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WOODBINE RECEIVES FUNDING FROM USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEARCH PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has received a grant from United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development SEARCH program in the amount of \$30,000.

This funding will now enable the Borough of Woodbine to participate in the CMCMUA's RFP and design study process. This study will evaluate how residents and businesses of the Borough might benefit through the construction of a sanitary sewage collection system to replace the current septic systems throughout Woodbine and the role of the Woodbine Wastewater Treatment Plant as a primary or secondary treatment facility.

This grant will be used for Engineering and Financial Planning Evaluations in conjunction with the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority's Professional Engineering Services Study of Solutions for Treatment and Disposal of Leachate from the CMCMUA's Sanitary landfill, which is located in Woodbine.

The CMCMUA's RFP is concerned with identifying the most efficient and cost-effective method of replacing the current tanker transport of leachate from the on-site storage facilities to the CMCMUA's Seven Mile Beach/Middle Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, a distance of 15 miles. This process presently requires an average of eighteen (18) tanker trucks of leachate to be transported to the WWTP daily.

Rural Development funds will be used to study options that could potentially remove onsite septic systems serving all the Borough's users including residential, commercial, and industrial users.

"This brings us one more step nearer to fulfilling our potential of bringing wastewater sewerage to our Borough Community," added Mayor Pikolycky. "The study is expected to be completed by mid to late summer. I want to express our thanks to Congressman LoBiondo for his support that was so instrumental in our obtaining both this current funding and a previous \$90,000 that the County MUA received earlier for this project."