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Dear Municipal Official,

Please see the below message from NJDEP Green Acres Program Director Martha Sapp regarding important information about Green Acres funding.

Dear Governing Body,

Please see the attached letter from DEP Commissioner Bob Martin announcing the next Green Acres funding round. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (609) 984-0570.

We look forward to helping you meet your recreation and conservation goals.

*Thank you,
Martha Sapp*

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Please feel free to contact Martha directly with any questions.

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November 18, 2016

Dear Clerk:

I am pleased to extend an invitation to all interested municipalities and counties to apply for Green Acres funds to acquire land, develop parks, or conduct stewardship activities for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes. I ask that you provide a copy of this letter to each member of your governing body.

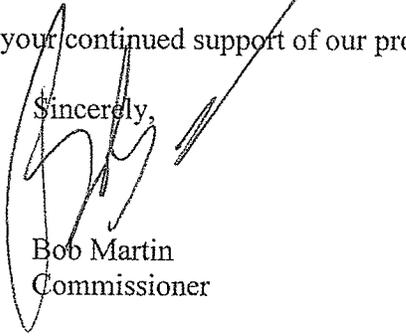
Green Acres will accept applications until February 15, 2017. Funding is extremely limited, and we anticipate that competition will be intense. As a result, we will only consider funding requests from new applicants or from applicants who are making significant progress on their open acquisition and park development projects.

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 park development projects include facilities that provide boating, fishing, swimming, outdoor games and sports, biking, picnicking, camping, or nature interpretation. For the first time, Green Acres will also accept applications for stewardship activities on your recreation and conservation lands. More information can be found in the attachment, and applications can be found in the *What's New* section at NJGreenAcres.org.

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 be able to continue the tradition of partnering with local and county governments to 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



County and Municipal 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 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 two years**.

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. Supplemental 0% interest loan funding, payable over 30 years, may be available.

Outdoor Recreation Development Funding

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

Densely or Highly Populated Municipality/Highly Populated County category: Twenty five percent (25%) matching grants are available for park development projects located in Densely Populated (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 may be available at 2% interest, payable over 20 years.

Urban Aid Municipality or Densely Populated County Development: Park development projects located in Urban Aid municipalities are now eligible for 75% matching grants (previously 50%) and supplemental 0% interest loan funding when available. Projects sponsored by a Densely Populated County (population density of 5,000 per square mile) are eligible for 50% matching grants and, if available, supplemental 2% interest loan funding.

Stewardship Funding

For the first time, matching grants are available for land stewardship, which is defined as an activity which is beyond routine operations and maintenance, undertaken by a local government to repair or restore lands for the purpose of enhancing or protecting those lands for recreation and conservation purposes. Stewardship awards will be in the form of a 50% matching grant, or a 75% matching grant for a project in an Urban Aid municipality. Minimum funding awards will be \$50,000. Only projects with more than \$100,000 in eligible costs will be considered. Please note that there is a specific Stewardship application which must be used.

Further details about project eligibility, project ranking and selection, and proposal preparation are contained in both the acquisition/development application and the stewardship application. Applications can be obtained by visiting our web page at www.NJGreenAcres.org or by 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).