

Action Required for New Jersey Open Space Preservation Efforts Today!

Please Contact Assembly Members and Urge Immediate Consideration of Bill for Open Space, Park, Farmland and Historic Preservation!

With bipartisan leadership, New Jersey has dedicated an average of \$200 million a year for open space funding since the creation of the Garden State Preservation Trust in 1998.

Funds from the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, and Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act 2009 are fully allocated, and legislative action is needed now to continue New Jersey's legacy of open space, farmland, and historic site preservation.

Your voice is needed to ensure a bill is considered to continue critical preservation efforts! Please see recommended actions below!

The legislation SCR84/ACR130 would provide continued funding for the incredibly successful Green Acres program, as well as Blue Acres projects to purchase flood-impacted properties in both inland and coastal areas and to protect undeveloped coastal watershed and riparian lands to help prevent future flood damage. The legislation would also provide sustainable funding for vital farmland and historic preservation efforts.

SCR84/ACR130 provides a fiscally responsible approach to continuing New Jersey's strong preservation legacy that contributes to our quality of life. SCR84/ACR130 would dedicate 4% of Corporate Business Tax revenues to critical open space preservation and environmental protection programs through FY2019, and dedicate an additional 2% of existing CBT revenues from FY2020 going forward. This would provide a long-term, dedicated source of funding for land and water protection efforts without any fiscal impact until FY2020, when an additional 2% of CBT revenues (approx. \$50 million) would be allocated for these purposes.

Please call and email your Assembly Representatives and ask them to support a quick hearing and vote for this critical bill!

Without prompt legislative action, the bill will not be considered in time to appear on the November ballot for voters to ultimately decide.

The following talking points can be utilized when you place calls. Thank you for your efforts!

- All Green Acres, Blue Acres, Farmland and Historic Preservation funds from the 2009 \$400 million bond act are now fully allocated. Without action, these critical efforts will come to a standstill while many identified preservation needs remain.
- SCR84/ACR130 provides a fiscally responsible solution and should be given a hearing and a vote in the Assembly as soon as possible.

- This bill provides a long-term, dedicated source of funding for park and preservation efforts without any fiscal impact until FY2020.

Calls: <http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/members/legsearch.asp>

Emails: <http://www.capwiz.com/njaudubon/issues/alert/?alertid=63243776&type=ST>