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### NEWS RELEASE

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Gov. Christie Whitman today signed the following pieces of legislation:

**A-3278**, sponsored by Assembly Members John C. Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland) and Gary W. Stuhltrager (R-Salem/Cumberland/Gloucester) and Senators John J. Matheussen (R-Camden/Gloucester) and Martha W. Bark (R-Atlantic/Burlington/Camden), appropriates \$2,563,910 to the Department of Environmental Protection from the Stormwater Management and Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement Fund to provide grants to six soil conservation districts for the development of watershed-based stormwater management plans. The bill provides \$200,502 to the Cape Atlantic Soil Conservation District, \$333,681 to the Cumberland Soil Conservation District and \$540,755 to each the Gloucester Soil Conservation District, the Camden Soil Conservation District and the Burlington Soil Conservation District. The bill also provides \$407,462 to the Freehold Soil Conservation District.

**A-1566**, sponsored by Assembly Members Richard A. Merkt (R-Morris) and Joseph R. Malone, III (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), and Senator Anthony R. Bucco (R-Morris), amends the Municipal and County Utilities Law to provide for staggered terms of service for members of joint municipal utilities authorities. These authorities are created by the governing bodies of two or more adjoining municipalities. Under previous law, all members of such authorities were appointed to serve five-year terms, which began and ended at the same time.