

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

LOCAL AND NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE FUNDING

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

2023

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

Recommendations for Funding



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THE GREEN ACRES MISSION

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

General Overview

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program will invest more than \$92 million in funding to local governments and nonprofit land trusts to acquire open space, develop parks, and perform stewardship activities on parks in every county in New Jersey. This round of projects approved by the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes:

- \$27.2 million for local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects,
- \$45.1 million for local development of parks and recreational facilities,
- \$7.4 million for local development of Completely Inclusive Playgrounds,
- \$3.8 million for local stewardship projects,
- \$4.4 million for acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations,
- \$3.6 million for nonprofit recreational development, and
- \$720,000 for nonprofit stewardship projects.

This funding comes from the Corporate Business Tax, through the Preserve New Jersey Act (P.L. 2016, c. 12), the enabling legislation for funding approved by voters in 2014. Additional funding comes from loan and interest repayments, interest earnings, and previously approved projects that did not come to fruition.

New Jersey's Green Acres program was created in 1961 to meet the state's growing recreation and conservation needs. Together with public and private partners, Green Acres has protected over 720,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the state. The total acreage of protected open space across New Jersey now exceeds 1.62 million acres.

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

Green Acres continues to focus on projects that meet the Department's priorities. Applicants were encouraged to formulate projects that anticipate and address climate change impacts, advance long-term resilience goals, provide equitable and meaningful public access, and maximize social, environmental, and health benefits to the public, particularly within Adversely Stressed [Overburdened Communities](#), those communities that experience a greater than average load of environmental and public health stressors. Over 70 funding awards this round, including 84% of park development awards, are for projects located in or easily accessible (within a ¼ mile) from Adversely Stressed Overburdened Communities.

This funding round, Green Acres introduced a new initiative to fund the construction of Completely Inclusive Playgrounds, building on recently established Jake's Law regulations promulgated by the Department of Community Affairs. Through this pilot program, counties were encouraged to submit accessible playground applications, which were incentivized with non-competitive awards and 75% grants. Eight Jake's Law playground applications were received, promising new play opportunities across the state for children with disabilities.

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

Local Acquisition Projects

Green Acres provides low interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the acquisition and development of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. In this funding round, \$27.2 million in grants and loans is being approved for 32 local (county and municipal) land acquisition projects across the State. Funds were made available for projects in several categories: Urban Aid Acquisition, Planning Incentive Acquisition, Site Specific Incentive Acquisition, and Standard Acquisition.

- **Urban Aid Acquisitions:** Urban Aid acquisition projects are eligible for a 75% grant and a 25% loan, up to the funding round cap. Loans for Urban Aid acquisition projects are at zero percent interest, payable over 30 years. (The list of Urban Aid municipalities is attached as Appendix 3.) No applications were received in this category.
- **Planning Incentive Acquisitions:** This category is for local governments that have passed a tax for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes and have prepared the required Open Space and Recreation Plan to guide the expenditure of these funds. Applications are streamlined because the local government has done the required planning when preparing its Open Space and Recreation Plan, which basically serves as its application. Funding is in the form of a 50% matching grant, up to the established cap.
- **Site-Specific Incentive Acquisitions:** This category is for local governments that have passed an open space tax but do not yet have the required Open Space and Recreation Plan. While they receive the same 50% grant funding as the Planning Incentive projects, applicants must submit individual applications for each site they want to acquire.
- **Standard Acquisitions:** Local governments that have yet to pass an open space tax, have a tax below the required ½ cent rate, or are not collecting their open space tax, qualify for a 25% matching grant with the balance provided as a low-interest (2%) loan, up to the established cap. These applications are for a specific parcel.
- **Acquisitions Located in an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community:** Projects *located in* or easily accessible from (less than ¼ mile away with no barriers to pedestrian access) Adversely Stressed Overburdened Communities are eligible for higher grant percentages. Such projects *located in* a Highly or Densely Populated Municipality are eligible for 50% matching grant funding, and those *located in* an Urban Aid Municipality are eligible for 100% grant funding. If available, these projects are also eligible for Green Acres loan funding (interest rate based on type of applicant).

Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects

Green Acres provides low-interest loans and grants to assist local governments in the development of open space for conservation purposes and for diverse recreation needs. To meet these needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. This round of projects includes \$45.1 million in grants and loans for 51 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects in urban, suburban or rural areas across the state. All development loans are repayable over 20 years.

- **Urban Aid park development:** The provision of recreational facilities in New Jersey's densely developed cities is a high priority for Green Acres. The Preserve New Jersey Act reinforced this priority by increasing the grant ratio for Urban Aid projects from 50% to 75%. These projects are eligible for the balance as a zero-interest loan, up to the funding round cap, if the applicant requests it. Projects sponsored by **Densely Populated Counties*** (population density of more than 5,000 people per square mile) will receive 50% grant funding, with the balance as a low-interest (2%) loan, up to the cap.
- **Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities park development:** Park development projects in Densely or Highly Populated Municipalities (population density of more than 1,000 people per square mile or total population over 35,000, respectively), or projects sponsored by Highly Populated Counties (population density of more than 1,000 people per square mile), will receive a 25% grant, and a low-interest (2%) loan, up to the established cap. (The list of Densely and Highly Populated municipalities and counties is attached as Appendix 2.)
- **Standard development:** Communities that do not fall into the Urban Aid or Densely/Highly Populated categories will receive low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the funding round cap.
- **Park Development Project Located in an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community:** Projects *located in* or easily accessible from (less than ¼ mile away with no barriers to pedestrian access) Adversely Stressed Overburdened Communities are eligible for higher grant percentages:
 1. Such projects located in a Standard municipality are eligible for 25% matching grant funding. These projects are also eligible for Green Acres loan funding.
 2. Such projects located in a Highly or Densely Populated Municipality are eligible for 50% matching grant funding. These projects are also eligible for Green Acres loan funding.
 3. Such projects located in an Urban Aid Municipality are eligible for 100% grant funding.

Jake's Law

The Green Acres Jake's Law Pilot Program provides 75% matching grant funding to county governments for construction of Completely Inclusive Playgrounds, in compliance with standards set in the Department of Community Affairs' regulations for Jake's Law. Low-interest (2%) loan funding up to the funding round cap is also available. Over \$7.4 million in matching grants are being awarded this round to 8 counties across the state.

Nonprofit Projects

Green Acres has had a long and successful relationship with the many nonprofit land trust organizations that preserve open space throughout New Jersey, which range from small, local groups to large, international organizations. Nonprofit organizations can receive 50% matching grant funding for land acquisition statewide and for recreational development projects located in Urban Aid or Densely or Highly Populated municipalities or in Densely Populated counties, or for projects that primarily serve residents of those populated communities.

This year, approximately \$4.4 million is being awarded to 10 nonprofit organizations for land acquisition projects. Nine nonprofits are receiving a total of \$3.6 million for park development projects.

Stewardship Projects – Local and Nonprofit

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

In developing this funding program, Green Acres solicited input from local governments, nonprofits and natural resource professionals. Based on these discussions, Green Acres decided to focus the limited Stewardship funds on natural resource and conservation projects and limited passive recreation, not on active recreation facilities.

Awards for local stewardship projects in Urban Aid municipalities are in the form of a 75% matching grant. Local projects in the remaining municipalities, and all nonprofit projects, will receive 50% matching grant awards. This year, we are approving \$3.8 million for 9 local stewardship projects and over \$720,000 for 3 nonprofit stewardship projects.

Appendix 3 describes the funding formula used to determine awards.

Funding for all Green Acres projects is contingent upon approval by the Garden State Preservation Trust and by the Legislature's through the passage of an appropriation bill.

LOCAL LAND ACQUISITION, PARK DEVELOPMENT, AND STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

ATLANTIC COUNTY

Egg Harbor Township Tony Canale Park Improvements

The Township of Egg Harbor is requesting additional funding to install synthetic turf on two existing soccer fields and installation of sod on another existing soccer field, additional parking, fencing, storage shed, walking path around the fields and site preparation.

