

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Green Acres Program

## **PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCOPE AND LOCATION CHANGES**

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### **Major Project Scope Changes**

Green Acres park development funding is awarded to individual applicants for a particular proposed project. Once Green Acres has recommended a project award to the Garden State Preservation Trust, major changes to the project scope are not permitted. A major project scope change is one that meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. Ranking Impact – The proposed change would have resulted in a lower ranking score than the project received, thus giving the project a retroactive unfair advantage.
2. Environmental Impact – The proposed change would result in additional negative environmental impacts, including the removal of trees not identified in the original application’s Environmental Impact Assessment.
3. Public Engagement and Commitment – The proposed change would remove a facility that was requested by and/or promised to the public during the public engagement and/or public hearing process. Conversely, the proposed change includes the addition of a facility that has the potential to be controversial and was not included in the public engagement/public hearing process.
4. Project Timeline – The proposed change would significantly extend the project timeline or result in an extension of the project beyond the approved project period.

### **Minor Project Scope Changes**

Minor project scope changes – those that do not meet any of the above criteria – may be considered. Applicants may request a minor scope change by submitting the following items:

- A description of the proposed project scope change
- Confirmation that each of the above criteria for a major scope change does not apply
- A revised project unit and quantities cost estimate, prepared and signed by an authorized, licensed professional
- An updated project schedule, including the timeframe for obtaining any new permits or permit revisions
- A revised project concept plan that reflects the proposed changes

### **Permit Denials**

The Green Acres application requires the submission of a list of anticipated permits, and we strongly recommend that applicants consult with permitting agencies prior to submitting a park

development application. If after funding is awarded, however, an applicant is unable to obtain the necessary permits to construct a portion of the proposed project scope, the Green Acres project may proceed with the remaining elements. Please note that the project must result in a usable recreational facility.

### **Project Location Changes**

Significant project location changes are not allowed for Green Acres park development projects, including a change to a separate park and a change to a separate part of the original park. Please reach out to the appropriate Green Acres contact as soon as possible to discuss any change in the proposed location of planned facilities.