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BOROUGH RECEIVES REDEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has been awarded funding from the United State Department of Agriculture, Rural Development (USDA) to assist with pre-development costs associated with the redevelopment of the former landfill site. These funds will leverage additional public and private financing utilized to transform the landfill site while creating new jobs and ratables for the Borough.

Benefits include cleaning up or capping of the landfill, the production of clean energy, new permanent jobs, and hopefully utilization of water from waste water treatment plant(s).

The Borough and USDA will be holding a ceremony to celebrate the receipt of a \$98,000 check on August 26, at 11 a.m. at the Municipal Building, 501 Washington Avenue.

The USDA funds will be used for structural studies on the landfill to assess weight bearing loads, for environmental mitigation, and site planning to support planning and development activities at the Woodbine landfill.

Howard Henderson, State Director for USDA Rural Development in New Jersey said that "This Rural Business Enterprise Grant will assist the Borough of Woodbine in turning a liability into an asset, by providing the opportunity for economic development at the landfill site."

A prospective use of the landfill will be for Garden State Ethanol to develop a commercially viable bioenergy production facility. This would be the only testing facility for different algae growth and processing technologies in the region. When this facility reaches full production it could create as many as 50 jobs and produce 10,000,000 gallons of biodiesel fuel.

Partners in this endeavor are the Borough of Woodbine; Garden State Ethanol, the developer; Triad Associates; Rowan University, research and development; Algaedyne, technology; and Taylor Wiseman Taylor, environmental engineering.

For those interested a view of Garden State Ethanol's bioreactors at 911 Washington Avenue in Woodbine will be held following the award ceremony.