Loan Award:	\$ 758,680
25% Matching Grant Award:	\$ <u>291,320</u>
Total Award:	\$1,050,000
Park Development	
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality	

Hamilton Township Liepe Recreation Complex Expansion

The Township of Hamilton is requesting additional funding to expand the recreational facilities at Liepe Recreation Complex, located on Leipzig Avenue. The property was purchased with Green Acres assistance. Proposed improvements include Hamilton Township proposes to expand the recreational facilities at Liepe Recreation Complex, located on Leipzig Avenue. The property was purchased with Green Acres assistance. Proposed improvements include construction of a concession/restroom facility, a passive walkway, playground, sports lighting, expansion of the existing parking lot and construction of a new parking lot along with lighting.

Loan Award:	\$700,000
Standard Park Development	

Pleasantville City Bayview Avenue Waterfront Park

The City of Pleasantville is requesting additional funding for the construction of a linear waterfront park linking Jokers Field and the Pleasantville Marina. Proposed facilities at Jokers Field include redevelopment of the former sports complex into a nature park. Improvements include reconstruction of a gravel parking lot, resurfacing the existing athletic track, construction of gravel walkways, construction of a splash pad and playground, installation of a precast pavilion and stage, and construction of a timber boardwalk to connect the nature park and the adjacent Pleasantville Marina. The project also consists of improvements to the marina, including installation of a portable restroom trailer and precast tackle/snack shed. The project also includes LED light fixtures, landscaping, ADA improvements, and any and all associated work. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award:	\$1,190,000
Park Development	
Urban Aid Municipality	

BERGEN COUNTY

Bergen County

Riverside County Park South

Bergen County is requesting supplemental funding toward improvements to Riverside County Park South, located in Lyndhurst Township and North Arlington Borough. Proposed improvements include a new all-access point at Park Street and a foot path connection at the Bergen Avenue and River Road intersection; an extended walkway system with footbridges and lighting; fitness stations; a playground and spray park with safety surfacing; riverfront overlooks; a relocated baseball field; and a pavilion. Landscaping, site furnishings, fencing, utilities, and stormwater management improvements are also proposed. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$1,750,000
Park Development
Highly Populated County

Bergen County

Riverside County Park South Inclusive Playground

Bergen County has requested funding to improve Riverside County Park - South, located at the northwest corner of River Road and Jauncy Avenue in North Arlington Borough and Lyndhurst Township. Proposed improvements include the installation of a Completely Inclusive Playground which included accessible play equipment for various age groups and all abilities. The project also includes safety surfacing, lawn and landscaped areas, seating, asphalt and pavers, and a fence around the playground perimeter. These improvements will replace the old playground in a more central location and will provide a greater opportunity for integrated inclusive play for the public. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000
Jake's Law Completely Inclusive Playground

Bergenfield Borough

PAL Field Lighting Improvement Project

Bergenfield Borough is proposing improvements to the Bergenfield PAL Field, located at 1 Rivera Way. Proposed improvements include installation of a new lighting system. These improvements will improve the ability of the community to host sports games and practices. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The Borough also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round, which fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$455,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**Cliffside Park Borough
Honor Park Redevelopment Project**

Cliffside Park Borough is proposing improvements to Honor Park, located at the intersection of Gorge Road, Palisade Avenue and Riverview Avenue. Proposed improvements include a hardscape area, retaining walls, landscaping, lighting, seating areas, a street clock, gaming table, bicycle rack, gazebo and picnic tables. This project will improve the usefulness and aesthetics of the park, enhance the natural environment, and provide previously lacking facilities. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The Borough also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round, which fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$621,460
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**Edgewater Borough
Edgewater Dog Park Improvements**

Edgewater Borough is proposing improvements to Edgewater Dog Park, located at 915 River Road. Proposed improvements include installation of new benches, waste stations, trash bins, dog play features and plantings, as well as replacement of existing fencing and pavers. The Borough also proposes a pet drinking fountain, waterline upgrades, and lighting upgrades at the site. These improvements will both upgrade site safety and enhance enjoyment and aesthetics of the park. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$172,068
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

**Elmwood Park Borough
Elmwood Drive Park Improvement Project**

Elmwood Park Borough is requesting funding to improve Elmwood Drive Park at 51 Doremus Place. Proposed improvements include installation of a sheltered picnic area, a utility shed, picnic benches with sun shelters to be placed near the existing playground, a new dog park, a parking lot to provide off-street parking, and designation of an area for lawn games. These improvements will bring new active and passive recreational opportunities and additional access to the existing park, as well as enhance the park with features more suited for year-round outdoor gatherings. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$269,619
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

**Englewood City
Mackay Park Revitalization Project**

Englewood City has requested funding to improve Mackay Park located at 130 W. Englewood Avenue. Proposed improvements include updating the piping at Mackay Park pool and installation of a splash park. Replacing the piping will save water and reduce maintenance costs. The splash park

will be a new facility, installed in the empty field adjacent to the pool. There are currently no splash parks in the Englewood and this will serve those residents who do not feel comfortable using the pool but would still like a recreation amenity that helps fight the heat in the summer. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$364,300
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Fairview Borough

Columbus Park Improvements Project

Fairview Borough has requested funding to improve Columbus Park, located at the intersection of 6th Street and Roosevelt Street. Proposed improvements include the removal of approximately ten picnic tables and two bocce courts, to be replaced with a 20' x 30' pavilion building with related sound system and lighting, amphitheater, a supporting lawn for the amphitheater, and other outdoor appurtenances. The Township also proposes the replacement of the Little League scoreboard. These improvements will enhance active recreation while expanding access to passive recreation within the Borough, creating space for picnicking and outdoor performances within Columbus Park. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$330,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Fort Lee Borough

Inwood Terrace Park Improvements Project

Fort Lee Borough is proposing improvements to Inwood Terrace Park, located at the intersection of Inwood Terrace and Deerwood Road. Proposed improvements include upgrading the children's playground by removing and replacing outdated equipment with new, ADA-compliant playground equipment. The Borough also proposes to construct ADA-compliant, handicap accessible restroom facilities at the park, replacing the existing restrooms. These improvements will provide the public with upgraded recreational facilities and will make the park facilities more accessible to all visitors. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$475,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Garfield City

Columbus Park Improvements

Garfield City is requesting supplemental funding for improvements to Columbus Park, located on Outwater Lane. Proposed improvements include both active and passive recreational opportunities. Passive recreational features include a patio area with a fountain, an amphitheater, and benches, while active recreational developments will include playgrounds and bike/walking/jogging paths. Parking and access drive improvements, stormwater management facilities, lighting, landscaping, and a restrooms building are also proposed. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily

accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,260,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hackensack City
Columbus & Carver Park Improvements

Hackensack City is requesting supplemental funding for improvements at two City parks: Carver Park, located between First and Second Streets at Clay Street, and Columbus Park, located at West Franklin Street and Old Hoboken Road. At Carver Park, the City proposes to rehabilitate basketball courts and improve walkways. At Columbus Park, the City proposes to renovate and improve accessibility of playground equipment and safety surfacing. Athletic field improvements are also planned. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$843,416
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

North Arlington Borough
Allan Park Improvements

North Arlington Borough has requested funding to improve Allan Park, located at 96 Schuyler Avenue. Proposed improvements include the installation of lights at the ball field. These improvements have been highly anticipated by the public to allow ballgames to safely continue after dusk. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$222,813
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Oradell Borough
Lotus Woods Nature Walk Improvements

Oradell Borough is proposing improvements to Lotus Woods Nature Walk located at 800 Amaryllis Avenue. Proposed improvements include the removal of dead and fallen trees, planting of trees in areas in need of reforestation, and improvements to the walking trail. These improvements will revitalize the ecosystem of the habitat within Lotus Woods and will enhance the walkability, safety, and access of the trail within the project site.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$80,213
Stewardship Project

