



State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION GREEN ACRES PROGRAM

2025 Planning Incentive and Site-Specific Incentive Eligibility Certification

To be eligible for PI or SSI funding, a local government must be collecting an open space tax for the acquisition of land for recreation and conservation purposes (see below). Local governments may instead have an alternative active, stable, and reasonably equivalent source of open space funding (see below). Eligible PI applicants must also have a Green Acres approved Open Space and Recreation Plan that will not expire before a new funding award is obligated or have submitted to Green Acres for review a draft update that meets the requirements of [the Open Space and Recreation Plan Guidelines](#).

Please check applicable statements and submit with required documentation to your Green Acres project manager

Open Space Tax or Equivalent

I certify that _____ (Name of Local Government):

_____ has enacted and is currently collecting an Open Space tax pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:12-16, of at least ½ cent per \$100 of assessed property value. (A copy of resolution/ordinance establishing the Open Space tax must be attached.)

Open Space Tax Rate: _____ cent(s) per \$100 of assessed value

_____ is currently expending the Open Space Tax for purposes that include, but need not be limited to, acquisition of land for open space preservation purposes.

_____ **Or**, the local government does not yet have an Open Space tax but has an alternate funding source for land preservation that is active, stable, and reasonably equivalent to an annual open space and recreation tax levy of at least 1 cent per \$100 of assessed value and will remain so over the next ten years. Bond ordinances do not qualify. Detailed information demonstrating how the proposed alternative meets these requirements must be attached, including a copy of the resolution/ordinance establishing the tax alternative, for Green Acres review and approval

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) (Not applicable to Site Specific Incentive projects)

I certify that _____ (Name of Local Government):

_____ has an OSRP that is less than 10 years old, will not expire before July 31, 2025, AND has been approved by Green Acres.

Date of Open Space and Recreation Plan: _____

_____ **Or**, has an OSRP that is more than 10 years old or that will expire before July 31, 2025, and a draft update has been submitted for review to Green Acres

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____