

**NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

# **GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

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## **PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

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

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



**Chris Christie  
Governor**

**Bob Martin  
Commissioner**

## **THE GREEN ACRES MISSION**

*To achieve, in partnership with others, a system of interconnected open spaces, 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 \$100 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 \$61.6 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects, \$23.7 million for local development of parks and recreational facilities, \$10.2 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations, and \$4.5 million for recreational development by nonprofits.

In 2011, Green Acres is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. 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 650,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the State. The total acreage of protected open space across the State now exceeds 1.2 million acres.

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

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

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 \$306 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:**

- Densely populated (More than 5,000 people per square mile) **3 times the base award**
- Highly populated (More than 1,000 people per square mile) **2.5 times the base award**
- Less than 1,000 people per square mile **2 times the base award**

**Municipal sponsors:**

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

The multiplication factors and base award vary with each funding round based on total requests, funding availability, and project priorities. This round, the base award is \$450,000 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:

<b>COUNTY SPONSOR</b>	<b>Project Cap</b>
Densely Populated	<b>Acquisition and Development</b> \$1,350,000

Highly Populated	\$1,125,000
Remaining counties	\$ 900,000

<b>MUNICIPAL SPONSOR</b>	<b>Project Cap Acquisition and Development</b>
Urban Aid	\$ 900,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$ 675,000
Remaining municipalities	\$ 450,000

### **Local Acquisition Projects**

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the acquisition and development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. Green Acres non-urban acquisition loans are repayable at 2% interest over 30 years. In this funding round, a total of \$23.7 million in grants and loans is being approved for 109 local (county and municipal) land acquisition projects across the State. Funds are provided for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

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, seven acquisition projects for \$5.5 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 86 Planning Incentive applications totaling more than \$47.8 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, four local governments will receive Site-Specific Incentive awards totaling more than \$1.7 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, 12 acquisition projects are

being funded in the Standard Acquisition category, for a total of more than \$4.5 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 \$23.7 million in grants and loans for 30 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 \$19.3 million in grants and loans are being approved for 21 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 \$3.6 million in grants and loans are being approved for 7 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 \$700,000 in loans will be awarded for 2 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, \$10.2 million is being approved for acquisition projects by 33 nonprofit organizations. This year, nonprofit acquisition projects generally are being capped at \$275,000 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, 17 recreational development projects sponsored by nonprofit organizations are being approved, for a total of \$4.5 million. Nonprofit development projects also are capped at \$275,000 in matching grants.

## **Local Blue Acres Floodplain Acquisition Grants**

Recent and ongoing flooding throughout New Jersey has inspired all levels of government to maximize federal and state grants for the buyout of flood prone properties. Towns such as Harmony, Pohatcong and Wayne townships were the first municipalities to apply for both Federal funding under a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) grant program (75% grant) for a Green Acres open space acquisition grant (25% grant) to successfully acquire repetitively flooded properties as permanent open space with 100% grant funding.

It is the Department's belief that getting people out of harm's way, combined with creating open space, warrants innovative action. Therefore, for the first time, Green Acres is creating a special category of funding to assist towns and counties in acquiring flood prone lands. Green Acres will give the highest priority to towns and counties that obtain FEMA funding; however, consideration will be given to local governments that can identify alternative funding sources for properties that are in the floodplain but may not qualify for FEMA funding. The cost to demolish on-site structures is eligible for reimbursement.

Funding limits and procedures for the local Blue Acres funding will be established and provided to eligible applicants.

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

## LOCAL ACQUISITION AND PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

### Atlantic County

#### Margate City

##### Ventnor Avenue Park/Beach Parking Lot Acq

Margate City is proposing to acquire a .22 acre site on Ventnor Avenue that was a former bank site. The City will demolish the bank structure and create a vest pocket park and an 18 car beach parking lot area.

**\$ 437,500 Loan**

**\$ 237,500 Matching Grant Award**

**\$ 675,000 Total**

**Standard Acquisition**

### Bergen County

#### Bergen County

##### Improvements to Westvale Park

Bergen County is working in cooperation with Westwood Borough to complete the improvements to Westvale Park, located at the intersection of Harrington Ave. and Sand Road. These improvements include the construction of two multi-purpose fields; reorienting two existing ballfields to create a new softball field and Little League baseball field with multipurpose capabilities; lighting for all fields; pre-fabricated restroom/concession stand/storage building with covered overhang (to be constructed by others); dog run; playground area; extension of walking/bike path; site furnishings; landscaping; decorative security lighting; electrical upgrades and drainage improvements.

**\$ 123,461 Matching Grant Award**

**Park Development**

**Densely Populated County**

#### Cliffside Park Boro

##### Auxiliary Field Improvements

The Borough of Cliffside Park proposes to make improvements to Auxiliary Field on Edgewater Road. Included in the improvements are refurbishment of the field with a new synthetic turf surface, fencing, backstop, bases, soccer goals, player benches, site benches, trash receptacle, t-ball tee, cleaning and replacement of elements to the storm water management system,

renovation to the bathroom to make it conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and ADA accessible parking.

**\$ 151,350 Matching Grant Award**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely Populated Municipality**

**East Rutherford Boro**  
**Saint Joseph's Park Renovation**

The Borough of East Rutherford proposes to make renovations and install a monument at Saint Joseph's Park, located at Hackensack Street and Hoboken Road. The memorial monument will be placed in honor of Father Mychal Judge, the New York City Fire Department Chaplain from East Rutherford who was killed on September 11, 2001. Included in the renovations to the park will be updated playground equipment, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant surfacing, removal of the skating rink, and the creation of a small tree-shaded plaza area.

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

**Garfield City**  
**Passaic River Historic Park Acquisition**

Garfield City has acquired four parcels along the Passaic River from the Dundee Dam to Post Ford Park to create a linear waterfront park along the Passaic River. This funding will reimburse additional acquisition costs not covered by the previous Green Acres grant. Future development plans include a passive park with a pedestrian and bicycle pathway along the River.

**\$ 219,863 Matching Grant Award**  
**Urban Aid Acquisition**

**Little Ferry Boro**  
**Indian Lake Park Recreation Improvements**

The Borough of Little Ferry proposes to continue its improvements to Indian Lake Park, located at Bergen Turnpike. The first two phases (not funded by Green Acres) addressed short-term capital improvements for the site, while this third phase will address the long-term recreational needs of the community. The proposed improvements include the extension of the existing walkway, installation of additional aerating fountains, rehabilitation of an existing playground area, and installation of a solar panel walkway lighting system.

**\$ 172,988 Loan**  
**\$ 57,663 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 230,650 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely Populated Municipality**

**Ridgefield Park Village  
Veteran's Park Multipurpose Grass Field**

The Village of Ridgefield Park proposes to construct a multi-purpose grass field at Veteran's Park at Overpeck Avenue, Preston Street, and Overlook Ave. The field will include drainage, irrigation systems, grading, soil/erosion control, removal of non-functional light poles, topsoil and sod installation, tree planting, and fencing. The field will accommodate soccer, baseball, football, Little League, Babe Ruth League, and t-ball.

**\$ 159,000 Loan**  
**\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 259,000 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely Populated Municipality**

**Rutherford Boro  
Wall Field Improvements**

Rutherford Borough proposes improvements to Wall Field, located at Highland Cross. Included in this proposal is the installation of new playground equipment including a tot lot and play area; an under-drain system and concrete edging for the playground; parking lot improvements; new picnic tables and concrete pavement in the picnic area; two new backstops; clay infield mix and warning track mix for the ballfields; players benches; benches for the public; and shade trees.

