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Governor Swears in Attorney General, Presents Open Space Check

Gov. Christie Whitman tomorrow will ceremonially swear in John Farmer as Attorney General. The Governor will also be in Maywood to deliver checks for open space preservation projects throughout the Bergen County area.

Farmer most recently served as the Governor's chief council. The ceremony will take place on Ellis Island.

Various sites in Northeast New Jersey will be among the first to receive Garden State Preservation Trust money to help in the acquisition of open space. The Governor will present checks representative of the state's share of the efforts. The Garden State Preservation Trust is the mechanism that will deliver on the Governor's promise to preserve 1 million acres in ten years.

By a 2-1 margin last November, voters approved a plan to designate a stable source of funding--\$98 million annually for ten years--to preserve New Jersey's resources.