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MAYOR HORNİK ANNOUNCES RECEIPT OF \$120K FEDERAL GRANT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

MARLBORO TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY (July 8, 2019) – The Township is in receipt of \$120,370 in funding through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the resurfacing of Peasley Drive in the Greenbriar development located off of Robertsville Road. The award was announced by the Monmouth County Office of Community Development in a letter to Mayor Jonathan Hornik dated May 6, 2019.

“We constantly strive to identify alternate sources of funding for critical needs and road improvements are a top priority,” said Mayor Hornik. “I am very pleased to report this most recent grant award, one which will allow us to leverage municipal resources to cover even more roadways.”

The Township recently completed drainage work on Peasley Drive in Greenbriar as part of a Road Repair Initiative announced by Mayor Hornik earlier in 2019, the components of which include:

- Five (\$5) million dollars for local road repair and reconstruction as a part of the 2019 capital plan.
- On-going communication with the County and State to address the roads not under local jurisdiction.
- Launch of a Road Repair website section to update and inform residents on road repair process and status.
- A redesigned on-line Pothole Portal which facilitates for more efficient response to resident reports of roads in need of repair.

The Township also appropriated \$5 million for road improvements as part of its 2018 capital program, totaling \$10 million over 2 years. This amount represents more than twice the historical average for road improvements.

“Extreme weather continues to take a significant toll on our roads and infrastructure and the work absolutely needs to get done”, said Mayor Hornik. “But with a price tag averaging half million dollars to reconstruct one mile of road and more than 200 miles of Township roads across 32.5 square miles, it is an understandably slow and frustrating process. In order to meet the need, the Township will continue to leverage its AAA bond rating to obtain funding at the lowest rates possible, and aggressively pursue outside sources of funding for road improvements.”

Federal monies through the CDBG program sponsored by HUD are made available in Federal census districts with a majority of residents classified as low to moderate income.

The only census district that currently qualifies for this CDBG funding is the area encompassing the Greenbriar development off of Robertsville Road. CDBG funding is allocated to Monmouth County and awarded through a competitive process undertaken by the County Office of Community Development.

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