**\$ 316,944 Loan**  
**\$ 105,648 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 422,593 Total**  
**Park Development**  
**Densely Populated Municipality**

**Burlington County**

**Chesterfield Twp  
Recreation Fields Acquisition**

Chesterfield Township has purchased two properties on Old York Road and Fenton Lane for active recreation fields. The properties will serve the most densely populated portion of the Township and will provide much needed recreation opportunities. This funding will reimburse additional acquisition costs not covered by the previous Green Acres grant.

**\$ 450,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Camden County**

### **Camden County Bancroft Acquisition**

This Open Space and Recreation Plan is guided by the County Board of Chosen Freeholder's desire to preserve the significant environmental features of Camden County; to protect areas of agricultural, historic and scenic significance; and to expand recreational opportunities for county residents where the need exists. The County will focus on the Bancroft acquisition in Haddonfield Borough, a joint venture between Camden County and Haddonfield Borough. The Bancroft parcel includes areas of wetlands, stands of mature trees, specimen trees and animal habitat. It is adjacent to Camden County parkland on two sides, and abuts Camden County's Watchable Wildlife area. It also adjoins the County-owned Hopkins Pond Park, and is located about 3/4 of a mile from the site where the Hadrosaurus folkii fossils were found in 1858.

**\$ 800,000 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

### **Camden County Cooper River Park Improvements**

As part of its Master Plan, Camden County wishes to continue their efforts to upgrade, renew and refresh various components of Cooper River Park. The project will include lighting, turf upgrades, repointed stone work, improved accessibility, paths, picnic areas, parking, pedestrian bridges, pavilion, fencing, playground upgrades, restrooms, a sculpture garden, and landscaping. There will also be some dredging to remove a sandbar, rowing course upgrades, starter platform tower, boat platform, and finish line tower.

**\$1,125,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development  
Densely Populated County**

### **Camden City Pyne Point Park Rehabilitation**

As part of a long-term plan to develop a continuous public waterfront park and greenway trail, Camden City proposes to rehabilitate Pyne Point Park in the North Camden neighborhood, bounded by Erie, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets and the Delaware River. This first phase includes installation of fencing and/or bollards to prevent vehicular access, visibility enhancement, parking, lighting, field restoration, and other amenities. The second phase will stabilize the edge of the park as well as develop a waterfront greenway with the eventual goal of connecting the entire North Camden waterfront.

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

**Pennsauken Twp  
Crescent Field Renewal**

Pennsauken Township plans to remove the existing fencing and structures at Crescent Park, located at Browning Road and Burwood Avenue, to increase the open space for active recreation. Construction will include installation of an artificial turf football field, multi-use exercise path, a one-story clubhouse, meeting room, snack stand, restrooms, and a picnic grove. The stream banks will be stabilized with vegetation and cleaning. Parking and stairway reconstruction are also included.

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

**Winslow Twp  
Forest Meadows Program**

The Forest Meadows 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 Township's Iuliucci Municipal Park on Beebetown Road. 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.

**\$ 150,000 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

**Cape May County**

**City of Cape May  
Lafayette Street Open Space Recreation**

The City of Cape May intends to acquire four parcels comprising 1.8 acres for the purpose of creating an open space recreation area on Lafayette Street. These parcels will be combined with existing land owned by Cape May City and the School Board as well as property to be donated by Jersey Central Power & Light. The total recreation complex, including wetlands, will be more than 40 acres. While there are currently some recreation amenities on City and School Board land including athletic fields, tot lot, basketball courts, a dog park and picnic area, these facilities are in disrepair. Once this land is acquired, the City will work with the Temple University School of Environmental Design to create a park which reflects an acute sensitivity to the unique characteristics of the site. The goal is to allow the public to enjoy active recreation as well as a network of nature trails to allow for greater appreciation of the wetland and forested areas that exist generally westerly to Cape Island Creek.

**\$ 450,000 Matching Grant Award  
Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

**Ocean City  
4th Street Life Saving Station**

The City of Ocean City desires to acquire the 3,440 square foot former Ocean City Life Saving Station on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, which has been designated an Historic Landmark by the Ocean City Historic Preservation Commission. The City also will acquire the associated 13,000 square foot parcel of land on which it is located. Once acquired the City proposes to use the existing Life Saving Station as an Interpretive Center.

**\$ 222,500 Loan**  
**\$ 227,500 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 450,000 Total**  
**Standard Acquisition**

**Essex County**

**Essex County  
Multi-Parks Improvements**

Since 2001, Essex County has pursued an ambitious plan to improve its park system. To date, improvements have been completed at many of the parks described in the County's master plan, as well as new parks such as Kip's Castle Park. In 2010, the County plans to focus on further improvements at Weequahic Park, located in Newark City. The proposed scope of work includes additional athletic fields, park roadways, landscaping and lighting.

**\$1,350,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Urban Aid Park Development**

**Essex County  
Riverfront Park Improvements**

The County of Essex, in collaboration with several nonprofit organizations, proposes to develop an athletic field complex on properties located in the Ironbound section of Newark, bordered by Raymond Boulevard, Oxford Street and Brill Street. This development is part of a larger cooperative effort by Essex County, the City of Newark and local community groups to create over two linear miles of park space along the Passaic River. The proposed facilities, which include athletic fields, restrooms and concession stand, landscaping, lighting, benches and exercise equipment, will provide much needed active recreation space for this very densely populated area of the state.

**\$1,350,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Urban Aid Park Development**

**Bloomfield Twp  
Foley Field Restoration**

The Township of Bloomfield, in partnership with the Bloomfield Board of Education, proposes to renovate Foley Field, which is located along John F. Kennedy Drive between James Street and Belleville Avenue. In the past, Foley Field accommodated high school sports and many community events, however due to unsafe conditions, the facilities have been closed. The Township plans to install a synthetic turf multipurpose field with lighting and a track, regrade and seed the baseball field, and construct new bleachers, locker rooms, restrooms, and a concession stand.

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

**Fairfield Twp  
Blue Acres Acquisitions**

The Township of Fairfield is roughly 10 square miles in size. It is regularly impacted by flooding from the Passaic River. The Township has applied to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to buyout three severely flooded properties and they are seeking the additional matching grant funds from Green Acres to complete the buyouts. Once acquired, all three structures will be demolished and the land held as permanent open space in accordance with FEMA and Green Acres restrictions.

**\$ 286,493 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

**Newark City  
Minish Park Passaic Riverfront**

The City of Newark plans to construct the first phase of its riverfront park along the Passaic River, extending from Oxford Street to Jefferson Street. This first phase will ultimately tie into Joseph G. Minish Passaic Riverfront Park and Historic Area, a collaborative project involving federal, state, county and local partners that will result in a two mile long linear park located between Bridge and Brill Streets. The initial phase of the park includes walkways, benches, lighting, and landscaping, and will feature opportunities for environmental and historic interpretation.

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

**Orange City Twp  
Multipark Improvements-Phase III and IV**

Several years ago, the Township of Orange City undertook a phased approach to make necessary improvements to its municipal parks. The first two phases, completed with Green Acres funding, included facilities at Colgate Park, Central Playground, and Metcalf Park. The City is

now ready to proceed with Phases III and IV. During these phases, the City will complete additional work at Colgate Park and Central Playground, and will also make improvements at Ropes Park, Alden Street Park, and Military Commons Park.

