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Honorable Kerry Peterson
Mayor, Cedar Grove Township
525 Pompton Avenue
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

RE: 0704-24-009
Lower Playground Reconstruction
Cedar Grove Township, Essex County

Dear Mayor Peterson:

I am pleased to inform you that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Garden State Preservation Trust (GSPT) have approved Cedar Grove Township's application for a Green Acres matching grant of \$750,000. This funding is contingent upon the passage of a legislative appropriation.

Preserving land, improving local parks, and stewarding our natural resources are critical components of our efforts to ensure high quality, close-to-home recreation opportunities and open space for all residents. We are particularly excited about our Completely Inclusive Playground grant awards this funding round and appreciate Cedar Grove Township's commitment to increasing inclusive recreation opportunities. This project represents a significant step toward our shared goal of providing protecting and enhancing New Jersey's quality of life, and I congratulate you.

Green Acres staff will contact you directly and provide further information to guide you through this project. We look forward to working with Cedar Grove Township toward the successful completion of this important undertaking.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. LaTourette
Commissioner