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November 24, 2015

Hon. Ronald Francioli, Mayor  
Township of Hanover  
1000 Route 10  
P.O. Box 250  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Dear Mayor Francioli:

On behalf of the Morris County Board of Chosen Freeholders, I am pleased to announce that the ***Bee Meadow Greenway-Phase III*** project is one of the 6 proposals selected to receive funding from the 2015 Open Space Trust Fund Program. Our decision was based upon a recommendation submitted by the Open Space Trust Fund Committee, a body formed by the Freeholders to evaluate applications submitted by municipalities and/or charitable conservancies. The amount of the grant to your municipality for this project is ***\$165,000***.

The Department of Planning & Public Works is now in the process of drafting a grant agreement through which the funds will be distributed to your municipality. In accordance with P.L. 1997, Chapter 24, the grant agreement will require that all land shall be held in a "municipal open space trust" to be used exclusively for the purposes authorized by law. We anticipate executing the grant agreement early in 2016, although funds will not be distributed to the Township of Hanover until such time as your municipality is prepared to acquire title.

Once again, let me express my great enthusiasm for the prospect of the Open Space Trust Fund working with you to make the preservation of the ***Bee Meadow Greenway-Phase III*** project a reality.

Should you have any questions, contact Deena Leary, Director of Planning & Public Works at (973) 829-8120.

Sincerely,

Kathryn A. DeFillippo  
Freeholder Director

cc: Township of Hanover Committee  
Joseph Giorgio, Administrator