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MORRISTOWN RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING TO REVITALIZE AREA AROUND TRAIN STATION

Morristown among list of municipalities to receive part of \$1 million grant to improve quality of life for residents.

MORRISTOWN, NJ - The Town of Morristown announced today that the municipality has been selected by the Murphy Administration to receive a Transit Village grant totaling \$200 thousand. This grant will provide funding for pedestrian safety improvements along Lafayette Avenue, between Ridgedale Avenue and the NJ Transit Train Trestle.

The concept design improves the corridor's walkability by widening sidewalks with new shade trees and includes important measures for pedestrian safety such as new crosswalk signage and the realignment of nearby access roads. Such improvements are intended to support quality of life for residents without burdening local taxpayers and are another step forward in the Town's efforts to create a safe and walkable environment around the Morristown Train Station.

"We are pleased to receive this generous grant from Governor Murphy's administration," said Mayor Timothy Dougherty. "Morristown's wealth of public transportation services is a valuable asset to our community and plays a large role in making our town an attractive destination for many. We look forward to putting this funding to good use and improve the lives of those using mass transit in Morristown."

Morristown is currently one of 33 municipalities that participates in the Transit Village Program, which supports municipalities' efforts to revitalize areas near their public transit facilities. A municipality can apply for Transit Village designation by creating plans to redevelop areas near public transit facilities into mixed-use neighborhoods where individuals can live, shop, work, and play without the need for automobiles. Transit Village Program participants receive benefits like priority funding, technical assistance, and enhanced eligibility for grants via select state agencies. For more information, visit <https://www.state.nj.us/transportation/community/village/>.

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