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## **SMITH GREEN ACRES PACKAGE TO BENEFIT 17th DISTRICT APPROVED IN COMMITTEE**

**TRENTON** - A bill sponsored by Senator Bob Smith which would make available \$75 million in State Green Acres funding for State open space acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes was approved by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee yesterday by a vote of 12-0.

"New Jersey is a State that is rich in history and natural beauty, and tourism is big business for the State," said Senator Smith, D-Middlesex and Somerset, Chairman of the Senate Environment Committee. "We need to protect the valuable assets that draw tourists to the Garden State each year, not only to protect the tourism industry, but also to preserve these treasures for future generations of New Jerseyans to enjoy."

The bill, S-1820, would appropriate a total of \$75 million for the State acquisition of lands for recreation and conservation purposes from the State's "Garden State Green Acres Preservation and Trust Fund." Specifically, the bill would fund a number of historic projects and greenways that span multiple municipalities, such as \$2 million for the Crossroads of the American Revolution project, which includes funding for Franklin Township in Somerset County, as well as the Harbor Estuary project, which includes \$2 million for Highland Park and New Brunswick in Middlesex County, and \$3 million for the Raritan River Watershed Greenway project, which includes Milltown, Piscataway Township and New Brunswick in Middlesex County (see attached table for the complete list of projects in Senator Smith's 17th Legislative District).

"The funded projects will maintain New Jersey's green reputation, and ensure that these natural resources are preserved," said Senator Smith. "Each of these projects is necessary to preserving New Jersey's unique and storied history, as well as the vast areas of open space that have coined our nickname as the Garden State. I'm proud to have played a part in protecting history and open space in New Jersey."

The bill now heads to the full Senator for consideration.

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SEE ATTACHED TABLE FOR THE COMPLETE LIST OF PROJECTS IN SENATOR SMITH'S 17th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

**SENATOR SMITH - LOCAL GREEN ACRES PROJECTS, S-1820**

**NOTE** - Amount of funding displayed is for the entire project, of which each municipality listed is eligible for a part of the total funding.

<b>Project</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Amount</b>
CROSSROADS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION			2,000,000
<i>Princeton to Morristown</i>			
	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
DELAWARE & RARITAN CANAL GREENWAY			3,000,000
	Middlesex	New Brunswick City	
	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
HARBOR ESTUARY			2,000,000
	Middlesex	Highland Park Boro New Brunswick City	
NON-PROFIT CAMPS			1,000,000
<i>Youth Camps</i>			
	Somerset	Franklin Twp	
RARITAN RIVER WATERSHED GREENWAY			3,000,000
	Middlesex	Milltown Boro New Brunswick City Piscataway Twp	