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WOODBINE AWARDED CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT FUNDING

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Governor Christie has announced that Woodbine has been awarded a \$6,770.78 2014 New Jersey Clean Communities grant from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

Woodbine has received nearly \$60,000 from this program over the past two decades that it has been implemented.

As established by law, the nonprofit New Jersey Clean Communities oversees the reporting requirements for the program. The grants are funded by a legislated user-fee on manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors that produce litter-generating products. Disbursements to municipalities are based on the number of housing units and miles of municipally owned roadways within each municipality.

Litter comes from pedestrians, motorists, overflowing household garbage, construction sites and uncovered trucks, and is often blown by the wind until it is trapped somewhere, as along a fence or in a ditch or gully. People tend to litter when an area is already littered, and when they do not feel a sense of ownership or community pride. In addition to being unsightly, litter unhealthy may create a negative public image.

Activities that can be funded by the grants include cleanups of stormwater systems that can disperse trash into streams, rivers and bays; volunteer cleanups of public properties; adoption and enforcement of local anti-littering ordinances; beach cleanups; public information and education programs; and purchases of litter collection equipment, litter receptacles, recycling bins, anti-litter signs and supplies to remove graffiti.

“This funding provides us an avenue for keeping our clean communities programs sustainable, while not placing an added burden upon our taxpayers,” added Mayor Pikolycky.

