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BOROUGH TO RECEIVE DEP RECYCLING GRANT AWARD

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine will receive \$4,402.33 from the State of New Jersey for a recycling grant.

New Jersey became the first state to require statewide recycling in 1987 with passage of the Statewide Mandatory Source Separation and Recycling Act. The state subsequently set a target of recycling 50 percent of the state's municipal solid waste.

The Recycling Enhancement Act boosts the amount of grant money available to local governments by creating a recycling enhancement fund through a \$3-per-ton surcharge on trash taken to solid-waste disposal facilities, such as the one located in Upper/Woodbine. Municipal solid waste materials include paper, corrugated paper, glass, metal containers, and plastic.

Local governments receive 60% of the money the fund generates to help them enhance outreach and compliance efforts. The balance goes for county garbage and household hazardous-waste collection programs, county and state promotional efforts, and recycling research.

“This year we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of New Jersey's Mandatory Recycling Act,” noted Mayor Pikolycky. “I urge everyone to continue their efforts in recycling for both the environmental and monetary benefits thus produced. With the County going to single-stream recycling, whereby co-mingling of recyclables will be permitted, it gives an incentive for consumers to bring up their rate of recycling.”