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

## **Hudson County**

### **Hudson County Pond and Lake Improvements**

Hudson County plans improvements to two of its popular parks. First, pond improvements will be made at Bayonne Park, located on JFK Boulevard between W 48th and 37th Streets in Bayonne City. The County proposes to dredge a one-acre pond to 5-8 foot depth to improve fish breeding. Other improvements shall include the installation of pond aerators, replacement of pond outlet structure, a drinking fountain, a walkway, fishing area, and plantings to stabilize the pond edge.

Second, improvements will be made to Edgewood Lake at Lincoln Park East, located on U.S. Routes 1 and 9 between Duncan and Communipaw Avenues in Jersey City. The County proposes to construct a curb and ramp to improve access to the lake consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, the drainage system will be improved through regrading and the construction of a rain garden to filter runoff. Other improvements include a new path, additional seating, drinking fountain, and landscaping.

**\$1,350,000 Matching Grant Award  
Urban Aid Park Development**

### **Bayonne City Russell Golding Park Expansion**

Bayonne City proposes the acquisition of two parcels located on the north and south side of the existing Russell Golding Park on Avenue E at 49<sup>th</sup> Street. The vacant brownfield sites, historically used for gasoline sales and auto repairs, will expand this heavily used park by .97 acres. Future plans for the site include remediation, parking, landscaping, basketball, and a field for open play in a heavily populated area in need for additional open space.

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

### **Hoboken City Hudson River Waterfront Reconstruction**

Wood pile deterioration has caused portions of the Hoboken's waterfront to collapse near 5th and 7th Streets adjacent to Sinatra and Castle Point Parks. The obvious safety concerns have made it

necessary for portions of the walkway to be closed which, in turn, has increased the city's open space deficit at a time when the city is struggling to add additional open space to its inventory. Additionally, waterfront programming has been negatively affected. Repairs shall include clearing, stabilization, walkway reconstruction, fencing, and landscaping.

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

**Jersey City  
City-Wide Park Improvements**

Jersey City proposes improvements at seven city parks. At Pershing Field on Central Avenue, the city proposes installing playground equipment that is consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). At Marion Pavonia Park on West Side and Pavonia Avenues, the softball field and pool area will be enhanced. At Janet Moore Park on Ogden Avenue, improvements will consist of landscaping, lighting, benches, and amenities. At Riverview Park at Palisade and Ogden Avenues, the basketball and bocci courts will be renovated and the gazebo will also be restored. At both Vernator Watson Park, on Martin Luther King Drive, and Angel Ramos Park on Wayne Street, the playground equipment will get new safety surfaces. Finally, at Arlington Park on Grand Street, the basketball courts will be replaced, the gazebo will be restored, and ADA-compliant ramps in the playground area will be installed.

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

**North Bergen Twp  
Riverfront Park Development**

North Bergen will develop a passive waterfront park adjacent to the Guttenberg Waterfront Park at 7200 River Road. Plans for the park include parking, benches, a play area, restrooms with storage, an amphitheatre, trellis structure, and a continuous waterfront walkway that will become part of the existing Hudson County Waterfront Walkway.

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

**Secaucus Town  
Multi Parks**

Secaucus proposes the renovation of athletic fields at three facilities. At Millridge Park on Millridge Street, the plans call for a redesign that allows for baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse. Installation of a synthetic turf and stormwater management system are also included. At Shetik Park on Jefferson Avenue, the soccer field will be restructured with synthetic turf and a stormwater management system. Lighting, fences, benches, and other amenities are also included. At the Little League Field on First Avenue, improvements will include synthetic turf, drainage, and infield mix.

**\$ 450,000 Loan  
Park Development**

**Union City  
Washington Park Improvements**

Union City proposes to install artificial turf at the Washington Park Little League Field Palisade Avenue and Second Street. The improvements will allow for multiple uses and accommodate baseball, soccer and football. The project also includes lighting, site work, a retaining wall, and landscaping. The area surrounding the existing fieldhouse will also be improved.

**\$ 120,000 Loan**  
**\$ 780,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 900,000 Total**  
**Urban Aid Park Development**

**West New York  
Donnelly and Veteran's Park Rehabilitation**

West New York Town proposes structural, drainage, and beautification/recreational improvements to Donnelly and Veteran's Park located at JFK Boulevard East between 54<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> streets. Structural and drainage problems threaten the integrity of the steep slope where the eastern edge of the park sits. Upgrading the facility will preserve the view, restore and link pedestrian/bicycle paths to the waterfront, preserve the palisades, and enhance the neighborhood character. Improvements include resurfacing courts, upgrading a playground, repairing the walkway and retaining wall, and landscaping,

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

**Hunterdon County**

**Lambertville City  
McCann Acquisition**

The City of Lambertville will acquire approximately 6.69 acres of land located in the center of the City on Music Mountain, at the end of Alexander Street. The property is wooded and suitable for passive recreation and steep slope protection. This acquisition will extend the City's greenway efforts. Foot trails, overlook seating areas and nature interpretation are planned.

**\$ 220,000 Loan**  
**\$ 220,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 440,000 Total**  
**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Mercer County**

### **Trenton City Assunpink Creek Greenway Acquisition**

Trenton City will create a nearly 60-acre greenway for pedestrian and bike path linkage to downtown Trenton along the Assunpink Creek and the D&R Canal. The creek begins at the intersection of East State and Wall Streets and extends past Nottingham Way to St. Joe's Avenue. Once the land is acquired, various active and passive recreation opportunities will be created. Improvements shall include baseball, basketball, hockey, soccer, swimming, fishing, canoeing, walking/hiking paths, nature interpretation areas, bicycling, open lawn areas, a pavilion and concession stand, a memorial, a playground, extensive landscaping, parking and other amenities.

**\$ 900,000 Matching Grant Award  
Urban Aid Acquisition**

## **Middlesex County**

### **Carteret Boro Carteret Park Improvements 4**

The Borough of Carteret is seeking to further develop its focal park, Carteret Park, which is located between Carteret Avenue and Cypress and Louis Streets and between Filmore Avenue and Ash Street. Proposed improvements include decorative lighting, a new water park, landscaping, walkway improvements, and park appurtenances.

**\$ 325,000 Loan  
\$ 325,000 Matching Grant Award  
\$ 650,000 Total  
Urban Aid Park Development**

### **Piscataway Twp Piscataway Open Space Acquisition**

Piscataway Township plans to acquire 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-term 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 term plans for the site 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.

**\$ 675,000 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition  
Densely Populated Municipality**

**Woodbridge Twp  
Colonia Country Club**

Woodbridge Township intends to preserve the Colonia Country Club, an existing an existing 104 acre private golf course in the northern part of the Township. The preservation of the pristine site would serve as a recreational opportunity as well as protect open space in the densely developed Township. There is also potential to create trails linking the golf course to the East Coast Greenway.

**\$ 900,000 Matching Grant Award  
Urban Aid Acquisition**

**Monmouth County**

**Aberdeen Twp  
Freneau Lands Acquisitions**

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

**\$ 450,000 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

**Fair Haven Boro  
Waterfront Park Acquisition**

Fair Haven Boro seeks to acquire 78 DeNormandie Road for the purposes of creating a waterfront park on the Navesink River. The property consists of .69 acres and includes a house which will be demolished to provide public beach access. The acquisition will provide a merger between the coastline and DeNormandie Road and allow safe access for residents to enjoy the riverfront.

