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## **MAYOR HORNİK ANNOUNCES CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT Township Awarded \$95,842**

**MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (June 12, 2019)** – The New Jersey Clean Communities Program has awarded Marlboro Township \$95,842 in grant funding. The award was announced by Commissioner Catherine R. McCabe of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) in a press release dated May 23, 2019.

“We constantly strive to identify alternate sources of funding for critical needs, and parks and public spaces are essential to the quality of life in our Town,” said Mayor Hornik. “The Clean Communities grant allows us to dedicate additional resources to the maintenance of these areas.”

New Jersey Clean Communities is a statewide, comprehensive, litter-abatement program created by the passage of the Clean Communities Act in 1986. The Act provides specific guidelines on the use of funds. Recipients must implement litter abatement programs which take various forms, including physical litter cleanup, enforcement and education programs, and track and report the expenditure of funds and the progress of local initiatives.

“Litter obviously detracts from the appearance of our community, but it is also detrimental to storm, waste and potable water infrastructure,” said Mayor Hornik. “In addition to maintaining the cleanliness of our neighborhoods, these funds are also used to protect public health and safety. I am pleased to report that through the use of this grant we will be able to continue to offer clean communities initiatives in Marlboro for another year.”

In the past the grant has been used to fund community clean ups and has provided equipment and assistance for community groups that adopt a location. During 2018 volunteer groups collected close to 2000 pounds of trash. Those interested in participating should contact Clean Communities Coordinator, Suzanne Rubinstein at 732-536-0188

New Jersey Clean Communities is funded by a legislated user-fee on manufacturers, wholesalers and distributors that produce litter-generating products. The DEP has reported a total award of \$19.1 million to eligible municipalities in 2019.

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