

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

LOCAL AND NONPROFIT ASSISTANCE FUNDING

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

2025

**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

In 2025, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Green Acres Program will invest more than \$114 million in funding to 110 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 project approvals recommended to the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) includes:

- \$22.4 million for 24 local (municipal and county) land acquisition projects,
- \$47.7 million for 44 local developments of parks and recreational facilities,
- \$28.2 million for 40 local developments of Completely Inclusive Playgrounds,
- \$4.2 million for 7 local stewardship projects,
- \$8.3 million for 8 acquisition projects by nonprofit organizations,
- \$2.1 million for 2 nonprofit recreational development, and
- \$1.5 million for 4 nonprofit stewardship projects.

In addition, Green Acres is establishing a Planning Grant program that will provide matching grants to local governments and nonprofits to prepare a variety of plans and activities that will identify needs and opportunities for additional recreation and conservation initiatives across New Jersey. The initial request for GSPT approval is:

- \$3 million for local governments
- \$1 million for nonprofits

The \$118 million in Green Acres 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 726,000 acres of open space and provided hundreds of outdoor recreational facilities in communities around the state. The total acreage of protected open space, parkland, and farmland across New Jersey exceeds 1.5 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 Overburdened Communities subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors, those communities that experience a greater than average load of environmental and public health stressors. Over 55% of all awards are for projects located in or easily accessible (within a ¼ mile) from Overburdened Communities subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

This funding round, Green Acres held the third and final round of the pilot program introduced in 2023 to fund the construction of Completely Inclusive Playgrounds, building on Jake’s Law regulations promulgated by the Department of Community Affairs. Funding was made available to counties and municipalities, which were invited to submit accessible playground applications for non-competitive 75% grants. Forty eligible 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 grants and 30-year loans to assist local governments in the acquisition of open space for recreation and conservation purposes. *For the first time, all Green Acres loans will be offered at zero-percent interest, rather than at low-interest, in an effort to reduce the financial impact on local government applicants.* In this funding round, \$22.4 million in grants and loans is being approved for 24 local (county and municipal) land acquisition projects across the State. Funds were made available for projects in several categories:

- **Urban Aid Acquisitions:** Urban Aid acquisition projects are eligible for a 75% grant and a 25% loan, up to the funding round cap. (The list of Urban Aid municipalities is attached as Appendix 3.)
- **Planning Incentive Acquisitions:** This category is for local governments that have passed and are collecting 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 and are collecting 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 zero percent interest loan, up to the established cap. These applications are for a specific parcel.
- **Acquisitions Located in an Overburdened Community Subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors:** Projects located in or easily accessible from (less than ¼ mile away with no barriers to pedestrian access) Overburdened Communities Subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors are eligible for higher grant percentages than those described above. Such projects *located in* a Standard Municipality or 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.

Local Recreational Facilities Development Projects

Green Acres provides grants and 20-year loans to assist local governments in the development of land for conservation purposes and to meet diverse recreation needs. *Again, for the first time, all loans will be offered at zero-percent interest, rather than low-interest.* To meet New Jerseyans' needs, Green Acres funds different types of parks in a variety of settings. This round of projects includes \$47.7 million in grants and loans for 44 local (county and municipal) recreational park development projects in urban, suburban or rural areas across the state.

- **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%, with a provision to increase it to 100% for special needs or circumstances. These projects are eligible for the balance as a 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 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 5,000 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 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 loan funding up to the funding round cap.
- **Park Development Project Located in an Overburdened Community Subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors:** Projects located in or easily accessible from (less than ¼ mile away with no barriers to pedestrian access) Overburdened Communities Subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors are eligible for higher grant percentages:
 1. Projects located in a Standard municipality are eligible for 25% matching grant funding. These projects are also eligible for Green Acres loan funding.
 2. 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. Projects sponsored by a Densely Populated County, located in a municipality that is not an Urban Aid Municipality, are eligible for 75% matching grant funding. These projects are also eligible for Green Acres loan funding.
 4. Projects located in an Urban Aid Municipality are eligible for 100% grant funding.

Completely Inclusive Playgrounds (Jake's Law)

The Green Acres Completely Inclusive Playgrounds Pilot Program provides 75% matching grant funding to municipal and county governments for construction of Completely Inclusive Playgrounds, in compliance with standards set in the Department of Community Affairs' regulations (N.J.A.C. 5:23-7.19, 7.31, 11.2, and 11.4)) developed pursuant to Jake's Law (P.L. 2018, C. 104). Interest-free loan funding up to the funding round cap is also available. Over \$27.2 million in matching grants are being awarded this round to 40 local governments in 14 counties across New Jersey.

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, in Densely Populated counties, or for projects that primarily serve residents of those populated communities.

This year, approximately \$8.3 million is being awarded to 8 nonprofit organizations for land acquisition projects. Four nonprofits are receiving more than \$2.1 million for 2 park development projects.

Stewardship Projects – Local and Nonprofit

The Preserve New Jersey Act established a 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 \$4.2 million for 7 local stewardship projects and \$1.5 million for 4 nonprofit stewardship projects.

Appendix 3 describes the funding formula used to determine awards.

Planning Grants

For the first time, Green Acres is requesting GSPT approval of \$3 million in local funds and \$1 million in nonprofit funds for matching grants for open space and recreation planning activities statewide. The DEP recently completed its comprehensive *Outside, Together!* planning initiative which resulted in New Jersey’s updated Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Green Acres’ proposed Planning Grant program will allow local governments and nonprofit organizations to embark on their own planning efforts, identifying their open space and recreation goals as well as ways to achieve them. Green Acres is developing specific applications, guidelines, and funding parameters for the Planning Grant program and will issue a call for applications in 2025. There will not be a specific application deadline; applications will be rolling and non-competitive.

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

LOCAL LAND ACQUISITION, PARK DEVELOPMENT, AND STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

Atlantic County

Atlantic City

Dolphin Field Improvements

Atlantic City has requested funding for improvements to Dolphin Field (also known as Shellum Royal Field), located at the intersection of Ohio and Kuehnle Avenues. Proposed improvements include renovation of the existing synthetic turf field including new goal posts, scoreboard, ADA accessibility improvements, fencing, renovations to the concession stand/locker room, irrigation, and landscaping. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,330,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

Brigantine City

East Shore Drive Inclusive Playground

Brigantine City is proposing to convert the existing East Shore Drive Playground, located on East Shore Drive, into a Completely Inclusive Playground. Proposed improvements include a safety surface, various playground components that are completely inclusive, accessible picnic tables, a sensory wave wall, fencing and walkways. These improvements will welcome children of all abilities, ensuring everyone can play, learn, and grow together.