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

**Long Branch City  
Boardwalk Repair**

The City of Long Branch proposes to make repairs to the Oceanfront Boardwalk between South Bath Avenue and Brighton Avenue. Included in the renovations would be replacement of

boardwalk railings and decking, repairs to paved areas, installation of play equipment on the beach at North Bath Avenue, rehabilitation of a comfort station at Cottage Avenue, and upgrades to landscape and contiguous beach areas.

**\$ 421,200 Loan**  
**\$ 421,200 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 842,400 Total**  
**Urban Aid Park Development**

**Neptune Twp**  
**Welsh Farms Site Acquisition**

Neptune Township is seeking additional funding to offset its acquisition of the former Welsh Farms site located adjacent to 23 acres of existing preserved land owned by the Township along the Jumping Brook stream corridor and the Bert Willis recreational field complex. The site lends itself to development of passive park/recreation uses, including walking/running trails, benches, fitness stations and other passive uses. Although the majority of the property has been modernized, the Township will acquire the property, including the historic farmhouse, which was constructed in the 1800's, and evaluate preserving the structure for public use for interpretation of historic, natural resource and outdoor recreation/conservation purposes. Other remaining structures are intended to be demolished.

**\$ 211,000 Loan**  
**\$ 633,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 844,000 Total**  
**Urban Aid Acquisition**

**Morris County**

**Mine Hill Twp**  
**Canfield Land Acquisition**

Mine Hill Township has acquired a 46-acre addition to the Dickerson Mine Tract, a 188-acre forested and open parcel that was previously preserved with Green Acres funding. The property is located between Canfield Avenue and Green Road, along the border of Mine Hill and Randolph Township. Proposed use of the property is for passive recreation and preservation of historic and mining artifacts.

**\$ 450,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Standard Acquisition**

**Morristown Town**  
**Hillcrest Park Acq**

Morristown Town plans to acquire 20 Hillcrest Avenue, a two-acre site with a vacant home which is to be demolished. The property is heavily wooded with a ridgeline and steep slopes in

the rear. Existing lawn areas will be maintained, as will the existing woodland. Future use is for picnic and play areas, and benches at the top of the hill to take advantage of the view.

**\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

## **Ocean County**

### **Brick Twp Trader's Cove Marina Park**

Brick Township is seeking additional funding for the creation of a waterfront park at a currently underutilized municipal marina, located on Mantoloking Road, which was acquired with Green Acres funding. The park will provide waterfront access and recreational opportunities on the Barnegat Bay and provide a linkage to the adjacent Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. 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 a playground and water play area that conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. 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 organization, the New Jersey Museum of Boating.

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

## **Passaic County**

### **Clifton City Athenia Steel Recreational Complex**

Clifton City would like to make additional improvements to the Athenia Steel Recreation Complex, located at 714 Clifton Avenue. The City acquired the project site, a former abandoned industrial site, for a variety of uses. A 15-acre portion of the site is being developed into a recreational complex, and 11 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.

**\$ 893,400 Loan  
\$ 6,600 Matching Grant Award  
**\$ 900,000 Total  
Urban Aid Park Development****

**Passaic City**  
**Christopher Columbus Park Rehabilitation**

Passaic City proposes to rehabilitate Christopher Columbus Park, located at Paulison Avenue and Montgomery Street. Included in the rehabilitation are basketball courts, a reconstructed spray pad, storage and bathroom facilities, playground areas, sidewalks, walkways, parking facilities, ballfields, lighting, upgraded electrical system, a new soccer field, a new storage facility, decorative fencing, and landscaping.

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

**Paterson City**  
**Paterson Great Falls and Pocket Parks**

Paterson City has requested additional funding to continue its efforts to upgrade all of the City's neighborhood parks, rehabilitate Mary Ellen Kramer Park, and refurbish Great Falls Overlook Park. To date, work has been completed at Julius Brandies Park, Lloyd Greene Park, Barbour Park, Tony Lucas Park, and Commons Park (Ralph DiMarcantonio Playground). Generally, the improvements to the neighborhood parks include new play equipment and safety surfaces, fencing, pathways, basketball courts resurfacing, restroom renovations and upgrade of other park amenities. The next phase of neighborhood parks will include Market and East 24th Triangle Park, and East Side Park. At Great Falls Overlook Park, the City will stabilize the former steam plant, which serves as the foundation for one of the Great Falls viewing areas. This area has been closed to the public due to unsafe conditions. Finally, in partnership with the Passaic River Coalition, the City plans to renovate Mary Ellen Kramer Park. The proposed work includes improvements to the park entrance and Great Falls viewing areas, pathways, landscaping, irrigation and other park amenities.

**\$ 348,000 Loan**  
**\$ 348,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 696,000 Total**  
**Urban Aid Park Development**

**West Milford Twp**  
**Apple Acres / Open Space Acq**

West Milford Township is located in the heart of the Highlands region. The Township has identified various 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, forest, and wetlands. The Town has identified 20 acres of the parcel for active recreation. The Township also has secured a grant from the Passaic Open Space Trust Fund for this acquisition. The Township is also actively working to preserve Nosenzo Pond Park and other sites along Union Valley Road.

**\$ 450,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Site-Specific Incentive Acquisition**

## **Salem County**

### **Salem City Ivy Point Interpretive Center**

The City of Salem proposes to construct an interpretive center in addition to a walkway/trail system and various other site amenities along the Fenwick Creek. The project site is on Hancock Street, between Fifth and Market. This development proposal will assist in the City's efforts towards the creation of a waterfront park and help interpret the natural and human history of the Mannington Meadow.

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

## **Somerset County**

### **Bridgewater Township Bridgewater Open Space Plan Acquisition**

Bridgewater Township has acquired land along Crim Road using a prior Green Acres grant and is seeking additional funding for remaining acquisition costs. The six-acre site is adjacent to a soccer facility, and will be used for additional fields and support parking.

**\$ 34,283 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

## **Sussex County**

### **Vernon Twp Stanhill Conservation Acquisition**

The Stanhill Conservation property contains numerous exceptional quality natural resource features, including tributaries to the Black Creek, deciduous forest, wetlands, and threatened and endangered wildlife. It is located on Black Creek Drive, off State Highway 94, within the Four Seasons Greenway and is visible throughout the scenic viewshed in the center of Vernon Township. While the Township has no immediate plans for modifications to the property, it is a key element of the Greenway and the Township hopes to have a bikeway/trail connecting from its southern border with Hardyston Township northward to the New York State line.

**\$ 151,250 Matching Grant Award  
Standard Acquisition**

## Union County

### Union County Oak Ridge Park Phase I

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

**\$1,350,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**Urban Aid Park Development**

### Rahway City Acquisition of 125 Monroe Street

The City of Rahway desires to acquire approximately 0.25 acres of land on Monroe Street. The property currently contains a building which will be demolished to create a passive park/green space within a high density and mixed use redevelopment project area of the City.

