway to the park. The park will provide a restful haven for this densely populated area of the City.

**Monmouth Conservation Foundation**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Open Space Plans 2**

**County: Monmouth**

Monmouth Conservation Foundation works in partnership with Monmouth County and those municipalities which have passed open space referenda. Areas of focus are farmlands and conservation areas of the Monmouth County Panhandle region (Millstone and Upper Freehold), and the Navesink River and Atlantic Highlands areas in Middletown Township. Some of Monmouth Conservation Foundation'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.

**Montclair United Soccer Club**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Brookdale Park Phase II**

**County: Essex**

The Montclair United Soccer Club has formed a partnership with Essex County and other nonprofit groups to make improvements to Brookdale Park, a County-owned park located in Montclair and Bloomfield Townships. As of 2008, the meadow athletic fields and tennis courts have been renovated, and a dog park has been constructed. Continuing this partnership, the Montclair United Soccer Club proposes further improvements to the park, including pathway improvements, new restrooms, concession stand, fitness equipment, lighting, landscaping and other park amenities.

**Montgomery Friends of Open Space**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Montgomery Conservation Plan**

**County: Somerset**

Montgomery Friends of Open Space will assist in the implementation of Montgomery Township's Open Space and Recreation Plan, particularly targeting properties that are contiguous to other open space lands or with the potential to link open space lands.

**Natural Lands Trust, Inc.**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Delaware Estuaries Acquisition**

**Counties: Cumberland, Salem**

Natural Lands Trust proposes to acquire a 1,600-acre hardwood swamp that is adjacent to other protected areas in Downe Township, Cumberland County. This acquisition would serve as a crucial link between the state Wildlife Management Area and other nonprofit holdings. The site will be managed as part of the Glades Wildlife Refuge, with passive public access through a trail system.

Natural Lands Trust, in conjunction with the New Jersey Conservation Foundation, proposes to acquire 15,000 acres located within the Burden Hill Complex. This area comprises the largest forest in Salem County. The organizations' primary objective is to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access will include hiking on the existing trails.

Natural Lands Trust will acquire lands in an area extending from the Maurice River to Bear Swamp West Wildlife Management Area in Cumberland County that includes cedar swamp, uplands, wetlands and tidal marshes. The land will be preserved in its natural state.

**New Jersey Audubon Society**  
\$ 225,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Gurdon Wattles Sanctuary**

**County: Warren**

The Gurdon Wattles Sanctuary will be New Jersey Audubon Society's newest preserve. The site is primarily agricultural land with small patches of woodlands. There is a woodland buffer along the portion of the property that is adjacent to the Musconetcong River. The property includes a house, barn and two out buildings. Many of the open fields on and around the property support State-listed grassland bird species and, as a result, are critical grassland bird habitat. Additionally, the Musconetcong River is a Category One waterway and is important in terms of drinking water and trout production.

**New Jersey Conservation Foundation**  
\$ 700,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Priority Area Acquisitions**

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

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) has successfully established itself throughout the State with specific regional managers in five regions: Highlands, Western Piedmont, Pine Barrens, Delaware Bay, and South Jersey Metropolitan area. In continuance of its far reaching

preservation efforts, the NJCF is now facilitating land acquisition projects through the deployment of staff in all five regions of the State simultaneously, involving thousands of acres of New Jersey's landscape.

#### PROJECT AREAS:

##### **Appalachian Trail Buffers**

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

##### **Arthur Kill Greenway**

The project is designed to protect in a connected greenway the network of streamside lands, marshland, floodplain forest and natural areas adjacent to the Arthur Kill, its tributaries and their headwaters. Despite the high population density and profusion of industrial, commercial and residential areas in the watershed, land along the tributaries of the Arthur Kill still supports high quality natural areas and diverse wildlife.

##### **Black River Greenway / North Branch of the Raritan River**

NJCF seeks to acquire lands along Black River and Bamboo Brook adjacent to Hacklebarney State Park.

