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WOODBINE RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,000 FROM NJDCA FOR ACCESSIBLE-USE SIDEWALKS & CURBS

Woodbine— Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Public Facilities program has awarded to the Borough of Woodbine grant funding in the amount of \$400,000 for reconstructing and constructing sidewalks and curb ramps in the residential neighborhoods to provide safe, more-accessible use by pedestrians, especially those with disabilities and safe access to the Woodbine Community School Complex.

With this grant funding, the Borough will reconstruct and construct sidewalks and curb ramps to ADA standards in the downtown - the most densely populated section of Woodbine where numerous facilities and places of public accommodation are located, such as the Community School and adjacent facilities.

Using a pedestrian planning study previously funded by DOT as a guide, Woodbine has taken a systematic approach to reconstructing/constructing sidewalks and curb ramps in the downtown area. The Boro has applied for and received funding in the past from the NJDOT for such purposes; this Small Cities approval is another step in addressing this deficiency and leveraging other funds.

The improvements are important to the overall quality of life for Borough residents and visitors, as it will allow for greater access to public facilities and other places of public accommodation. Several Objectives in the State Plan are also addressed and supported by this project, specifically Redevelopment and Public Facilities/Services.

"I wish to extend my appreciation to Lt. Governor/DCA Commissioner Sheila Oliver and the technical staff of DCA for their support of Woodbine's efforts at revitalization over these many years," added Mayor Pikolycky.