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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP) for funding in the amount of \$25,000 for worked on a project totaling \$66,460 when leveraged by Borough match.

The CSIP program provides funding for municipalities with a State-approved Community Forestry Management plan to implement activities set up under said plan. The current grant would address the CSIP areas of Public Education and Awareness including Arbor Day activities, Tree Assessment and Inventory including hazard tree identification, tree planting and tree maintenance. Removal of hazardous trees with stump removal and grinding as well as tree trimming will be key elements of this. Two previous Cool Cities grants, each in the amount of \$25,000, have the Borough a head-start on this by providing for the planting of trees throughout the Borough to aid in seasonal climate control.

“As we want to continue maintaining our tree-lined community, always a costly proposition, this grant would permit us to do so at a much lesser expense burden to our local taxpayers. Over the course of my administration we have received well over \$150,000 in funding to assist us with all phases our tree initiative, “planning, planting, and pruning” as it were, from the Department of Environmental Protection without which we would not have been able to so position ourselves,” noted Mayor Pikolycky.