Saddle River Borough
Rindlaub Park Trail & Streambank

Saddle River Borough is proposing improvements to Rindlaub Park Trail located at 100 E. Allendale Road. Proposed improvements include streambank restoration and stabilization, invasive species removal, dredging, a trail boardwalk with observation platforms, meadow creation, rain garden,

pollinator areas, an apiary, bird boxes, and informational signage. These improvements will create habitat, biodiversity and buffers, decrease soil erosion, increase ground water supply/recharge rates, enhance the aesthetics of the park, increase the resiliency of the native populations, improve accessibility and linkage to the site, and provide environmental education and nature observation opportunities.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$291,964
Stewardship Project

Teaneck Township

Herrick Park Improvements Project

Teaneck Township has requested funding to improve Herrick Park located at Palisade Avenue and Herrick Avenue. Proposed improvements include a new playground, sports lights for the basketball court, basketball court reconstruction, installation of a children’s spray park, baseball field reconstruction, and related grading and drainage improvements. These improvements will rejuvenate the existing facilities, be more aesthetically pleasing and safer for the public to use, and will improve the overall quality of passive and active recreational opportunities in the area. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Wood-Ridge Borough

Wood-Ridge Recreation Complex Acquisition

Wood-Ridge Borough is requesting supplemental funding toward the acquisition of an 11.8 acres property, located on Johnson Drive. The project site, which abuts a new residential development, is a portion of the former Curtiss Wright industrial complex. Potential future development includes both active and passive uses, such as field sports, a playground and shelter, restrooms, a multi-purpose trail, and a dog run. A multipurpose grassy field is also planned for open play and community events. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Standard Acquisition

BURLINGTON COUNTY

Burlington County

Nature Playground

Burlington County is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Long Bridge Park, located at 895 Deacon Road in Hainesport. Proposed improvements include nature themed playground equipment and play surface, and inclusive playground equipment. These improvements will replace the current aging playground and is proposed to be built using primarily natural materials, offering environmental educational opportunities for users. The design

provides a comprehensive range of spaces beyond the play equipment that offer opportunities for interaction, socialization, education, and discovery while meeting the range of needs for users of differing abilities.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000
Jake’s Law Completely Inclusive Playground

Burlington Township
Improvements at Green Acres II Park

Burlington Township is proposing improvements to Green Acres II Park, located at 1001 Old York Road. Proposed improvements include resurfacing a multi-use football field with synthetic turf, increasing its usability and reducing maintenance requirements. The Township also will replace an existing bandshell which had been the site of numerous Township-wide celebrations as well as a popular free concert series which had to be curtailed because of the deteriorated condition of the existing bandshell. The bandshell, multi-use football field, and parking lot will be connected with a walkway. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$700,000
Standard Park Development

Evesham Township
Passive Park Improvements

Evesham Township is proposing improvements to 10.5 acres of the 176 acres site formerly known as the Beagle Club, located at 477 N Elmwood Road. Proposed improvements include the removal of dead/dying trees and invasive species. The project also includes the restoration and creation of trails as well as the creation of a small parking lot at the site. The Township seeks to transform this open space into a passive recreation park, encompassing a variety of features that will encourage healthy and active lifestyles, while connecting residents to the rich resources of our natural environment. Through environmental stewardship, this project will advance the Township’s efforts to effectively protect and preserve the ecological richness of the community and promote the sustainability of this site for current and future generations.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$71,252
Stewardship Project

Mansfield Township
Land Acquisition

Mansfield Township has requested funding to acquire four parcels totaling approximately 40 acres of land adjacent to Newbold Island. The parcels are located along the Delaware River in an area with several logistics warehouses. Mansfield Township proposes to preserve the parcels from development and maintain the land in its natural state. Preservation of this site will contribute to the conservation of lands along the Delaware River in the vicinity of Newbold Island, which is a preservation priority for the Department of Environmental Protection and several municipalities and nonprofit organizations.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$700,000
Site Specific Incentive Acquisition

Mount Holly Township

Iron Works Park Improvements

Mount Holly Township is proposing improvements to Iron Works Park, located at 155 Wollner Drive. Proposed improvements include a multi-purpose synthetic turf field and a canoe launch. Mount Holly Township also proposes lighting, walkways, bleachers, and aesthetic amenities at the site. These improvements will enhance recreational opportunities and meet the wide-ranging needs of their residents, in addition to creating new opportunities to host community-wide gatherings and events. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The Township also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$900,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Riverside Township

Spring Garden Park Upgrade

Riverside Township is proposing improvements to Spring Garden Park, located at Spring Garden Street and Carroll Street. Proposed improvements include adding a fenced play space for children aged two to five, additional equipment for children aged five through 12, an all-ages musical play feature, seating, and upgrades to the existing gazebo and access paths. Riverside Township also proposes the installation of benches and waste receptacles as well as green infrastructure at the site. These improvements will address universal access needs, not only with ADA compliance, but with additional all-abilities equipment and features. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$340,500
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

CAMDEN COUNTY

Camden County

Jake's Place at New Brooklyn Park

Camden County has requested funding to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at New Brooklyn Park, located at Erial Road and Lehigh Manor Drive in Winslow Township. Proposed improvements include installation of inclusive playground amenities including swings, freestanding play areas, and wheelchair-compatible equipment such as merry-go-rounds. The County also proposes construction of a new drop-off area and sidewalks, as well as construction of new trailer restrooms. These improvements will allow more visitors the opportunity to enjoy the park's facilities and help to promote a healthier lifestyle for the surrounding community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000
Jake's Law Completely Inclusive Playground

Gloucester City

Johnson Park Improvements

Gloucester City has requested funding to improve Johnson Park, located at South Johnson Boulevard and Klemm Avenue. Proposed improvements include playground equipment replacement, installation of a small and large dog park, gazebo upgrades, and rehabilitation and extension of a walking/jogging trail. The City also proposes installation of benches, waste receptacles and park informational/directional signs. These improvements will enhance available recreational opportunities, improve safety at the park, and address park flooding concerns. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. This grant award fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$830,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Gloucester Township

Playground Improvements

Gloucester Township has requested funding to improve Mulberry Station Park, located at 31 Mayapple Road, and Sturbridge Oaks Park, located at 92 Sturbridge Drive. Proposed improvements include replacement of existing playgrounds with ADA-compliant structures, installation of fitness equipment, and new benches at both parks. These improvements will provide equipment to promote physical fitness for children, adolescents, and adults.

Loan Award: \$146,630
75% Matching Grant Award: \$439,891
Total Award: \$586,521
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Pennsauken Township

Pennsauken Pool Complex

Pennsauken Township has requested funding to improve the Pennsauken Pool Recreation Complex, located at 6100 River Road. Proposed improvements include pool repairs, tennis court rehabilitation, installation of a parkour-style obstacle course, hockey court refurbishing, installation of a multiuse path, and parking lot resurfacing. These improvements will play an important role in maintaining a desirable recreation space for the residents of Pennsauken and the surrounding areas. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The Township also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round, which fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$654,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

Cumberland County

Completely Inclusive Playground at County Library

The County of Cumberland has requested funding to create a Completely Inclusive Playground with pour-in-play surface, fencing, seating, perimeter walkway and landscaping on vacant land adjacent to the County Library, located at East Commerce Street in Bridgeton. This proposed Completely Inclusive Playground would be the first accessible playground of any kind west of Vineland and Millville. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000
Jake’s Law Completely Inclusive Playground

Vineland City

Romano Complex Improvements

The City of Vineland is requesting additional funding towards the improvements at the Joseph E. Romano Sports Complex, located on Maple Avenue. Proposed improvements include the development of an inclusive playground and sensory garden; development of exercise circuit stations around the existing running/walking track; and construction of a restroom facility and parking.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

ESSEX COUNTY

Essex County

Weequahic Park Improvements

Essex County is proposing improvements to Weequahic Park, located at Elizabeth and Meeker Avenues in Newark City. Proposed improvements include rehabilitation of a jogging track and replacement of fitness equipment, benches, and park signage. These improvements will replace deteriorated facilities and help ensure park user safety. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The County also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round, which fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,807,550
Park Development
Densely Populated County

