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NJMC Allocates \$1.4 Million to Meadowlands Municipalities for Services to Residents

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission today approved \$1.4 million in Municipal Assistance Program grants to bring property tax relief to the residents of the 14 Meadowlands District municipalities.

“Today’s funding is another investment by the NJMC in the revitalization of the Meadowlands District, and a helping hand to municipal leaders in their efforts to stabilize property taxes,” said Joseph V. Doria, Acting NJMC Chairman and Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. “In addition to the funding, we also offer the consultation and expertise of our professional staff to help this region stay on the rise.”

Each municipality is eligible for \$100,000 through MAP, which is supported by the NJMC’s Meadowlands Area Grants for Natural and Economic Transformation fund. The grant program provides the municipalities with financial support to purchase equipment, undertake repairs, expand recreational facilities and make improvements to transportation, stormwater, and other infrastructure.

Working in concert with the towns, the NJMC has also established \$5.5 million worth of shared programs including:

- Geographic Information System digital mapping technology including zoning, planning, emergency services and right-to-know data
- Camera truck and sewer vacuum truck services to address sewer line and other related problems
- Financial assistance for the preparation of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans
- Technical and financial assistance to prepare Fair Share Housing Plans
- Support of the Hackensack Meadowlands Municipal Committee
- Meadowlands Science Scholarships for high school seniors

- Community Arts Program grants
- Programs for senior citizens including concerts, culinary demonstrations, and web-based environmental lessons brought to community centers.

“The MAP fund allows this agency to make marked positive impacts at all levels of the Meadowlands community, from elected officials striving to balance budgets to families enjoying the services and recreation their towns provide,” said NJMC Executive Director Robert Ceberio. “We look forward to continuing to back the success of this region.”

Since 2003, the NJMC has invested \$33 million in grants, aide and other forms of financial support to its municipalities.

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