

**CHAPTER 36  
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

**Authority**

N.J.S.A. 13:8A-1 et seq., 13:8A-19 et seq., 13:8A-35 et seq. and 13:8C-1 et seq.; and P.L. 1961, c.46; P.L. 1971, c.165; P.L. 1974, c.102; P.L. 1978, c.118; P.L. 1983, c.354; P.L. 1987, c.265; P.L. 1989, c.183; P.L. 1992, c.88; P.L. 1995, c.204; and P.L. 1999, c. 152.

**Source and Effective Date**

R.2006 d.23, effective January 3, 2006.  
See: 37 N.J.R. 2364(a), 3764(a), 38 N.J.R. 155(a).

**Chapter Expiration Date**

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1c, Chapter 36, Green Acres Program, expires on July 2, 2011. See: 43 N.J.R. 252(a).

**Chapter Historical Note**

Chapter 36, Green Acres Grant Program, was adopted as R.1997 d.395, effective October 25, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 312(a), 9 N.J.R. 514(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Subchapters 2, 3, 5, and 6 expired on January 9, 1986. Subchapters 1, 4, and 7 were repealed and a new Chapter 36, Green Acres Grant Program, was adopted as R.1988 d.549, effective November 21, 1988. See: 19 N.J.R. 2358(b), 20 N.J.R. 2891(a).

Subchapter 8, Public Hearing for the Sale, Exchange of, Easement on or Lease of Department-Held Land, was adopted as R.1991 d.151, effective March 18, 1991. See: 22 N.J.R. 593(b), 23 N.J.R. 852(b). Subchapter 9, Basis for Assistance to, and Eligibility Requirements for, Tax Exempt Nonprofit Organizations for the Acquisition of Land for Recreation and Conservation Purposes, was adopted as R.1993 d.265, effective June 7, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 2405(a), 25 N.J.R. 2472(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 36, Green Acres Grant Program, was readopted as R.1993 d.609, effective October 29, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 3405(a), 25 N.J.R. 5666(a). Subchapter 8, Public Hearing for the Sale, Exchange of, Easement on or Lease of Department-Held Land, was repealed by R.1993 d.609, effective December 6, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 3405(a), 25 N.J.R. 5666(a).

Chapter 36, Green Acres Program, was repealed and adopted as new rules by R.1998 d.510, effective October 19, 1998. See: 30 N.J.R. 2110(a), 30 N.J.R. 3785(c).

Chapter 36, Green Acres Program, was extended by gubernatorial directive from October 19, 2003 to October 19, 2004. See: 35 N.J.R. 5280(a).

Chapter 36, Green Acres Program, was extended by gubernatorial directive from October 19, 2004 to December 31, 2005. See: 36 N.J.R. 5119(b). Chapter 36, Green Acres Program, expired on December 31, 2005.

Chapter 36, Green Acres Program, was adopted as new rules by R.2006 d.23, effective January 3, 2006. See: Source and Effective Date.

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