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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 \$3,467.09 from the State of New Jersey for a recycling grant.

The funds, based on 2012 recycling data, are being awarded starting this week through the state's Recycling Enhancement Act.

The recycling grant program is funded by a \$3 per ton surcharge on trash disposed of at solid waste facilities across the state. Distribution of grants this year is based on the recycling successes local governments demonstrated in 2012. In 2012, New Jersey generated more than 10.2 million tons of municipal solid waste (MSW), more commonly known as trash or garbage, which is generated from homes, schools, hospitals, and businesses.

The DEP documented the recycling of more than 4.4 million tons of recyclable municipal wastes such as glass, aluminum and other metals, and paper. This resulted in a MSW recycling rate of 44 percent, an increase of 4 percent from 2011.

By comparison, the national MSW recycling rate in 2012 was 34.5 percent, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Overall, nearly 20.2 million tons of solid waste (including construction debris and other types of non-MSW waste) were generated in New Jersey in 2012, of which 11 million tons were recycled. The overall waste generated and amount of materials recycled were impacted significantly by debris generated by Superstorm Sandy.

“Now that our trash and recycling pickups are on the same day, making things easier on our residents as well as providing a cost savings, our hope is that our recycling rate will continue to increase, thus in turn increasing our yearly award,” added Mayor Pikolycky.