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**ADLER/GREENWALD/PREVITE ANNOUNCE
LOCAL STREETScape, TRAFFIC GRANTS**

Department of Transportation Livable Communities Pilot Program to Subsidize
Local Improvement Projects

(CHERRY HILL) -- Senator John H. Adler, Assemblyman Louis D. Greenwald and Assemblywoman Mary Previte today announced that six municipalities in their legislative district will receive more than \$600,000 in state funding for local community improvement projects.

Under the Liveable Communities Pilot Program, local governments receive state funding to assist with projects that enhance a municipality's ability to promote economic growth. Projects undertaken with grant money could include sidewalk installation, streetscape improvements, town square developments, roadway enhancements and street light installation.

"Sidewalks keep kids safe," said Adler (D-Cherry Hill). "This funding will improve safety conditions for child and adult pedestrians in Camden County communities. Pedestrian-friendly streets are safe streets."

The Liveable Community state grants awarded in the 6th District include:

- \$236,292 to Oaklyn and Haddon Township for White Horse Pike streetscape enhancements;
- \$156,250 to Gibbsboro for the installation of bicycle/pedestrian amenities along the Gibbsboro bikeway - phase one;
- \$124,400 to Cherry Hill for Route 38 sidewalk installation;
- \$66,750 to Haddonfield for the Haddon Avenue pedestrian circulation and traffic calming program;
- \$26,250 to Berlin Borough for the Franklin Avenue Recreation Complex sidewalk.

"The funding of projects in these six municipalities demonstrates a successful partnership that exists between state and local governments," said Greenwald (D-Voorhees). "Not only will these projects enable the municipalities to spur and attract economic development, but the state grants will help lower the cost for property taxpayers."

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"Thanks to assistance from the state, these projects will advance smart growth and recreational opportunities throughout the district," said Previte (D-Haddonfield). "Whether it's improving pedestrian and traffic flow, enhancing streetscapes or installing sidewalks, we all will benefit from these local improvements."

All New Jersey municipalities were able to apply for the estimated \$9 million in funding available through the state Department of Transportation Livable Communities Pilot Program, which is a Fiscal Year 2003 budget initiative supported by the Assembly Democratic Majority.

"This is a true testament for a legislative team being able to bring scarce tax dollars back into the district for important local projects," said Haddon Twp. Councilman Walt Eife.

The 6th Legislative District consists of Audubon Park, Berlin Borough, Berlin Township, Cherry Hill, Chesilhurst, Collingswood, Gibbsboro, Haddon Township, Haddonfield, Oaklyn, Pine Hill, Pine Valley, Tavistock, Voorhees, Waterford and Winslow Township.