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### **WOODBINE AWARDS CONTRACT FOR HEAD START IMPROVEMENTS**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce the Borough of Woodbine has awarded a contract to Warriner's Construction, Egg Harbor Township, for renovations and upgrades to the Borough-owned building used to house Head Start and Early Start.

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Public Facilities program had awarded the Borough of Woodbine a Public Facilities grant in the amount of \$386,488. With this funding, the Borough of Woodbine is undertaking reconditioning of the Borough-owned facility that houses the Head Start Program (which has been in existence since 1977), currently operated by Gateway Community Action Partnership.

This facility is used for both Early Head Start, beginning at six months, and Head Start, for up to five years of age. It primarily serves Woodbine and surrounding communities.

Improvements to this approximately 5,000 sq. ft. facility will focus on interior and exterior work, site work and mechanical systems.

"Because our DCA grant funding did not cover all the work that needs to be done, the Borough will be now applying to USDA Rural Development for additional funding in the amount of \$100,000 to carry out the balance of the work as planned," added Mayor Pikolycky. "The Borough has had a great, long-standing relationship with the USDA, and I am hopeful that they will favorably review our application."

Improvements to this approximately 5,000 sq. ft. facility will focus on interior and exterior work, site work and mechanical systems.

"These improvements will make for a safer, healthier, and more accessible facility for the many low- to moderate-income families that use the Head Start building, while keeping pace with today's standards," Mayor Pikolycky concluded.