**\$ 146,231 Loan**  
**\$ 753,759 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 900,000 Total**  
**Urban Aid Acquisition**

### Roselle Boro Multi-Park Improvement Project

The Borough of Roselle proposes to renovate different aspects of three heavily used parks. Specifically, at Pine Street Park, it will rehabilitate the basketball court, replace the existing tennis court with a splash park, relocate the playground, and install two separate playgrounds, upgrade existing brick pavers, install benches and various site amenities. Also included is the rehabilitation of the existing Field House, installation of new perimeter and interior site fencing, decorative and security lighting, construction of bocce and shuffleboard courts, and landscaping. Improvements at Chandler Avenue Park include construction of a basketball court, playground improvements, new perimeter and interior site fencing, various site amenities, landscaping, installation of a new park sign along with decorative and security lighting. Dr. Charles C. Polk Park will be improved by removing the rarely used and deteriorating planter boxes and installing new seating with retainer wall, landscaping, creation of an interior walkway, various site amenities and installation of decorative and security lighting.

**\$ 50,000 Loan**  
**\$ 850,000 Matching Grant Award**  
**\$ 900,000 Total**  
**Urban Aid 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.	\$ 900,000
	<b>Bergen County</b>	
Franklin Lakes Boro	Haledon Reservoir Acquisition	\$ 450,000
Ridgewood Village	Open Space Project	\$ 450,000
River Vale Twp	Watershed Property Acq	\$ 450,000
Teaneck Twp*	Teaneck Open Space Acq	\$ 500,000
Wyckoff Twp	Wyckoff Land Acq. Program	\$ 450,000
	<b>Burlington County</b>	
Burlington County	Planning Incentive	\$ 900,000
Bordentown Twp	Bordentown Twp Open Space Acq.	\$ 450,000
Eastampton Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Evesham Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 675,000
Medford Twp	Open Space Incentive	\$ 450,000
Moorestown Twp	Open Space Preservation Plan	\$ 450,000
Mount Laurel Twp*	Mt. Laurel Acquisition Plan	\$ 675,000
Shamong Twp	Shamong Open Space Acq	\$ 450,000
Westampton Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
	<b>Camden County</b>	
Clementon Boro	Clementon Open Space Acq.	\$ 150,000
Gibbsboro Boro	Greenway Acquisition	\$ 434,914
Haddonfield Boro	Open Space Acq	\$ 450,000
Voorhees Twp	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 450,000
	<b>Essex County</b>	
Livingston Twp	Township of Livingston Open Space	\$ 450,000
	<b>Gloucester County</b>	
Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	\$ 900,000
Washington Twp*	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 675,000
	<b>Hudson County</b>	
Hudson County**	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 1,350,000
	<b>Hunterdon County</b>	
Bethlehem Twp	Open Space Plan Implementation	\$ 450,000
Delaware Twp	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
East Amwell Twp	Open Space and Recreation Plan	\$ 330,000
High Bridge Boro	Open Space Plan	\$ 450,000
Kingwood Twp	Open Space Plan	\$ 450,000
Raritan Twp	Land Acquisition Plan	\$ 450,000

Readington Twp	Greenway Incentive Plan	\$ 450,000
Union Twp	Union Township Open Space Plan	\$ 450,000

**Mercer County**

Mercer County*	Mercer County Planning Incentive	\$ 1,125,000
East Windsor Twp	East Windsor Open Space Acq.	\$ 250,000
Hamilton Twp*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 675,000
Hopewell Boro	St. Michael's Orphanage Site Acq	\$ 350,000
Hopewell Twp	Hopewell Open Space Acq.	\$ 450,000
Pennington Boro	Pennington Greenbelt Planning Incentive	\$ 400,000
Princeton Twp	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
Robbinsville Twp	Green Links Program	\$ 450,000

**Middlesex County**

Middlesex County*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 1,125,000
Cranbury Twp	Cranbury Township Acquisition	\$ 450,000
East Brunswick Twp*	Open Space Plan	\$ 675,000
North Brunswick Twp*	North Brunswick Plan	\$ 675,000
Old Bridge Twp**	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 900,000
South Brunswick Twp*	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 675,000

**Monmouth County**

Monmouth County*	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 1,125,000
Allentown Boro	Planning Incentive Acquisition	\$ 350,000
Howell Twp*	Howell Twp Planning Incentive	\$ 675,000
Manalapan Twp	Manalapan Twp. Planning Incentive Acq.	\$ 450,000
Manasquan Boro	Manasquan Boro Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
Marlboro Twp*	Marlboro Open Space Acquisition	\$ 416,442
Middletown Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 675,000
Millstone Twp	Millstone Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Tinton Falls Boro	Tinton Falls Acquisition	\$ 450,000
Upper Freehold Twp	Upper Freehold Open Space Acq-2000	\$ 450,000
Wall Twp	Wall Township Open Space PI	\$ 450,000

**Morris County**

Morris County*	Morris County Planning Incentive	\$ 1,125,000
Denville Twp	Denville Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
Jefferson Twp	Jefferson Acquisition Plan	\$ 450,000
Madison Boro	Madison Borough Open Space Acq.	\$ 450,000
Mendham Twp	Mendham Township Open Space Acq.	\$ 450,000
Montville Twp	Montville Open Space Acq.	\$ 450,000
Mount Olive Twp	Mount Olive Greenway Acq.	\$ 450,000
Pequannock Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000

**Ocean County**

Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 900,000
Jackson Twp*	Open Space Acq. Plan	\$ 675,000
Manchester Twp*	Planning Incentive	\$ 675,000

Ocean Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Point Pleasant Beach Boro	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 450,000
<b>Passaic County</b>		
Passaic County*	Open Space Plan Acquisitions	\$ 1,125,000
Ringwood Boro	Ringwood Boro Open Space Acq.	\$ 450,000
Wayne Twp*	Wayne Open Space Acquisition	\$ 675,000
<b>Somerset County</b>		
Somerset County	County Open Space Acquisition	\$ 900,000
Bedminster Twp	Bedminster Parks Expansion	\$ 450,000
Hillsborough Twp*	Hillsborough Land Acq	\$ 675,000
Montgomery Twp	Open Space Acq 5	\$ 450,000
Peapack-Gladstone Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
Warren Twp	Warren Township Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
<b>Sussex County</b>		
Sussex County	Planning Incentive Grant	\$ 900,000
Wantage Twp	Wantage Township Plagar Site Acquisition	\$ 72,500
<b>Union County</b>		
Union County**	Union County Open Space & Recreation	\$ 1,350,000
New Providence Boro	Open Space Acquisition	\$ 450,000
<b>Warren County</b>		
Frelinghuysen Twp	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 450,000
Greenwich Twp	Planning Incentive	\$ 450,000
Hardwick Twp	Hardwick Twp Open Space	\$ 450,000
Harmony Twp	Open Space & Recreation Plan	\$ 450,000

## **Nonprofit Acquisition and Park Development Projects**

**American Littoral Society**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

### **Delaware Bay Acquisitions**

**Counties: Atlantic, Cumberland, Salem**

The American Littoral Society will partner with other land preservation organizations to preserve land for open space and wildlife habitat in Atlantic, Cumberland, and Salem counties. 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.

**Branch Brook Park Alliance**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

### **Branch Brook Park - Kiyō Grove, Lions**

**County: Essex**

The Branch Brook Park Alliance, in partnership with another nonprofit organization, La Casa de Don Pedro, proposes improvements to the Kiyō Grove and Lions and Lake Edge Area of Branch Brook Park, located at Park Avenue and Branch Brook Park Drive in Newark. Improvements to Kiyō Grove would include landscaping, cherry tree plantings, improved pathways, benches, lighting, and removal of invasive vegetation. Improvements to the Prudential Lions and Lake Edge area would include restoration of two limestone lions and adjacent balustrades, resurfacing of asphalt pathway, benches, installation of a bluestone plaza, reconstruction of two trellises, lighting, tree preservation and plantings, restoration of North and South pavilions, and rehabilitation of two stormwater drainage areas.