Belleville Township

Rifle Range Preserve Project

The Township of Belleville seeks funding to continue transforming an abandoned ballfield into a nature park with native vegetation and a trail with signage for passive recreation and environmental

education. The completed preserve will provide the appropriate natural habitat for wildlife, and allow for the enjoyment of wildlife, native plants, garden areas, and educational opportunities. Over the years, the goal is for the space to be transformed into an ecologically balanced and biodiverse landscape. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$141,750
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality

Bloomfield Township

Clarks Pond South and Vassar Field

Bloomfield Township seeks funding to continue the replacement of existing turf on the Clarks Pond South softball field on Dewey Street and Vassar Field little league field on Byrd Avenue, which have become worn and unsafe. The project will include the complete removal and replacement of the synthetic turf systems on the two fields and installation of new fencing, backstop, and batting cages. The proposed work will address safety concerns for the youth participants who play on the fields. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$396,381
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Irvington Township

Center Playground Civic Square Park

Irvington Township is proposing improvements to Center Playground and Civic Square Park, located at Civic Square between Clinton and Springfield Avenues. Proposed improvements include renovating an existing building on site for use as restrooms, storage, and concession stand; walking path around the perimeter of the park; a basketball court; upgraded playground equipment and safety surface; safety cameras and lighting; and a gazebo. These improvements will allow the Center Playground/Civic Square Park to be utilized safely by the community and bring new recreational amenities to the area. There is currently no place to hold outdoor community events, which the gazebo would provide. The walking paths, playground, and basketball court will permit residents of all ages to enjoy active outdoor recreation. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The Township also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round, which fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$276,310
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Newark City

Broadway Park

The City of Newark, in partnership with the Trust for Public Land, is requesting supplemental funding toward development of Broadway Park for passive and active recreation. Broadway Park, which was acquired with Green Acres funds, consists of vacant lots located in the North Ward between Broadway and Oraton Street, adjacent to Luis Munoz Marin Elementary School. Proposed improvements

include playgrounds, playing fields, additional lighting, art, rain gardens, and a community garden. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Nutley Township
Monsignor Owens Park Improvements

Nutley Township is proposing improvements to Monsignor Owens Park, located at 75 Park Avenue. Proposed improvements include replacement of the multi-use turf field, which has been in constant use since its creation and has degraded beyond the safe standard of use. These improvements will increase durability of the multi-use field and provide a safer, more versatile surface for community members to enjoy. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The Township also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round, which fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$528,755
Urban Aid Municipality

Orange City Township
Metcalf Park Improvements

Orange City Township is proposing improvements to Metcalf Park, located at Chestnut Street and Valley Street. Proposed improvements include basketball court lighting, rehabilitation of concrete pool deck, resurfacing tennis court, installation of a passive play area, walking paths, and a dog park. These improvements will create safer, more readily usable recreational amenities through the park, and provide new opportunities for recreation. The passive play area will allow for more recreation surrounding the pool, and the dog park has been highly requested by the community. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The Township also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round, which fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$481,590
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

GLOUCESTER COUNTY

Woodbury City
Francis Avenue Park Improvements

The City of Woodbury is proposing improvements to Francis Avenue Park located at 425 Francis Avenue. Proposed improvements include the rehabilitation of the six existing natural grass ballfields with ancillary facilities; installation of two concrete dugouts, bleachers, bike racks, helmet racks, bullpen nets, fencing repair, benches, lighting, and scoreboards; and improvements to existing little

league storage garage and concession stand/restroom building. These improvements are needed to provide a higher quality, safer experience for those using the park, and will allow for increased usage.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$597,200
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

HUDSON COUNTY

Hudson County
Laurel Hill Park Phase IV

Hudson County is requesting additional funding to continue the development of Laurel Hill Park, located in Secaucus. The emphasis remains on expanding recreation opportunities and creating safe and enjoyable access to the Hackensack River waterfront. The Laurel Hill Park Improvements - Phase IV is a \$6 Million investment in new and refurbished active recreational facilities and connective pathways. The project includes development of wildlife habitat gardens and native landscaping, including planting over 300 new trees. The County will also stabilize and create a Living Shoreline along the banks of the Hackensack River. Repair of the boat ramp and replacement of the upstream dock is necessary to keep water access safe for small pleasure craft, canoes, and kayaks. Additionally, the installation of a section of the Berlin Wall on a raised exhibit base that sits opposite the fishing promenade provides a passive and contemplative overlook to the river and Sawmill Creek Wildlife Management Area, called the Jewel of the Meadowlands. Recreational facilities, include basketball, tennis and volleyball courts and an upgraded aquatic playground. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$1,500,000
Park Development
Highly Populated County

Hudson County
Inclusive Playground at James J. Braddock Park

Hudson County proposes to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at James J Braddock Park, located at 9003 Bergenline Avenue in North Bergen. The existing playground, which does not include any inclusive features, will be demolished and rebuilt with new play equipment targeted for 5-12 year old users. A new turf surface is included to ensure the safety of its users. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000
Jake's Law Completely Inclusive Playground

Harrison Town
Cape May Street Waterfront Park

Harrison Town is requesting additional funding to continue the development of a waterfront park along the Passaic River. Planned improvements include a riverbank restoration with native species plantings and the development of a pier overlook. The project also includes interpretive signage, a

walkway and associated lighting. The completed park will connect to the Passaic River Walkway that stretches from Hamilton Avenue to the Cape May Street. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality

Harrison Town

Cape May Street Waterfront Park

Harrison Town is requesting additional funding to continue the development of a waterfront park along the Passaic River. Plans include a synthetic turf soccer field and associated drainage field, riverbank restoration, native species plantings, a pier overlook, main plaza with decorative fountains, river overlook stations, fitness stations, streetscape improvements, kayak launch, interpretive signage, walkway, bicycle racks, bridge overlook, seating, associated lighting and parking. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hoboken City

Southwest Park Dev

The City of Hoboken is seeking supplemental funding to expand and improve Southwest Park on Harrison Street. Proposed improvements at the expanded park include pickleball courts, basketball courts, play structures, a community garden, benches, landscaping, hopscotch, open programming space, and other features. Also proposed at the site is a subsurface detention tank with the capacity to capture 600,000 gallons of stormwater as part of the Hudson River-Rebuild By Design Project, which will help protect Hoboken from flooding and the effects of climate change. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Jersey City

Leonard Gordon Park Improvement Project

Jersey City is seeking supplemental funding to continue its plan to improve accessibility at Leonard Gordon Park, located on Kennedy Boulevard in the Heights section of the city. Proposed improvements include pathways, green infrastructure raingardens, landscaping, and ornamental lighting to make the site more resilient and attractive. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$600,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Weehawken Township

Weehawken Recreation Pier and Bridge

The Township of Weehawken seeks supplemental funding to continue the expansion of recreational opportunities at the Waterfront Park and Recreation Center and the Recreation Pier (Pier B). Under this project, the town will extend Pier B, build a pedestrian bridge and create a kayak launch. The improvements will enhance the accessibility between Waterfront Park and Pier B, while providing much needed continuity to this part of the walkway keeping pedestrians out of harm’s way of heavily trafficked streets. Improvements also include benches, lighting, period fixtures, railing, and other amenities. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Loan Award:	\$333,333
Non-Matching Grant Award:	<u>\$664,655</u>
Total Award:	\$997,988
Urban Aid Municipality	

MERCER COUNTY

Mercer County

Fields and Lighting at Mercer County Park

Mercer County is proposing to replace to existing grass fields at Mercer County Park in West Windsor with synthetic turf. Additionally, the project will include an LED sports field lighting system for extended play time, new sidewalks, fencing, ADA improvements to the parking lot, parking lot lighting, and associated utilities. Upgrading the facilities to synthetic turf will expand recreational opportunities for users by providing year-round availability in an area where field usage demands are extremely high.

