

Ballot Questions Tally

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For November 2009 General Election

PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 1**GREEN ACRES, WATER SUPPLY AND FLOODPLAIN PROTECTION, AND FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOND ACT OF 2009**

Shall the ?Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009,? which authorizes the State to issue bonds in the amount of \$400 million to provide moneys for (1) the acquisition and development of lands for recreation and conservation purposes, including lands that protect water supplies, (2) the preservation of farmland for agricultural or horticultural use and production, (3) the acquisition, for recreation and conservation purposes, of properties that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage, and (4) funding historic preservation projects; and providing the ways and means to pay the interest on the debt and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof, with full public disclosure of all spending, be approved?

Interpretive Statement

Approval of this act would authorize \$400 million in funding for Green Acres, water supply and floodplain protection, and farmland and historic preservation projects through the sale of State general obligation bonds. The Green Acres program acquires land that protects water supplies and preserves open space, including parks, fish and wildlife habitat, and flood prone or affected areas. It also funds park improvements and facilities. Of the total sum authorized: (1) \$218 million will be used for Green Acres; (2) \$146 million will be used for farmland preservation purposes; (3) \$24 million will be used for the ?Blue Acres? program by which the State may purchase from willing sellers, for open space preservation purposes, properties that are prone to or have incurred flood or storm damage; and (4) \$12 million will be used for historic preservation purposes. All spending of the authorized bond proceeds will be subject to full public disclosure.

County	Yes Count	No Count
Atlantic	27,195	30,358
Bergen	99,804	74,105
Burlington	55,535	47,468
Camden	56,615	39,614
Cape May	13,857	12,756
Cumberland	10,522	9,310
Essex	56,212	30,576
Gloucester	32,318	27,665
Hudson	27,232	15,015
Hunterdon	22,258	20,792
Mercer	46,745	29,772
Middlesex	65,217	62,545
Monmouth	79,910	72,748
Morris	58,200	68,172
Ocean	66,589	78,568
Passaic	31,799	28,967
Salem	11,654	8,485
Somerset	38,276	37,550
Sussex	21,241	27,781
Union	34,484	34,689
Warren	12,256	14,685
Total	867,919	771,621