

Highlands Council Meeting

Thursday, October 19, 2023

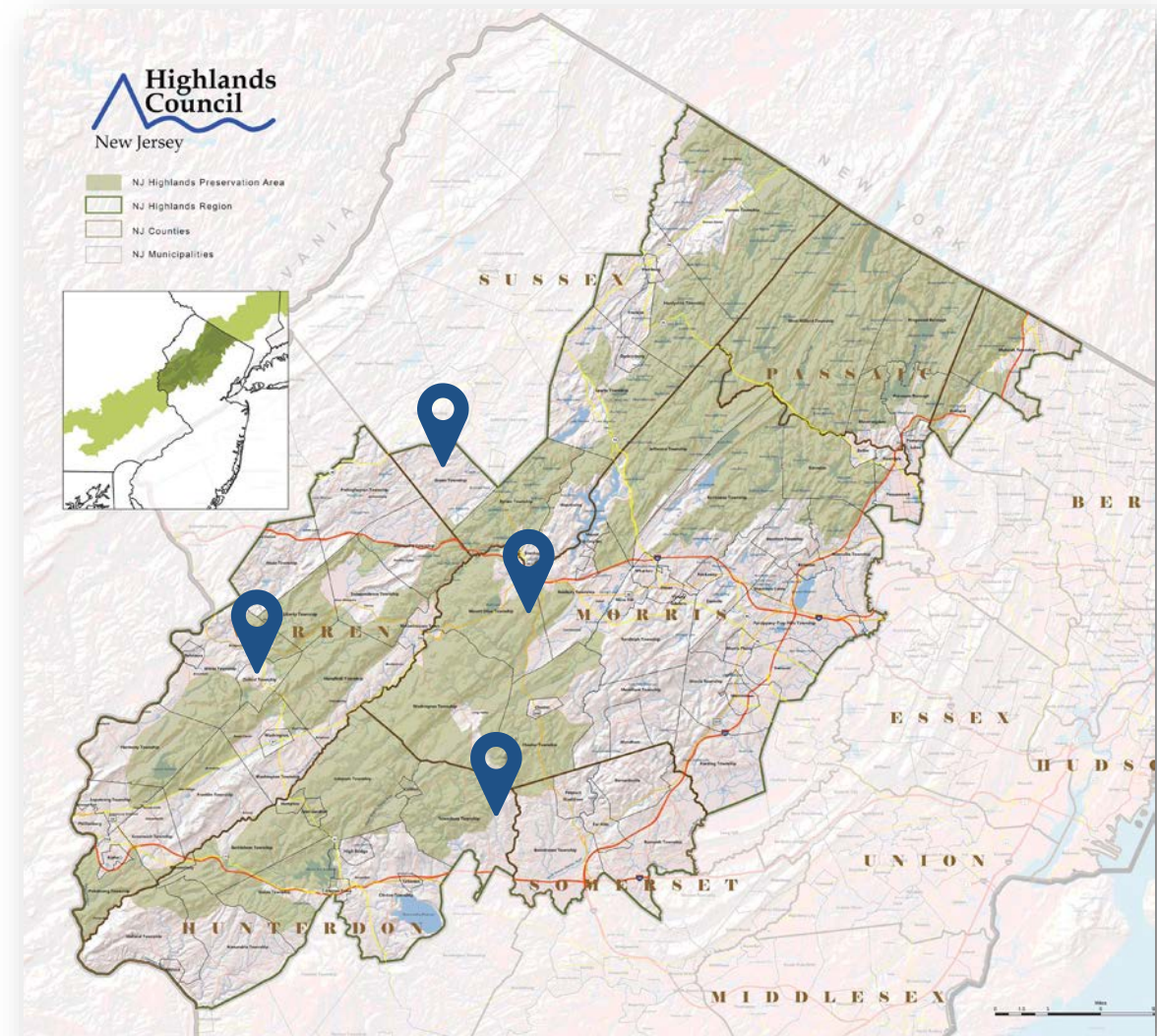


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Six applications received

- City Green
Mount Olive Township, Morris County
- Foodshed Alliance
Various locations, TBD
- Northeast Organic Farming Association
Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County
- North Jersey RC&D
Various locations, TBD
- Ramapough Lunaape Nation
Green Township, Sussex County
- Northwest Food Processing
Oxford Township, Warren County



City Green

\$90,000



Project

- Location: South Branch Preserve, Mount Olive
- Overburdened community
- Practical, technical, and financial assistance to foster equitable access to local food and green spaces
- Promotes climate resilient farming techniques

Deliverables

- Expand regenerative farming practices and production
- Provide training for young and emerging farmers

Foodshed Alliance

\$92,840



FOODSHED ALLIANCE

Project

- Reintroduces high-value grain crops
- Wholesale Markets for milling, distilling, and malting
- Advocates sustainable and regenerative farming practices
- Develops capacity to produce, process, and market grains

Deliverables

- Introduce value-added grain crops to at least 20 farms
- White paper on developing small-scale organic grain economies
- Curriculum and short course series on specialty grain production

Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA) - NJ

\$93,245

Project

- Location: Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County
- Restoration of land through agricultural practices
- Diverse on-site ecosystems
- 11 demonstration projects

Deliverables

- 11 demonstration projects
- Farmer-to-farmer training programs
- Technical resources and guidance documents



North Jersey RC&D

\$90,000



NORTH JERSEY
RC&D
Resource Conservation & Development

Project

- River Friendly Farms
- Nutrient, pest, and farmstead management
- Waterway protection and water conservation

Deliverables

- Expand program by 24 farms
- Outreach events and marketing materials
- Educational materials
- Direct technical and financial assistance to farmers



Ramapough Lunaape Nation

\$83,930

Project

- Location: Green Township, Sussex County
- Disadvantaged community
- Establish consistent food supply
- Coordinates activities in Wildlife Management Area with NJDEP

Deliverables

- Develop organic farming practices inside Wildlife Management Area
- Comprehensive reporting and procedures
- Video recordings of practices

Northwest Jersey Food Processing & Innovation Center, *\$150,000 plan conformance grant*

Project

- Location: Oxford Township, Warren County
- Redevelops former trash incinerator site
- Implementation plan, regional hub for food processing
- Business and marketing plans
- Facilitates advancement of new products, packaging, and distribution

Deliverables

- Secure legal structure for property acquisition
- Prepare preliminary building design
- Develop plans and procedures for innovation