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Dear Municipal Official:

Attached please find a letter from NJ Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Martin concerning the availability of Green Acres Funding. Applications are available on line www.njgreenacres.org. The deadline for the applications is July 31, 2014

If you have any questions please contact the Green Acres at (609) 984-0500 with any questions.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

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BOB MARTIN
Commissioner

May 7, 2014

Dear Governing Body:

I am pleased to extend an invitation to all interested municipalities and counties to apply for Green Acres funds to acquire or develop land for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes. I ask that you forward this to each member of your governing body.

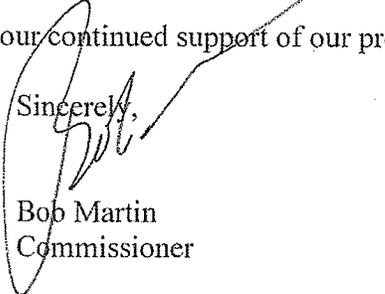
Green Acres will accept applications until July 31, 2014. This funding round will be financed by Green Acres loan repayments, canceled and withdrawn projects, and interest earnings on Green Acres funds. Funding is extremely limited, and we anticipate that competition will be intense. As a result, we will only consider funding requests from new applicants or from applicants whose remaining Green Acres balance has been committed. Priority will be given to applicants who can demonstrate that they have matching funds available and are able to expedite completion of the proposed project. The application can be found in the *What's New* section at www.NJGreenAcres.org.

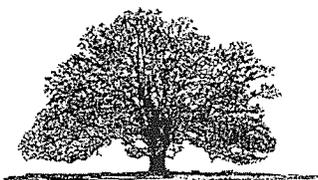
Eligible land acquisition projects include the purchase of natural areas, historic sites, conservation areas, water bodies, and open space for active or passive recreation. Eligible recreational projects include facilities that provide boating, fishing, swimming, outdoor games and sports, biking, picnicking, camping, or nature interpretation. Related costs incurred as part of the acquisition or development project also may be eligible for reimbursement. More detailed information about funding categories is provided in the enclosed attachment.

Since 1961, the Green Acres Program has assisted municipalities and counties in the acquisition of open space for recreation and conservation purposes, as well as the development of outdoor recreational facilities. Green Acres remains committed to preserving New Jersey's natural resources statewide. We are proud to continue the tradition of partnering with local and county governments to protect our environment and serve the people of our state.

On behalf of the Green Acres staff, thank you for your continued support of our program.

Sincerely,


Bob Martin
Commissioner



Municipal and County Green Acres Projects Funding Categories and Levels

Acquisition Funding

Standard Acquisition category: Twenty five percent (25%) matching grants are available to local governments that do not yet have an open space tax. Supplemental 2% loans, payable over 30 years at 2% interest, may be available.

Planning Incentive category: Fifty percent (50%) matching grants are available to local governments that have an open space tax and a Green Acres-approved Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). New applicants must submit a Planning Incentive application; local governments with existing Planning Incentive projects should submit a letter detailing acquisitions and funding needs **for the next year**. Please contact Green Acres for a Planning Incentive application.

Site Specific Incentive category: Fifty percent (50%) matching grants are available to local governments that have an open space tax but do not have a Green Acres-approved OSRP. Applicants under this category must submit a Green Acres application for each parcel they would like to purchase.

Urban Aid acquisition category: Seventy five percent (75%) matching grants are available for acquisitions located in Urban Aid municipalities (listed at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/muni_st_docs/2013_data/urban_2013.pdf). Supplemental 0% interest loan funding, payable over 30 years, may be available.

The demand for Green Acres funding continues to greatly exceed what is available. For this reason, we encourage local governments to consider as an additional source of acquisition funding the low-interest loans available through the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Financing Program (EIFP). Please contact EIFP staff at (609) 292-8961 with any questions.

Outdoor Recreation Development Funding

Standard Development category: Funds for outdoor recreation development are available in the form of 2% interest loans, payable over 20 years.

Densely or Highly Populated Municipality category: Twenty five percent (25%) matching grants are available for park development projects located in Densely (population density of 5,000 per square mile) or Highly Populated (total population over 35,000) municipalities, or sponsored by a Highly Populated County (population density of 1,000 per square mile). Supplemental loan funding, if available, would be at 2% interest, payable over 20 years.

Urban Aid Municipality or Densely Populated County Development: Park development projects sponsored by a Densely Populated County (population density of 5,000 per sq. mile) or located in Urban Aid municipalities (see list at www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/muni_st_docs/2013_data/urban_2013.pdf) are eligible for 50% matching grant and supplemental loan funding, when available. Urban Aid loans are at 0% interest, payable over 20 years.

Additional information about these funding categories, project eligibility, project ranking and selection, and proposal preparation is contained in the Green Acres application. Applications can be obtained by visiting our web page at www.NJGreenAcres.org or calling us at (609) 984-0570. We encourage you to call our staff as soon as possible to begin discussions of your proposed project(s).