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WOODBINE HOLDS OPEN SPACE ECO-PARK "GROUNDBREAKING" INDOORS

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Woodbine's Cape May County Open Space Eco-Park groundbreaking on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, went forward as an indoor event at the Woodbine Branch of the Cape May Library as rain pounded down on the worksite just outside.

Due to the large crowd in attendance, the ceremony was moved from the library proper to its annex.

Participating were: Senator Van Drew & Assemblyman Land; Freeholder Jeffrey Pierson and Freeholder Clerk Beth Bozzelli; Open Space Chair Peter Lomax, Sandra Lindley, Leslie Gimeno; representatives of Woodbine Elementary Woodbine Elementary School, including students; Deb Poillon, CMC Library Director, Jenny Carleo, CMC Agricultural Agent; CMC Technical School pre-engineering Instructor Micah Wenker; Belleplain State Forest representative Megan Mauger; Michael Hogan, Pinelands Municipal Council; Michael Hogan, Pinelands Municipal Council; Jody Alessandrine, The Nature Conservancy; David Lapuma, NJ Audubon; Ryan Rebozo, Pinelands Preservation Alliance; Nancy Hart, Master Gardeners; Joe Alvarez, NJ Beekeepers and instructor at Cumberland County College; Charlie Marandino, Contractor.

Following a brief introduction by Mayor Pikolycky, Borough Engineer Bruce Graham gave a detailed overview of the project.

Also providing remarks were Micah Wenker, pre-engineering instructor at Cape May County Technical School, whose students were involved in the project design; Freeholder Pierson who presented a commemoration plaque to Mayor Pikolycky; Open Space Board Chair Peter Lomax; Jody Alessandrine of The Nature Conservancy; and Senator Van Drew and Assemblyman Bruce Land who presented a joint legislative commendation.

"I thank everyone who came out for this groundbreaking event on a very rainy first day of spring. And I again extend my very great thanks to all those contributed to making this project come to fruition, and who will continue their support as it moves to completion. "

(Attached are remarks by Mayor & Borough Engineer
as well as photos)