Loan Award: \$184,500

Matching Grant Award: \$565,500

Total Award: \$750,000

Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Egg Harbor Township

Veteran's Memorial Park Improvements – Phase I

Egg Harbor Township is proposing improvements to Veteran's Memorial Park, located on Ocean Heights Avenue. Proposed improvements include a reconstructed natural turf football field, irrigation system, field drainage, fencing, and parking lot lighting. These improvements will increase site safety, efficiency of use, and accessibility.

Matching Grant Award: \$139,000

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Hamilton Township

Liepe Recreation Complex

Hamilton Township proposes expanding 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 parking lot along with lighting.

Loan Award: \$1,000,000
Park Development

Hammonton Town

Jake's Law Playground at Hammonton Lake Park

Hammonton Town has requested funding to enhance an existing playground through the installation of a Completely Inclusive Playground at Hammonton Lake Park, located at Park Avenue. Proposed improvements include new fully inclusive play structures, safety surfacing, shade structures, seating areas, fencing, an extensive network of ADA-compliant pathways, and rehabilitation of the existing restroom. This project will ensure that children with physical, cognitive, and sensory disabilities can fully participate in recreational activities alongside their peers. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$745,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Somers Point City

Bike Path Improvements

Somers Point City has requested funding for improvements to the Somers Point Bike Path, which runs from Groveland Avenue to Ocean Heights Avenue. Proposed improvements include bench improvements, installation of outdoor fitness stations and interpretive signage, rehabilitation of shelters, and landscaping. The Somers Point Bike Path is a major connector within the city and to other destinations to the north, east, and south, so these improvements will serve a wide area. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Loan Award: \$256,500
Matching Grant Award: \$ 85,500
Total Award: \$342,000
Park Development

Somers Point City

JFK Park Inclusive Playground

Somers Point City has requested funding to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at JFK Park, located at 50 Broadway. Proposed improvements include wheelchair swings, braille signage, sensory elements, sensory bins, adaptive see-saws, rockers, poured-in-place rubber surfaces, shaded areas, fencing and picnic benches. These improvements will ensure that the City has its first and only inclusive playground for the use of its residents and visitors.

Loan Award: \$105,750
Matching Grant Award: \$317,250
Total Award: \$423,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Bergen County

Bergen County

Pascack Brook County Park CIP

Bergen County is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Pascack Brook County Park, located at Emerson Road & Kaufman Drive in Westwood Borough. Proposed improvements include installation of accessible playground equipment, safety surfacing, fencing, landscaping and other playground appurtenances. The County also proposes accessible bathroom upgrades to support the playground. These improvements will provide accessible and inclusive play opportunities for all abilities. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Bergen County

Riverside County Park South

Bergen County is proposing 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 footpath 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. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$2,500,000

Park Development

Highly Populated County

Bergenfield Borough

Twin Boro Park Improvements Project – Phase 3

Bergenfield Borough is proposing a third phase of improvements to Twin Borough Park, located on Twin Borough Lane. Proposed improvements for this phase include installation of three pickleball courts, a park pavilion, two volleyball courts, and fencing. The Borough also proposes a new parking lot and the installation of parking lot lighting at the site. These improvements will improve upon existing facilities and expand the recreational offerings at Twin Boro Field. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors. Urban Parks Grant rollover request.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$673,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

East Rutherford Borough

Anthony Gallo Park

East Rutherford Borough has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Anthony Gallo Park, also known as Grove Street Park, located at Grove Street and Mozart Street. Proposed improvements include the installation of new playground equipment, safety surfacing, and fencing. These improvements will provide a free, public, and inclusive recreation space to East Rutherford's diverse

population. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$544,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Fort Lee Borough

Constitution Park Playground Improvements Project

Fort Lee Borough is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Constitution Park, located on Fletcher Avenue. Proposed improvements include installation of accessible playground equipment, safety surfacing, fencing, and other playground appurtenances. These improvements will ensure children of all abilities living in or visiting the Borough have equitable access to recreational facilities. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$693,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Franklin Lakes Borough

Pulis Avenue Jake's Law Playground

Franklin Lakes Borough has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Pulis Avenue Park, located on Vichiconti Way. Proposed improvements include inclusive playground equipment, fencing, a shade structure, benches, and ADA-compliant walkways and surfacing. These improvements will enable the Borough to provide accessible recreation to its residents.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Garfield City

Garden Court East Park Project

Garfield City is proposing to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Garden Court East Park, located on Garden Court East. Proposed improvements include installation of completely inclusive playground equipment, safety surfacing, a walkway, fencing and other playground appurtenances. These improvements will provide an accessible, interactive play environment for children of all abilities who visit the park. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$496,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

**Garfield City
Columbus Park Improvements**

Garfield City is planning 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 paths for biking, walking, and jogging. Parking and access drive improvements, stormwater management facilities, lighting, landscaping, and a restroom building are also proposed. This project provides recreation for an Overburdened Community with Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$2,000,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**Hackensack City
Foschini Park Improvements**

The City of Hackensack is proposing improvements to Foschini Park, located at River Street. The City plans to rehabilitate Field #8, a baseball field that is ringed by East Camden Street. Proposed improvements include installation of a synthetic turf field. Field amenities, fencing, and lighting will be installed, and stormwater management improvements will be added to address flooding issues at the site. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,152,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

**New Milford Borough
Williams Field Lighting**

New Milford Borough is proposing to improve Williams Field Park, located at 200 Dahlia Drive. Proposed improvements include new field lighting fixtures. These improvements will improve the visibility on the field after sundown, which serves to heighten security as well as improve the park's overall usability. These improvements will strengthen the scheduling options for use of the space while simultaneously contributing to overall safety.

Matching Grant Award: \$148,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

**Rutherford Borough
Tamblyn Together**

Rutherford Borough has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Tamblyn Together Play Park, located at 30 Woodland Avenue. Proposed improvements include demolition, relocation, and installation of the playground. The new inclusive playground will include unitary surfacing, quiet and shaded spaces, water bottle fillers, ramps, and graded pathways. The Borough also proposes connecting the play area to the existing Civic Center to maximize accessibility for all users. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$536,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Teaneck Township

Argonne Park Restroom & Splash Pad Improvements

Teaneck Township is proposing improvements to Argonne Park, located on Aspen Terrace. Proposed improvements include a splash pad and a prefabricated family restroom facility. The Township also proposes a walkway, fencing, benches and other park appurtenances. The splash pad will attract more visitors and encourage residents to use the facilities at Argonne Park, especially in the summer months. The restrooms ensure convenient access for visitors and allow residents to enjoy the park for longer periods of time. This will be especially beneficial to families with young children who frequent the park. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$375,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Teaneck Township

Votee Park Inclusive Playground Improvements

Teaneck Township is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Votee Park, located on Colonial Court. Proposed improvements include new inclusive playground equipment with shade structures, safety surfacing, fencing, and other playground amenities. These improvements will increase accessibility to the highest quality of inclusive recreational opportunities within Teaneck and help ensure the safety of park users. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

