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NJ Gov. Christie Whitman's plan to preserve one-half of the remaining open space in New Jersey receives overwhelming public support according to a recent survey conducted by Quinnipiac College. The survey, which was released today, shows that New Jerseyans support the Governor's plan by a 2-to-1 margin.

"Preserving open space is a critical quality of life issue for New Jerseyans today, and for the next millennium. I have made the preservation of open space one of my highest priorities and I am gratified that so many fellow New Jerseyans share that view," she said.

"The finding of support for our plan to save for all time one- half of the remaining open space in New Jersey certainly bodes well for the November ballot question," Gov. Whitman said.

"The outcome of that ballot question," the Governor predicted, "will be looked upon as one of the most determining events in defining the quality of life in New Jersey in the 21st century."