**Briant Park Olmsted Conservancy**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

### **Briant Park Improvements**

**County: Union**

The Briant Park Olmsted Conservancy, in collaboration with the County of Union, proposes to enhance the use of Briant Park, a county-owned park located in Summit City and Springfield

Township. The proposal is to improve pedestrian access and safety to the site, provide new facilities to increase access to the pond, and make pond improvements. Specifically, the improvements will include pond dredging to restore fishing and other potential recreational uses, installation of observation/fishing nodes, pathways, various site amenities, landscaping and a gazebo/park shelter.

**Concerned Citizens of Allendale, Inc.**  
\$ 17,574 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Fell House and Open Space**

**County: Bergen**

The Concerned Citizens of Allendale, Inc. are seeking additional funding to reimburse for their recent acquisition of 2.8 acres of land and an on-site historic home which will be preserved as a historical park and open space. The property, located on Franklin Turnpike, is an important piece of land within a quarter of mile of Allendale's 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.

**D&R Greenway Land Trust**  
\$ 550,000 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 wildlife habitat. Projects include:

**Central Stony Brook Greenway Acquisition**

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

**Delaware Bay Estuary Acquisitions-**

D&R Greenway Land Trust will partner with other land preservation organizations to preserve land for open space and wildlife habitat in the following target areas: Cumberland County - Deerfield Twp., Fairfield Twp., Greenwich Twp., Hopewell Twp., Stow Creek Twp., Upper

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

### **Delaware River Tributaries Acquisition**

D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to extend ongoing preservation initiatives associated with the Crossroads of the American Revolution landscape area in Mercer, Monmouth and Hunterdon Counties. Extending along the Assunpink Creek, the project is intended to link Howell Living History Farm, Baldpate Mountain, Washington Crossing State Park, and the internationally recognized Hamilton/Trenton/Bordentown Marsh. A second objective is to preserve lands connecting the greenbelt surrounding Allentown Borough in Monmouth County southward along the Crosswicks Creek to Monmouth County's Walnford Park in Upper Freehold Township and into Burlington County. D&R Greenway Land Trust's plans for this project complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in Mercer, Monmouth, and Burlington Counties. The proposed acquisitions will serve to create contiguous lands that protect critical habitat; protect water quality by buffering the Delaware River, Assunpink Creek, Crosswicks Creek and other tributaries of the Delaware; and provide recreational opportunities in furtherance of a regional county-wide trail network, involving State, county and local governments.

### **Griggstown Acquisitions**

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

### **Sourland Mountains Acquisition**

Expanding on the Sourland Mountains Preserve Initiative, D&R Greenway Land Trust proposes to acquire approximately 2,000 acres of land in the Sourland Mountains extending through Hopewell Township, Mercer County and East and West Amwell Townships, Hunterdon County and Montgomery and Hillsborough Townships in Somerset County. The Sourlands acquisitions will focus on preserving biodiversity and the habitat mosaic of the Sourland Mountains and adjoining Amwell and Hopewell valleys and Princeton Ridge area which includes forest, wetlands, shrublands and grasslands. D&R Greenway Land Trust's plans in this project

complement the extensive and successful farmland preservation efforts in East Amwell, West Amwell, Hillsborough and Montgomery Townships. The acquisition will expand existing preserved lands in all three counties and create a regional trail network.

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

**Upper Millstone Greenway**

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

**Down Neck Community Sports Group**

\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Riverfront Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Down Neck Community Sports Group, in association with Essex County and other nonprofit organizations, proposes to develop an athletic field complex on properties located in the Ironbound section of Newark, bordered by Raymond Boulevard, Oxford Street and Brill Street. This development is part of a larger cooperative effort by Essex County, the City of Newark and local community groups, to create over two linear miles of park space along the Passaic River. The proposed facilities, which include athletic fields, restrooms and concession stand, landscaping, lighting, benches and exercise equipment, will provide much needed active recreation space for this very densely populated area of the State.

**Eagle Rock Conservancy, Inc.**

\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Eagle Rock Reservation Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Eagle Rock Conservancy proposes rehabilitation of and improvements to the beautiful and

historic Eagle Rock Reservation in West Orange Township. The Conservancy proposes to repair bridges and culverts; implement a forest regeneration project; rehabilitate existing restroom, shelter, and maintenance buildings; improve retaining walls, trails, and equestrian paths; add pedestrian/safety lighting; install trail and park signage; restore meadow land; and refurbish landscaping. As of 2010, a gazebo opposite the 9/11 Memorial has been installed, as well as irrigation for the wild flower meadow. By undertaking these and the proposed 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**  
\$ 100,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Millstone River - Rocky Brook Acquisition** **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.

**Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space**  
\$ 275,000 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 Princeton Open Space**  
\$ 275,000 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.

**Friends of West Windsor Open Space**  
\$ 100,000 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**Duck Pond Run - Greenway Initiative**

**County: Mercer**

Friends of West Windsor Open Space proposes to acquire select parcels identified in West Windsor's approved Open Space Plan. These acquisitions will contribute to West Windsor's designated Greenbelt and link various stream corridors associated with the Duck Pond Run, Delaware and Raritan Canal, and Big Bear Brook. Portions of these lands may be used for passive recreation such as hiking trails while maintaining open spaces for farming and natural resource conservation.

**Greater Newark Conservancy**

\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**Urban Environmental and Ecological Center Addition**

**County: Essex**

The Greater Newark Conservancy has requested Green Acres assistance to purchase a property located adjacent to the Urban Environmental and Ecological Center, located at Prince and Broome Streets in Newark. The acquisition of this parcel will serve as a vital addition to the existing facilities. It will provide an area to expand the Center, as well as a buffer to future redevelopment that is proposed on the remainder of the block.

**Harding Land Trust**

\$ 260,000 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.

**Hilltop Conservancy, Inc.**

\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Hilltop Reservation Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Hilltop Conservancy, Inc., in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements to

the Hilltop Reservation, which is located along the ridgetop of the Second Watchung Mountain in the towns of Cedar Grove, North Caldwell, Caldwell and Verona. Currently the 284-acre nature preserve has limited and often challenging public access. The Hilltop Conservancy plans to create an official entrance and pathways on the west side of the reservation, improve wildlife habitat by removing invasive plants and installing native shrubs and trees, and restore freshwater wetland areas.

**Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance**  
\$ 550,000 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**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Riverfront Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The Ironbound Community Corporation, in association with Essex County and other nonprofit organizations, proposes to develop an athletic field complex on properties located in the Ironbound section of Newark, bordered by Raymond Boulevard, Oxford Street and Brill Street. This development is part of a larger cooperative effort by Essex County, the City of Newark and local community groups, to create over two linear miles of park space along the Passaic River. The proposed facilities, which include athletic fields, restrooms and concession stand, landscaping, lighting, benches and exercise equipment, will provide much needed active recreation space for this very densely populated area of the State.

