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WOODBINE HOSTS TRIPLE CROWN EVENT

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to report on Woodbine's September 9 "Triple Crown" event.

Garden State bioEnterprises celebrated the grand opening of its research/technology facility at 201 Heine Avenue. GSbioE is an exciting new technology company supplying valuable all-natural products for the pharma, cosmetic, nutrition and feed industries using the latest proprietary innovations in growth and production of algae. Being strategically located in Woodbine and therefore central to several Rutgers Marine Research facilities, creates opportunities for collaboration with world class marine scientists. Also, GSbioE is able to benefit from Stockton College's regional presence and local campus in Woodbine. Stockton is providing an excellent source of well educated marine science graduates who are currently staffing technical positions at Garden State bioEnterprises. The ceremonial ribbon cutting took place at the 201 Heine Avenue Facility.

Howard Henderson, State Director, from USDA Rural Development in New Jersey officially announced the award of a \$90,500 grant to the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority and presented a ceremonial check to Charles Norkis, Executive Director of the CMCMUA and CMCMUA Chairman George Betts. USDA's Grant will be used to analyze the most economically feasible and environmentally sound means of disposing of leachate generated at the landfill. This study will also consider the positive impacts of a public sanitary sewer system in this Pinelands Growth Area while also serving existing and future residents and businesses in Woodbine including the Airport and Airport Business Park and the Woodbine Developmental Center.

Mr. Henderson also announced the award of a grant in the amount of \$15,000 to the Borough of Woodbine for improvements to the Woodbine Public Safety Building adjacent to Borough Hall. Grant funds along with \$5,000 in Borough matching funds will be used to provide adequate facilities for a local food distribution center.

Mr. Henderson joined Mayor William Pikolycky, our invited Federal Senate and Congressional Representatives, State, County, and Local Officials in making the formal grant announcements while at the Garden State bioEnterprises facility.

Attending the ceremony were Senator Van Drew, who presented a Joint Legislative resolution, and Senator Menendez's Project Specialist Frank Schultz, who presented a letter from Senator Menendez which he read to those in attendance.

Also attending were Ken Drewes and Cindy O'Grady from USDA Rural Development, George Betts Chairman of the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority, Carmen Mollineaux from the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Freeholder Director Gerald Thornton, County Clerk Rita Marie Fulginiti, County Agricultural Agent Jenny Carleo, Carole Mattessich of Cape may County Economic Development, Elizabeth Lacey and Dennis Weiss from Stockton, Jean McAlister from ACCC, and Woodbine Council members Eduardo Ortiz, Louis Murray, and Mary Helen Perez.

At noon, Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno honored the Borough as a guest speaker at the Greater Woodbine Chamber Luncheon being hosted at the Anne Azeez Hall—Stockton College Campus at the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage. Many of the dignitaries who attended the ribboncutting joined the Chamber for the Lieutenant Governor's talk as well, including Freeholder E. Marie Hayes.

“ Woodbine has historically been an agricultural community and today's technologies now enable us to expand the scope and science of agriculture through Algaculture.

As the Marine Science Department of Stockton State College—with a presence here in Woodbine—partners with GardenState bioEnterprises, and through GSbioE's alliances with Rutgers, we are reminded of Woodbine's educational heritage, as home to the first agricultural college in New Jersey.

We celebrated the opening of a portal into the future, even as we are reminded of the paths that led up to it: Our resolve to support agriculture and now algaculture, education, and enterprise remains firm with an eye to what could be accomplished by those who have the vision to see,” noted Mayor Pikolycky.