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WOODBINE MAKES APPLICATION FOR TREE FUNDING

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Parks and Forestry, for \$25,000 in funding under the 2009 Community Stewardship Incentive Program (CSIP).

Work to be done under this grant includes a diversified program of tree trimming, hazardous tree and stump removal, tree planting and professional services, including fertilization of the current tree cover. This grant application deals with four of the Plan's goals:

- 1) Enhance the Safety of the Tree Resource through continued tree assessment relative to planting needs and hazardous tree removal.
- 2) Maintain Safety of Residents and Visitors through identification and removal of hazardous trees and stumps.
- 3) Diversify the Tree Species Composition along the Borough's Streets and Roadways through the planting of new species of trees at approximately twenty locations throughout the Borough where hazardous trees were removed.
- 4) Continue to Promote Stewardship Among the Citizens of Woodbine through the Borough's annual Arbor Day celebrations.

Approximately thirty trees and ten stumps are to be removed and approximately 20 replacement trees would be planted. The CSIP program will also include the Borough's annual Arbor Day commemoration.

Woodbine completed work under two grants, totaling \$50,000 this past year. One grant was for planting and the other funded hazardous tree removal and trimming.

"Woodbine has been cited as a model Community Forestry Management community and is ranked first among municipalities with *over \$110,000* in State community forestry funding that has greatly enhanced the quality of life for the families residing in this borough," noted Mayor Pikolycky. "We have a long history of being a tree-lined community, and these resources held us maintain the health and safety of our tree population. It also allows us to replace hazardous trees that have been removed to continue our arboreal glory."

Woodbine has also made application to NJDEP for a Green Communities Challenge Grant to fund preparation of its third five-year Community Forestry Management Plan.