**Kingston Greenways Association**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**Princeton Ridge/Ricciardi Tract**

**County: Mercer**

Kingston Greenways Association seeks to join New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF), Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association, Friends of Princeton Open Space, Princeton Township and Mercer County to preserve the "Princeton Ridge Preserve," an area of land with steep slopes, rocky terrain and upland forests as well as scattered perched water tables and

wetlands which form the highest elevations in Princeton Township. With NJCF taking the lead in the acquisition, the 14-acre forested Ricciardi property is a critical property within the Princeton Ridge Preserve Greenway proposed to connect with the D&R Canal State Park, Mapleton Preserve, and Rockingham State Historic Site.

**La Casa de Don Pedro**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Branch Brook Park - Kiyo Grove, Lions**

**County: Essex**

La Casa de Don Pedro, in partnership with the Branch Brook Park Alliance, proposes improvements to the Kiyo Grove and Lions and Lake Edge Area of Branch Brook Park at Park Avenue and Branch Brook Park Drive in Newark. Improvements to Kiyo Grove would include landscaping, cherry tree plantings, improved pathways, benches, lighting, and removal of invasive vegetation. Improvements to the Prudential Lions and Lake Edge area would include restoration of two limestone lions and adjacent balustrades, resurfacing of asphalt pathway, benches, installation of a bluestone plaza, reconstruction of two trellises, lighting, tree preservation and plantings, restoration of North and South pavilions, and rehabilitation of two stormwater drainage areas.

**Lamington Conservancy**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Central Lamington Project**

**County: Morris**

The Central Lamington project area consists of 28,396 acres of the Lamington River drainage located within Somerset, Morris, and Hunterdon Counties. Lamington Conservancy plans to work closely with partner nonprofits and 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**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Lincoln Park Coast Cultural Revitalization Greenway**

**County: Essex**

The Lincoln Park Coast Cultural District has requested additional 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, 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**  
\$ 275,000 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.

**Montgomery Friends of Open Space**  
\$ 275,000 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.

**National Biodiversity Park, Inc**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**Lower Rahway River**

**County: Middlesex**

The National Biodiversity Park, Inc. proposes to acquire the last two miles along the Lower Rahway River which is located in Carteret Borough, Middlesex County, and Linden City, Union County. This entire section is unbridged, mostly bordered with green marshes, islands and emergent wetlands, and offers impressive river vistas. Within the 300-acre emerald ribbon of open space is a mosaic of natural communities which result in the project area possessing regionally important natural assets and underutilized but incredible recreational opportunities.

**Natural Lands Trust, Inc.**  
\$ 200,000 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 Conservation Foundation**  
\$ 550,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Priority Area Acquisitions**

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

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

**PROJECT AREAS:**

**Appalachian Trail Buffers**

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

**Arthur Kill Greenway**

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

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

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

**Burden Hill Forest Protection Initiative**

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation, in conjunction with the Natural Lands Trust (which is

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

### **Camden Parks and Greenways**

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

### **Delaware Bay Watershed**

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

### **Elwood Corridor Project**

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

### **Forked River Mountain Additions**

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

### **Four Mile Circle**

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

### **Greater Kettle Run**

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

### **Highlands Region**

This project area includes critical landscapes associated with the Musconetcong Mountain and

River Valley in Hunterdon and Morris Counties, Scott's Mountain in Warren County, the Vernon Marsh in Sussex County, Arcadia Lake, Pyramid Mountain and the Pequannock Watershed land in Sussex, Morris and Passaic Counties.

### **Pine Barrens**

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

### **Western Piedmont**

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

### **North Ward Center**

\$ 00, \$ 275,000 Park Development

### **Branch Brook Park Extension**

**County: Essex**

The North Ward Center, in cooperation with other nonprofit organizations and Essex County, has requested additional funding to rehabilitate recreation facilities in the Branch Brook Park Extension Division, located in Belleville, as well as the Middle Division, located in Newark. Branch Brook Park is distinguished as being the first county park open for public use in the United States and, at almost 360 acres, it is the largest developed park in Essex County. Projects completed to date include baseball fields in the Extension Division, a new synthetic turf athletic field in the Middle Division, and pathway, landscaping, lighting and park road improvements in both Divisions. In the next phase, the tennis courts will be renovated, and a new children's play area will be installed.

### **Old Pine Farm Natural Lands Trust**

\$ 237,500 Matching Grant

Land Acquisition

### **Old Pine Farm Greenway**

**County: Gloucester**

The Old Pine Farm Natural Lands Trust proposes to acquire several parcels consisting of native hardwood uplands that slope along a creek to a wooded wetland swamp. This acquisition will further expand this beautiful Greenway along this highly developed portion of Big Timber Creek in Deptford Township, Gloucester County, and Gloucester Township, Camden County. Once acquired, these sites will serve as an environmental education area as well as provide for recreation, conservation, and watershed protection for Big Timber Creek and the surrounding neighborhood.

**Passaic River Coalition**  
\$ 550,000 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.

**Passaic River Rowing Association**

\$ 275,000 Matching Grant

Park Development

**Passaic River Rowing Association**

**County: Bergen**

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

**Rancocas Conservancy**

\$ 275,000 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.

**Ridge and Valley Conservancy**

\$ 275,000 Matching Grant

Land Acquisition

**Open Space Conservation Plan**

**County: Warren**

Ridge and Valley Conservancy is protecting and preserving limestone forest communities, wetland bogs, areas of contiguous forest or forest buffer areas, and prime farmland. Limestone and contiguous forest stands provide critical habitat for owls, raptors, bobcat, and migrating songbirds. They provide large volumes of high-quality runoff and groundwater recharge to sustain streams and aquifers in the region and they have significant scenic value due to their location on ridge tops. Bogs and surrounding lands preserve bog turtle habitat. Proposed use is for preservation and restoration of native species, including rare plants and endangered animal species, and soil and water quality protection. Additionally, hiking on designated trails, environmental education programs, and natural resource interpretive activities will occur on these sites.

**Roberto Clemente League**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Branch Brook Park Extension**

**County: Essex**

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

**Save Ellis Island**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Ellis Island Open Space Project**

**County: Hudson**

In cooperation with the National Park Service, Save Ellis Island proposes to develop 7.4 acres of open space between the hospital and infectious disease wards. The lawn area, originally created in the 1920s, will be improved by the removal of volunteer trees and shrubs, with only historic trees to remain (Elms, Maples, London Planes, Pin Oaks and Apple). The lawn will be opened for managed access events, including public tours, festivals and concerts. The restored pavilion, with unparalleled views of the New York Harbor, will be restored and used in connection with the adaptive re-use of the Ellis Island buildings.

**Schiff Natural Lands Trust, Inc.**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Schiff-Mount Paul Greenway**

**County: Morris**

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

**South Jersey Land Trust**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**South Jersey Watersheds**

**Counties: Gloucester, Salem**

The focus of South Jersey Land Trust's Watershed project is on preserving lands near the headwaters and other drainage paths of the beautiful tidal and freshwater rivers flowing through Gloucester and Salem Counties which empty into the Delaware River. Raccoon Creek, Mantua Creek and Oldmans Creeks will be the main focus but other smaller and ecologically important waterways will also be included. Particular emphasis will be placed on the "priority habitats" that were identified by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation in its study of the region, "Charting a Course for the Delaware Bay Watershed." The proposed area of preservation includes all of Gloucester County as well as part of Salem County including the Carney's Point Township, Oldmans Township, and Pilesgrove Township.