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

Burlington County

Burlington City

6th Street Park Improvements

Burlington City is proposing improvements to 6th Street Park, located at the intersection of Walnut Street & W 6th Street. Proposed improvements include two new play areas serving children ages 2-12, resurfacing the basketball court and adding bleachers, addition of two pickleball courts, woodland picnic area, and community green among other amenities. The City also proposes benches, picnic tables, fences, underdrain system, landscaping, and walkway rehabilitation at the site. These improvements will create a more enjoyable and secure space for the community because the park’s outdated play equipment and worn walkways not only diminish its appeal but also pose safety concerns, making necessary improvements essential. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Loan Award: \$716,250
Matching Grant Award: \$238,750
Total Award: \$955,000
Park Development

Burlington Township
Amenity Expansions at Green Acres II

Burlington Township has requested funding to improve the Green Acres II recreation site, located on Old York Road. Proposed improvements include replacement of the playground equipment serving ages 5-12, and installation of a new outdoor exercise circuit area for adults. The Township also proposes installation of a new restroom, storage, and concessions building at the site. These improvements will provide active recreation opportunities and address local recreation needs by expanding the park’s usefulness to all ages. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Loan Award: \$ 714,750
Matching Grant Award: \$ 285,250
Total Award: \$1,000,000
Park Development

Maple Shade Township
Improvements to Buttonwood Park

Maple Shade Township has requested funding to replace the existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Buttonwood Park, located on Buttonwood Avenue. Proposed improvements include a new playground system with sensory play areas, protective surfacing to support the new playground, and four in-ground benches. The Township also proposes a connective walkway, fencing, and new handicap parking. These improvements will help to promote a healthier lifestyle for the surrounding community and to allow multiple ages and abilities to use the park for recreational activities.

Loan Award: \$ 9,750
Matching Grant Award: \$740,250
Total Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake’s Law)

Moorestown Township
Full Throttle IP at Wesley Bishop Park

Moorestown Township has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Wesley Bishop Park, located on North Church Street. Proposed improvements include installation of new playground equipment with unified surfacing, installation of fencing, and creation of ADA-compliant connective pathways. The Township also proposes creation of a family assisted-use restroom in an existing adjacent building and installation of signage and site furnishings. These improvements will allow families with children of different abilities and interests to have all of their recreational needs met in one outdoor facility, as the location of the project is within a larger and very active park.

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

Camden County

Camden County

New Camden Park Playground

Camden County is proposing to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at New Camden Park, located at Pine Street and Wildwood Avenue in Camden City. Proposed improvements include installation of new inclusive playground equipment, seating, and a walkway to connect the playground to existing walking paths in the park. These improvements will provide upgrades to the park's recreational facilities and encourage healthier lifestyles within the community. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$883,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Gloucester Township

Jake's Law Playground Valleybrook Complex

Gloucester Township is proposing to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Valleybrook Sports Complex, located on Little Gloucester Road. Proposed improvements include installation of inclusive playground equipment and expansion of ADA walkways. The Township also proposes sustainable landscaping improvements to support the playground. This project will revitalize the area by transforming the current partially accessible, aging, and underutilized space into a dynamic, fully inclusive recreational facility. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Loan Award: \$187,500
Matching Grant Award: \$562,500
Total Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Pennsauken Township

Stockton Park Improvements

Pennsauken Township is proposing improvements to Stockton Park, located at Stockton Avenue and Union Ave. Proposed improvements include a new inclusive playground and sensory play area. Additional improvements include a multi-use path and outdoor fitness equipment. These improvements to the park's recreational facilities will help to promote a healthier lifestyle for the surrounding community and to allow multiple age groups to use the park for recreational activities. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$770,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Cape May County

Lower Township

Jake's Law Playground at Rotary Park

Lower Township is proposing to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Rotary Park, located at Bayshore Road. Proposed improvements include an inclusive swing area, a shade sail over a sensory play area, poured rubber safety surface, an open sitting area, a theme play area, picnic tables, fencing, site lighting, walkway improvements, and installation of a family assisted restroom building. These upgrades will help ensure that Rotary Park becomes a model of inclusivity and accessibility in public recreational spaces.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000

Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Stone Harbor Borough

82nd St. Jakes Law Playground

Stone Harbor Borough proposes converting the existing playground to a Completely Inclusive Playground at 82nd Street Recreational Complex, located on Second Avenue. Proposed improvements include removal of an existing playground and shed and installation of a play surface, inclusive playground equipment, fencing, shade structures, benches, and picnic tables. Finally, at the Borough's expense, they will construct a new bathroom facility to include a family assisted room.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000

Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Cumberland County

Vineland City

Romano Complex Improvements

The City of Vineland proposes continued 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. This park benefits an Overburdened Community with Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,313,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

Essex County

Essex County

Irvington Park Improvements

Essex County has requested funding to improve Irvington Park, located at Grove Street and Lyons Avenue in the Township of Irvington. Proposed improvements include the replacement of existing ballfield dugouts, backstop, bleachers and bases. The County also proposes installation of soccer field lighting, replacement of existing fencing and gates, drainage improvements, landscaping, irrigation, and park appurtenances. These improvements will replace old, worn, and weathered facilities with new and safe equipment. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$1,916,000

Park Development

Densely Populated County

Belleville Township

Municipal Stadium Grandstand Improvements

The Township of Belleville has requested funding to improve Belleville Municipal Stadium, located on Nolton Street. Proposed improvements include structural and accessibility renovations to grandstands and restrooms, reconstruction of concrete stands for wheelchair accessibility, and concession stands. These improvements will ensure residents and visitors of all abilities can utilize this important community asset. This park benefits an Overburdened Community with Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$680,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

Bloomfield Township

Third River Park and Preserve

Bloomfield Township seeks additional Green Acres assistance towards the acquisition of a 12.7-acre property located along the Third River and Spring Brook and accessed by Lion's Gate Drive. The site, which was used historically for manufacturing, is situated in a highly developed area. The Township has acquired the site and restored the flood plain and associated wetlands, creating flood storage area and wildlife habitat. Passive and active recreation facilities have also been added. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$2,000,000

Land Acquisition

Urban Aid Municipality

East Orange City

Oval Park Improvements

The City of East Orange proposes improvements to Oval Park, located between Grove Place and Eaton Place. Park renovations will include installation of a multi-sport synthetic turf field, construction of a four-lane rubberized track that encircles the field, pavilion shade structure, resurfacing the two basketball courts, perimeter walking path, adding spectator seating, grading, drainage, lighting, and landscaping. The proposed improvements will make Oval Park more inviting and encourage more residents to visit this centrally located

park. This project is located within an Overburdened Community (Minority and Low-Income).

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$2,000,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

Montclair Township

Mountainside Park Improvements

The Township of Montclair has requested funding to improve Mountainside Park, located on Upper Mountain Avenue. Proposed improvements include rehabilitation of seven tennis courts and a basketball court. The Township also proposes rehabilitation of public restrooms, benches, fencing, drainage, walkways, and park appurtenances at the site. These improvements will enhance safety and improve the accessibility of the park's recreational facilities.

