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### **WOODBINE APPLIES FOR SUSTAINABLE JERSEY CERTIFICATION**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application become a “Sustainability Jersey” municipality.

The Borough, in 2007, received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Office of Smart Growth to pursue development of a Rural Sustainability Plan. The Plan involved partnerships with the New Jersey Institute of Technology Infrastructure Planning and the Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey.

In February 2009, the Borough registered with the Sustainable New Jersey Program. Over the past year the Borough has adopted a Rural Sustainability Plan, new ordinances relating to it, and in the process reaffirmed its actions as a Pinelands Town, making it eligible for Sustainable New Jersey Certification.

Steps taken to qualify for this certification include creation of a “Green Team”, adoption of a Sustainable and Use Pledge, and initiation of a Municipal Energy Audit.

“I feel confident that our application will be successful, as our application included points well in excess of the 100 required for this certification,” noted Mayor Pikolycky. “This will place the Borough in a much stronger position in its competition for future grant funding and other such opportunities.”