25% Matching Grant Award:	\$1,114,161
Loan Award:	<u>\$635,839</u>
Total Award:	\$1,750,000
Park Development	
Highly Populated County	

Hamilton Township

Sayen Gardens Restoration Project

Hamilton Township is requesting funding to complete the pond restoration at Sayen Gardens located at 155 Hughes Drive. The project will make restorative improvements to two ponds in the garden. At pond #1, the township will remove invasive vegetation from the stream ramble and lower pond. Additionally, dredging will be done to remove silt and sedimentation. At pond #2, an existing koi pond, rubber liner, filters and related infrastructure will be replaced with a new pond filtration system.

50% Matching Grant Award:	\$310,364
Stewardship Project	
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality	

Trenton City

Assunpink Greenway Park Development

Trenton City is seeking supplemental funding to continue the rehabilitation and development of several adjacent properties to expand Assunpink Greenway Park, improve visibility and access, and provide parking. The park encompasses the recreation areas at Hetzel Field, George Page, Amtico Square, and Taylor Street. The ongoing project includes basketball courts, reconfigured softball fields, a trail system, lighting, benches, and bleachers. Additionally, there will be a skatepark, shade structure, bicycle polo, street soccer, tennis, volleyball, bridge renovations, a community meeting space, rest rooms, amenities, invasive species removal and landscaping. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Middlesex County

Inclusive Playground at David B. Crabiel County Park

Middlesex County is proposing to create a Completely Inclusive Playground to replace an existing playground at David B. Crabiel County Park, located at 401 North Main Street at the intersection of North Main Street and Elkins Lane in North Brunswick Township. The County proposes installing new playground equipment designed to be accessed by those of different abilities. Additionally, the proposal includes new site surfacing, fencing, and ADA curb and ramp improvements to support the Completely Inclusive Playground, the first in Middlesex County. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Jake’s Law Completely Inclusive Playground

Carteret Borough

Arthur Kill River Walk North

Carteret Borough is seeking additional funding to expand its Waterfront Park, located off of Industrial Highway along the Arthur Kill. Proposed improvements will consist of the extension of an ADA-accessible waterfront walkway north from the Waterfront Park to Noes Creek, including boardwalk, railing, lighting, and site furnishings. A portion of the walkway will extend out over the water for a scenic overlook. The new walkway will increase the public's access to the Arthur Kill and offer a passive recreational resource for all ages. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Urban Aid Municipality

**Old Bridge Township
Cottrell Farm Park Development**

Old Bridge Township is requesting additional funding for development of the Cottrell Farm property, located at Highway 516 and Cottrell Road, into a passive and active recreational facility. The park will be developed in four phases, the first of which involves rehabilitation of the historic buildings on site and will not be funded by Green Acres. Proposed improvements in Phases 2 through 4 include a walking/fitness trail, a splash pad, a community/memorial garden, a gazebo and picnic grove with pavilion, a playground, a butterfly garden, an amphitheater, parking improvements, stormwater management improvements, signage, landscaping, utilities, a restroom building, fencing, and lighting.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**Perth Amboy City
Raritan Riverfront Park**

Perth Amboy City is seeking additional funding to develop a waterfront park along Riverview Drive at the base of the Victory Bridge (Route 35), in a section of the city that lacks green space and recreational opportunities. The proposed Raritan Riverfront Park will include an ecological trail, dog park, motorized boat launch, renovated and expanded picnic area, fishing esplanade and cleaning stations, parking areas, native plantings, lighting, utilities, and stormwater management improvements. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,300,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**Woodbridge Township
Dog Park & Marina Improvements**

Woodbridge Township has requested funding to improve the Woodbridge Township Dog Park and adjacent marina, located at 699-701 Cliff Rd. Proposed dog park improvements include new exercise play equipment, dog comfort amenities, gazebos, benches, a walking path, fencing, sod, site lighting, and a parking lot. A second parking lot is proposed to provide additional marina parking and boat storage. These facilities will enhance the dog park area and provide needed marina improvements. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. This grant fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,285,113
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

MONMOUTH COUNTY

Freehold Borough

Musgrave Park Improvements Project

The Borough of Freehold has requested funding to improve Musgrave Park, located at 7 Avenue C. Proposed improvements include new chess tables, picnic tables, benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, swings and ADA compliant play equipment. The existing sidewalk that is along the park frontage will be replaced, and the site will be made ADA compliant. Landscaping will also be part of the park renovation, including the planting of 12 shade trees in the park which currently has no trees.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$115,883
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Keyport Borough

Fireman's Park Improvements

Keyport Borough has requested funding to improve Fireman's Park, located at West Front Street and American Legion Drive, along the Raritan Bay. Proposed improvements include the demolition of the existing timber bulkhead and boardwalk at Fireman's Park, to be replaced with a new bulkhead and promenade that will be raised out of the range of tidal flooding. These improvements will mitigate flood events that restrict public accessibility.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$900,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

MORRIS COUNTY

Morris Township

Collinsville Playground Tucker Field

Morris Township has requested funding to improve the Collinsville Playground Tucker Field. Proposed improvements include a spray/splash pad, entertainment stage, and improvements to the community garden. In addition, the project includes athletic field renovations, seating, landscaping, a new walking/jogging path, shade trees and new and improved play equipment. The unique new elements, in conjunction with the rehabilitation of existing features, will dramatically improve the park experience for patrons of every age and demographic in the immediate neighborhood and throughout the township.

25% Matching Grant Award: \$562,500
Standard Park Development

Morristown Town

Burnham Park Lower Pond Restoration

The Town of Morristown has requested funding for the restoration of Burnham Park Lower Pond, located on Burnham Parkway and County Route 24. Proposed improvements include hydro-raking of the pond to eliminate excess vegetative matter currently constricting the pond. This will improve

water quality and provide increased flood storage capacity of the pond, thereby reducing flooding in the immediate area. Through the pond restoration, the Town hopes to improve its resiliency, enhance environmental education opportunities, citing Burnham Park Lower Pond as a living classroom for public engagement.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$900,000
Stewardship Project

OCEAN COUNTY

Ocean County

Eno's Pond County Park Inclusive Playground

The County of Ocean has requested funding to replace an existing playground that's over 20 years old at Eno's Pond County Park, located at East Lacey Road in Forked River, with a Completely Inclusive Playground along with pour in play surface. With the limited number of inclusive playground facilities in the State the County believes that with this installation they will attract people looking for a place that is inviting to all regardless of their abilities.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$771,750
Jake's Law Completely Inclusive Playground

PASSAIC COUNTY

Passaic County

Lambert Castle Landscape Restoration

Passaic County is requesting supplemental funding for the restoration of the historic and cultural landscape surrounding Lambert Castle, located on Valley Road in Paterson City. Proposed improvements include an enhanced planting area to serve as a buffer between the historic property and parking area, a restored irrigated lawn area, reconstruction of the trellis structure walkway, statuary exhibit space, and ADA accessibility improvements. The landscape restoration will allow the area to reflect the original historic landscape around the Castle and ensure that the estate adheres to historical and environmental preservation measures as outlined by City of Paterson, Passaic County, and State guidelines. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Stewardship Project

Passaic County

Camp Hope Inclusive Playground

Passaic County is proposing to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Camp Hope, located at 1792 Union Valley Road in West Milford. Proposed improvements include ADA accessible paths, parking area, ramps, climbing structures, transfer stations, ground level play structures, and safety fencing. These improvements will provide a safe, inclusive play area for the surrounding communities, and the only playground at Camp Hope.

