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WOODBINE MAKES NJDOT APPLICATION FOR \$250,000 IN DISCRETIONARY AID

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce the Borough of Woodbine has made application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for discretionary aid funding in the amount of \$250,397.25 for infrastructure improvements along portions of Heilprin Avenue between Clay Street and Sumner Avenue.

Heilprin Avenue is in a deteriorated condition and needs improvements including the installation of drainage facilities. The road is a primary access for the properties along said roadway and interconnects the downtown residential area with Sumner Avenue providing an alternative bypass route to and from the downtown area. It is the only access for services to these properties including mail delivery, trash pickup, recyclable pickup and emergency vehicles.

In addition the Borough has been experiencing major drainage problems at the Webster Avenue intersection as well as the mid block area of Heilprin Avenue between Webster Avenue and Clay Street. These areas historically flood during storm events, with flood waters regularly covering the entire width of the road. The existing drainage facilities on Heilprin consist of French drains that have long ago failed to function adequately and should be interconnected with a positive outfall system. In this regard, the County of Cape May will be addressing similar drainage issues along Webster Avenue as part of an upcoming County road reconstruction project. Both the Borough and County projects need to be coordinated to avoid opening the County Road after it is repaved.

“Funding of this project will greatly benefit many residents, school children, pedestrians, motorists as well as eliminating a historical drainage problem, that has now become a major safety issue,” concluded Mayor Pikolycky.