Loan Award: \$ 467,000

Matching Grant Award: \$1,400,000

Total Award: \$1,867,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

Nutley Township

Father Glotzbach Park Inclusive Playground

Nutley Township has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Father Glotzbach Park, located on Park Avenue. Proposed improvements include the installation of inclusive playground equipment, including adaptive swings, tactile play panels, and musical elements, and rubberized safety surfacing. The Township also proposes pathway improvements, perimeter fencing, shade structures, and benches to support the playground. These improvements will revitalize Father Glotzbach Park, implement critical safety improvements, and introduce inclusive design features that cater to diverse physical, sensory, and cognitive needs. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$403,000

Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

West Caldwell Township

Grover Cleveland Field Improvements

West Caldwell Township has requested funding to improve Grover Cleveland Field, located at 36 Academy Road in Caldwell Borough. The field is owned by the Caldwell-West Caldwell Public School District. Proposed improvements include replacing the existing field with a synthetic turf baseball field, new backstop and scoreboard, rehabilitated asphalt access driveway, fencing, bases, and associated grading, drainage, and utility improvements. The Township also proposes a new soccer goal system, dugouts, batting tunnels, lighting, and a new field house at the site. These improvements will allow for substantially increased usage of the field, while lowering current maintenance costs. Once funded, the site will be open to the public for use outside of school hours. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$1,500,000

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

**West Orange Township
Colgate Park Playground**

West Orange Township has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Colgate Park, located at Cherry Street and Franklin Avenue. Proposed improvements include the installation of multiple play components including access boards, ramps, and transfer stations, and a poured-in-place rubber safety surface. The Township also proposes benches and landscaping with pollinator plants. These improvements will replace outdated and inaccessible equipment and provide an interactive environment for children of all abilities. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

**Matching Grant Award: \$503,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)**

**West Orange Township
Vincent's Pond Improvements**

West Orange Township is proposing improvements to Degnan Park, located on Pleasant Valley Way. Proposed improvements include dredging Vincent Pond to restore depth and improve water quality, pond shoreline stabilization, and planting native vegetation. The Township also proposes installation of interpretive signage at the site. These improvements will enhance aquatic habitat and biological function of the pond, prevent erosion, and promote environmental awareness within the community. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

**Matching Grant Award: \$906,000
Stewardship Project**

Gloucester County

**Greenwich Township
Memorial Park Improvements**

The Township of Greenwich is proposing improvements to Memorial Avenue Park, located at 1201 Memorial Avenue. Proposed improvements include playground facilities, an amphitheater, a restroom/storage building, parking lot, asphalt paths, new benches, trash receptacles, lighting, and security cameras. These multiple improvements will create new recreational facilities to enhance public enjoyment and use of the property.

**Loan Award: \$1,000,000
Park Development**

Monroe Township

Amphitheater at Owens Memorial Park

Monroe Township is proposing improvements to Owens Memorial Park, located at Tuckahoe Road. Proposed improvements include construction of an amphitheater with site lighting and electrical work, circulation paths, fencing, and a parking area. These improvements will enhance the recreational activities available at this popular facility.

Matching Grant Award: \$1,302,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

Woolwich Township

Locke Ave Park Improvement Project

Woolwich Township is proposing a phased active recreational development project on existing open space parcels located off Locke Avenue. This project will include multi-purpose fields, parking lots, multi-use paths connecting to the existing Locke Ave Park along with a concession stand/comfort station and a covered outdoor seating area. The proposed improvements will support an optimal recreational environment for the increasing residential population.

Loan Award: \$1,000,000

Park Development

Hudson County

Hudson County

James J. Braddock Park Nature Trail

Hudson County is proposing improvements to James J. Braddock Park, near the intersection of Bergenline Avenue and JFK Boulevard East in North Bergen Township. Proposed improvements include a walking trail with lighting, observation platforms, interpretive signage, and seating. The County also proposes removal of invasive species and plantings of native species, as well as an access driveway, Wi-Fi, and an emergency call system at the site. These improvements will open this part of the park up to the public and link the area northwest of the site with the waterfront parks to the southeast, while at the same time protecting and revitalizing this natural area. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$2,099,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

Bayonne City

Improvements to North Street Park

Bayonne City is proposing to replace the existing playground structure at North Street Mini Park, located at North Street. Proposed improvements include a new 5 -12 Completely Inclusive Playground structure including installation of a new bonded rubber safety surfacing, brick paver patio, spray park features, fencing, decorative benches, and tables. These new features will be designed to meet requirements for a Completely Inclusive

Playground as outlined by the NJ Department of Community Affairs. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$534,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Bayonne City

Veterans Park Shoreline Restoration & Resiliency

Bayonne City has requested funding to improve Veterans Park, located between 25th Street and 27th Street. Proposed improvements include shoreline stabilization through the construction of a retaining wall with stone revetment, dock/pier reconstruction, outdoor exercise equipment, walkways, lighting, benches, and a shade structure. Once completed, the project will connect to a recently constructed, Green Acres-funded waterfront park that adjoins the project to the south and will enhance visual public access to the Newark Bay Waterfront. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors. Urban Parks Grant rollover request.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$605,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hoboken City

800 Monroe Resiliency Park Project

Hoboken City has requested funding to improve 800 Monroe Resiliency Park, located at 800 Monroe Street. Proposed improvements include tennis courts, walking paths, climbing structures, fitness equipment, a lawn area, benches, splash pad, gardens, shade structures, and dog runs. The City also proposes flood resilience measures at the site, including subsurface HDPE pipes, rain gardens, and porous paving. These improvements will transform a vacant site into a dynamic and resilient park, addressing the evolving recreational needs of the community while enhancing flood resilience and environmental sustainability. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$500,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Hoboken City

Tom Olivieri Park Improvement Project

Hoboken City is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Tom Olivieri Park, located at 1225 Willow Avenue. Proposed improvements include accessible playground equipment with sensory features, a splash pad, a prefabricated restroom facility, fencing, landscaping and other playground area appurtenances. These improvements will create an inclusive interactive play space that accommodates visitors of all abilities. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Secaucus Town

Schmidt's Woods Park Inclusive Playground

Secaucus Town has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Schmidt's Woods Park, located at 26 Millridge Road. Proposed improvements include installation of new inclusive playground equipment, picnic tables, and park appurtenances. These improvements will meet a great need for a Completely Inclusive Playground in the Town's northern section and ensure the park is accessible for all the area's children. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$630,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Union City

Ellsworth Park Improvements

Union City is proposing improvements to Ellsworth Park, located at the intersections of Palisade Avenue, New York Avenue, 23rd Street, and 24th Street. Proposed improvements include drainage upgrades, regrading of low-lying areas, installation of a new irrigation system, new pavers, curbing, fencing, landscaping, playground resurfacing, playground fencing, and a decorative fountain. The City also proposes site furnishings, including benches and lighting. These improvements will provide improved active play areas for visitors. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors. Urban Parks Grant rollover request.