75% Matching Grant Award: \$903,375
Jake's Law Completely Inclusive Playground

Clifton City

Nash Park Improvements

Clifton City is proposing improvements to Nash Park, located at 700 Lexington Avenue. Proposed improvements include resurfacing the basketball courts, renovating the playground, installing a splash pad, upgrading the dog park, renovating field house restrooms, installing picnic tables and benches, upgrading the rose garden, and establishing a walking path. These improvements will correct existing safety hazards, make the park more accessible for users of all ages and abilities, and serve Clifton's growing community. The splash pad will assist vulnerable neighborhoods that are experiencing Urban Heat Island Effect and have no water-based recreational amenities. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The City also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Passaic City

Third Ward Veterans Memorial Park

Passaic City is proposing improvements to Third Ward Veterans Memorial Park, located at Passaic Avenue and Van Houten Avenue. Proposed improvements include installation of rubberized track surface, safety surface at Mayor Johnson Park Playground, inclusive sensory park, and bioretention rain garden. These improvements will expand active and passive recreational opportunities at the park, as well as increasing the park's safety, accessibility, and inclusivity. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The City also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Paterson City

Westside Park Improvements

Paterson City, in partnership with the New Jersey Community Development Corporation and the Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc., is proposing improvements to Westside Park, located at 114 Totowa Ave. Proposed improvements include installation of accessible ramp and staging area for access to the Passaic River, riparian and meadow area enhancements including rain gardens, landscaping, interpretive signage, an outdoor classroom space, a new pedestrian pathway system including a Riverwalk with permeable asphalt paving, a picnic area, children's garden and play area, and pathway amenities including lighting, security cameras, site furnishings and signage. Also proposed is the rehabilitation of existing facilities, including reconstruction of four tennis courts, a basketball court, athletic complex improvements including new fencing backstop, goal posts, scoreboards, bleachers, storage containers, irrigation hydrants and natural turf grass, permeable asphalt pavement pathways, pavilion repair and repainting, minor upgrades to existing playground, benches, landscaping and relocation of the World War I memorial to central location within the park. These improvements will address the current deteriorated conditions of the park's recreational amenities and will improve circulation within the park. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible

from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The City also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant for this project.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Urban Aid Municipality

Prospect Park Borough

Hofstra Park Playground Improvements

Prospect Park Borough is proposing improvements to Hofstra Park, located at Struyk Avenue and Brown Avenue. Proposed improvements include an accessible playground, barbeque area, safety surfacing, and fencing. These improvements will provide an accessible, safe area for children and families to play and enjoy Hofstra Park. This project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$754,250
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

SALEM COUNTY

Salem City

Salem City Pool Recreational Area

Salem City has requested funding to improve various facilities at the existing Salem City Pool Recreational Area, located at 155 Walnut Street. The proposed project includes rehabilitation of the three existing pools, ADA-lifts for two of the pools, a pump house, electrical, cameras for the pool area, improvements to the existing clubhouse, basketball court resurfacing, fencing, security lighting, replacement of the existing storage shed, and installation of a pavilion, benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles and a playground. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. The City also is receiving a \$500,000 Urban Parks grant under the 2023 funding round, which fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$46,203
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

UNION COUNTY

Fanwood Borough

Fanwood Nature Center Rescue Initiative

The Borough of Fanwood is requesting additional funding to install a stone dust walkway throughout the park, repair/replace portions of the existing boardwalk and outdoor classroom and replace the two bridges that existed and were damaged during Ida.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$82,672
Stewardship Project

Plainfield City

Rushmore Avenue Recreation Complex -Phase II

The City of Plainfield is requesting additional funding to continue improvements to the Rushmore Avenue Recreational Complex, located on West 3rd Street. The City will focus on improvements to the pool and playground area, replacing the existing kiddie pool with a proposed splash pad, constructing a new pavilion and asphalt walkway, and installing park benches, picnic tables, signage, a decorative park entranceway arch, and landscaping. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Roselle Borough

Warren Street Park Development

The Borough of Roselle has requested funding to improve Warren Street Park, located at 10th Avenue between Warren Street and Spruce Street. Proposed improvements include the construction of an inclusive, barrier-free playground including an electronic play area with sensory activities and a poured rubber safety surface, landscaping, decorative fencing, energy-efficient lighting fixtures, benches, a gazebo, and park security features. These improvements will address the critical need for ADA-compliant recreational opportunities for people with disabilities and special needs at Warren Street Park. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community. This award fully funds this project with 100% grant funding.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,011,408
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Union Township

Bill Kilb Park Improvements

The Township of Union has requested funding to improve Bill Kolb Park, located Roseland Avenue. Proposed improvements include the construction of a paved pedestrian path, walking trail, dog park, basketball court, badminton court, pickleball courts, bocce court, associated site improvements, reconstructed tennis court, landscaping and a small parking lot. These improvements will create much needed recreational space in a neighborhood experiencing significant new multi-family residential construction. This project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$297,280
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

**PLANNING INCENTIVE ACQUISITIONS
RECEIVE 50% MATCHING GRANTS**

Applicant	Project Name	County	Matching Grant Award
Oakland Borough	Open Space & Recreation	Bergen	\$700,000
River Vale Twp	Watershed Property Acq	Bergen	\$66,650
Burlington County	Planning Incentive	Burlington	\$1,000,000
Evesham Twp*	Planning Incentive	Burlington	\$1,000,000
Camden County*	Open Space Plan	Camden	\$1,500,000
Livingston Twp	Township of Livingston Open Space	Essex	\$700,000
Verona Twp	Verona Open Space Acquisition	Essex	\$700,000
Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	Gloucester	\$1,400,000
Washington Twp	Open Space & Recreation Project	Gloucester	\$270,000
Bethlehem Twp	Open Space Plan Implementation	Hunterdon	\$400,000
Lebanon Twp	Lebanon Twp Preservation Priorities	Hunterdon	\$350,000
Raritan Twp	Land Acquisition Plan	Hunterdon	\$700,000
Union Twp	Union Township Open Space Plan	Hunterdon	\$700,000
Hamilton Twp*	Hamilton Township Open Space Acq.	Mercer	\$1,050,000
Hopewell Twp	Hopewell Open Space Acq	Mercer	\$500,000
Lawrence Twp	Open Space Plan Acq.	Mercer	\$272,167
Pennington Borough	Pennington Greenbelt Planning Incentive	Mercer	\$300,000
Princeton	Princeton Open Space Acquisition	Mercer	\$700,000
Robbinsville Twp	Green Links Program	Mercer	\$700,000
West Windsor Twp	West Windsor Planning Inc.	Mercer	\$700,000
Middlesex County*	Middlesex County Open Space Acq.	Middlesex	\$1,280,000
North Brunswick Twp*	North Brunswick Plan	Middlesex	\$1,050,000
Monmouth County*	Planning Incentive Acq.	Monmouth	\$1,750,000
Millstone Twp	Planning Incentive-Project Evergreen	Monmouth	\$700,000
Madison Borough	Madison Borough Open Space Acq.	Morris	\$500,000
Ocean County	Planning Incentive Grant	Ocean	\$1,400,000
Brick Twp**	Open Space & Recreation Plan	Ocean	\$1,200,000
Manchester Twp*	Planning Incentive	Ocean	\$1,050,000
Passaic County*	Open Space Plan Acquisitions	Passaic	\$1,750,000
Somerset County	County Open Space Acq	Somerset	\$1,400,000

* Densely or Highly Populated Municipality/County

** Urban Aid Municipality

NONPROFIT LAND ACQUISITION, PARK DEVELOPMENT, AND STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

Branch Brook Park Alliance

Branch Brook Park Improvements

Branch Brook Park Alliance is proposing improvements to Branch Brook Park, located at 340-700 Lake Street, Newark City between the neighborhoods of Forest Hill and Roseville. Proposed improvements include restoring the infields of three synthetic turf fields for baseball/softball, installing new player benches for athletes and park benches and bleachers for visitors, as well as associated signage and park appurtenances. These improvements will provide much-needed upgrades to the heavily used Branch Brook Park to create a safer field surface, increase playability, and enhance the spectator and athlete experiences at the park. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Park Development

Camp Dill Foundation

Camp Dill Improvements

Camp Dill Foundation has requested funding to improve Camp Dill, located at 509-511 Cokesbury Road in Clinton Township. Camp Dill has operated since 1925 and primarily serves the youth of Sayreville Borough and South Amboy City, two Densely/Highly Populated municipalities in Middlesex County. Proposed improvements include installation of a new septic system and comfort station that are needed for the continuing operation of Camp Dill. The property also serves as an important environmental buffer between Clinton Township, the South Branch of the Raritan River, and Ken Lockwood Gorge Wildlife Management Area. The project is located in/accessible from and Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$100,000
Park Development

