



Phillipsburg Riverview Organization

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GREEN ACRES GRANT HISTORY with PRO

INTRODUCTION

Over the years, PRO has brought to the attention of State, County and private funders many hundreds of acres of environmentally sensitive land in need of preservation. And, PRO has tirelessly worked to bring funding to the attention of willing sellers by creating farmland preservation committees in towns throughout our service area of Warren and Hunterdon counties. PRO has also taken the lead in several of these preservation projects either by contributing Green Acres funds and/or accepting title.

GREEN ACRES ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

PRO has used Green Acres grant money with the guidance and oversight of Green Acres Program leadership and according to government rules as published on the Green Acres website: <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/greenacres/pdf/regs.pdf>. Accordingly, grant disbursement has NOT been used for “administrative, operating costs or salaries...”, as those are not allowable costs according to the NJDEP rules: NJAC 7:36 15.9 (b).

GRANT HISTORY

Fig. 1: Overview of all PRO’s Green Acres (GA) Program Projects*

Over the years, PRO successfully obtained Green Acres Program approval for three major projects and worked in concert with the State of NJ, land owners and other contributors in order to purchase and preserve hundreds of environmentally significant acres.

Project Status	Project Name(s)	\$\$ Awarded & Reimbursed by NJDEP GA Program	Grant \$\$ available to PRO today
Open**	Warren County Greenway	\$ 1,572,439.50	\$ 0.00
Closed	Riverview Park (Connecting path along Delaware)	\$ 9,700.00	\$ 0.00
Closed	Delaware Greenway Acq 1 (Alpha Grasslands)	\$ 313,063.00	\$ 0.00
Withdrawn (7)	n/a	0.00	\$ 0.00
Denied (2)	n/a	0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals		\$ 1,895,202.50	\$ 0.00

*All data in Figure 1 provided by NJDEP Green Acres Program as of 2/4/11 and accounts for all Green Acres Program grants awarded to PRO

**PRO has been put on notice by Green Acres / NJDEP this project is being closed and no money is available

Fig. 2: Summary of Open Project called Warren County Greenway*:

Topic	Notes
Project #	21-99-36 through 21-99-41 (six stated priorities)
Type	Acquisition Grant
County	Warren & Hunterdon
Acres	2,761
Other Funding Sources	None Reported
Location	Townships of Franklin, Greenwich, Harmony, Holland and Lopatcong
Block / Lot	Multiple – See NJDEP files
Grant Award	\$1,572,439.50
Approval Date	11/16/1999
Expiration Date	11/27/2003
Project Description	PRO seeking funds to pursue preservation efforts throughout Southern Warren and Western Hunterdon counties
Payments to PRO by Green Acres (reimbursements on Green Acres approved and tracked projects)	<p>6/20/2003 = \$ 58,425.00 (B 28 L 9, 9.04, 9.05. 50% undivided interest of approx. 15 acres in Harmony)</p> <p>7/19/2004 = \$500,000.00 (Buckhorn Creek Co-Op State Acq #4682 land managed by Division of Fish & Wildlife.)</p> <p>2/2/2005 = \$500,000.00 (Scopetto – B 10 L 12 in Holland Twsp.)</p> <p>3/2/2005 = \$ 14,014.50 (Scopetto soft cost reimbursement)</p> <p>1/12/2010 = \$182,818.38 (Seager reimbursement, B 10 L 9.02 in Holland Twsp.)</p> <p>1/13/2011= \$ 1,632.46 (Seager soft cost reimbursement being reviewed by NJDEP)**</p> <p>Total Payments to PRO (reimbursements) = \$1,256,890.34 Non-Dispersed Grant Balance after Payments = \$315,549.16</p>
Grant Payment Applied by PRO	<p>\$ 58,425.00 (16 acres @ Harmony – Brass Castle Rd and Rt. 519 in Harmony) 3/12/03 \$58,425 Deposited into PRO's Fidelity Inv. Account. 3/19/03 \$58,425 Check #2134 for \$58,425.00 to Warren County</p> <p>\$ 500,000.00 (Closing of Buckhorn Creek Land Preservation Co-Op with State) 7/23/04 Deposit into PNC checking account. 7/28/04 Check #1004 from PNC account for \$500,000 to Cortes & Hay, Inc. (closing)</p> <p>\$ 500,000.00 (Closing of Scopetto property. Transactions and paperwork verified by Green Acres) 2/4/05 Deposit of \$200,000 into PRO's Fidelity account for Scopetto closing from additional investor / owner. 2/14/05 Deposit of \$500,000 into PRO's Fidelity account for Scopetto closing from Green Acres. 3/7/05 Wire Transfer of \$700,000 from PRO's Fidelity account for Scopetto sent to closing agent.</p> <p>\$ 14,014.50 3/8/05 Deposit into PRO's general account, PNC (Green Acres reimbursement of Various costs for Scopetto closing as submitted and approved by Green Acres</p> <p>\$ 182,818.38 1/19/10 Deposit into PRO's checking account at PNC, then withdrawn from same account and given to Seager closing agent the same month. Cashier's Check #1950918 from PNC for \$239,193.92 dated 1/21/10 made out to Hunterdon Land Trust Alliance delivered at the Seager closing (all parties and money accounted for and money passed through PRO in only a couple of business days.)</p>
Current Status***	Balance from original grant not dispersed and CANCELLED by NJDEP = \$ 315,549.16