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

Weehawken Township

Waterfront Multi-Use Pavilion II

The Township of Weehawken is expanding the development of its waterfront recreational park. This phase includes the installation of a multi-use ice rink with an interchangeable surface to allow for basketball in the summer months, a pavilion and support building, a great lawn, a basketball court, and half tennis court. The rink pavilion will have an open-air roof structure to shield the ice from sun but allow for scenic views and fresh air. Bleacher-style seating and restrooms will also be provided. Previously approved facilities in this project include shoreline stabilization, a walkway, installation of a pedestrian bridge, and pools and a spray park. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$2,000,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Mercer County

Mercer County

Rosedale Lake Restoration and Enhancement

Mercer County is proposing to improve Rosedale Park, located at 424 Federal City Road in Hopewell Township. Proposed improvements include shoreline stabilization, wetland restoration, vegetative buffer

implementation and invasive species management. The County also proposes adding a floating wetland island and habitat enhancement at the site. These improvements will combat ongoing erosion, improve water filtration, address nutrient runoff contributing to HABs, restore ecological balance, and enhance habitat diversity.

Matching Grant Award: \$105,000
Stewardship Project

Mercer County

Rosedale Park Inclusive Playground

Mercer County is proposing to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Rosedale Park, located at 424 Federal City Highway in Hopewell Township. Proposed improvements include the installation of specialized playground equipment including accessible swings, sensory panels, musical chimes, and various climbers. The County also proposes ADA-compliant walking paths, resilient safety surfacing, shade areas with cantilever umbrellas, and ADA upgrades to the existing restroom facility. These improvements will accommodate various age groups and abilities with play structures for children 5-12.

Matching Grant Award: \$938,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

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. This project phase includes basketball court improvements, reconfigured softball fields, a trail system, lighting, benches, and bleachers. Additionally, there will be a skatepark, shade structure, bicycle polo area, street soccer area, tennis court improvements, volleyball court improvements, bridge renovations, a community meeting space, rest rooms, park appurtenances, invasive species removal and landscaping. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$2,000,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Trenton City

Inclusive Playground at Franklin Park

Trenton City requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Franklin Park, located at Franklin Street and Remsen Avenue. Proposed improvements include installation of an inclusive playground, ornamental fencing, and a pavilion with picnic tables. The City also proposes updating walkways to improve accessibility to the playground area. These improvements will restore the existing playground and expand accessibility for users in an underserved neighborhood. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Middlesex County

Carteret Borough

Carteret Park Inclusive Playground

Carteret Borough is proposing to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Carteret Park, located at Cypress Street and Carteret Avenue. Proposed improvements include installation of an inclusive playground equipment, a shade structure, perimeter fencing, and an accessible restroom to support the playground. The new playground will be fully accessible to children of all abilities, ensuring everyone can play and enjoy the space equally. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Edison Township

Angels Field Improvement Project

Edison Township is proposing improvements to Angels Field, located at Kilmer Road and Clif Prescod Lane. Proposed improvements include three natural turf soccer fields, walkways, and a parking lot. The Township also proposes lighting and stormwater infrastructure at the site. These improvements will help the Township meet the community's growing demand for soccer facilities. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$1,050,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Middlesex Borough

Victor Crowell Park Stewardship Improvements

Middlesex Borough is proposing to improve Victor Crowell Park, located at the intersection of Willow Drive and Union Avenue. Proposed improvements include natural shoreline restoration of Lake Creighton, also known as the Duck Pond, as well as the addition of an accessible nature trail with natural-looking benches and interpretive signage. Plantings of native species are also planned. These improvements will address erosion issues that threaten the lake's ecological health, provide additional public access that minimizes impacts on natural areas, and enhance ecological resilience and habitat value. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$76,000
Stewardship Project

**North Brunswick Township
Sabella Park Field House**

North Brunswick Township has requested funding to improve Sabella Park, located at Cozzens Lane between Six Mile Run Creek and Sabella Park Drive. Proposed improvements include the replacement of the park's 1970's field house with a modern structure, which will include restrooms, a concessions area, and storage. The Township also proposes associated walkways and landscaping. The new field house will be built in a new location in the park to help alleviate flooding issues. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$832,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

**North Brunswick Township
Sabella Park Inclusive Playground**

North Brunswick Township is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Sabella Park, located at 1233 Cozzens Lane in North Brunswick Township. Proposed improvements include inclusive playground equipment and rubber safety surfacing. These improvements will create a safe playground in the Township that can be used by all residents regardless of their abilities. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$642,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

**Perth Amboy City
Truxton Park Inclusive Playground**

Perth Amboy City has requested funding to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Truxton Park, located on High Street. Proposed improvements include installation of new inclusive playground equipment, benches, and shade trees for resting areas. These improvements will improve accessibility for individuals with varying abilities, enhance residents' quality of life, and foster inclusive community engagement. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

**Perth Amboy City
Veteran Memorial Park Improvements**

Perth Amboy City proposes to improve the Veterans Memorial Youth League Complex, located on Dorothy Avenue. Proposed improvements include converting four grass baseball fields to synthetic turf multi-purpose fields for baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse. The City will also add an expanded patio and picnic area with a shade structure, sheltered dugouts, scoreboards, landscaping, fencing, stormwater management improvements, and a walking trail that will connect the Complex to the adjacent Willow Pond Park. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$2,000,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Sayreville Borough

Bailey Park Improvements

Sayreville Borough is proposing improvements to Bailey Park, located at South Minnisink Avenue and Cheesequake Road. Proposed improvements include addition of a comfort station and enhanced picnic area. The Borough also proposes parking lot improvements, improved walkways, entrance sign replacement, and landscaping at this site. These improvements will provide the opportunity to program an underutilized asset as a more passive space for immersion into nature. These improvements will also support the planned inclusive playground being requested through a Jake’s Law application by providing ADA parking and walkway connections. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$975,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Sayreville Borough

Bailey Park Inclusive Playground

Sayreville Borough is requesting funding to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Bailey Park, located at South Minnisink Avenue and Cheesequake Road. Proposed improvements include installation of completely inclusive playground equipment, benches, and decorative fencing. These improvements will help meet the growing demand for outdoor recreation in the Borough. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

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

South River Borough

Volunteer Memorial Park Inclusive Playground

South River Borough is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Volunteer Memorial Park, located at Bryan Street and Herbert Street. The Borough also proposes to include benches, tables, and shade structures to support the park. These improvements will renovate an existing park located in the middle of a residential neighborhood. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

