



Campaign to preserve New Jersey's parks, natural areas, clean water, farmland, and historic treasures

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Last State Preservation Funds Appropriated. Voter Approval Needed to Continue Protecting Clean Water, Fish & Wildlife Habitat, Working Farms, Forests.

TRENTON – Today Governor Corzine signed legislation that appropriates the last of the 2007 voter-approved funds for the Garden State Preservation Trust, which helps to protect the state's water and land from overdevelopment.

“These funds will be crucial to protecting what we love about New Jersey,” said Kelly Mooij, Coordinator of the 130-organization NJ Keep It Green coalition. “It’s absolutely essential that we renew funding to continue these efforts which do so much for New Jersey today, and leave a better state for our children and our grandchildren.”

With strong bipartisan support, the State Legislature has approved a public question on the November 3 ballot that will give voters the opportunity to continue the state's investment in preserving water quality, lakes and streams, working farms, natural areas, and historic treasures.

The NJ Keep It Green coalition views the public question as a very wise investment for New Jersey, especially now while land prices are lower than in recent years, and because jobs are created by many of the projects. The public question also provides for full public disclosure of all spending, and ensures public representation on the Garden State Preservation Trust.

“If we don't continue funding for the state's preservation programs, we'll lose some of our state's richest assets forever,” added Mooij.

The New Jersey – Keep It Green Campaign is a coalition of 130 organizations from across the state working to restore funding to strengthen and renew the Garden State Preservation Trust. For more information on this Campaign, please visit www.NJKeepItGreen.org.
