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WOODBINE RECEIVES OVER \$400,000 IN FUNDING FROM NJDOT

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the New Jersey Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, Airport Safety Fund, has awarded the Woodbine Municipal Airport a grant in the amount of \$199,500 for a Business Park and Economic Study and a grant in the amount of \$221,674 for Airport Gateway Entrance Road Rehabilitation, for awards totaling nearly \$422,000.

The Economic Development Strategy Plan/Business Park and Economic Study, which has a total project cost of \$210,000, recognizes that the Airport Master Plan Update must be prepared in accordance with guidelines as stipulated by the Federal Aviation Administration and the New Jersey Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics. Through sound planning and zoning and with the extraordinary commitments from the Pinelands Commission and the NJDCA Office of Smart Growth, the airport has been viewed as a catalyst for development and the endorsed "growth area" in the borough. Land uses of contiguous properties and properties within the general vicinity of the Woodbine Municipal Airport are classified for business and industrial development.

The Strategic Plan for Woodbine Airport will evaluate all pertinent information, plans, and data regarding the airport and adjacent business development sites. The process involved in formulating the Plan considers near-term and long-term actions that, taken together, fully use Woodbine Airport's existing assets and create new opportunities for success. This nearly \$200,000 grant will leverage an additional \$100,000 in recently secured grant funding, \$50,000 from New Jersey Economic Authority and \$50,000 from the Office of Smart Growth for strategic planning funding for advancing the action agenda for the Airport Business Park Landfill Redevelopment Area and Borough Business Park and downtown business area.

The Airport Gateway Entrance Road Rehabilitation, with a project cost of \$233,341, is for rehabilitation of the airport gateway entrance road at Henry DeCinque Boulevard. Besides upgrading, there is also a need to extend this roadway towards the north to accommodate the growth of the airport and to provide for the additional business development and aviation demands associated with this Airport Business Park.

"This will bring additional focus to our Business Park at the same time making the necessary upgrades that will be needed to continue development of the Business Park. Included in this work will be establishment of a Business Park entrance, the widening of the shoulder, and reconstruction of approximately 1000 feet of roadway," added Mayor Pikolycky.