D&R Greenway Land Trust

Greenway Acquisitions

D&R Greenway Land Trust is dedicated to preserving significant watershed lands and large-scale landscapes in central New Jersey, encompassing portions of the Delaware, Raritan and Millstone River watersheds and the Delaware & Raritan Canal. D&R Greenway has identified multiple proposed acquisitions that will help create contiguous preserved lands that protect water quality, significant natural resources, critical wildlife habitat, and natural areas for passive recreational opportunities. The Land Trust's focus preservation areas include but are not limited to: Central Stony Brook watershed, Delaware Bay Estuary, Delaware River tributaries, historic Griggstown, the Sourland Mountains and the Upper Millstone Greenway. D&R Greenway Land Trust is also involved in creating multi-use trails and potential projects outside these watersheds. Counties include: Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Salem and Somerset.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000
Land Acquisition

Deal Lake Watershed Alliance

Deal Lake Wickapecko Park Phase II

Deal Lake Watershed Alliance is proposing improvements to Deal Lake Wickapecko Park, located at Wickapecko Drive in Ocean Township. Proposed improvements include new bike, kayak and canoe racks; pollinator rain garden; ADA compliant pathways and scenic overlook; and picnic tables, benches, interpretive signage, and restoration of three existing pathways. These improvements will provide waterfront access to adjacent Adversely Stressed Overburdened Communities in an Urban Aid municipality, allow for nature-based recreation, and catalyze additional initiatives for habitat restoration and water quality enhancements at Deal Lake.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$41,658
Park Development

Essex County Parks Foundation

Turtle Back Zoo Australian Exhibit & Playground

The Essex County Parks Foundation has requested funding to improve the Australian Outback Exhibit and the Prehistoric Playground at the Turtle Back Zoo, located at 560 Northfield Ave in West Orange. This project will be done in cooperation with the Zoological Society of New Jersey. Proposed improvements include restoring the wallaby exhibit and creating a new Tree Kangaroo/Palm Cockatoo exhibit. The nonprofit also proposes renovation of the Zoo’s popular playground and walkway improvements. New habitats and enclosures for wallabies, tree kangaroos, and palm cockatoos will allow for improved access for husbandry staff and improved viewing areas for the public, and new playground equipment and surfacing will provide a safe and fun play area for visiting families. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Park Development

Flat Rock Brook Nature Association

Jones Road Streamside Restoration Project

Flat Rock Brook Nature Association has requested funding for the second and third phases of the Jones Road area improvements at the Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, located at 471 Middlesex Avenue in Englewood City. Proposed improvements for these phases include a nature playground with boulder scramble, picnic grove, forest play trail with play nodes connected with steppers, streamside erosion control, irrigation for plantings, new native plantings, creation of (and connection to) the Children's Trail Loop, seating at play edges, entranceway with gateway sign, information kiosk, building entrance plaza with accessible route, comfort station improvements, additional picnic grove, and parking improvements. These improvements will advance the environmental education mission with studies that include immersive experiences in nature (including water sampling from the brook), an increase in understory habitat and pollinator attractions, ADA enhancements welcoming more visitors with mobility challenges providing true experiences in nature for this population, and beautification of the project site resulting in increased visitation and enjoyment of open spaces. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Park Development

**Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space
Hopewell Valley Park Acquisitions**

The Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space is committed to preserving land throughout Hopewell Borough, Hopewell Township, and Pennington Borough in Mercer County to create a regional greenway to serve as ecological preserves and provide opportunities for passive recreation, such as hiking, bird watching, and nature study. A system of trails will be developed for interpretative use.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$174,915
Land Acquisition**

**Friends of Princeton Open Space
Mountain Lakes Preserve Riparian Restoration**

Friends of Princeton Open Space has requested funding to restore approximately 20 acres of native riparian vegetation at the Billy Johnson Mountain Lakes Nature Preserve located at 57 Mountain Avenue. The proposed restoration includes removal of invasive species and planting of native trees, shrubs, and perennials. The restoration will improve an existing natural area.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$124,500
Stewardship Project**

**Friends of Princeton Open Space
Millstone River Watershed**

The Friends of Princeton Open Space (FOPOS) is working with preservation partners, including local governments and other local and regional nonprofit land conservancies, to preserve two of the last remaining parcels of undeveloped land in Princeton. The properties are located within a unique ecological area that contains mature forests and significant wetlands, habitat for endangered and threatened species, and nesting habitat for migratory birds that require large areas of contiguous and unfragmented forest. FOPOS also works with the Municipality of Princeton on lands targeted for preservation on its Open Space Master Plan.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$250,000
Land Acquisition**

**Hunterdon Land Trust
Hunterdon Open Space Plan Priority Areas**

Hunterdon Land Trust is seeking funding to continue to preserve land with ecological, agricultural, scenic, recreational, and community values to ensure meaningful land preservation throughout Hunterdon County. Preserving these natural lands will create greenways that protect critical natural resources to sustain clean air and water, provide climate and flood control, and support diverse wildlife habitat.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Land Acquisition**

**New Jersey Community Development Corporation
Westside Park Improvements**

New Jersey Community Development Corporation, in partnership with Paterson City and the Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc., is proposing improvements to Westside Park, located at 114 Totowa Ave in in Paterson City. Proposed improvements include installation of accessible ramp and staging area for access to the Passaic River, riparian and meadow area enhancements including rain gardens, landscaping, interpretive signage, an outdoor classroom space, a new pedestrian pathway system including a Riverwalk with permeable asphalt paving, a picnic area, children's garden and play area, and pathway amenities including lighting, security cameras, site furnishings and signage. Also proposed is the rehabilitation of existing facilities, including reconstruction of four tennis courts, a basketball court, athletic complex improvements including new fencing backstop, goal posts, scoreboards, bleachers, storage containers, irrigation hydrants and natural turf grass, permeable asphalt pavement pathways, pavilion repair and repainting, minor upgrades to existing playground, benches, landscaping and relocation of the World War 1 memorial to central location within the park. These improvements will address the current deteriorated conditions of the park's recreational amenities and will improve circulation within the park. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Park Development**

**New Jersey Conservation Foundation
Priority Area Acquisitions**

New Jersey Conservation Foundation continues to work toward the permanent preservation of high priority areas throughout the New Jersey. Targeted acquisitions include critical mountain landscapes, sensitive wetlands, habitat for special flora or fauna, forests and fields for climate resiliency, pristine waterways, and vital recreation lands in rural and urban communities.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000
Land Acquisition**

**Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc.
Westside Park Improvements**

Open Space Institute Land Trust Inc., in partnership with Paterson City and the New Jersey Community Development Corporation, is proposing improvements to Westside Park, located at 114 Totowa Ave in Paterson City. Proposed improvements include installation of accessible ramp and staging area for access to the Passaic River, riparian and meadow area enhancements including rain gardens, landscaping, interpretive signage, an outdoor classroom space, a new pedestrian pathway system including a Riverwalk with permeable asphalt paving, a picnic area, children's garden and play area, and pathway amenities including lighting, security cameras, site furnishings and signage. Also proposed is the rehabilitation of existing facilities, including reconstruction of four tennis courts, a basketball court, athletic complex improvements including new fencing backstop, goal posts, scoreboards, bleachers, storage containers, irrigation hydrants and natural turf grass, permeable asphalt pavement pathways, pavilion repair and repainting, minor upgrades to existing playground, benches, landscaping and relocation of the World War 1 memorial to central location within the park. These improvements will address the current deteriorated conditions of the park's recreational amenities and will improve circulation within the park. The project is located in an Urban Aid

municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Park Development

Ridgeview Conservancy

Ridgeview Conservancy Acquisitions

The mission of the Ridgeview Conservancy is to conserve and preserve permanent open spaces in Princeton, Montgomery and Hopewell Townships that contain significant forests, wetlands, or cultural-historic resources. The Conservancy's goal is to establish and extend a network of public trails to connect the preserved open spaces within and across these municipalities, facilitating public access to these beautiful and valuable natural resources.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$250,000
Land Acquisition