*All data in Figure 2 provided by NJDEP Green Acres Program as of 2/4/11 and by PRO.

** Not yet paid out to PRO. Interference from Non-Members has delayed payment to PRO.

***In February of 2011, NJDEP Green Acres Program informed PRO the balance of \$315,549.16 is to be cancelled and the project closed.

Fig. 3: Summary of Closed Projects*:

Topic	Notes
Project # / Name	21-91-04 / Riverview Park
Type	Acquisition Grant
County	Warren
Acres	29.4
Other Funding Sources	Donations and Fundraising
Location	Along the Delaware River in Phillipsburg and Lopatcong
Block / Lot	Multiple. See Green Acres' file
Grant Award	\$9,700.00
Approval Date	10/17/1991
Expiration Date	8/3/1996
Project Description	Acquisition of multiple access points along the Delaware River, and the existing Delaware River Park. Connecting pathway for walking, biking, fishing, and proposed boat ramp.
Payments to PRO (reimbursement)	\$ 1,200 (appraisal B3 L1, B902 L7, B917 L 4&8) \$ 1,200 (appraisal B1502) \$ 6,700 (appraisal L27)
Grant Payment Applied by PRO**	Only appraisals on properties performed by PRO. Land acquisition not completed. Instead, the Town of Phillipsburg purchased the land and converted into parking lot.
Current Status	Closed

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**Data provided by PRO

Topic	Notes
Project # / Name	21-93-22 / Delaware Greenway Acq 1
Type	Acquisition Grant
County	Warren
Acres	117
Other Funding Sources	Land Donations and Fundraising
Location	Along the Delaware River, Bel Del Rail Line
Block / Lot	B 96 L 7 coop w/state; B 94 L 6 (easement); B 111 L 22; B 112 L 15; B 113 L 1
Approval Date	12/3/1993
Expiration Date	2/9/2000
Project Description	Alpha Grasslands will be managed for Grassland Bird Habitat and observation. Cooperative project with NJ Fish, Game and Wildlife and State Agr. Dev. Comm. The county and township are contributing funds for farmland preservation.
Payments to PRO (reimbursement)	4/17/1998 = \$ 313,063.00
Grant Payment Applied by PRO**	4/1998 = \$313,063 deposited into PRO bank account and days later withdrawn and combined with other monies to complete the closing. Government agencies, including Green Acres involved in project oversight and tracking of monies.
Current Status	Closed

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