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Collaboration Leads to Grant Funds

Hillsborough Township Partners with Rutgers Cooperative Extension and Stony-Brook Millstone Watershed Association

“Hillsborough Township along with Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) and the Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association (SBMWA) are pleased to announce the receipt of a \$175,539 grant to address areas of concern along Royce Brook,” Committeewoman Gloria McCauley, Liaison to the Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee reported at Tuesday’s Township Committee meeting.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) continues to expand its efforts in Urban Extension by securing funding to work directly with municipalities and their residents to address important issues afflicting New Jersey’s towns.

“The partnership between Hillsborough Township, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County and Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association (SBMWA) to obtain a \$175,539 grant to address flooding problems that are associated with the Royce Brook is another example of the success that comes through collaboration,” stated Committeewoman McCauley.

The Royce Brook flows through the center of Hillsborough into the Borough of Manville, and ultimately the Raritan River. The project will focus on engaging the community to adopt practices that help reduce flooding and clean the water in Royce Brook. Ms. Patricia Rector, Environmental Agent for Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County, will be the project lead, working closely with

Hillsborough Township Committee, Sustainable Hillsborough Steering Committee, the Environmental Commission, RCE Water Resources Program, RCE Master Gardeners, SBMWA staff and Township residents. The grant will provide funding to install rain gardens in the Township among other storm-water management practices. This partnership will provide a great start to reducing flooding in Hillsborough Township and improving the water quality of Royce Brook.

“I am excited to work with the Township of Hillsborough, the Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association and other great partners from Rutgers Cooperative Extension, the Rutgers Water Resources Program, the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Program of Somerset County and the Rutgers Master Gardner Program to implement some great projects to help reduce storm-water runoff to the Royce Brook and ultimately to the Raritan River. This is a great opportunity for partnerships, with varied expertise to bring much to the table to make this a very successful project,” stated Patricia Rector of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County.

For more information, please contact Patricia Rector at rector@njaes.rutgers.edu.

About Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE):

Rutgers New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station (NJAES) Cooperative Extension helps the diverse population of New Jersey adapt to a rapidly changing society and improve their lives and communities through an educational process that uses science based knowledge. Through science-based educational programs, Rutgers Cooperative Extension truly enhances the quality of life for residents of New Jersey and brings the wealth of knowledge of the state university to local communities.

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