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### **WOODBINE SETS MEETING TO DISCUSS "RURAL SUSTAINABILITY"**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Woodbine residents and interested parties are invited to attend a public meeting 6 p.m. Monday, December 15, at the Main Meeting Room at Woodbine Borough Hall, 501 Washington Avenue.

This meeting is part of the process to add a "Rural Sustainability" element to the municipal Master Plan. It will include examining the steps necessary to sustain the Borough's rural character while encouraging new development and economic opportunity. The meeting is anticipated to run no more than two hours. It will be following the monthly Woodbine Municipal Port Authority meeting, which begins at 5:30 p.m.

"We are one of the first towns in the State to explore the issue of sustainability," commented Mayor William Pikolycky.

By implementing a grant from the New Jersey Office of Smart Growth, Woodbine hopes to tackle the challenges and opportunities posed by growth and development, land use changes, fluctuating fuel prices, rising travel and energy costs, conservation needs, and alternative energy sources.

Finding successful ways to develop the community and providing necessary public services requires community involvement in the planning process. The Borough is seeking input from residents, business owners and other stakeholders to define the issues and priorities which will be addressed in the final version of the plan.

"We want this to be a meaningful exercise," said Mayor Pikolycky. "If we are going to create a strategy for sustainable growth and development, it has to be realistic, and one that meets the everyday needs of our community."