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June 10, 2020

The Honorable Stuart K. Patrick  
Mayor of Glen Ridge  
825 Bloomfield Avenue  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Mayor Patrick:

On behalf of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, I am pleased to award the Borough of Glen Ridge with a Certified Local Government grant to develop a set of Design Guidelines for the Glen Ridge Historic District. Your project has been selected to be fully funded at the requested amount of \$24,999 for federal fiscal year 2020.

As you know, New Jersey's Certified Local Government program is an important tool in assisting municipalities to preserve significant historic and archaeological resources through direct technical assistance, training and grants. We are actively pursuing the revitalization of the state's developed areas and encouraging the preservation of historic resources and open space. Along with economic development and community revitalization, historic preservation in our urban, suburban, and rural areas is an essential element of promoting livable communities in New Jersey.

These grant funds are available through the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund. Please note that this award is contingent upon the availability of federal funds and the execution of a grant agreement between the grantee and the DEP.

In addition, the grantees are required to attend a grant kick-off meeting with Historic Preservation Office staff before the final execution of the grant agreement. Since this grant falls below the \$25,000 Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act reporting threshold, your grant has no reporting requirements under that Act. If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Kinney from the Historic Preservation Office at (609) 984-0141 or [jonathan.kinney@dep.nj.gov](mailto:jonathan.kinney@dep.nj.gov).

My colleagues in the DEP's Historic Preservation Office look forward to working with you on your project and will be in touch with your staff soon. In the meantime, I offer my congratulations to you on your municipality's successful application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ray Bukowski', written in a cursive style.

Ray Bukowski

Mayor Stuart Patrick  
825 Bloomfield Ave  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Tree City USA Supporter,

On behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation, I write to congratulate Glen Ridge on earning recognition as a 2019 Tree City USA. Residents of Glen Ridge should be proud to live in a community that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.

Glen Ridge is one of more than 3,600 Tree City USA communities, with a combined population of 155 million. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, and energy use. Glen Ridge is stepping up to do its part. As a result of your commitment to effective urban forest management, you are helping to provide a solution to these challenges.

We hope you are excited to share this accomplishment. Enclosed in this packet is a press release for your convenience as you prepare to contact local media and the public.

State foresters coordinate the presentation of the Tree City USA recognition materials. We will forward information about your awards to your state forester's office to facilitate presentation. It would be especially appropriate to make the Tree City USA award a part of your community's Arbor Day ceremony.

Again, we celebrate your commitment to the people and trees of Glen Ridge and thank you for helping to create a healthier planet for all of us.

Best Regards,



Dan Lambe  
President

cc: Richard Wolowicz

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Arbor Day Foundation Names Glen Ridge Tree City USA®**

**Lincoln, Neb. (June 4, 2020)** Glen Ridge, New Jersey, was named a 2019 Tree City USA® by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Glen Ridge achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

"Tree City USA communities see the impact an urban forest has in a community first hand," said Dan Lambe, president of the Arbor Day Foundation. "The trees being planted and cared for by Glen Ridge are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy to a better quality of life. Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education."

If ever there was a time for trees, now is that time. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, energy use, and protection from extreme heat and flooding. The Arbor Day Foundation recently launched the *Time for Trees* initiative to address these issues, with unprecedented goals of planting 100 million trees in forests and communities and inspiring 5 million tree planters by 2022. With Tree City USA recognition, Glen Ridge has demonstrated a commitment to effective urban forest management and doing its part to help address these challenges for Glen Ridge residents now and in the future.

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](https://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA).

**About the Arbor Day Foundation:** The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at [arborday.org](https://arborday.org).





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**Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.**

Essex County Executive

June 12, 2020

Hon. Stuart K. Patrick  
Mayor  
Borough of Glen Ridge  
825 Bloomfield Avenue  
Glen Ridge, NJ 07028

Dear Mayor Patrick:

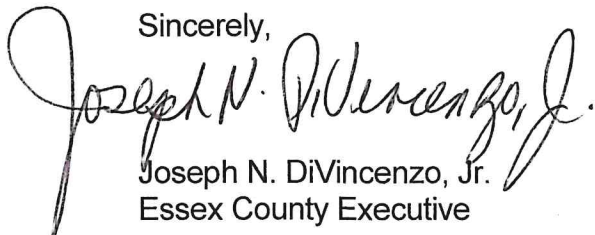
Back in March, when the pandemic was in its infancy and we were experiencing its first effects, I sent a letter to you and the other Essex County Mayors pledging my support and telling you how proud I felt about the way in which our communities were responding. Three months later, my pride is even stronger knowing that during these difficult and challenging times we have come together to do what is best for the health and safety of our residents.

Last month, we shared information that Essex was one of the nine counties in New Jersey to receive Federal funding through the CARES Act. I knew immediately that these funds needed to be funneled to aide our municipalities to pay for COVID-related expenses – all of which have stressed our operating budgets.

Thank you for your partnership in providing the necessary information we requested in order to present you with a check to reimburse your municipality for these unforeseen costs. As we continue to respond to the Coronavirus, you can be sure that support from Essex will be ever present. Please know that me and my staff are always just a phone call away.

Working together we will continue *Putting Essex County First*.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr.  
Essex County Executive

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