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Monroe on Receiving End of \$89K NJDEP Grant

MONROE – Officials from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection are awarding an approximately \$89,000 Clean Communities Grant to Monroe Township’s Department of Public Works.

“This is a great example of our Township making an effort to offset operational costs, while expanding our services,” said Monroe Mayor Gerald W. Tamburro. “As one of our more reliable grant programs, this has helped us both continue and even build upon our clean community through beautification and litter removal here in the Township.”

Within the next year, Monroe plans to use the newly acquired funds for municipal roadside cleanup grants, maintenance on machinery, education and special projects.

“We’re also considering using some of the grant money toward a town-wide cleanup,” said Monroe’s Department of Public Works Director Wayne Horbatt. “Traditionally, we offer mini grants to organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and other service groups that volunteer for roadside and stream cleanups. These groups have collected hundreds of pounds of garbage and debris over the years.”

Through the state grant program, the NJDEP issued more than \$20 million to communities and counties across the State, basing its allocations on statistical reports that outline the number of housing units and municipally owned roadway mileage in a respective area.

“Clean Communities money is a vital resource for New Jersey’s municipalities and counties every year because these grants help fund cleanups that will further enhance our communities, natural resources and roadways,” said NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin. “By taking care of the environment around us, we encourage others to do the same in their own communities and build pride across our State.”

For more information on Clean Communities projects or to apply for a cleanup grant, contact Monroe’s Department of Public Works at 732-656-4575.

For further details, contact Monroe Township’s Public Information Officer Maria Prato at 732-521-4400 or mprato@monroetwp.com.