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Dear «Prefix» «LastName»:

We are writing to update you on the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust Fund (PITF) as we begin crafting a Request for Proposals related to use of the PITF. The PITF was established in 1985 and the Pinelands Commission has provided about \$30 million to fund a number of wastewater infrastructure projects. These funds may only be used for project costs for acquisition, construction, improvement, expansion, repair or rehabilitation of water supply, wastewater, or transportation facilities. Funded projects must serve existing or proposed development in Pinelands Regional Growth Management Areas (RGAs).

At this time, sufficient funds have been repaid to the PITF to enable another round of funding (approximately \$15M.) We anticipate funding will be made available to projects during the 2020 fiscal year. While past use of these funds was limited to only wastewater projects we are considering expanding the program and would like to hear about all pressing infrastructure needs in the RGAs. Projects will be evaluated against established criteria. Awards may be either in the form of loans and/or grants. In the past, the formula was 40% grant, 20% low interest loan, and 20% local match. The Commission may consider other formulas, but would like the funds to be partially repaid for future use.

The Commission is soliciting input from local government units and utility authorities regarding planned projects that might qualify for funding through the Pinelands Infrastructure Trust. We will be arranging meetings with interested local government units and utility authorities to discuss potential projects and funding options. Important information to have available for these meetings includes type of infrastructure, total project cost, total number of residential units served, status of planning and permits needed. This does not constitute a Request for Proposals. If you are interested in discussing projects that are currently in the planning phase, please contact Gina Berg or Ed Wengrowski.

Sincerely,

Director, Land Use and Technology Programs