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Greetings!

We need your help.

If your municipality supports the landowner equity provisions in the Highlands Act, your governing body needs to let your legislators know now.

Please contact your legislators to let them know you support A3058/S1050 and ACR130/SCR84.

A3058/S1050, the Dual Appraisal bill, would amend current law to extend the expiration date of the special appraisal process for State-funded land acquisitions under the Green Acres and the Farmland Preservation Programs from June 30, 2014 to June 30, 2019 for lands located in the Highlands Region.

You can find the bill here:

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/S1500/1050_R1.PDF

But first, we need to secure funding for open space and farmland preservation!

The Dual Appraisal is only useful if there is land preservation money.

ACR130/SCR84 would allow New Jersey residents to vote on this funding mechanism for preservation programs. The bill would provide **a dedicated, stable source of funding** to continue the State's current programs for open space, including flood prone lands, farmland preservation and historic preservation. The bill would dedicate a small percentage of the existing Corporation Business Tax revenues annually for the next 30 years, from Fiscal Year 2016 through Fiscal Year 2045, to finance the State's preservation programs.

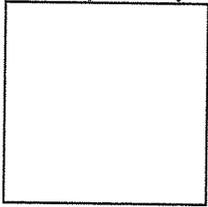
These funds are from already existing taxes.

You can find the bill here:

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/2014/Bills/SCR/84_S2.PDF

Please call and email your legislators to let them know the passage of ACR130/SCR84 is necessary to provide the opportunities for Highlands landowners to preserve their lands consistent with the Highlands Act. You can also urge them to support A3058/S1050.

Thank you for your help! Please contact me with any questions at amy@njconservation.org or 908-234-1225 extension 108.



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