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## WOODBINE HOLDS HEARING ON AIRPORT MASTER PLAN

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that a Public Hearing on the Woodbine Municipal Airport Master Plan was held July 17 at the Woodbine Municipal Building concerning future growth at the Airport and continuing development of its Gateway Business Park.

Such growth can be enhanced by promoting “green development as was stressed when discussing the need to maximize these opportunities through a series of grants recently awarded to the Borough to bolster the community’s ability to attract businesses to its Economic Development Zone.

“We have 700 acres at the airport, 115 acres at the landfill, and the Route 550 corridor included in our zone, all prime areas for growth,” said Mayor Pikolycky.

Borough consultants Triad Associates, which assisted Woodbine in applying for a \$50,000 “Smart Future” grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and a \$75,000 grant from USDA-RD, note that developing marketing strategies for the Economic Development Zone is a key step in moving forward. Plans to create an aviation technology cluster focusing on ‘Sustainable Development’ will be a key component of the marketing plan.

Early in July Woodbine received a grant of \$200,000 for an economic study of the airport complex and an additional \$225,000 to develop the main entrance to the airport. Both grants came from the New Jersey Department of Transportation. An additional \$75,000 was received from the United States Department of Agriculture for a Phase II Marketing Plan. Phase I had already brought in \$70,000 from the USDA’s rural enterprise program.

Over the next months, the Borough will use its Smart Future Grant to construct a framework for sustainable development in Woodbine. The other grant funding will then be used to create a vision for the economic expansion of the Airport and an update of the Airport Master Plan that complement a sustainable development theme.

“Our goal,” said Pikolycky, “is to attract business that would be compatible with our Pinelands environment and rural lifestyle. We feel that promoting our Airport as a clean and green business park simply gives us another angle to use in marketing our community for new jobs and sustainable growth.”