**South Mountain Conservancy**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant Award  
Park Development

**Mandelbaum Property Acquisition**

**County: Essex**

The South Mountain Conservancy has requested additional funding to continue its efforts to improve South Mountain Reservation, which is owned by Essex County and located in the Townships of West Orange, South Orange, Maplewood and Millburn. The project scope includes extensive tree planting and forest regeneration, restoration of the meadows, reconstruction of damaged trails, and replacement of culverts.

**SPARK Friends, Inc.**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Riverfront Park Improvements**

**County: Essex**

SPARK Friends, Inc., in association with Essex County and other nonprofit organizations, proposes to develop an athletic field complex on properties located in the Ironbound section of Newark, bordered by Raymond Boulevard, Oxford Street and Brill Street. This development is part of a larger cooperative effort by Essex County, the City of Newark and local community groups to create over two linear miles of park space along the Passaic River. The proposed facilities, which include athletic fields, restrooms and concession stand, landscaping, lighting, benches and exercise equipment, will provide much needed active recreation space for this very densely populated area of the state.

**Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Watershed Connectors**

**County: Mercer**

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

**Tewksbury Land Trust**  
\$ 275,000 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 Conservation Fund**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**Future Mining Indian Trail**

**County: Cape May**

The Conservation Fund will purchase land owned by the Future Mining Indian Trail LLC which consists of 469 acres in Middle Township, Cape May County. After closing, the property will be turned over to U.S. Fish and Wildlife to be managed as part of the Cape May National Wildlife Refuge. The proposed property is located within two Natural Heritage Priority Sites, the Cape May Corridor Macrosite and the Indian Trail Swamp Site. Both Federally threatened species and State endangered species can be found in these two Natural Heritage Priority Sites. The proposed acquisition is also located directly adjacent to The Nature Conservancy's Indian Trail Swamp Project Area.

**The Elizabeth Conservancy, Inc.**  
\$ 242,713 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**Bongiovanni Land Acquisition**

**County: Union**

The Elizabeth Conservancy, Inc proposes to acquire four adjacent lots, consisting of 0.5 acre, in a residential neighborhood of Elizabeth City along with the demolition of the existing structures. Their future plans consist of the creation of a community food garden along with the construction of a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified, solar-powered environmental education center with storage space for stewardship tools/supplies and office space.

**The Land Conservancy of New Jersey**  
\$ 550,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Priority Areas Acquisition**

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

The Land Conservancy of New Jersey has been working with numerous municipalities to prepare Open Space and Recreation Plans, Trails Plans and Greenway Plans. As the towns have prepared their plans, the Conservancy has added these towns into their project scope, in order to participate in cooperative acquisition projects. The Conservancy has an extensive list of future projects, with a special focus on protecting wildlife habitat and preserving land in the Highlands, and in the Passaic River wetlands areas. Within the Highlands, the Conservancy is working closely with the State to expand existing wildlife management areas and state parks, and with municipal partners to connect and expand local parks. The newly established South Branch Preserve is a 1,000 acre project area encompassing nearly two miles of the South Branch of the Raritan River in Morris County protecting the headwaters of the River. More than 1 million New Jersey residents receive their drinking water from this watershed. The Land Conservancy of New Jersey is working with a team of preservation partners to permanently protect this critical natural resource.

**The Nature Conservancy**  
\$ 550,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

**Priority Areas Acquisition**

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

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

Conservancy priority acquisitions include:

### **Cape May Project Area**

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

### **Delaware Bay**

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

### **High Mountain Preserve**

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

### **Limestone Forest**

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

### **Maurice River Project Area**

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

### **East and West Plains**

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

The pygmy pine or dwarf pine forests found in the Pine Barrens' West Plains site are internationally recognized as an ecologically important and globally imperiled resource. These areas are often referred to as "pine plains" and are dominated by a serotinous (closed-cone) race

of pitch pine from four to 10 feet high, whose cones open and release seeds only after being subjected to the high temperatures associated with fire. Both globally-rare and state-rare species have also been recorded within the site. The West Plains project would establish a new preserve totaling 2,414 acres.

### **Oswego River Lowlands**

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

### **Elwood Corridor**

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

### **Hirst Ponds**

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

### **Forked River Mountains**

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

### **Trust for Public Land**

\$ 550,000 Matching Grant Award  
Land Acquisition

### **Project Priority Areas**

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

### **Atlantic Balanced Communities Acquisition**

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

### **Bay to Bay**

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

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

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

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

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

### **Camden Balanced Communities Acquisition**

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

### **Delaware River Inland**

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

### **Essex County Open Space**

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

### **Harbor Estuary Acquisition**

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

### **Hudson County Open Space**

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

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

Trust for Public Land proposes to partner with Hunterdon County to acquire properties and

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

### **Interstate 195 Corridor**

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

### **Metedeconk Watershed Protection**

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

### **Morris Open Space Acquisition**

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

### **Passaic Open Space Acquisition**

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

### **Somerset Open Space Partnership**

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

### **Sussex Open Space Partnership**

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

### **Upper Delaware River Watershed**

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

### **Wanaque Gap**

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

**Upper Raritan Watershed Association**  
\$ 275,000 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 its preservation efforts along greenways on the Black River and the Raritan River.

**Verona Park Conservancy**  
\$ 275,000 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 park with the installation of historic lighting, and conversion of a historic building into a visitors' center.

**Washington Park Association**  
\$ 186,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Washington and Lincoln Park**

**County: Hudson**

The Washington Park Association plans improvements to two Hudson County parks. Washington Park straddles the border of Union City and Jersey City on the Edge of the Palisades Cliffs. The Landscape Improvement Project is planned in three sections of Washington Park as demonstration gardens of sustainable urban plantings and water management techniques to address storm water issues. It will establish additional wildlife habitats while providing opportunity for wildlife observation. Improved opportunities also will be incorporated for individuals who require barrier free access in conformance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The Wayfinding and Interpretive Signage Project will enhance the visitor's experience at both Lincoln Park in Jersey City and Washington Park. Currently there is no directional or interpretive signage at either park making it a challenge for visitors to know of all the opportunities available. The goal of the project is to develop a comprehensive directional and interpretive signage system for the recreational, environmental, and historic components in both parks.

**Washington Twp Land Trust**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**Schooley's Mountain Corridor and Vicinity**

**County: Morris**

One of Washington Township Land Trust (WTLT) priority projects is to protect the Schooley's Mountain Corridor. The project area includes the ridgeline and slopes of Schooley's Mountain between Long Valley and the area where Lebanon Township borders the Columbia Trail. The ridge is approximately 3.8 miles long and rises from the valley approximately 630 feet. Trails will be constructed to provide access to the acquired parcels.

**West Essex Park Conservancy, Inc.**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Park Development

**Hatfield Swamp Improvements**

**County: Essex**

The West Essex Park Conservancy, in collaboration with Essex County, proposes improvements to West Essex Park, in which Hatfield Swamp is situated. The project is West Essex Park is located in Roseland Borough, and is bordered by the Passaic River, Passaic Avenue and Bloomfield Avenue. The West Essex Park Conservancy proposes to renovate the Ecological Pond, construct a canoe launch area, renovate the canoe storage area, create a riverside trail, improve the existing trails and boardwalks, expand the display gardens, improve picnic areas, and install other park amenities.

**YMCA Camp Ockanickon**  
\$ 275,000 Matching Grant  
Land Acquisition

**Camp Ockanickon Conservation and Recreation Program**

**County: Burlington**

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