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### **WOODBINE RECEIVES GREEN COMMUNITIES GRANT AWARD**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, New Jersey Forest Service has awarded the Borough of Woodbine a 2009 Green Communities grant in the amount of \$3000. This award has been endorsed by the New Jersey Community Forestry Council.

The purpose of this Green Communities grant is to provide funding to hire a qualified expert to assist Woodbine in the development of its third five-year Community Forestry Management Plan.

The major goal of the State's Community Forestry Program is to educate all 566 municipalities in New Jersey about the benefits of developing their own distinctive community forestry program and to offer support for these programs. As a community's program develops, the extent of its tree cover will increase with an improvement in the vitality of all its trees, leading to greater awareness and appreciation of the benefits of its arboreal resources.

"Woodbine has become a model throughout the State for its Community Forestry initiative," added Mayor Pikolycky. "We are delighted with the New Year's present of this assistance toward the development of our next round of planning for our historic tree cover. This will place us into a continued preventative maintenance program, so as to be able to protect our tree inventory and sustain our tree-lined community without excess burden on the taxpayer."