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### **WOODBINE AWARDED \$50,000 DCA SMART FUTURE GRANT**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has received an award from the Department of Community Affairs, Office of Smart Growth, Smart Future grant program in the amount of \$50,000.

This award will provide funds to enable the Borough to address its ongoing development and redevelopment objectives in ways that reflect Smart Growth principles: sound environmental stewardship and innovative land use management and design, pursuit of energy independence through alternative energy options, and transportation/connectivity opportunities .

The principle objective of this grant application is to develop a Sustainability Plan for the Borough and document the implications that vision has for Woodbine's demography, economy, environment, geography, and general quality of life. Woodbine would thereby become a model of sustainability for other small and rural communities.

Woodbine recently closed out a \$35,000 Smart Growth grant which was used to position the Borough for its community/school project. This new grant will help with the Airport Business Park and Redevelopment area. It also leverages the recently awarded DOT grant for technical assistance for Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning.

“The Sustainability Plan would identify ways to integrate current pedestrian, bicycle, highway, and transit access to Woodbine and the various points-of-interest, key facilities, and employment centers into a coordinated network. In addition, it would identify new projects or facilities that would close gaps in present service and/or facilities. The ultimate intent or conclusion of the plan would be to identify the gaps or missing components of the Borough's facilities and to provide conceptual designs with projected construction cost estimates. It will ensure that we have a design-sensitive system of trails, signage, road improvements, and transit connections in place that complements the natural and build environment of our area. We would be positioning ourselves to provide shovel-ready sites for developers,” commented Mayor Pikolycky. “I would like to thank DCA Commissioner Susan Bass Levin for recognizing Woodbine's importance as a rural Center of Place.”