

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **WOODBINE APPLIES FOR \$500,000 IN DCA PUBLIC FACILITIES FUNDING FOR THREE PUBLIC FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS**

**Woodbine** – Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine made application today to the Department of Community Affairs for Small Cities Public Facilities Program funding in the amount of \$500,000 for improvements to three Borough public facilities: the Woodbine Senior / Community Center, the WMUA Water Treatment Plant, and the downtown storm drainage system.

The first project is a Senior Center Addition and Renovations to the Woodbine Community Center (approximately \$200,000). The Borough proposes to construct a 600 sq ft addition including an outside deck to the Community Center to be dedicated to Senior Citizen activities. To enable Cape May County Department on Aging to provide a nutrition program at the site, the Community Center kitchen must be renovated to meet County Health Code standards. The scope of this work involves relocation of janitorial facilities to another location outside the kitchen and upgrades to the kitchen to adequately heat and warm meals as per County requirements. Other renovations include ADA compliant restrooms, office renovations for privacy during provision of health care services, and new interior and exterior doors. These improvements will allow the Seniors to operate a separate and dedicated Senior Citizens Center as an expansion of the Woodbine Community Center under the umbrella of the Borough's Recreation Commission. The needs of the Borough's Senior community now exceed the existing facilities at the community center, which is a home to a variety of community organizations, with their own schedule and space requirements.

The second project (approximately \$140,000) involves upgrades to the Woodbine MUA Water Treatment Plant. This project would include various state-of-the-art upgrades. This project enhances operation of the new municipal well installed with 2009 SCP Public Facilities funding.

The third component will serve to leverage funds from the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Mitigation Unit, for a Hazard Mitigation Grant under FEMA's #1897-DR-NJ Federal Disaster Declaration to improve stormwater drainage in the downtown area. DCA's funds would be incorporated into the overall FEMA drainage project which is estimated to cost approximately \$1.4 million.

In addition to improving drainage on various Borough streets, the project will also provide an ancillary benefit by providing a positive drainage system at the intersections of these roads with County Route 550 and County Route 557.

“I am hopeful that Woodbine will once again be successful in this Statewide competition for Small Cities funds. I believe that the work that the Borough has undertaken in recent years to secure significant designations as a Center of Place, Pinelands Town, and, more recently, pursuit of designation as a Certified Rural Sustainable Community will bode well for the Borough’s efforts to secure additional grants.” noted Mayor Pikolycky. “These facility improvements will enhance programs for our Seniors and improve health, safety, and welfare for all our residents.”