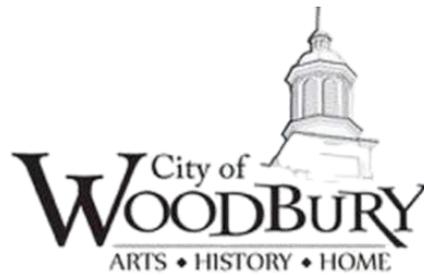


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**City of Woodbury Receives \$148,000 NJDCA Community Capital Needs Grant
For Improvements to Wing-Dickerson Park**

The South Woodbury Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) district has been awarded a \$148,000 Community Capital Needs NPP Grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs (NJDCA). The grant will be used for recreation improvements at Wing-Dickerson Park on Allens Lane in Woodbury.

In June, the NJDCA announced 13 Community Capital Needs (CCN) NPP grants totaling \$3.75 million for NPP districts throughout New Jersey. The grants are designed to significantly leverage prior and new investments, and aid designated NPP districts in completing or advancing projects of a capital nature. The program was created to promote the continued recovery and revitalization of communities in the wake of the COVID-19 crisis. It will also address key capital improvements in NPP districts that can serve as catalysts for ongoing economic growth and increased quality of life in those areas, resulting in more resilient communities and a stronger and fairer New Jersey.

The South Woodbury NPP District is located in the area surrounding the Downtown Business District along Broad Street, from roughly Carpenter Street to Cooper Street/Delaware Street. \$60,000 in additional funding from the NPP district's annual funding will also go toward this project in keeping with goal of leveraging NPP funding to expand the resources and impact on the community. Community groups have also been raising funds to assist with repairs and improvements at the park.

The project awarded funding by the NJDCA is primarily focused on fully replacing the basketball courts, resurfacing the tennis and pickleball courts, and replacing deteriorated playground equipment. Residents from the surrounding area have been working with the City on these much-needed improvements.

"We are all so thankful to have been awarded the NPP Community Capital Needs Grant," said Mayor Peg Sickel. "The funding from this grant will now make it possible to give the children, as well as all our community, the revitalized Wing-Dickerson Park they so deserve."

Improvements to the park are scheduled to be complete by the end of 2022.

The Neighborhood Preservation Program is designed to increase place, economic, civic and social value in 40 "threatened but viable" communities. It does so by awarding designated communities \$125,000 a year over 5 years to enhance buildings, streets and a district's entire

physical realm. The grants also help to support and coordinate small business recovery, growth and sustainability, and market district events and activities while engaging local stakeholders in planning and relationship building.



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