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**WOODBINE MAKES APPLICATION TO  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR \$400,000  
TOWARDS FLOODING MITIGATION PROJECTS**

**Woodbine**—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that the Borough of Woodbine has made application to the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Small Cities Public Facilities program for funding in the amount of \$400,000 to provide funds to construct storm drainage improvements to mitigate flooding in the Borough as per Federal Disaster Declaration 1897 – Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

This application seeks to provide the Borough's matching funds for its pending FEMA grant application. This project will construct storm drainage improvements that will address flooding issues that have been affecting the Borough. These major improvements are also designed to address frequent flooding along various roadways in the downtown area of the Borough including County Routes 550 and 557, Washington Avenue and DeHirsch Avenue. Route 550 is an alternate to NJ State Route 55 which is a designated shore evacuation route. The County is also supporting these efforts.

If both the FEMA and the NJDCA applications are approved, the project will total approximately \$1.4 million.

These improvements are in response to the substantial flooding in the Borough during the storms of March 17-20, 2010, and the Presidential Disaster Declaration. The NJDCA Small Cities funds will reduce flooding in the Clay Street / Franklin Street area of the Borough. The FEMA project, when funded, will eliminate flooding Borough-wide.

“This would enable the Borough to abate the flooding problems resulting from the drainage situation. This program offers the Borough the necessary resources to do carry out such a capital project.”

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