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

Monmouth County

Fair Haven Borough

McCarter Park Inclusive Playground

Fair Haven Borough has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at McCarter Park, located on Willow Street. Proposed improvements include rehabilitation of existing walkways and access points to accessible parking and installation of unitary surfacing, inclusive playground equipment, fencing, and landscaping. These improvements will allow McCarter Park to continue to be a treasured space while expanding its ability to serve the entire community. The park is located across the street from Sickles Elementary School.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

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. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$872,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Neptune Township

Division Street Park Acquisition

Neptune Township is proposing to acquire a .09-acre property, located near Atkins Avenue and Division Street. Proposed future use of the site includes active and passive recreation. Preservation of this site will create an expansion of the Division Street Playground and Community Garden. The site will benefit an Overburdened Community with Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$86,000
Land Acquisition
Urban Aid Municipality

Red Bank Borough

Marine Park Playground Improvement

Red Bank Borough has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Marine Park, located at the intersection of Union Street and Wharf Avenue. Proposed improvements include installation of new playground equipment and unitary surfacing, as well as renovated bathrooms to include a family assisted restroom. These improvements will greatly bolster the active recreation offered at Marine Park, improve the park's appeal, and will allow individuals of all abilities to visit Marine Park and take part in the exciting recreation being offered.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Spring Lake Borough

Divine Park Inclusive Playground

Spring Lake Borough has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Divine Park, located at Passaic and Third Avenues. Proposed improvements include new playground equipment, unitary surfacing, pathways, benches, tables, and fencing. Development of an all-inclusive playground at Divine Park represents a transformative project that will establish the park as a fully accessible, family-friendly destination for the community.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Morris County

Dover Town

Waterworks Splash Water Park

Dover Town has requested funding to improve a portion of Waterworks Park, located off Princeton Avenue along the Rockaway River. Proposed improvements include the addition of a splash park, a new permeable concrete patio area with tables and benches, shade canopies, the installation of ADA improvements to access the splash park area, and safety enhancements for the existing playground area. The Town also proposes to install a permeable concrete walkway, additional parking and native species plantings. The proposed improvements will provide a regionally unique recreational feature and create a more vibrant, safe, and inclusive park. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$400,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

**Parsippany-Troy Hills Township
Kosut Tract Acquisition**

Parsippany-Troy Hills Township is seeking to acquire the Kosut tract, a 5.4-acre property on Knoll Road, surrounded by over 11 acres of existing Township open space. The project site is the final property to be secured for this project area. Once the property is acquired, the Township will pursue plans to conduct conservation activities and create a new township park.

**Matching Grant Award: \$382,000
Site Specific Incentive Acquisition**

Ocean County

**Beach Haven Borough
Together We Play**

Beach Haven Borough is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Nelson Avenue Park, 311 Nelson Avenue. Proposed improvements include installation of a Completely Inclusive Playground with inclusive equipment, rubber safety surfacing, ADA walkways, and landscaping. The Borough also proposes a picnic area with shading and renovations for a Family Assisted restroom to support the playground. These improvements will enhance the existing park, making it more inclusive and accessible to both residents and vacationers.

**Loan Award: \$105,750
Matching Grant Award: \$644,250
Total Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)**

**Brick Township
Windward Beach Playground Rehabilitation**

Brick Township is proposing improvements to Windward Beach Park, located at 265 Princeton Avenue. Proposed improvements include replacing safety surfacing at the existing playgrounds and installing interior connecting walkways. These improvements will enhance access to playground facilities for those who are physically disabled and connect existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities within the park.

**Matching Grant Award: \$405,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality**

Lavalette Borough

Chandler Park Jake's Law Improvements

Lavalette Borough is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Chandler Park, located on Baltimore Avenue. Proposed improvements include installation of accessible playground equipment with quiet play areas, shaded areas, accessible play surfacing and new fencing. These improvements will provide a safe and engaging space for children to play, promoting physical activity and social interaction, as well as bring in visitors from neighboring towns.

Loan Award: \$163,000
Matching Grant Award: \$489,000
Total Award: \$652,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Pine Beach Borough

Vista Park Inclusive Playground

Pine Beach Borough is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Vista Park, located on Buhler Court. Proposed improvements include accessible playground equipment with sensory features. The Borough also proposes ADA walkways, landscaping, and benches to support the playground. These improvements will create a new safe place for all to play, with locations out of the sun, quiet locations, low play areas, and elevated accessible play areas.

Loan Award: \$145,500
Matching Grant Award: \$604,500
Total Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Toms River Township

Clifton Avenue Park Inclusive Playground

Toms River Township has requested funding to create a Completely Inclusive Playground at Clinton Avenue Park, located at the intersection of Clifton Avenue and Batchelor Street. Proposed improvements include wheelchair swings, Braille signage, sensory elements including music, water and sand, sensory bins, adaptive see-saws, rockers for calming, bonded rubber surfacing, and fencing. The Township also proposes benches, parking improvements, and security lighting to support the playground. These improvements will welcome children of all abilities to play, learn and grow together.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

**Toms River Township
Deer Hollow Park Improvements**

Toms River Township has requested funding to improve Deer Hollow Park, located at Deer Lane. Proposed improvements include a new playground area, renovation of the existing basketball courts, and a walking path. These improvements will enhance the amenities at Deer Hollow Park so that the underutilized neighborhood park can serve the growing recreational needs of the community. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Loan Award: \$353,500
Matching Grant Award: \$353,500
Total Award: \$707,000
Park Development
Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Passaic County

**Passaic County
Weasel Brook Park Playground Replacement**

Passaic County has requested funding to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Weasel Brook Park, located at 794 Park Drive in Clifton. Proposed improvements include various play structures, ADA accessible paths, and safety fencing. These improvements will provide recreational and social opportunities for those most in need of enhanced amenities throughout the County. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$850,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

**Passaic County
Lambert Castle Historic Landscape Restoration II**

Passaic County is proposing a second phase of improvements to Lambert Castle's historic landscaping, located at 3 Valley Road, Paterson City. Proposed improvements include restoration of a granite retaining wall, garden balcony, walking paths, courtyard, landscaping, and steps. These improvements are all intended to restore the historic landscape surrounding Lambert Castle, necessary to enrich the visitor experience, support heritage tourism, and ensure the continued enjoyment of this iconic landmark by visitors. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$2,500,000
Stewardship Project
Urban Aid Municipality

Passaic County

Peckman Preserve Improvements

Passaic County is proposing improvements to Peckman Preserve, located at Wilmore Road in Little Falls Township. Proposed improvements include pathways, an outdoor classroom, art installations, boardwalk, and landscaping. The County also proposes a covered trailhead structure at the site. These improvements will provide pedestrian access for passive recreational opportunities for the local community, while preserving valuable natural resources.

