

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **COUNTY AUTHORIZES BIDS ON PROJECTS FOR DEHIRSCH AVENUE/COUNTY ROUTE 550 SHARED SERVICES WITH WOODBINE**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the County is scheduled to go out to bid on Wednesday, November 16, for work on DeHirsch Avenue (County Road 550, also known as Woodbine-Ocean View Road) Phase I resurfacing in the Borough of Woodbine.

In accordance with a Shared Services Agreement between the County and the Borough, the County will advertise and award together a Borough of Woodbine roadway improvement project on South DeHirsch Avenue and Cape May County's roadway improvement project on County Road 550 with an estimated total cost of approximately \$2.5 million.

The County portion of the work will improve North DeHirsch Avenue (CR 550) from Madison Avenue to just west of Scott Avenue. The Borough's portion of the project includes drainage and resurfacing improvements along South DeHirsch Avenue from Washington Avenue to Madison Avenue.

The Borough's improvement project is similar to the County's improvement project. North DeHirsch is under the jurisdiction of the County and is maintained by the County while South DeHirsch is under the jurisdiction of the Borough and is maintained by the Borough.

County Road 550 improvements will include repaving and drainage improvements, traffic calming thru the use of a new raised island just west of Heilprin Avenue, enhanced traffic marking visibility and enhanced pedestrian access including brick paver crosswalks.

The Borough, in 2015, received \$175,000 from New Jersey Department of Transportation Municipal Aid for this work. This year the Borough received an additional \$120,000 from the NJDOT Local Aid Infrastructure Fund, making a total of nearly \$300,000 in NJDOT funding. This work will compliment other recent improvements on a completed stormwater drainage project in the immediate area.

This joint project is a continued extension of the downtown Washington Avenue Streetscape project which has been a work in progress for more than a decade. Furthermore, it will continue the program of abating the flooding problems caused by aging drainage facilities throughout the Borough.

“The Borough and Cape May County are in partnership on this phase of the project as well as on Phase II, which still involves CR 550 and also CR 638, and is presently under design and undergoing permitting review. Phase II will extend improvements on the County portion of CR 550 from Washington Avenue to Madison Avenue as well CR 638 from Washington Avenue to the Woodbine Developmental Center’s access road,” added Mayor Pikolycky. “Combining the projects will lower the costs of each project and reduce the traffic impact on the residents than if the projects were completed independently.”