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Façade-Improvement Project Completed

North Plainfield business receives EDIP funds

NORTH PLAINFIELD – Somerset County Freeholder Patricia Walsh recently joined Mayor Janice Allen, North Plainfield Borough Council members and members of the borough’s Economic Development Committee in a ribbon-cutting ceremony to acknowledge the completion of North Plainfield’s first façade-improvement project under the county’s Economic Development Improvement Program (EDIP).

Harty Brothers Carpet on Somerset Street received \$22,755 in EDIP funding to reconstruct its façade.

This Façade-Improvement Program is part of North Plainfield’s comprehensive economic redevelopment efforts through its “Gateway to Downtown” project, which is funded primarily by a county EDIP grant.



Somerset County Freeholder Patricia Walsh, right, joined North Plainfield Mayor Janice Allen, other borough officials and the business owner at a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the completion of a façade-improvement program at Harty Brothers Carpet on Somerset Street.

“This project will improve mobility and safety, as well as the quality of life in the community through its aesthetic value,” said Freeholder Walsh, county planning liaison. “Additionally, it will attract people into the downtown, which ultimately will increase the value of commercial properties along the borough’s Somerset Street corridor.

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“The ‘Gateway to Downtown’ project is a comprehensive initiative that has all the elements of sound and efficient use of taxpayer dollars, including good planning, cost-sharing, private-sector investment and much-needed infrastructure improvements that generate economic benefits,” she said.

The Board of Freeholders has been a consistent partner in providing EDIP funding to support economic development projects in North Plainfield. Since 1998, the county has awarded \$1 million for use toward streetscape projects, \$123,983 for façade-improvement projects, \$223,150 for parking-related projects and \$80,000 for redevelopment planning and signage. In total, Somerset County has provided over \$1.4 million to North Plainfield for use toward the Gateway project.

The EDIP was established in 1998 to revitalize Somerset County’s older towns. To date, \$9,525,440 has been awarded to the boroughs of Bound Brook, Manville, North Plainfield, Raritan, Somerville and South Bound Brook and parts of Franklin Township.

Borough business owners may contact North Plainfield Borough Administrator David Hollod at (908) 769-2950 for information about applying for façade-improvement grants.