Loan Award: \$1,875,000

Matching Grant Award: \$ 143,000

Total Award: \$2,018,000

Park Development

Highly Populated County

Little Falls Township

Amity Field Park Improvements

Little Falls Township has requested funding to improve Amity Park, near the corner of Amity Street and Haines Place. Proposed improvements include resurfacing existing tennis courts to create a multi-purpose sports court to accommodate a wider variety of sports, including badminton, pickleball, and roller hockey. The Township also proposes basketball court rehabilitation and fencing at the site. These improvements will provide space for a wider variety of activities and enhance safety at the park. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$84,000

Park Development

Passaic City

Third Ward Veterans Memorial Park Improvements

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. Urban Parks Grant rollover request. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$985,000

Park Development

Urban Aid Municipality

Salem County

Carneys Point Township Recreation Complex Improvements

Carneys Point Township is seeking additional funding to improve Carneys Point Recreation Complex. Proposed improvements include removal of an underutilized street hockey court, installation of two pavilions with amenities, rehabilitation of a restroom building, playground improvements, pedestrian walkways, lighting, and landscaping. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Loan Award: \$383,250
Matching Grant Award: \$127,750
Total Award: \$511,000
Park Development

Pennsville Township Riverview Beach Park Inclusive Playground

Pennsville Township is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Riverview Beach Park, located at 9 North Broadway. Proposed improvements include sensory and music boards, an inclusive whirl structure, adaptive swings, a large custom unit with wide ramps, a quiet rocker, a shade structure, and an adaptive see saw. The Township also proposes rubberized safety surfacing, fencing, and upgrades to the existing bathroom to include a family restroom. These improvements will enhance the existing public playground by creating an inclusive environment for all individuals regardless of their ability.

Matching Grant Award: \$750,000
Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

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, fencing, security lighting, replacement of the existing storage shed, installation of a pavilion, benches, picnic tables, trash receptacles and a playground. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Non-Matching Grant Award: \$573,000
Park Development
Urban Aid Municipality

Somerset County

Somerset County

Green Knoll Golf Course Hydro-raking

Somerset County is proposing improvements to Green Knoll Golf Course, located at 587 Garretson Road in Bridgewater Township. The County proposes hydro-raking a pond at the park to remove rooted vegetation and debris to restore the pond ecology and reduce algal blooms. This work will improve water capacity, enhance wildlife habitat, and improve the overall ecological health of the pond.

Matching Grant Award: \$174,000

Stewardship Project

North Plainfield Borough

Green Acres Park Inclusive Playground

North Plainfield Borough is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Green Acres Park, located at Rockview Terrace and Greenbrook Road. Proposed improvements include creating accessible play equipment, fencing, ADA walkways, a gazebo, benches and a quiet play area. The Borough also proposes installation of ADA parking to support the playground. These improvements will provide safe access to recreation to youth with all abilities in the neighborhood. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$435,000

Park Development

Densely/Highly Populated Municipality

Union County

Union County

Deserted Village Improvements

Union County is proposing improvements to the Deserted Village at Watchung Reservation, located at Glenside Avenue in Berkeley Heights. Proposed improvements include meadow restoration through removal of invasive trees and planting of meadow seeds, young trees, and shrubs, and historic landscape restoration along Cataract Hollow Road. These improvements will strengthen the ecological and historical value of Watchung Reservation. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$191,000

Stewardship Project

Union County

Improvements at Unami Park

Union County has requested funding to replace the existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Unami Park, located off of Hickory Avenue in Garwood Borough. Proposed improvements include features such as spinning, sliding, climbing, swinging, sensory activities and overhead elements. Additional components include sensory panels, rocking and bouncing equipment, balancing structures, crawl tunnels, bridges, ramps, and nature-inspired play areas. Improvements to the existing bathroom include a family or assisted-use toilet room, walkways, and fencing are also proposed.

Matching Grant Award: \$1,000,000

Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Union County

Improvements at Wheeler Spray Park

Union County has requested funding to improve Wheeler Spray Park, located at Simpson Avenue in Linden. Proposed improvements include replacement of spray park surfacing, fencing, creation of shade structures, repurposing the existing locker room space to accommodate a concession area, walkways, seating areas, and picnic tables. These improvements will elevate the park's role as a community hub, promoting social interaction and healthy outdoor recreation. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$1,575,000

Park Development

Densely Populated County

Linden City

Wilson Pond Restoration

Linden City is proposing improvements to Wilson Pond, which is located in Woodrow Wilson Memorial Park, located at Summitt Terrace. Proposed improvements include rehabilitating the pond with a series of vegetated sediment forebays, regrading the existing banks, and stabilizing the shoreline with vegetation and natural materials. These improvements will protect and enhance the ecological health of the pond. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$295,000

Stewardship Project

Linden City

George L. Milkosky Jake's Law Playground

Linden City is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at George L. Milkosky Park, located at Bedel Place. Proposed improvements include fully inclusive playground equipment such as swing sets, slides, platforms, ramps, climbers, rockers, shade structures, safety surfacing, inclusive fitness equipment, seating, and fencing. These improvements will help fill the significant need for recreation in the City and provide everyone with a safe, accessible facility. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$590,000

Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Plainfield City

Hannah Atkins Completely Inclusive Playground

Plainfield City is proposing to replace an existing playground with a Completely Inclusive Playground at Hannah Atkins Park, located at the intersection of Plainfield Avenue and West 3rd Street. Proposed improvements include construction of an enclosed rubberized play surface with an underdrain system, new play equipment, and a quiet play area. The City will incorporate into the playground play components that address physical, sensory, cognitive, social, imaginary and communication needs, new benches, shade structures, picnic tables that are wheelchair accessible, walkways, renovations to the existing bathroom, fencing, and landscaping. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$459,000

Completely Inclusive Playground (Jake's Law)

Warren County

Alpha Borough

Walking Trail Phase 1

Alpha Borough is proposing to construct a non-motorized walking and biking trail system through Alpha Park, located at 725 and 727 Vulcanite Avenue. The proposed improvement is an addition to the existing Alpha municipal park and will serve to enhance recreational walking and biking access to the park.

Loan Award: \$746,000

Park Development

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

Applicant	Project Name	County	Matching Grant Award
Burlington County	Planning Incentive	Burlington	\$150,000
Cherry Hill Township *	Planning Incentive Grant	Camden	\$1,025,000
Clementon Borough	Open Space Acquisition	Camden	\$342,000
Gloucester Township**	Open Space Acquisition	Camden	\$2,000,000
Livingston Township	Open Space Acquisition	Essex	\$362,000
Verona Township	Open Space Acquisition	Essex	\$1,000,000
West Orange Township *	Open Space Acquisition	Essex	\$1,500,000
Gloucester County	Open Space Plan	Gloucester	\$2,000,000
Readington Township	Greenway Incentive Plan	Hunterdon	\$1,000,000
Mercer County*	Planning Incentive	Mercer	\$825,000
West Windsor Township	Planning Incentive	Mercer	\$1,000,000
Monmouth County*	Planning Incentive Acquisition	Monmouth	\$2,500,000
Millstone Township	Planning Incentive	Monmouth	\$484,000
Denville Township	Open Space Acquisition	Morris	\$700,000
Madison Borough	Open Space Acquisition	Morris	\$1,000,000
Mendham Township	Open Space Acquisition	Morris	\$546,000
Point Pleasant Beach Boro	Open Space & Recreation Acquisition	Ocean	\$1,000,000
Somerset County*	County Open Space Acquisition	Somerset	\$295,000
Montgomery Township	Open Space Acquisition 5	Somerset	\$1,000,000
Warren County	Open Space Plan	Warren	\$665,000
Knowlton Township	Open Space Acquisition	Warren	\$565,000

