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WOODBINE MUA MAKES PRE-APPLICATION FOR USDA GRANT/LOAN PROGRAM

Woodbine - Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine's Municipal Utilities Authority has requested a Determination of Eligibility from the United States Department of Agriculture's Water and Sewer Environmental Grant/Loan Program. The WMUA is seeking a grant and loan of approximately \$4,500,000 to reconstruct a maintenance well-house building, acquire the sanitary sewage treatment plant and redirect operations to the WMUA, and construct sanitary sewer lines with laterals from the treatment plant to the Highway Commercial and Town Center Commercial Districts.

The sewage facility will serve the Woodbine Airport Business Park and can accommodate businesses in the Town Center District which have expressed interest in expanding their operations. However, Pinelands restrictions require them to have municipal sewer service.

"Expanding the sanitary sewer service area will allow existing and prospective businesses in our Highway Commercial and Town Center Commercial Districts to develop in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Pinelands Commission. In addition, I believe sewer service which is currently available at our Airport Business Park will greatly enhance the Borough's opportunities to attract employers, create new jobs and ratables for long term economic sustainability for Woodbine," continued Mayor Pikolycky.