

## NEWS RELEASE

# Recycled Biodiesel-Blend Pilot Project is Successful!

At 10:00 a.m. Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, history was made in the Borough of Woodcliff Lake. Mayor Joseph T. LaPaglia and Kevin Woods of the WCL DPW started the engine on the 1<sup>st</sup> Borough owned vehicle powered by Recycled Waste Vegetable Oil. Mayor LaPaglia was joined by Councilman Jeff Hoffman, Councilman Mike Struk and youngsters from the Woodcliff Lake Middle School science class as they poured the recycled waste vegetable oil into the fuel tank of a Borough diesel engine garbage truck. The truck, as well as two others will be in use on a daily basis.

The five gallons of recycled vegetable oil was mixed in the fuel tank with diesel fuel to create a biodiesel-blend. Councilman Jeff Hoffman has received commitments for recycled vegetable oil from the Hilton of Woodcliff Lake. During the next few weeks, recycled vegetable oil will be collected from these restaurants. Their recycled oil will be blended with diesel fuel to run Borough diesel engine vehicles. The cost to blend the biodiesel fuel on April 27, 2011 was \$3.40 per gallon. In 2011 the Borough of Woodcliff Lake has purchased \$60,000.00 dollars of diesel fuel thru October 1<sup>st</sup>. When fully operational, this project will save taxpayers 50% of operating costs. The Borough has also partnered with Westwood, who has a centrifuge, a large capacity biodiesel filtration unit, to blend biodiesel in large quantities. Emissions will also be reduced by 67% according to the EPA.

Borough Administrator Wolfgang Albrecht stated that he was “extremely excited with the pilot project and proud of the creative efforts of the Woodcliff Lake Team. This pilot project proves that biodiesel is affordable, reduces emissions and helps save the residents and our commercial taxpayers money.”

Mayor LaPaglia stated, “the biodiesel project is an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when initiative, ingenuity and enthusiasm are combined for a common purpose. He went on to state “the Governing Body has made a commitment to keep our expenditures down. With rising energy costs, we have to start thinking outside the box. Through this initiative, we have shown an immediate reduction in operating costs while promoting sound environmental health. Kudos to the Borough Administrator and the DPW Staff”.

Councilman Jeff Hoffman and Councilman Mike Struk, the liaison to the Public Works Department, stated “this is another example of Woodcliff Lake thinking “green”.