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- \$ 1,076,292 - NJ Infrastructure Trust Fund for town-wide investigation & repair of our sewer systems
 - \$ 67,000 - State SHARE grant to study Fire/EMS services with Watchung and Green Brook

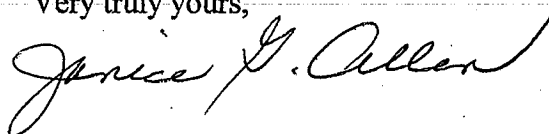
Going forward, economic development and investment is key to generating additional tax revenue. The recently approved redevelopment plan of the Villa Maria tract is an example. We anticipate approximately \$1.2 million in local tax revenue from the Villa Maria property when it is developed. This age restricted community will provide approximately \$900,000 in revenue to our schools and approximately \$300,000 in revenue to the municipality, **annually**, with no cost impact on our school system.

Our Borough Council, Economic Development Committee and Planning Board are using Somerset County Economic Development Incentive Program grants, and other state grants, to set the stage for redevelopment. Currently, we have designated the Old Mill area as a redevelopment zone. Architectural review standards have been implemented, which have allowed us to enact a facade improvement program and guide future improvement efforts. New gateway signs will be posted throughout the town this Fall to enhance our identity and advertise special events. It is our vision that the cumulative effect of these initiatives will lead to a more vital, economically healthy community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who work tirelessly to make our community a better place to live. They serve as unpaid members of committees, help bring in grants and work with our youth – all make a positive contribution to our quality of life.

North Plainfield continues to be a desirable place to live, work and raise a family. I hope this information provides you with a sample of the efforts the Borough Council and my administration are making to ensure that your tax dollars are being spent wisely today for a better community tomorrow. I look forward to working with you and hearing from you as we build on our progress.

Very truly yours,



Janice G. Allen
Mayor

Reminder: Please take advantage of the State's Homestead Rebate (FAIR) and the Property Tax Rebate (Senior Freeze Program). Property tax deductions are also available to Senior Citizens, Disabled Persons, Veterans and Disable Veterans. Additional information may be obtained through the State Division of Taxation (website: www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation) or by calling 609-292-6400.

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