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WOODBINE'S \$1.5 MILLION FEMA APPLICATION SELECTED FOR FURTHER REVIEW

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application to New Jersey Office of Emergency Management, Mitigation Unit, for funding in the amount of \$1,426,942.50 for a Hazard Mitigation Grant under FEMA's #1897-DR-NJ Federal Disaster Declaration, and has been advised that the Borough's application has been selected for further review. Funding would be for design and construction to mitigate the drainage problems as were especially exacerbated by the recent storms.

These roadway drainage improvements proposed include Clay Street (Washington Avenue to Garfield Avenue); Franklin Street (Washington Avenue to Garfield Avenue); Adams Avenue (DeHirsch Avenue to Emerson Street); Jefferson Avenue (Route 550 to Lowell Street) and Madison Avenue (Route 550 to Lowell Street). In addition to improving drainage on these 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.

"As a result of Woodbine being declared in a state of emergency, the Borough became eligible for this program. Unfortunately it took such extreme circumstances in order to have this drainage situation eligible for such funding. If approved, this mitigation project will hopefully spare properties in Woodbine from future flooding damage," noted Mayor Pikolycky.