##### **Burden Hill Forest Protection Initiative**

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in conjunction with the Natural Lands Trust (which is also receiving Green Acres funding), proposes to acquire 15,000 acres located within the Burden Hill Complex. This area consists of the largest forest in Salem County. The organizations' primary objective is to protect the Burden Hill Forest from fragmentation. Public access to the land will include hiking on the existing trails.

##### **Camden Parks and Greenways**

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

##### **Elwood Corridor Project**

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

##### **Forked River Mountain Additions**

Through this project, NJCF seeks to protect approximately 20,000 acres of vacant, privately owned pristine Pine Barrens, known as the Forked River Mountains. The area contains a broad representation of the major vegetation/habitats typical of the central Pine Barrens.

##### **Four Mile Circle**

The Four Mile Circle area is south of Brendan T. Byrne State Forest (formerly known as Lebanon State Forest) and the New Lisbon Developmental Center, adjacent to the southeast side

of Rt. 70, and straddles Sooy Road in Woodland Township. The area contains headwaters and tributaries of the Burrs Mill Brook. The entire project is located in the Pinelands and will connect public and private conservation lands.

### **Greater Kettle Run**

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

### **Highlands Region**

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

### **Western Piedmont**

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

### **North Ward Center**

\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

### **Branch Brook Park Extension**

**County: Essex**

The North Ward Center, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, proposes the rehabilitation of recreation facilities in the Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville. Branch Brook Park is distinguished as being the first county park open for public use in the United States and, at almost 360 acres, it is the largest developed park in Essex County. The proposed project will allow for the rehabilitation of athletic fields, tennis courts, restroom facilities, playgrounds, pathways, signage, lighting, fencing and other park amenities such as benches and fountains. The project scope has been expanded to include a synthetic turf football/soccer field in the Middle Division, to expand the available recreational opportunities.

### **Passaic River Coalition**

\$ 700,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

### **Passaic River Preservation Project**

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

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

**Central Passaic Basin Protection:** Acquisition of property in Essex and Morris counties within

the Central Passaic Basin for headwater protection, water quality protection, flood plain protection, and wetlands protection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**POWWW (Protect our Wetlands Water and Woods)**  
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Jonathan's Woods – Curtis Extension**

**County: Morris**

This proposed acquisition is a 12-acre parcel which will serve as a potential trail link between existing protected open spaces. To the west is the 89-acre Liu Property and to the north is

Jonathon's Woods, both previously Green Acres funded acquisition sites that are close to Wildcat Ridge Wildlife Management Area. The project site is heavily wooded, with steep slopes, wetlands, and a headwater stream flowing to Beaver Brook.

**Rancocas Conservancy**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Rancocas Watershed Acquisition**

**County: Burlington**

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

**Raritan Baykeeper, Inc.**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Hudson-Raritan Estuary Project**

**Counties: Bergen, Essex, Hudson,  
Middlesex, Monmouth, Passaic,  
Union**

The Raritan Baykeeper is committed to preserving land that has been designated as Harbor Estuary Program (HEP) priorities for acquisition, enhancement and restoration. The Harbor Estuary and its adjacent shorelands and uplands are rich in natural resources. The complex geography and geology of this area result in a diversity of habitat types. Several regionally significant habitats that lie within this project area include the Raritan Bayshore, Hackensack Meadowlands, Arthur Kill Watershed, the lower Hudson River and the Raritan River.

**Roberto Clemente League**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Branch Brook Park Extension**

**County: Essex**

The Roberto Clemente League, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, proposes the rehabilitation of recreation facilities in the Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville. Branch Brook Park is distinguished as being the first county park open for public use in the United States and, at almost 360 acres, it is the largest developed park in Essex County. The proposed project will allow for the rehabilitation of athletic fields, tennis courts, restroom facilities, playgrounds, pathways, signage, lighting, fencing and other park amenities such as benches and fountains. The project scope has been expanded to include a synthetic turf football/soccer field in the Middle Division, to expand the available recreational opportunities.

**Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc.**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Schiff-Mount Paul Greenway**

**County: Morris**

Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc. is a nonprofit dedicated to the preservation of natural resources, environmental education and the stewardship of the natural environment.

The Trust owns and operates the Schiff Nature Preserve in Chester Township, Mendham Township, and Mendham Borough. The Schiff Nature Preserve is part of a regional greenway known as the Mount Paul County Park Greenway. This greenway connects Mount Paul County Park, the Burnett Brook Natural Area, and the Ralston Historic, Recreation and Natural Area to Schiff's 340-acre nature preserve.

Schiff Natural Lands Trust has identified various parcels for acquisition adjacent to its Preserve. It seeks to link nearby municipal parks to the Preserve and to establish connections with many of its existing conservation easements.

**SPARK – Friends of Riverbank Park**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Riverbank Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

SPARK-Friends of Riverbank Park, proposes improvements at Riverbank Park, an Essex County owned park bordered by Raymond Boulevard, Van Buren Street, Market Street, and Somme Street in the Ironbound section of Newark. SPARK-Friends of Riverbank Park proposes to replace the deteriorated baseball field with synthetic turf fields, install dugouts, field irrigation, landscaping and water fountains. This project follows SPARK-Friends of Riverbank Park's initial Green Acres funded project that included landscaping, fencing and signage, game tables and other amenities.

**South Mountain Conservancy**  
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Mandelbaum Property Acquisition**

**County: Essex**

In partnership with others, South Mountain Conservancy plans to preserve nearly 12 acres of forested property located adjacent to Essex County's South Mountain Reservation and State-owned land located in West Orange Township. This acquisition will provide a new connection to the County's Lenape Trail, and will be used to promote environmental awareness through activities, educational programs, and public service efforts.

**Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association**  
\$ 250,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Watershed Connectors**

**County: Mercer**

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

**Tenaflly Nature Center Association**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Hudson Avenue Land Acquisition**

**County: Bergen**

Tenaflly Nature Center Association is partnering with Tenaflly Boro for the acquisition of one acre of the Hudson Avenue Property, which includes Deer Ledge Mansion. This is a partial taking of an in-holding at the Lost Brook Preserve. The Lost Brook Preserve was partially funded through Green Acres.

**Tewksbury Land Trust**  
\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**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.

**The Land Conservancy of New Jersey**  
\$ 700,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Priority Areas Acquisition**

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

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey (formerly the Morris Land Conservancy) has been

working with numerous municipalities to prepare open space plans. As the towns have prepared their plans, the Conservancy has added these towns into their project scope, in order to participate in cooperative acquisition projects. The Conservancy has an extensive list of future projects, with a special focus on protecting wildlife habitat and preserving land in the Highlands, and in the Passaic River wetlands areas. Within the Highlands, the Conservancy is working closely with the State to expand existing wildlife management areas and state parks, and with municipal partners to connect and expand local parks. The proposed Troy Meadows acquisition is a cooperative project with the Army Corps of Engineers, the State of New Jersey, and the townships of East Hanover and Parsippany-Troy Hills to acquire property as part of the Preservation of Natural Flood Storage Areas element of the Passaic River Flood Damage Reduction project.

**The Nature Conservancy**  
\$ 700,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Priority Areas Acquisition**

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

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

**Cape May Project Area**

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

**Delaware Bay**

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

**High Mountain Preserve**

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

### **Limestone Forest**

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

### **Maurice River Project Area**

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

### **East and West Plains**

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

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

### **Oswego River Lowlands**

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

### **Elwood Corridor**

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

### **Hirst Ponds**

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

### **Forked River Mountains**

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

### **Trust for Public Land**

\$ 700,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

### **Project Priority Areas**

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

### **Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition**

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

### **Bay to Bay**

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

### **Bergen County Open Space Plan Partnership**

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

### **Beyond the Century Plan - Barnegat Bay Initiative**

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

### **Camden Balanced Communities Acquisition**

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

### **Cape May Balanced Communities Acquisition**

TPL will assist local governments in Cape May County acquire parks and open space for the public to connect to the outdoors and provide recreational opportunities.

