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**Mayor Amato announces \$136,028 Clean Communities Grant from State**  
Mayor Amato Seeks Berkeley Groups to participate

**BERKELEY TOWNSHIP**- Mayor Carmen F. Amato, Jr., is pleased to announce that the Township has received a Clean Communities Grant from the State totaling \$136,028.

"I would like to once again thank the State for their commitment in funding this vital grant program," Mayor Amato said.

"The \$136,028 Department of Environmental Protection Clean Communities Grant award is good news for Berkeley taxpayers and local non-profit, civic and community groups. The Township will use a portion of this grant to offset salaries of employees that clean and maintain our parks and beaches along with the funding of mini-grants to local non-profit civic and community groups that take advantage of our "Adopt a Spot" or "Adopt a Road" program," Mayor Amato stated.

The Township instituted some changes to the local program last year. "Adopt a Spot" or "Adopt a Road" locations must be pre-approved through an application process and organizations will be limited to a maximum of two spots at separate locations. "This is an effort to accommodate as many local groups and locations as possible and to ensure funds are available for the group," Mayor Amato said.

If the Township has any surplus funds, groups can reapply. "Any non-profit, civic or community group in the township that signs up to participate in our "Adopt a Spot" or "Adopt a Road" project can receive \$500 for their organization," Mayor Amato added.

Mayor Amato said, "These area clean-ups provide a much-needed service in keeping our township clean. The funding also allows for equipment related to the clean-ups, education and enforcement of litter laws. We plan on using some of these groups to help tidy up our streets and areas along the maritime areas where remnants of Superstorm Sandy remain, as well as providing valuable community service hours to our civic organizations."

Any nonprofit organization in Berkeley Township that wants to participate in the program should call our Public Works office at 732-341-1022.

"It's a Win-Win situation for our Township. Nonprofit community groups take advantage of the funding and the township benefits that we are able to get areas of our town cleaned up," Mayor Amato said.

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