

PRESS RELEASE

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WOODBINE AWARDED \$150,000 FROM NJDOT FOR SUMNER AVENUE

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has received New Jersey Department of Transportation discretionary aid funding in the amount of \$150,000 for reconstruction of a portion of Sumner Avenue. This will continue a project which was funded by previous NJDOT grants and included portions of both Heilprin and Sumner Avenues. The total awarded to date for this overall project is \$755,000.

This latest funding award will be applied towards the remaining phase of Sumner Avenue between Heilprin Avenue and Tyler Road. While the funds approved to date will not allow us to fully complete this entire section of roadway, it will go a long way towards our goal of improving this roadway.

This road is in a deteriorated condition and needs improvement including the installation of stormwater facilities to correct recurrent flooding problems. It interconnects to the downtown residential area thus providing an alternative bypass route to and from downtown. It is sandwiched between the Woodbine Developmental Center, a large State facility, and our grade pre-K through 8 Community School. This area historically floods during storm events due to the lack of a drainage system.

It is utilized by school busses from surrounding Districts and has seen an increase in traffic due to the expansion of use at the Woodbine Community School as well as Woodbine's County Library branch.

These improvements will also complement the work being performed by the County of Cape May on Webster Avenue.

It abuts the Borough's new Cape May County Open Space Eco Park of which Phase I was recently completed and which is expected to attract residents and as well as visitors from around the County. It is also immediately adjacent to a NJ Transit route. The Borough is also a Complete Streets community and the design of this project will adhere to that policy.

"Once again we thank NJDOT not only for this present award but also past support of Woodbine's grant-funded infrastructure projects without which we would not have been able to accomplish numerous necessary infrastructure improvements without incurring financial hardship to our taxpayers", noted Mayor Pikolycky.