Sourland Conservancy

True Farmstead Acquisition

The Sourland Conservancy has requested funding to acquire the 5.11-acre True Farmstead property, located at 183 Hollow Road in Montgomery Township, Somerset County. Proposed future use of the site includes the preservation open space, historic resources and recreation resources at the site. The property is located in the extremely sensitive and ecologically important Sourland Mountain Region. It is also of great historical significance as part of the African American history of the Region. The property has been certified as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and is an integral part of the history of the adjacent Mt. Zion AME Church, which is already on the National Register. Preservation of this site and its structures will allow for events, educational programming and tours, meeting space, and an area to train stream monitor volunteers. The preservation of this historic farmstead is being done in partnership with the Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum and Somerset County.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$285,000
Land Acquisition

Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum

True Farmstead Acquisition

The Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum has requested funding to acquire the 5.11-acre True Farmstead property, located at 183 Hollow Road in Montgomery Township, Somerset County. Proposed future use of the site includes the preservation of open space, historic resources and recreation resources at the site. The property is located in the extremely sensitive and ecologically important Sourland Mountain Region. It is also of great historical significance as part of the African American history of the Region. The property has been certified as eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and is an integral part of the history of the adjacent Mt. Zion AME Church, which is already on the National Register. Preservation of this site and its structures will allow for events, educational programming and tours, meeting space, and an area to train stream monitor volunteers. The preservation of this historic farmstead is being done in partnership with the Sourland Conservancy and Somerset County.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$285,000
Land Acquisition

**Tenaflly Nature Center Association
Pfister's Pond Restoration Project**

Tenaflly Nature Center is proposing to improve the Tenaflly Nature Center, located at 313 Hudson Avenue in Tenaflly. Proposed improvements include shoreline and streambank restoration, installation of riparian buffer and floating wetland islands, and the repair and reconstruction of the Main Trail to make it ADA-compliant. Improving the trail also will make the pond area accessible to all visitors. These improvements will lead to the restoration of the littoral zone using native plants which will mitigate against potential shoreline damage, improve biodiversity, and increase opportunities for recreation and education.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$121,000
Stewardship Project**

**The Nature Conservancy
Priority Area Acquisition**

The Nature Conservancy seeks to acquire land in several active project areas throughout New Jersey for the preservation of lands that support habitat connectivity and climate resilience. TNC is primarily protecting land in our 96,000-acre Bobcat Alley project area in Sussex and Warren Counties, building a protected wildlife corridor that provides state-endangered bobcats and other wildlife space to move between the Kittatinny and Highlands ridges within New Jersey's Appalachian Mountains. This connection is critical for safeguarding a habitat stronghold in our small and heavily populated state, which is under constant pressure of landscape fragmentation from roads and development. Bobcat Alley is of outsized importance on a continental level, as a migratory pinch point along the Appalachians that connects forested migratory routes between Central and Northern sections of the range.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Land Acquisition**

**The Watershed Institute
Watershed Connectors**

The Watershed Institute's acquisition program is designed to create stream corridor protection areas along the Stony Brook, connecting Hopewell Township and Hopewell Borough, Pennington Borough and the Municipality of Princeton as part of The Watershed Institute's Reserve properties. The greenway linkages will follow along the Mount Rose/Princeton Ridge to the Stony Brook and then to Mercer County's Curlis Lake Woods, Rosedale Park and Mercer County Park Northwest. The acquisitions will also become part of a connector trail between the Sourland Mountains and Princeton and Washington Crossing State Parks. Lands targeted for acquisition are a mixture of forests and fields, wetlands, and the stream corridor and the valley of the Stony Brook and the Mount Rose/Princeton Ridge.

**50% Matching Grant Award: \$140,000
Land Acquisition**

**The Watershed Institute
Wargo Pond Restoration**

The Watershed Institute seeks to restore Wargo Pond and the area surrounding the pond, located at Wargo Road and Titus Mill Road in Hopewell Township. The project includes dredging of the pond, returning it to its original depth to provide better habitat and restore wetland habitat along the pond's edge. On the western side of the pond, the stream bank will be restored and the shoreline will be

stabilized. A shelf will be built to facilitate planting of roughly 4800 aquatic plants encompassing nearly an acre. An ADA-compliant observation platform with interpretive signage will be constructed for nature study and to raise awareness about wetlands habitat. Additionally, invasive species will be removed and native shrubs, understory trees, and canopy trees will be planted to revitalize the surrounding pond habitat.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$475,000
Stewardship Project

Trust For Public Land

Multi Park Improvements

Trust for Public Land (TPL) continues to partner with Newark City to improve parks and provide additional recreational opportunities to the City's residents. TPL and the City constructed a multi-purpose synthetic turf athletic field at Jesse Allen Park for a 3rd phase of improvements, which also is being funded with a National Park Service, Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program grant. Next, TPL and the City will renovate Broadway Park, located between Broadway and Oraton Street. Broadway Park is adjacent to Luis Munoz Marin Elementary School, where TPL is partnering with Newark Public Schools to renovate the schoolyard in conjunction with the Broadway Park renovations. The project is located in an Urban Aid municipality, in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Park Development

Zoological Society of New Jersey

Turtle Back Zoo Australian Exhibit & Playground

The Zoological Society of New Jersey has requested funding to improve the Australian Outback Exhibit and the Prehistoric Playground at the Turtle Back Zoo, located at 560 Northfield Ave in West Orange. This project will be done in cooperation with the Essex County Parks Foundation. Proposed improvements include restoring the wallaby exhibit and creating a new Tree Kangaroo/Palm Cockatoo exhibit. The nonprofit also proposes renovation of the Zoo's popular playground and walkway improvements. New habitats and enclosures for wallabies, tree kangaroos, and palm cockatoos will allow for improved access for husbandry staff and improved viewing areas for the public, and new playground equipment and surfacing will provide a safe and fun play area for visiting families. The project is located in/easily accessible from an Adversely Stressed Overburdened Community.

50% Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Park Development

APPENDIX 1

URBAN AID MUNICIPALITIES LIST

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

*Meet criteria by budget language

APPENDIX 2

DENSELY AND HIGHLY POPULATED MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES LIST

Atlantic

Egg Harbor Township
Galloway Township
Ventnor City

Bergen

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

Burlington

Evesham Township
Mount Laurel Township
Riverside Township

Camden

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

Essex

Caldwell Borough

Glen Ridge Borough
Maplewood Township
South Orange Village Township
West Orange Township

Gloucester

Washington Township

Hudson

East Newark Borough
Guttenburg Town

Mercer

Ewing Township
Hamilton Township

Middlesex

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

Monmouth

Belmar Borough
Bradley Beach Borough
Freehold Borough
Freehold Township
Highlands Borough
Howell Township
Keansburg Borough
Keyport Borough
Lake Como Borough
Manalapan Township
Marlboro Township
Middletown Township
Red Bank Borough
Shrewsbury Township

Morris

Dover Town

Morristown Town
Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.
Victory Gardens Borough

Ocean

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

Passaic

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

Somerset

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

Union

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

Densely Populated Counties

Essex
Hudson
Union

Highly Populated Counties

Bergen
Camden
Mercer
Middlesex
Monmouth
Morris
Passaic

APPENDIX 3

LOCAL FUNDING FORMULA

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

County sponsors:

- 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. For the 2023 funding round, the base award is \$700,000 for acquisition and park development, and stewardship projects.

Project award caps are:

COUNTY SPONSOR	PROJECT CAP
Densely Populated	\$2,100,000
Highly Populated	\$1,750,000
Remaining counties	\$1,400,000
MUNICIPAL SPONSOR	PROJECT CAP
Urban Aid	\$1,400,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$1,050,000
Remaining municipalities	\$ 700,000

Nonprofit Awards

Most nonprofit organizations will receive a \$500,000 matching grant award (or the requested amount, if lower) for land acquisition, park development, or stewardship projects. Nonprofit organizations that successfully acquire land statewide or throughout several regions will receive \$1,000,000 for their broader acquisition efforts.