* Densely or Highly Populated Municipality/County

** Urban Aid Municipality

NONPROFIT LAND ACQUISITION, PARK DEVELOPMENT, AND STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS

Essex County

Branch Brook Park Alliance

Branch Brook Park Improvements

Branch Brook Park Alliance has requested funding to improve Branch Brook Park, located at 340-700 Lake Street in Newark. Proposed improvements include basketball court rehabilitation and installation and improvement of park pathways. Branch Brook Park Alliance also proposes basketball court lighting upgrades, bathroom facility renovation, and installation of new fencing at the site. These improvements will improve accessibility, extend hours of use for the basketball courts, and enhance safety for park users. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$1,082,000

Park Development

Essex County Parks Foundation

Mills Reservation Improvements

Essex County Parks Foundation is proposing improvements to Mills Reservation, located at 99 Normal Avenue in Cedar Grove. Proposed improvements include rehabilitation of the park's entrance, construction of a new trail, restoration of existing trails, drainage upgrade work, installation of benches and bike racks, planting native trees and shrubs, and seeding and mulching the site. The Essex County Parks Foundation also proposes fencing, brick pavers, and safety enhancements. These improvements will make the park more accessible and user-friendly, while preserving its natural habitat.

Matching Grant Award: \$1,051,000

Park Development

Hunterdon County

Woodland Wildlife Refuge, Inc

Preserving a Wildlife Heritage

Woodland Wildlife Refuge, Inc. has requested funding to acquire the 11.34-acre property, located in Alexandria Township, where the organization has operated as a wildlife rehabilitation center for 22 years, caring for tens of thousands of animals from all 21 New Jersey counties. Acquisition of the site will allow Woodland Wildlife Refuge, Inc. to establish a permanent home, safeguarding its ability to provide essential wildlife rehabilitation services and educate the public about wild animals and habitat conservation.

Matching Grant Award: \$450,000

Land Acquisition

Mercer County

Friends of West Windsor Open Space

Moses Tunda Tatamy Trail

Friends of West Windsor Open Space has requested funding to improve portions of an existing trail to be named the Moses Tunda Tatamy Trail. The trail property is owned by West Windsor Township and is located between Penn Lyle Road, North Post Road and Jacob Drive. Proposed improvements to the existing trail include a woven wood barrier with a crushed stone surface, boardwalk, footbridge, interpretive signage, and benches. The improvements will help to create an inclusive, accessible trail, whose interpretive signage and forested atmosphere will connect people with nature as well as tell the story of the earliest documented history of the Township.

Matching Grant Award: \$268,000
Stewardship Project

Passaic County

Friends of Passaic County Parks

Schuyler-Colfax Historic Landscape Restoration

Friends of Passaic County Parks has requested funding to improve the Schuyler-Colfax House property, located at 2343 Hamburg Turnpike in Wayne. Proposed improvements include landscaping, pathways, and a garden wall to restore the setting surrounding the house to its historic and natural state. These improvements will provide visitors with an enhanced passive recreational experience and increase visitation to this restored historical site.

Matching Grant Award: \$270,000
Stewardship Project

Somerset County

Duke Farms Foundation

Farm Barn Area Restoration Initiative

Duke Farms Foundation has requested funding to improve its center, located at 1112 Dukes Parkway West in Hillsborough Township. Proposed improvements include invasive species removal, planting of native vegetation, and installation of deer fencing. The nonprofit also proposes improved public access by upgrading trail systems with accessible surfaces. These improvements will enhance habitat quality, protect restored areas, and increase public engagement and awareness. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$543,000
Stewardship Project

Warren County

PEACE NJ

Restoring Riparian Habitat and River Access

PEACE New Jersey is proposing improvements to the Douglas A. Blake Memorial Field Complex, located at 132 Willow Grove Street in Hackettstown. Proposed improvements include management of invasive species, removal of a concrete diving platform in the floodway of the Musconetcong River, streambank stabilization, installation of walking paths, interpretive signage, pollinator gardens, a rain garden, and native tree plantings. These improvements will restore the natural resource area and enhance ecotourism and accessibility of the site. This park provides recreation to an Overburdened Community subject to Adverse Cumulative Stressors.

Matching Grant Award: \$399,000
Stewardship Project

NONPROFIT PLANNING INCENTIVE ACQUISITIONS

Applicant	Project Name	County	Matching Grant Award
Hunterdon Land Trust	Open Space Plan Priority Areas	Hunterdon	\$286,000
Tewksbury Land Trust	Land Acquisition	Hunterdon	\$1,616,000
D&R Greenway Land Trust	Greenway Acquisitions	Multiple	\$1,136,000
Lamington Conservancy	Central Lamington Project	Multiple	\$450,000
NJ Conservation Foundation	Priority Area Acquisition	Multiple	\$3,080,000
Raritan Headwaters Association	Raritan Headwaters Acquisitions	Multiple	\$1,259,000
Ridge and Valley Conservancy	Open Space Conservation Plan	Multiple	\$69,000

**APPENDIX 1
URBAN AID MUNICIPALITIES LIST**

Urban Aid Municipalities are those eligible to receive state aid pursuant to P.L.1978, c.14 (C.52:27D-178 et seq.).

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

*Meet criteria by budget language

APPENDIX 2
DENSELY AND HIGHLY POPULATED MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES LIST
(Based on 2020 Census data)

Atlantic

Egg Harbor Township
 Galloway Township

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
 Guttenberg 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 Township
 Victory Gardens Borough

Ocean

Berkeley Township
 Jackson Township
 Manchester Township
 Toms River Township

Passaic

Haledon Borough
 Hawthorne Borough
 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	Morris
Camden	Ocean
Mercer	Passaic
Middlesex	Somerset
Monmouth	

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 2025 funding round, the base award is \$1,000,000 for acquisition, park development, and stewardship projects.

Project award caps are:

COUNTY SPONSOR	PROJECT CAP
Densely Populated	\$3,000,000
Highly Populated	\$2,500,000
Remaining counties	\$2,000,000
MUNICIPAL SPONSOR	PROJECT CAP
Urban Aid	\$2,000,000
Densely/Highly Populated	\$1,500,000
Remaining municipalities	\$1,000,000

Nonprofit Awards

Due to the availability of funding, all eligible nonprofits were awarded the requested eligible grant.