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## Freeholders Approve Funding for Farmland and Open Space Preservation

The Hunterdon County Freeholder Board recently approved a capital ordinance providing \$6.16 million for open space preservation projects, funded by the County open space tax.

The capital ordinance provides funding for potential open space acquisitions around the county and the extension of and improvements to the county park system. "Building onto our park system, improving recreational activities, and ensuring the preservation of the county's natural resources and dynamic viewsapes are the priority actions needed for maintaining Hunterdon County's quality of life," Freeholder Matt Holt said.

"Investment into our Park System, making it one of the premier within the State of New Jersey, is an investment into the economy of our County. Open Space, and a strong park system, remain one of the reasons people want to move into and visit Hunterdon County. " Freeholder Holt added.

The ordinance also provides over \$2 million for the County's share of farmland preservation. Freeholder Board Director John E. Lanza stated, "The Freeholder Board continues our commitment to maximizing the use of the open space revenues toward preserving farmland from development in the county.

The funding allocated in the 2017 for farmland development easement purchases, packaged with State Agriculture Development Committee and local funds, is targeted for the preservation of as many as 17 farmland properties, totaling over 1200 acres around the county."

{[The full ordinance is available here.](#)}

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