### **Delaware River Inland**

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

### **Essex County Open Space**

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

### **Harbor Estuary Acquisition**

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

### **Hudson County Open Space**

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

### **Hunterdon County Open Space Partnership**

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

### **Interstate 195 Corridor**

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

### **Long Valley Open Space**

TPL is working in Washington Township, Morris County, to create a greenway between the Musconetcong River and South Branch of the Raritan River, in the Stony Brook drainage area. The Stony Brook is a Category 1 trout production stream. Preserved lands will be used for passive recreation such as hiking and fishing.

### **Metedeconk Watershed Protection**

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

### **Morris Open Space Acquisition**

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

### **Sussex Open Space Partnership**

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

### **Upper Delaware River Watershed**

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

### **Wanaque Gap**

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

### **Upper Raritan Watershed Association**

\$ 350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

### **Upper Raritan Watershed Region**

**Counties: Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset**

The Upper Raritan Watershed Association (URWA) serves the Upper Raritan Watershed Region. The organization targets land acquisition and preservation projects within the 194 square mile watershed that contains all or portions of 23 municipalities within Hunterdon, Morris, and Somerset counties. URWA has most recently focused their preservation efforts along greenways on the Black River and the Raritan River.

### **Verona Park Conservancy**

\$ 125,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

### **Verona Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Verona Park Conservancy, established in 1996, has worked with the Essex County Parks Department to protect and enhance Essex County's Olmsted legacy in Verona Park. This 54-acre park features a 1.3 acre walking path and 13 acre lake, providing water access in a densely populated region. With Green Acres assistance, the Conservancy has renovated the fitness path with new equipment and completed extensive landscaping. The Conservancy plans to continue restoration of the Olmsted landscape design, drainage improvements and installation of historic lighting, benches and other park amenities.

**Watsessing Park Conservancy**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Watsessing Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Watsessing Park Conservancy, in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements at Watsessing Park, which is located in Bloomfield Township and East Orange City. As of 2008, the Bowling House has been renovated, ADA compliant restrooms installed, the track has been resurfaced, gazebo restored, ballfield renovated and sports lighting installed. Future work includes restoration of six bridges, new and additional decorative pedestrian lighting, fencing, and landscaping.

**West Side Park Conservancy**  
\$ 60,500 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**West Side Park Rehabilitation**

**County: Essex**

In cooperation with Essex County, a consortium of nonprofit organizations and community groups have developed a master plan for improvements at West Side Park, which is owned and managed by Essex County, and located at 18th Avenue between 13th and 17th Streets in Newark. West Side Park, which was designed by the Olmsted Brothers in the early 1900's, is the ninth largest park in the Essex County park system, and serves a very densely populated area of the City. The master plan proposes construction of park amenities in several phases, and includes basketball courts, playgrounds, spray pools, pedestrian paths, lighting, restroom improvements, water fountains and benches. In addition, construction of a pergola, a band shell and extensive landscaping are planned. It is anticipated that the improved park facilities will better serve the needs of the community, while respecting the park's Olmsted heritage.

**Zoological Society of New Jersey**  
\$ 400,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Turtle Back Zoo Improvements – Gibbons Exhibit**

**County: Essex**

The Zoological Society of New Jersey proposes to build a year round indoor and outdoor exhibit that will house gibbons in a natural setting at the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange. The outdoor exhibit will be in keeping with the natural environment of the gibbons and will include climbing ropes, branches, and swings. The indoor exhibit will be constructed of tempered glass and will include interactive educational features and a key box with gibbon facts. The gibbons' exhibit will be located in the Asian section of the Zoo and will be open year round. The Zoological Society of New Jersey will provide public awareness of the exhibits through its newsletter.